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## At a glance

### Teacher inservice

Boyne City Public Schools will have a Teacher Inservice on Friday, Feb. 15 and midwinter break on Monday, Feb. 18. Classes will not be held on these days. School will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

### Free fishing

Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend is Feb. 16 and 17. Free Fishing Weekends are two special days when all fishing license fees will be waived for residents and out-of-state visitors alike on both inland and Great Lakes waters. All fishing regulations will still apply. Free fishing weekend events are sponsored by many communities, businesses, and conservation and fishing clubs.

### Sheriff requests assistance

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance in locating the person or company that removed a freezer from the Merriman residence at 11304 Phelps Rd. in East Jordan. The freezer would probably have been removed from this property sometime during the summer months of 2006.

The freezer may contain evidence in the ongoing murder investigation of William Merriman.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective/Lieutenant Michael Wheat at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at 231-547-4461.

## WEATHER

Wednesday, February 13

Hi: 22 Lo: 15

Condition: Snow Shower

Thursday, February 14

Hi: 23 Lo: 11

Condition: Light Snow

Friday, February 15

Hi: 12 Lo: 4

Condition: Snow Shower

Saturday, February 16

Hi: 20 Lo: 15

Condition: Partly Cloudy

Sunday, February 17

Hi: 24 Lo: 17

Condition: Cloudy

Monday, February 18

Hi: 22 Lo: 14

Condition: Snow Shower

Tuesday, February 19

Hi: 22 Lo: 13

Condition: Snow Shower

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## Barn fire rages in East Jordan



A fire burns out of control after an electrical malfunction.

By JEFF BERGREN  
EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — A fiery blaze ignited in East Jordan on Saturday evening, Feb. 2, at the home of Fritz Healey Jr. and his wife Megan destroying their barn at 05767 Loomis Road. Four puppies were lost in the incident that started at approximately 5:43 p.m.

Healey said the cause was a heating lamp or the extension cord on the lamp that was being used to warm the

litter of dogs that were to be given away. Healey feels it was more likely the cord that malfunctioned than the lamp. The fire department told the Healeys they assume it was electrical based on the evidence they received.

"My wife had a litter of golden retriever puppies and they were in the house and were ready to go. They were just over eight weeks old," Healey said. "We built up a box for them out in the corner of the barn and that's where the fire started."

See FIRE, page 2

## FOJR and Star Township will appeal permits

By B. J. HETLER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ANTRIM COUNTY — Permits were issued on Feb. 7 to drill for an underground well and transport the contamination at Bay Harbor to Alba in Star Township. Friends of the Jordan River and Star Township will appeal the permits.

A solution by the Friends of the Jordan River, based in East Jordan, and Star Township for the piles of contaminated waste known as leachate was disregarded by government agencies and CMS Energy. The solution is to encapsulate the kiln dust piles entirely so that no water reaches them, said FOJR president Dr. John Richter.

Contamination occurs when water mixes with the kiln dust and forms leachate. The leachate has a pH of 12 or more and that is equivalent to bleach.

Many residents of Star Township and members of Friends of the Jordan River likely agree with the sentiments expressed by a citizen when he heard that permits were issued to allow an injection well nearby.

"I think they should keep their junk in their own yard," said James Avery who lives about a mile from the site where drilling is planned soon for a 2,150-foot deep injection well.

Richard Steel, the supervisor of Star Township, said See APPEAL, page 2

## One Water Street developers seek reconsideration

By B. J. HETLER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The One Water Street developers filed a motion for reconsideration with the court on Feb. 6, saying that city resident Sue Hobbs does not have standing to pursue her case against Boyne City.

The developers' attorney, John Turner, states that Hobbs did not demonstrate that she has been aggrieved in a manner different from the Boyne City citizenry in general. According to his brief filed with the motion, Hobbs would have to show that she had been aggrieved in some way different in or-

der to have standing in the lawsuit.

Hobbs is not concerned about the motion for reconsideration.

"No matter what the standing or whether my name is on the appeal, the fact remains that their (planning and ZBA) actions were wrong," she said.

Judge Richard M. Pajtas of the Charlevoix County Circuit Court will make his decision on reconsidering the matter based on the briefs filed. No hearing will be held according to a circuit court office clerk. The deadline for the filing of briefs is Feb. 15.

See ONE WATER, page 14



## MacKenzie resigns from Chamber

By JEFF BERGREN  
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — Scott MacKenzie, the Executive Director of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, announced his resignation on Monday, Feb. 4. In what is sure to be a big loss for the city, MacKenzie leaves his post after six years of service to join eChamberConnect as the Vice President of Development for the state of Michigan.

See CHAMBER, page 14

## Citizens call for changes



Photo by B. J. Hetler

East Jordan resident Neil Booze (standing reading statement) addressed the city commission at a Feb. 5 meeting at City Hall. It was standing room only when citizens showed up to air their grievances with commissioners and officials.

By B. J. HETLER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The city commission meeting on Feb. 5 began with a satisfactory audit report on the 2007 city budget, but moved into a session of criticism from some of the residents and a call for unity from the mayor.

A group of residents known as the Citizens Commission attended the meeting and spokesman Neil Booze read a statement directed at commissioners Mark Postma, Lee Symonds, Mayor Dan Bennett and city administrator David White.

The group charged the officials with overspending and mismanagement of funds. The recent purchase by the city of the Corner Market was, Booze said, an example of overspending because the group believes the city paid too much for it.

But, the biggest cause of discontent was the city commissioners challenging recently elected commissioner Paul Timmons. At issue is whether Timmons may serve as a commissioner without violating an agreement he signed with the city. The agreement states that Timmons will not be an employee of the city.

"It is very obvious that some of you don't want Mr. Timmons serving on this commission," said Booze reading from his statement.

"This supposed 'employee' issue is nothing more than a travesty. The litigation you have initiated has cost the citizens of East Jordan over \$5,000 so far - a huge waste of taxpayer money," he said.

Booze ended with a demand that the city commissioners remove the issue from court and that Timmons remain on the commission.

See MEETING, page 14

## Boyne City looking for a song

By JEFF BERGREN  
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — With the help of Boyne City Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce, Mark Kowalske of Century 21 Up North is sponsoring a contest to find a new song for Boyne City.

Kowalske's only requirement is to have some fun and find a tune that is both uplifting and makes you feel good. The winner will not only have the distinction of strumming the new beat for the city but will also win a \$1,000 and three nights at a Disney Vacation Resort inside Disney World in Orlando.

"There are no bounds; it can be country, blue grass or See SONG, page 14

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**COURT  
REPORT**

**District Court**

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:

Edward Arthur Baker, 24, Elmira. Child abuse-4th degree, two counts. Sentenced to pay \$1,000 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 90 days on work release, 274 days held in abeyance; two years on probation.

Jason Gregory Pleak, 19, Ellsworth. Driving without a license. Sentenced to pay \$100 in fines and costs.

Niki Audra-Lee Dykhouse, 35, Mancelona. Driving without a license. Sentenced to pay \$100 in fines and costs.

**Assumed Names**

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:

The Mangosteen Paradigm Shift, 01650 Larson Road, Boyne City, by Linda F. Kadlec.

A & P Do All, 1015 South Lake St., Boyne City, by Melvin Wolgamott.

Rachel B's Helping Hands, 1019 Emmet

St., Petoskey, by Danette Louise VanLiew.

Loomis Transcription Services, 5455 Maple Grove Road, Charlevoix, by Susan Loomis.

Thru Glass Window Cleaning, 625 Shadow Trail, Boyne City, by Brandon Markel.

D & L Woodworking, 322 Griffin Road, East Jordan, by Shawn Donnellan.

Q & R Auto Repair, 4141 East Jordan-Boyer City Road, by Mark Alan Lambert.

**Marriage Licenses**

The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Keith Daniel Parish, 31, Boyne City and Jessica Robyn Seibert, 27, Charlevoix.

David James Strawbridge, 62, Charlevoix and Debra Lynn Foerster, 51, Charlevoix.

Matthew J. Ruffino, 27, Vernon Hills, Ill and Lori Kay Burnham, 26, Vernon Hills, Ill.

**Appeal**

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he has heard from residents who are upset and disappointed about the decision by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency to issue the permits. Many of them had voiced opposition to the agencies at a public hearing in Alba in June 2007.

"We feel that the DEQ and the EPA have not acted in the best interests of northwest Michigan and have failed to protect our environment," said Steel.

The Friends of the Jordan River agree. The environmental group has worked with Star Township to convince the government that it is the wrong method for disposing of the contamination.

Richter said the decision to issue the permits was expected and the group and the township are ready to take action.

"We'll work with Star Township for a court injunction. That's the first step," said Richter on Friday, Feb. 8. If successful in obtaining a

court order to prevent the commencement of drilling, the FOJR and the township will demonstrate risk and potential harm to people and the environment if the underground well should leak.

"We will also research the appeals process through the MDEQ, and hold our own public meeting about the risks, why this is a bad decision and what can be done to stop it," said Richter.

CMS Energy is a former partner in the development of Bay Harbor resort and the company is responsible for solving the problem of contamination.

Bay Harbor resort was built on the site of a former cement plant that operated from 1870-1980. When the plant was closed and dismantled, 2.5 million cubic yards of cement kiln dust remained on the land, according to a CMS website known as the Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project. The cement kiln dust is highly alkaline and includes traces of heavy metals.



Photo by B. J. Hetler  
**Dr. John Richter (left) president of Friends of the Jordan River and Richard Steel, Star Township supervisor, (right) say they will appeal the Feb. 7 decision of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The decision granted a permit to CMS Energy and its subsidiary, Beeland Group, for an underground injection well for disposal of contaminated waste from Bay Harbor resort.**

"If there were leakage from the well it would affect a large area, possibly from above Petoskey down to Kalkaska and from Grand Traverse Bay to Johannesburg in Otsego county," said Steel.

In fact, along with Antrim county, Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego counties are on record as opposed to the transporting and dumping of the leachate into an underground well in Star Township.

But the MDEQ and the EPA say in the decision to issue permits that all existing environmental standards are met,

and that the water is required to be treated prior to disposal to reduce its alkalinity and concentrations of metals to below hazardous waste levels.

The site was selected because "the treated groundwater will be in a limestone formation at a depth of 2,150-feet.

The formation is overlain by several layers of impervious rock," said DEQ director Steven Chester in a Feb. 7 prepared statement. The MDEQ states that this rock will not shift.

But, that reasoning has been disputed by several experts, including geologist Jim McClurg, Professor Emeritus at the University of Wyoming, as well as scientists from the University of Michigan, said Richter.

Supervisor Steel says the stakes are too high.

"If something goes wrong, there is no way to correct it. It could devastate agriculture, tourism and drinking water," Steel said, and added that wells have leaked before, naming the city of Romulus.

The government states that QIS is currently evaluating long-term options for disposal, but tends on using the Ala well in the near-term. The permits issued are for 20 years.

B. J. Hetler may be contacted at 231-42-2645 or citizen@voynet.net.

**Fire**

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All of the bigger animals managed to get out of the barn but a rabbit and a few chickens were also lost along with all of the Healey's hay and grain.

"The mother actually saved two of her puppies. The horses and cows got out but the horses wanted to go back in. My dad kept them out," Healey added. "The fire department and my sister saved the chickens; they were throwing them out of the barn into the yard."

The Healeys have been touched by the support from friends, family and neighbors

that have stopped over to help and volunteer. Much more help is needed but the community has really stepped up.

"We don't know who, but somebody bought us grain to feed our cows, that was nice. My uncle has a farm down the road and he helped out a lot with equipment and supplying me with hay," Healey commented. "My uncle has been a big part."

Healey, a truck driver, and his wife, who works at the power company, plan on rebuilding the barn as soon as the weather breaks. In another

showing of support, their friends all showed up the next day and built a small barn for their horses. Neighbors took the horses overnight after the fire.

The Healeys have two daughters, Alyshia and a younger sister, Brielle. Both children are in 4-H and the animals and barn were just for them.

"Alyshia discovered the barn fire and she was pretty torn up and took it pretty hard," Healey said.

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**Kick-Off St. Patrick's with Irish rock-n-reeler's "The Prodigals"**

The Boyne City Performing Arts Center presents The Prodigals, one of the most successful bands to emerge from the east-coast Irish scene.

Due to a critical illness of a member, the "Glenary Boys" will not be able to perform as

previously noted in the series concert program. The Prodigals band members grew up largely in Ireland. Their original songs blend a funky and anarchic energy that is pure New York with a genuine passion for the traditional music of Ireland.

Tickets are Boyne Country Bets, 231-582-3180

The Prodigals performance will be at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 6.

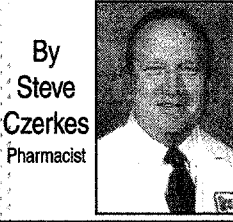
The Boyne City Performing Arts Center Manager Bob Wollenberg can be reached at 231-5769.

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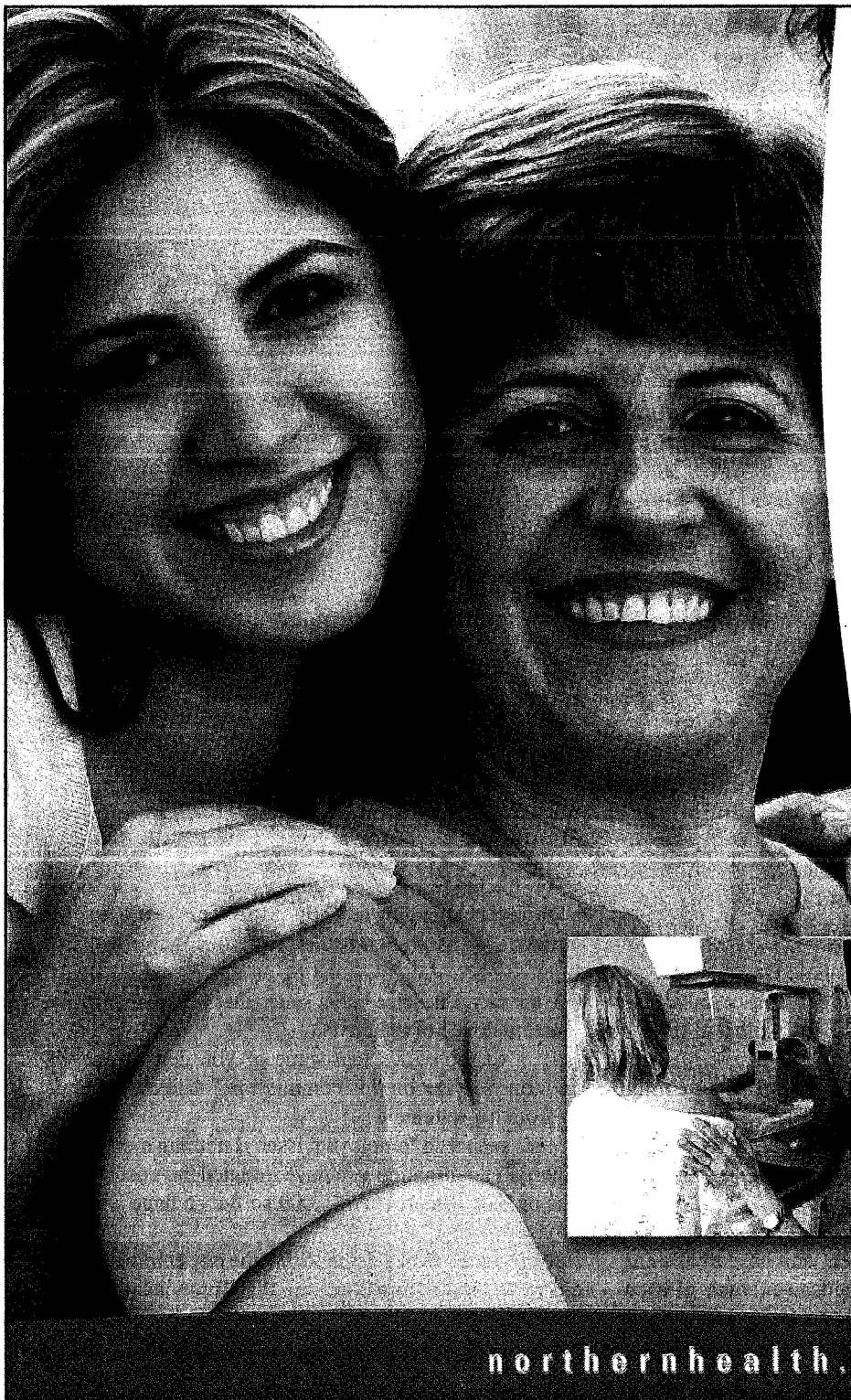


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# Deputy Sheriff retiring after 26 years

By **JEFF BERGREN**  
EDITOR

**CHARLEVOIX** — With 26-plus years of service under his law enforcement belt, Deputy Sheriff David Hague has set his sights on retirement after a stellar career in the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

Hague has been assigned mostly to the Boyne Falls substation which takes care of the east end of the County. He worked his entire career for Sheriff George T. Lasater who credits Hague for his efficient work.

"David Hague has always been the type of Deputy Sheriff that

is very conscientious, very concerned about what went on in the area and very community oriented," Lasater said. "He believed in community policing and I always knew if there was an assignment for David he would get it done and get it done efficiently. He would spend extra hours after his tour of duty was over with getting it done."

Hague, 56, was born in Nebraska and grew up in St. Ignace. He now lives in East Jordan and moved to the area in 1976 after spending time in the service. Hague went to Lake Superior College and received a

Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice before attending the academy at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

"I enjoyed working for the Sheriff, he was always fair and he always looked out for us. The time went very fast, when I started out I thought it would be a long time but when you look back it seems very short," Hague said.

Lasater pointed out Hague's commitment and the respect he earned from his peers and the community.

"A lot of people relied on him; he enjoyed doing things that sometimes slipped

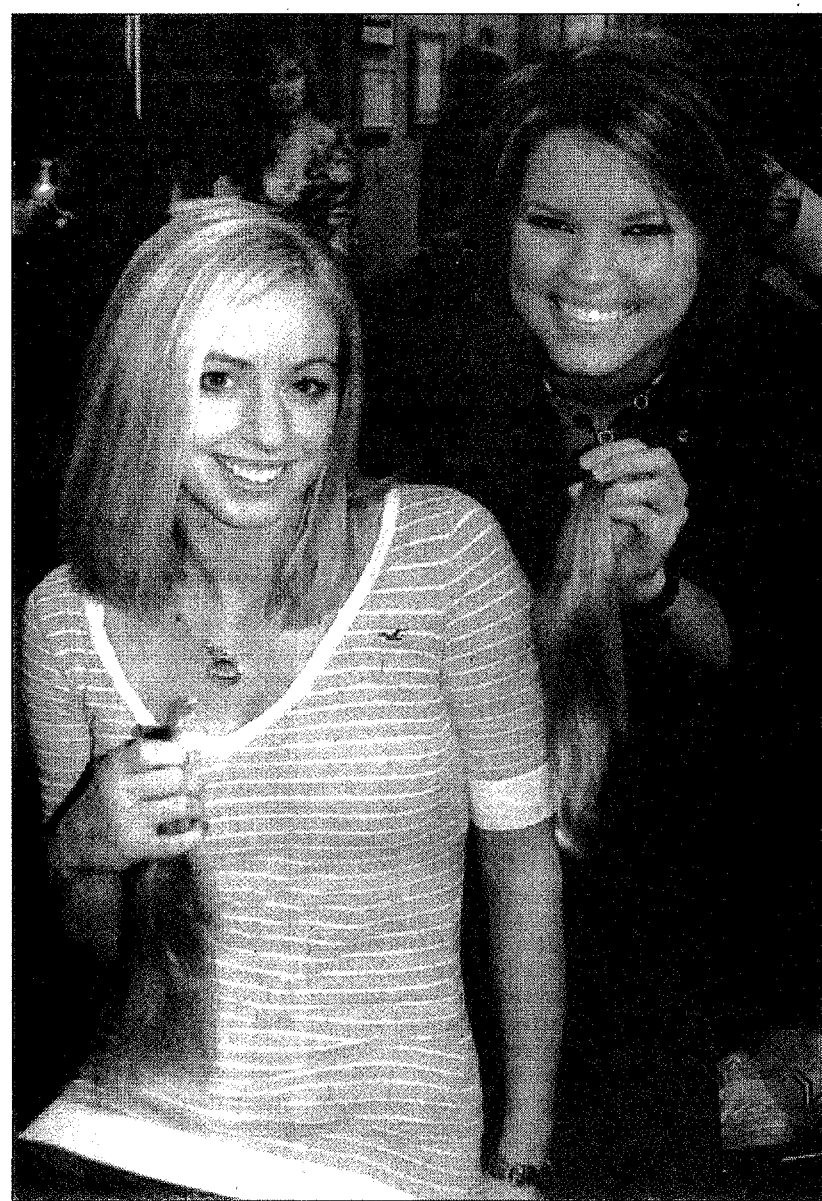
through the cracks in the law enforcement community. He was very good at that," Lasater explained. "David is a very honest hard working person with good work ethics. I never had to be fearful that he wasn't putting in a solid hard working day. I always knew if I gave him an assignment he would get it done very well."

Hague is amazed by all the changes in law enforcement over the years particularly with the amount of time officers can get information. In the past things like running a person's drivers license would clog up the airwaves

when more important matters were going on. "Everything I need to know we get from the car. We have laptops now, we got those six or eight years ago and the patrol cars can now communicate with the dispatchers instead of having to use the radio," Hague added. "It used to take a long time to run a person's driving record, the computers we used were the size of a desk. No they've been reduced to PC computers and they fit on the desk."

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# Lots of love



Sierra Roberts(l) of East Jordan and Adrian College had 10" of her hair cut and donated to Locks of Love. Her cousin, Samantha Bingham(r), cut her hair. Samantha is a student at Douglas J. Aveda Institute in East Lansing. This is the second time Sierra has donated her hair to Locks of Love.

# "Buy into Boyne" returns

"Buy Into Boyne" is returning for 2008, sponsored by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce and Boyne City Main Street.

New this year will be a "Kick Off" event Feb. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m., in the 200 block of Water Street, featuring a chili cook-off, family activities, winter games, an open house for participating businesses and a Presidents' Day scavenger hunt at all participating businesses, with prizes.

Games and fun activities for all ages will

include Smoosh Race, Broom Ball, Frozen Fish Toss, Turkey Bowling and Toss Across, just to name a few, as well as other entertainment including a live radio remote, smores and hot chocolate.

For the scavenger hunt, sign up at Boyne Area Chamber, Boyne Country Books or Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River. Register for the event in front of Country Now and Then/Up the Lazy River between 5:30-5:55 p.m. Explanation of the rules and hunt sheets will be

handed out at 5:58 p.m. Each team will travel to the 42 "Buy into Boyne" participants. Contestants must return to the starting point by 8:30 p.m., where answers will be checked and the team prize will be awarded. Check out the team prize in the display window at Country Now and Then.

Sign up for the chili cook-off at Boyne Area Chamber, Boyne Country Books or Country Now & Then/Up the Lazy River.

You will need at least one gallon of

chili in a crock pot. Sign in outside of Country Now & Then at 5:45 p.m. Electricity, tasting cups and spoons will be provided. All entries will be judged by a panel and a "People's Choice vote."

Then get ready to "Buy into Boyne." Here's how it works. Make purchases at any of the over 42 participating merchants from Feb. 16 - May 9, save your receipts and turn them in at one of three drop-off sites: Boyne Chamber of Commerce, Boyne Country Books, Country Now

and Then/Up the Lazy River. For each \$20 spent you receive one ticket. Double value receipt weeks at all participating merchants will be Feb. 16-23, March 16-22 and April 20-26.

Incentive Drawings will be held at Boyne Area Chamber Business After Hours on Mar. 20 and April 17, with the final drawings on Sunday, May 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Veteran's Park. Proxy forms will be available at receipt drop-off sites if you can't attend the final drawing event.

# Dr. Ivey admitted to American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology

**CHARLEVOIX** — Charlevoix area's newest OB/Gyn, Mary A. Ivey, MD, has successfully completed written and oral board examinations to earn her profession's highest honor: Fellowship in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

This designation requires a rigorous preparation and intensive review of her patient care and treatment decisions. In January, she traveled to Texas to sit before a team of na-

tional physician examiners for a three-hour oral assessment of her knowledge.

"It's a challenging rite of passage," says Dr. Ivey, "Even though it's not required to practice as an OB/Gyn, I'm happy I pursued the certification and really proud of this professional achievement."

According to Dr. Ivey, becoming a fellow of ACOG imparts a level of skill and expertise. "I think this designation tells patients we're striving to



Mary A. Ivey

be the best in our profession, and we're willing to put forth the extra effort required to

do that."

Dr. Ivey, who calls obstetrics and gynecology "amazing," says she particularly enjoys the opportunities it provides for health education and the investment in lifelong doctor-patient relationships. She recently joined Charlevoix Women's Health Care, where she practices with OB/Gyns William Mosher, III, MD, and James Jeakle, MD-

both of whom are also ACOG Fellows. She earned her medical de-

gree at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, and completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Spectrum Health Blodgett and St. Mary's Hospitals in Grand Rapids.

Charlevoix Women's Health Care is an affiliate of Charlevoix Area Hospital. The group moved into a new facility on the hospital campus earlier this month. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 231-547-4477.

# Free Clinic looking for help

Lakeshore Community Free Clinic is looking to the community to continue helping those who are uninsured and underinsured. The clinic reports that it helped 1011 patients in 2007, from April 27 to Dec. 31.

According to Dave Crumbaugh, executive director, the need for this type of service is growing everyday. More and more employers are finding themselves in a situation where they can no longer offer their em-

ployees insurance. It's no longer a choice for many employers. With rising insurance costs, it has become a necessity to cut insurance if they want to stay in business.

That's where the Free Clinic comes in. The clinic not only treats, but also provides much of the medication that the patient needs as well. The clinic doesn't ask for financial information. Anyone who needs help are welcome to utilize the clinic. According to Crumbaugh, many patients give

what they can to help the clinic stay open. However, the money coming in from the patients only represents about 35% of what the clinic needs to stay open.

"We are very thankful for the individuals, churches, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Eagles club for their generosity this past year. Also, all the volunteers, and Doctor Richard Mansfield who gave of their time. Without all of these individuals, clubs and organizations,

we could not have taken care of all those patients", said Crumbaugh.

According to Kathy Helsley, clinic director, the clinic is expecting to see many more patients in 2008 than they did in 2007.

"We are seeing more patients every Friday," said Helsley. "Fortunately, we have many good people who volunteer their time to help with this effort. Without the volunteers, this clinic would not exist."

Flu vaccine is now available at the clinic, thanks to a recent donation. Call ahead for flu vaccinations so the clinic can have the necessary staff on hand.

The clinic is open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, call 231-582-6828 Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations can be sent to PO Box 933, Boyne City, MI 49712. The clinic is a ministry of Lakeshore Community Church.

# Boyne Falls receives grant

The Boyne Falls Public School received a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program to support the school's student assembly programs. Blarney Castle Oil Co. and manager, Ms. Michelle Mertes of Boyne Falls EZ Mart worked with school

officials to secure the grant which is one of 4,000 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations. The grants were made possible by funding from the Exxon Mobil Corporation.

This is the fifth consecutive year this grant

has been awarded to our school. Without the diligence of Ms. Mertes we would not have the opportunity to expand our student assembly programs. Boyne Falls Public School appreciates her efforts in this endeavor.

The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to

provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools. ExxonMobil believes that, as members of the community, local retailers are best qualified to work with local educa-

tors to help identify schools and programs most in need of support.

Blarney Castle Oil Co. and Ms. Mertes met stringent eligibility criteria before applying for and being awarded the grant, including having a commitment to provide a superior buying experience for customers.

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# THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Time to respond

After Boyne City loudly declared to rescind the parking exempt zone that included the One Water Street development by a resounding 687-146 vote, citizens have yet to hear from city officials.

There has been harsh criticism heaved at the city government and for good reason. The development violated the local zoning ordinance and now we are in the aftermath of a judge's decision that reversed the actions of the city boards.

The Hobbs vs. Boyne City case is still in a holding pattern with no timeline set by the judge for compliance of his decision. His assessment found numerous errors by both the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission.

We have been looking for some type of a response from the ZBA and Planning Commission but to no avail including calls from this paper. Last week, the ZBA cancelled their monthly meeting for February citing a lack of agenda items. Let's be honest, there was really only one agenda the people wanted to talk about which could have filled up five meetings. Cancelling the meeting was a head scratching decision that can only bring us to one conclusion. I'll let you decide what that conclusion is.

This curious move casts a dark cloud over the ZBA and Planning Commission and it's time someone had a voice and responded to all the questions surrounding this emotional case.

When the judge found that the city zoning ordinance was not followed at least one official should step up and respond to what has been a bizarre set of circumstances.

Now is the time the citizens need to hear more information and it has to start before more negative vibes resonate throughout the town.

## YOUR VOICE

### VFW Post in trouble

To the editor:

Over the last several years, our post has been struggling, both financially and with a lack of participation. This letter is a last ditch effort to keep the post from closing.

The lack of participation is our biggest problem. Often we cannot get a quorum in order to hold a meeting. We are struggling to fill the required offices. Elections are a fight to get anyone to run. Chairs are being filled with a name and not someone who is willing or capable of doing the job. In short, the lack of participation is stopping us from fulfilling our obligations that come with being a VFW Post.

Our financial problems come back to the lack of participation. We are not able to do sufficient fund raising to cover our costs. We also had some criminal activities that drained our funds. This activity was not discovered in a timely manner, due to several things, one of which was our inability to have sufficient people to hold meetings and audit our books. The Ladies Auxiliary has tried to help us with fund-raisers, but they cannot do it all. We need the members of the post to take an interest and provide some man-hours.

Last year, State Commander James Warner, had us on a closure list. We got through it by the skin of our teeth. The Department of Michigan is not going to let us continue operating like we have been. I have been informed that if we do not start fulfilling our obligations and requirements, we will be closed.

If we are closed, the post property will be disposed of in accordance with Sections 210 and 211 of the National By-Laws and any deed restrictions that were placed on the property when it was donated. No past or present member of the post will benefit in any way. Members will be given an option to transfer to another post or become members at large.

Elections are coming up. I do not plan on running for Commander. All officers are up for election. We need people to fill these positions and to work them, not just a name to submit.

It is up to you, each member of this post to decide if the post will survive or not. Please attend the next meeting, on Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. and make a decision. District officers will be at the meeting to answer questions.

—Bill Bricker  
Commander, Post 3675

### Overlook not worth it

To the editor:

The Jan. 9 paper has a front page article about building an "overlook" at the end of Charlevoix Street. Spending nearly \$80,000 on this project - is this wise spending? There are a dozen public areas within a mile of town to view the lake, picnic, swim, launch a boat, etc. In addition to the "overlook," an area for two cars would be paved. Give me a break.

You can fill a lot of potholes for \$80,000 and please more Boyne citizens.

Jerry Matelski complains about the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road waiting until 2012 for repairs. Ask the people who drive on that road what they prefer, standing on an overlook of the lake or falling into potholes.

There are many places to view the lake, Veteran's Park can accommodate hundreds, with plenty of parking places.

Using tax dollars wisely makes everyone happy.

—Sally A. Herzog  
Boyne City



### Valentine gifts you won't regret

We have all been there as men. We pick out what we think is the perfect gift for Valentine's Day and after giving the much anticipated present to our significant other the look of disappointment is palpable.

What's wrong with giving a vacuum cleaner or toaster when it's needed for the house? That set of cooking utensils seemed like a great idea when the Mrs. said it would be nice to have some. But alas that is where we need to see through the fog and realize the do's and don'ts of this very important holiday.

First lesson, just because your woman needs something practical this does not necessarily mean you should buy it. Remember, this day has special meaning and any gift that is related to work around the house should immediately be deleted from your brain. Think of it this way; do not buy anything that in any way relates to something mechanical. That right there saves a lot of headaches.

Second, do not ask her what you should buy. This completely negates the purpose of the day. If you have to ask then you don't know her very well and that in itself will cause a lot of problems. It's almost better to screw up then seek advice of what you should do; the doghouse will be waiting with an open door if you do not do this on your own.

Third, don't play it safe. Flowers, cards, stuffed animals and chocolate are a staple, if you go this route make sure you have something to add on she wouldn't expect. Playing it safe is not a way to knock her socks off; it is seen as unimaginative and will put you in the position of once again not understanding her with something creative.

Show your sweetheart what she means to you by giving from the heart, it's all about love and romance and she will expect that. Remember, the point is to show you put thought into it and keep it to her interests not yours.

Okay, now that we have gone over some basic rules, here are some sure fire gift giving ideas that will make you the apple of your lady's eye.

Think bath products. Any type of collection is perfect; you know the usual gels, foams, skin care that is always popular. She loves

#### BERGREN'S BUZZ



By Jeff Bergren

the way it smells and feels and as another perk you will notice her fresh fragrance.

Gift Baskets are another great idea. Obviously chocolate would be the best idea and it's not the run of the mill box of goodies. A huge basket filled with a variety of chocolate or some other type of sinful food will make you the hero for the day.

Sex and the City box set. Almost all women love this popular HBO series about four women who make their way in the big city. It's pricey, but sure to delight her with hours of man bashing topics that range from cheating, scandals and the exciting New York nightlife. It's great for her and as an aside, not so bad for the guys. It's actually kind of entertaining as hard as that is to admit.

Next on the list is perfume. This is a bit tougher as you will have to do some investigative research to make sure you buy her favorite brand. Do not walk up to the counter without any idea of what you should buy as you will be sniffing different fragrances for hours and walk out with a huge headache. Plus, if you get the wrong kind she will think you don't like what she already uses. A quick look at her makeup counter should divulge the correct type and she will appreciate the effort.

This next one will make her smile, a gift certificate to a spa for a massage and day of pampering. Show how much you care by giving her the gift of relaxation and some time away from you. She will be able to get spoiled to the fullest extent and another bonus for you is she will come home happy. It's a win win.

Now, the number one Valentine's Day gift for any girl is jewelry. Yup, it's right there, we all know about it and its risky picking out something tasteful but if you do she will think she has the best man on the planet. She can show it off to friends, family and co-workers and even they will think how special you are. Again, seek help to avoid mistakes. Ask your mother or sister for guidance and you can pull off this tricky yet highly effective gift.

So there you have it, a sure fire gift to make your better half a very happy and appreciated woman. Remember, in the end if she's happy so are you and honestly guys, isn't she worth it?

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## YOUR VOICE

### Can we trust the regulators?

To the editor:

Why? How can the State and federal governments allow this to happen? Our underground water source is at risk. The very source of existence for all life on this planet. What is amazing to me is that these people have the power to allow the outcome of a potential disaster to affect all life in the area. How can we be so stupid to think that the outcome of this decision will not be a potential health disaster to the underwater aquifer? CKD put a tea bag in water would take over 60 years to stop leaching. It's that bad! I have been told that Michigan rock formation is like a stack of dishes put in a sink of water with the Great Lakes as the basin. There has to be an Environmental Impact Study, has anyone seen it? Is it known 100% that the chemicals will not leak into the water supply? If not, how can we fix the problem should it arise and stop the flow of contamination to our water resource, do they have a proven plan? They haven't stopped the 5 x 1 mile plume west of Mancelona. Did the regulators use the same science to approve the 4,500 deep well in Romulus that leaked

in months. It is beyond my comprehension to believe that people with such an education, with so much power, can take such a risk with our water resource. Totally amazing. Unless we hold accountable all the governmental officials for their actions who overlooked the dangers of this decision, we are all in for a dire future. God help the children who will be directly affected by a possible future environmental disaster. Why? For what? Is it really worth it? No wonder this country is heading downhill. Our leaders have sided with the few who believe monetary gain is the answer to success. The truth is monetary success comes when the mentality of an individual realizes the potential in the power of goodness and truth. We all need to pray for the people of this country and come together as one voice and one common goal, to end the wickedness that has made it a mission to destroy life and coverup the truth. This is God's country. Who is on the Lord's side? God bless.

—David Clink  
Petoskey



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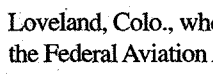
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**NEIGHBORS**

What a surprise Tom DeNike had on Jan. 12. It was about 10:30 p.m. when son Anthony, daughter-in-law Sadie and grandsons, Mason, 2 and Cadmen, 4 1/2 months, drove in the driveway. Tom's wife Karen and daughter Michelle knew they were driving from Loveland, Colo., to spend time visiting family and friends. "It was hard not to tell Tom they were coming," Karen said, "Anthony wanted to surprise his Dad." Anthony planned to be here about 10 days and that turned into three weeks. But it didn't seem that long. "Anytime your grandsons are around is a real treat," Tom said. "We enjoyed having them stay with us." Many family get-togethers were held. Sadie was also able to spend time with her parents, Jug and Vivian Belford and great-grandparents, Eugene and Ruby Belford. Anthony and Sadie are moving to Loveland, Colo., where Anthony will start a job with the Federal Aviation Administration.



By Nancy Northup

Beth Handy turned 30 on Jan. 31 and a surprise party was held at her home in Cheboygan. Attending were Mike and Kathie Handy, Molly and Antwan Moore, along with Rich, Reece, and Masin Kwiatkowski. Happy birthday Beth, and here's to many more.

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday, Feb. 16, in the lower level meeting room at the Boyne District Library. Members and friends of the society will meet casually from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for an organization work bee. They will then gather at 1 p.m. for their monthly meeting. This month's topic will be a short presentation, followed by a group discussion on the following topics: "Finding and Identifying Missing Relatives;" "Starting a new search;" "Census research tips;" and "Documenting Your Sources- Primary & Secondary." The meeting is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be given so come see what the CCGS is all about.

39 friends and family members gathered at The Wolverine Dilworth Hotel Saturday evening, Feb. 2, to celebrate the 80th birthday of Boyne City's Richard Wright. Guests came from Grayling, Grand Rapids, Texas, Virginia and the local area, including Jerry Kelts standing in for his mother, Betty Kelts, to attend this very special event. The highest of compliments for the decorative atmosphere and delicious meal go out to the Wolverine Dilworth staff, by the co-hostesses of the wonderful evening, Richard's wife and daughter, Pat and Trish Wright.

The Washburn family, DeVere's mom, sisters, Dan and Jesse, will be having a memorial service on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Community of Christ Church, 777 Vogel Street, Boyne City at 1 p.m. Debbie Washburn and Chris Faulkner will be having a memorial mass followed by a luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 16, at St. Augustine's church, 2347 Grove, Boyne Falls at 1 p.m. For those of you who asked, here are the addresses:

Debbie Washburn, 1905 South M-75, Boyne City, MI 49712  
DeVere's mom, Opal, 03742 Washburn Road, Boyne City, MI 49712

In "The Darnedest Things Happen" corner, a wonderful success story sent in by a proud mother-in-law is retold. Many may relate to the struggle within that surely must have been the way it was for a young mother, Amy Wicker. Back in 2005, Amy was working as a graphic team leader at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital. Weighing in at 300 pounds, it was hard for her to see herself working in a health-screening place and dreaded the inevitable "group picture" moments. When that did happen, she really did not recognize herself. That was when she decided she really had to commit to a whole new and healthier lifestyle. And so it was, in January, 2005, she began the healthy eating and exercise, wellness and fitness employee program at the hospital. With lots of hard work and encouraging group incentives, she lost 133 pounds and also lowered her blood pressure and her "bad" cholesterol by 100 points. She went from a size 24 to size 14.

Receiving many awards, and with a big smile, she revealed that her biggest reward was that her son could now put his arms around her when he gave her a hug. Now working at the Boyne City Curves, Amy is maintaining her lifetime commitment of a healthy lifestyle. Congratulations Amy.

Items of interest for the Neighbors Column may be called into Nancy's home phone, 231-582-9174, or send email to neighbors@glakes.com before the Friday noon deadline.

**Church events**

**Horton Bay United Methodist Church**  
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 children's church available during the service. After the service there will be a time of fellowship. Everyone is invited to the Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

**Church of the Nativity**  
Reverend Peggy Natterman will celebrate the second Sunday in Lent at the 10 a.m. Eucharist service at Episcopal Church of the Nativity, on Feb. 17. To honor African-American month, hymns selected from the "Lift every voice" hymnal will be used during the month of February, in combination with traditional Lenten hymns. Coffee hour will immediately follow in the church undercroft.

The second soup, sandwich and study will begin at 6 p.m. in the undercroft on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Soup will be provided, as well as study materials from Rick Warren's "A Purpose Driven Life." Participants are encouraged to bring a sandwich to the meeting.

Church of the Nativity is located at 209 Main St. in Boyne City. For information, call the church answering machine at 231-582-5045, leaving your name and telephone number. A member of the church will return your call.

**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**  
We invite you to visit our weekly Sunday morning services. The service time is Sunday at 11 a.m. Children's church is provided for ages 4-12. 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. The church is located at 225 W. Morgan Street, on the corner of West and Morgan.

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.

**Walloon Lake Community Church**  
Sunday, Word and Worship will be at 9 and 10:45 a.m. The sermon title is "Here Come the Judges - They Forgot about God" from Judges 2 given by Pastor Jeff Ellis. Worship will be led by Praise Band 2. KidConnection will run from 9 a.m. to noon Junior and senior high youth will attend Worship and Word at 9 a.m. and then meet at the youth center from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Adult community groups and adult bible studies will meet at 9 and 10:45 a.m.

For more information, please call the church office at 231-535-2288 or go to www.walloonchurch.com. Weekly sermons are available on line.

**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. The Boyne Falls

Church is holding F.R.O.G. Club on Tuesdays, twice a month, after school, from 3:15 until 4:30 p.m.

**First Presbyterian**  
Boyne City First Presbyterian Church invites the community to worship at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday at 401 South Park Street, Boyne City, featuring contemporary worship on the last Sunday of each month and traditional services on other Sundays. Sunday, Feb. 17, Pastor Jonathan Mays' message will be from Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; and Matthew 4:1-11.

Nursery is provided and Sunday School for ages 4-11 meets during the worship service. Adult class meet from 9-10 a.m., youth meet from 9:30-10:20 a.m. The Lord's Supper is celebrated during worship the first Sunday of each month. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Tuesdays, Hill House. Brown Bag Lunch Prayer, noon Wednesdays, Faulman Hall. Wednesday Lenten Dinners begin Feb. 13 through March 19, 6:30-8 p.m., and will feature dinner for the whole family and conversations about "Making Space for God." Call 231-582-7983 for more information.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Help count the birds**  
Where are the birds hanging out this winter? Grass River Natural Area and the National Audubon Society want to know and you can help. GRNA naturalists will be joining the Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 15 through 18 and they hope families in northern Michigan will too. It's fun, it's easy and it's

a great way for kids and adults to enjoy nature. By spending as little as 15 minutes counting the birds in your own backyard you can help scientists learn more about bird migration, species diversity and the impact of things like disease and temperature change on bird populations. Want to get involved? Get the information you

need to be an official bird counter by visiting the Grass River website at www.grassriver.org and clicking on the Great Backyard Bird Count link. Or call the Grass River office at 231-533-8314 for a mail-in version of the data gathering form. Grass River will also conduct an informal survey of our region's winter

birds. Send a copy of your results to Grass River Natural Area, PO Box 231, Bellaire, MI 49615. We'll add it to our naturalists' data and post it on our website. The Grass River Natural Area is a wonderful public resource for nature study and observation. Visit www.grassriver.org for classes, events, trail maps, and more.

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**Senior Center thankful**

To the editor: We have been reading with interest the alleged problems people are experiencing with the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. We are members of the Boyne Area Senior Center; we are so thankful to have our beautiful facility and the many good people who work there. We are a fam-

ily and look out for each other's well being, these people are part of our daily lives. We feel the Commission on Aging has our best interest in the forefront - if we have a need or concern, it is addressed. Our director does what it takes. Does anyone remember when we did not have a Commission on Aging

to turn to when there was no help available? We are the seniors, we are the recipients, we are not unhappy. Let's band together as seniors from this County and let the Commission on Aging and the Charlevoix County Commissioners know that we appreciate them and value everything they have done to

make our lives a little less stressful. —Richard Dunsmore, representing 24 seniors from the Boyne Area Senior Center

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# Boyne City takes action against radon

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has requested that all communities in the state of Michigan take part in some way to promote taking action and protecting our homes against radon; a colorless, odorless gas and one of the leading causes of lung cancer.

To encourage testing, the city has purchased test kits and will give them away to the first 20 interested city residents who come to City Hall. The test kits must be used on a home within the city limits. Test kits can also be purchased year 'round at a minimal cost through the Charlevoix County Health Department in Charlevoix or from hardware stores or home improvement centers for approximately \$15-\$30. City Hall has informational pamphlets and brochures available for the public and also added a web link on the City's website, [www.boynecity.com](http://www.boynecity.com), to the national website [www.epa.gov/radon/nram](http://www.epa.gov/radon/nram).

## BC SENIOR CENTER

You are invited to join the Boyne Area Senior Center this week for bingo, line dancing, crafts and music. Lunch is served each weekday at noon.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, chicken alfredo, California blend, stewed tomatoes and apple cobbler is planned for lunch. The day at the senior center will start at 10 a.m. with line dancing.

Thursday, Feb. 14, a speaker will be present at 11 a.m. to discuss nutrition. Stuffed cabbage, baked squash, mashed potatoes and cherry cheesecake will be served. Bingo will follow lunch.

Friday, Feb. 15, a Valentine's Day party will be held. Planned for lunch is cod amandine, scalloped potatoes, beets and apricots. Music will begin at 11 a.m. with the Tag-A-Longs.

Sunday, Feb. 17, Sunday dinner will be served at the senior center. Pork roast or chicken will be your choice for dinner. The suggested donation for Sunday dinner is \$3 if you are 60 or older; \$5 for those under 60.

Monday, Feb. 18, crunchie drummies, potatoes, stew vegetables and a baked apple will be served for lunch. Bingo will follow lunch on Monday.

Tuesday, Feb. 19, is homemade soup, salad bar and sandwiches day at the center. It is also birthday day. If you have a February birthday see Terri when you arrive. A craft class will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, BBQ pork with a bun, mixed veggies, parsley potatoes, and apple and chocolate brownies will be served. Line dancing will be held from 10 to 11 a.m.

The suggested donation for lunch Monday through Friday is \$2 if you are 60 or older; \$4 if under 60. Call the senior center at 231-582-6682 for more information regarding events. To contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging call 231-237-0103 or toll free 866-428-5185.

The senior center is also accepting donations for the planned improvement at Veterans Memorial Park.

## EJ SENIOR CENTER

Join us at the Charlevoix County Senior Center at East Jordan for lunch and fun activities. On Tuesdays and Fridays we play bingo after lunch. Tuesdays we have a full soup and salad bar.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, EJ Elementary Hands will be serving a lunch of chicken alfredo; at 11 a.m. is the EJSC Advisory Board Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 14, happy Valentine's Day. We will have activities, a meal certificate drawing and a pie raffle; stuffed cabbage is on the menu.

Monday, Feb. 18, crunchie drummies are on the menu.

Tuesday, Feb. 19, we will be serving tater tot casserole. At 1 p.m. is acrylic painting - all levels welcome.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, BBQ pork with bun is on the menu and we will have a drawing for a free lunch.

Thursday, Feb. 21, we will be serving chicken a la king.


Friday, Feb. 22, is cook's choice.

Everyone is welcome. Enjoy lunch for a \$2 donation if you are age 60 or over; \$4 if you are under age 60. Our 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.


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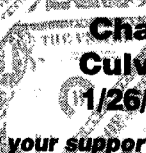
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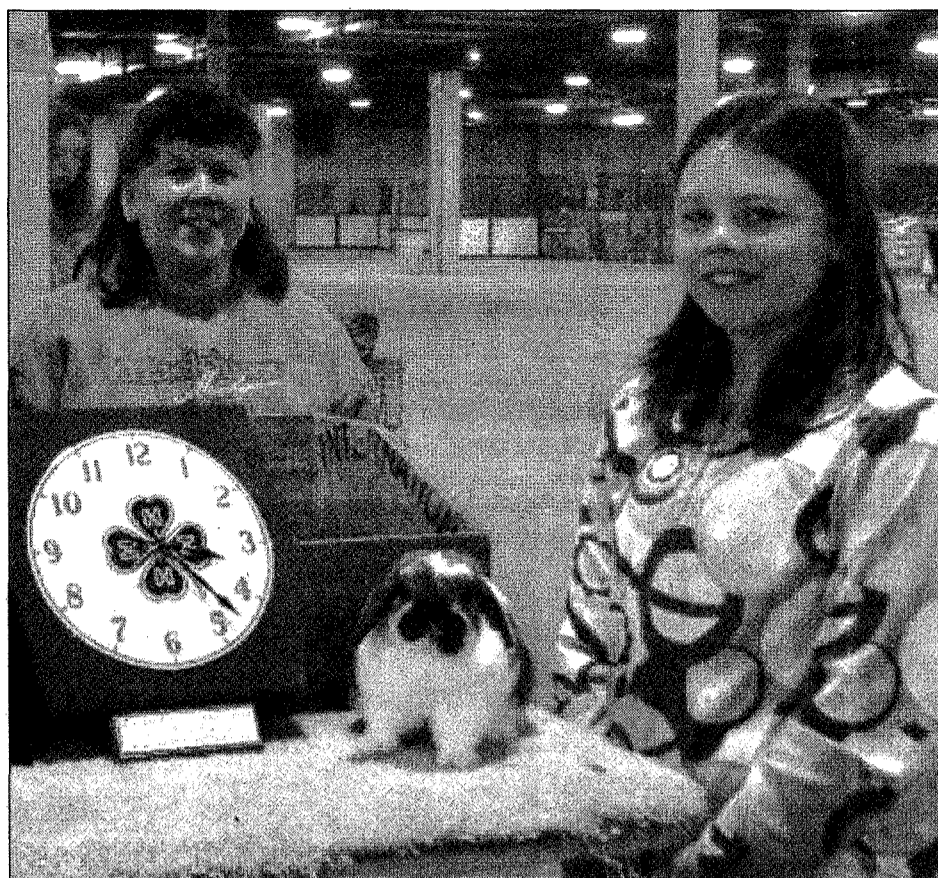
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# 4-H rabbit show



Courtney(l) and Morgan(r) Weldon, pictured with their mother, Becky Weldon, scored high points at the 4-H Rabbit Show at MSU on Jan. 26. Courtney took first place in Best of Variety, Best of Breed and completed the day with Best of Show with her Holland Lop rabbit. Morgan took a first place in showmanship for a junior doe broken Holland Lop rabbit and a second place in showmanship with her solid senior buck Holland Lop rabbit. Both girls are members of the Charlevoix County 4-H Club PAC Attack in Boyne City.

## VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The Veteran of the Month for February is Carl Ned Grutsch, Jr. Born on Nov. 21, 1920, in Boyne Falls, Grutsch left school in 1934, having completed the eighth grade, to work on the family farm following the Great Depression.



On March 21, 1942, Grutsch married Doris Adele Hawkins in East Jordan, and on Oct. 12, 1942, he was inducted into the Army and assigned to the Inactive Reserve Corps. On Oct. 26, 1942, Grutsch entered into active service at Fort Custer, Mich. and following basic training and additional Military Police training, he departed the United States on Jan. 18, 1944, arriving in the European Theater of Operations on Jan. 29, 1944.

Grutsch was assigned to Headquarters Battery,

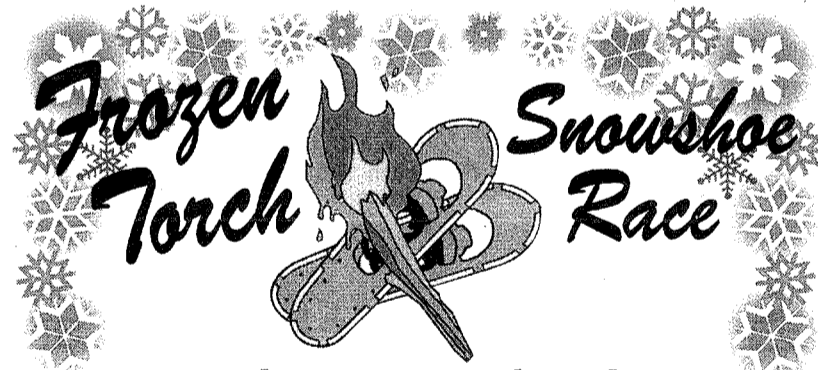
149th Field Artillery Battalion, 214th Military Police Company and on June 6, 1944, during the D-Day invasion of France, landed on the beaches of Normandy and participated in the following battles and campaigns: Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

On Aug. 25, 1945, Grutsch departed the European Theater of Operations, arriving in the United States on

Sept. 3, 1945.

On Sept. 15, 1945, at the Separation Center, Fort Sheridan, Ill., Grutsch received an honorable discharge having attained the rank of private first class and was awarded the following decorations and citations: the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal with one Silver Battle Star, the Bronze Service Arrowhead, the Distinguished Unit Badge, the Good Conduct Medal and three Overseas Services Bars (each representing six months foreign service). Grutsch returned to his family and farm, north of East Jordan, operating his dairy until 1971 when he passed the operation on to his son and son-in-law. He continued working the fields, gardening and fishing until September of 2007 when his health

failed. On Nov. 12, 2007, Grutsch answered the final call and is being honored by his wife Doris and family. To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at 231-536-2447, or on Saturdays call 231-582-7811 between 3-8 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of Lake and Main in Boyne City, at 6:15 p.m.



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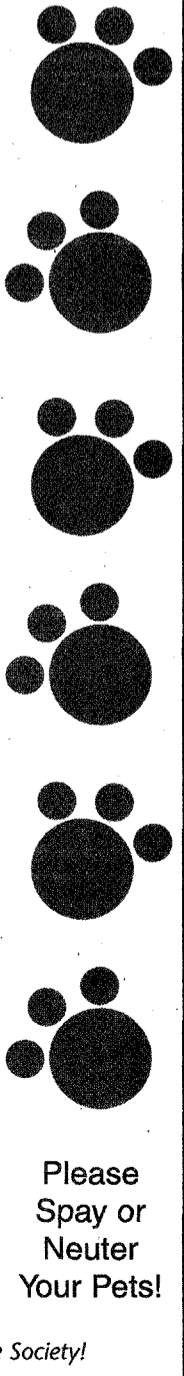
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COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE  
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS, BOYNE FALLS LOGGERS AND THE EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

## CHIP SHOT



By  
Chip  
Corwin

## Red Devils ready for Rayders

East Jordan head coach Sean Ferguson isn't even letting his team look that far ahead in the schedule - "We play one possession at a time," he said.

But for the sake of what-if lovers everywhere, let's say that, hypothetically, the Red Devils get past the Mancelona Ironmen (1-18) on Feb. 18. That would mean that East Jordan would play Charlevoix on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in the district semifinal round.

And the Rayders are no doubt salivating for the chance to prove that East Jordan's victory on Jan. 17 on the Rayders' home court was just a fluke.

They're probably warming up their vocal chords right now, getting ready to say, "See, I told you so..." in the hallways of their school and while huddled over foamy drinks in their downtown coffee shops. They'll try to keep their satisfaction to themselves, but the echoes will surely reach all the way down the south arm of Lake Charlevoix.

That's not a dig at Charlevoix, that's just what teams do - what they've earned the right to do - when they've reigned over a region for as long as Charlevoix has.

But now that dominance is being challenged, and like a dictator that quells uprisings with overwhelming force, the Rayders will not look just to beat East Jordan in their potential matchup, they will look to crush them.

The Red Devils understand what they're up against. "We know that in order to win districts you have to beat them (Charlevoix)," Ferguson said, "and that's not an easy task."

However, East Jordan is no unorganized rabble of peasants. They're a worthy adversary to the Rayders, and although they understand the challenge that Charlevoix presents, the Red Devil seniors also understand that beating the Rayders in the postseason is a chance for them to cement their legacy at East Jordan.

Ferguson said that there's a banner hanging in the gym at East Jordan that commemorates each time the Red Devils have won a district championship. The last date is older than the girls on his team.

"We haven't won a district since the late 1980s," he said. "We'd like to see 2008 up there (on the banner)."

"If they want it, they're capable (of winning) ... I think this group can do it."

"They're super kids."

The Red Devils have already accomplished a great deal this year, and if their season ends in district play, those accomplishments will still stand and be admired.

But they shouldn't be satisfied yet. East Jordan still hasn't beaten a top team twice. They lost to Charlevoix and Kalkaska early in the year, and then on Thursday they lost to Boyne City.

In a skins game in golf, a player doesn't win money on a hole unless he validates on the next one.

East Jordan needs to validate on Feb. 20 to cash in the spoils of Jan. 17.

"If there's a time to do it (win), this is it," Ferguson said. "We have the talent to do it; we have the experience. It's just our mindset going in (that could change)."

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## Ramblers snap E. Jordan's 11-game win streak, but lose to Charlevoix

By GREG GIELCZYK  
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY -- East Jordan's girls basketball team brought an 11-game winning streak into last Thursday's game with Boyne City, and ran into a fired up Ramblers team intent on spoiling the Red Devils' party.

With three girls scoring in double figures, Boyne City overcame a first-quarter deficit to register a stunning 51-47 victory.

It was a truly big win for the Ramblers, coming as it did following last Tuesday's 56-42 loss to Charlevoix. Both games were in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Ramblers could have just as easily come out of last week with a pair of wins against two of the top teams in the conference. They entered the final three minutes against Charlevoix trailing the Rayders by just three points.

Coach Scott Hausler's biggest concern going into the East Jordan game was an emotional let-down after such a narrow loss to Charlevoix.

East Jordan was not only coming into the game red-hot, but the Red Devils had overwhelmed the Ramblers by almost 30 points in the first meeting between the two teams.

"So, to come back and get a big win like that headed into the districts in a couple of weeks, that was really big," Hausler said.

"We've been having a hard time finishing games for some reason this year. So, being down by (two points) after the first quarter concerned me."

"But, the girls hung in there,

played as a team and didn't get discouraged. They really stuck it out and finished that game, which was good to see."

The Ramblers rallied from that 15-13 first-quarter deficit to take a 28-26 lead at the half, and extended it to eight points, 40-32, after three periods.

Allison Aown led the Ramblers with 14 points, Shelby Mittig contributed 12 and Jessica Knysz added 10.

Meghan Thomas had 11 points for East Jordan. Cassie Crick added 9, Sarah Kupovits and Katherine Rowley 8 each and Andrea Chew 7.

Kupovits paced the Red Devils on the boards with 8 rebounds and Rowley pulled down 6. Thomas had 5 steals and Treasure Timmons 3 blocked shots.

For his part, East Jordan coach Sean Ferguson gave the Ramblers due credit.

"I thought their kids came with tremendous energy and enthusiasm," Ferguson said. "We were disappointed in our effort."

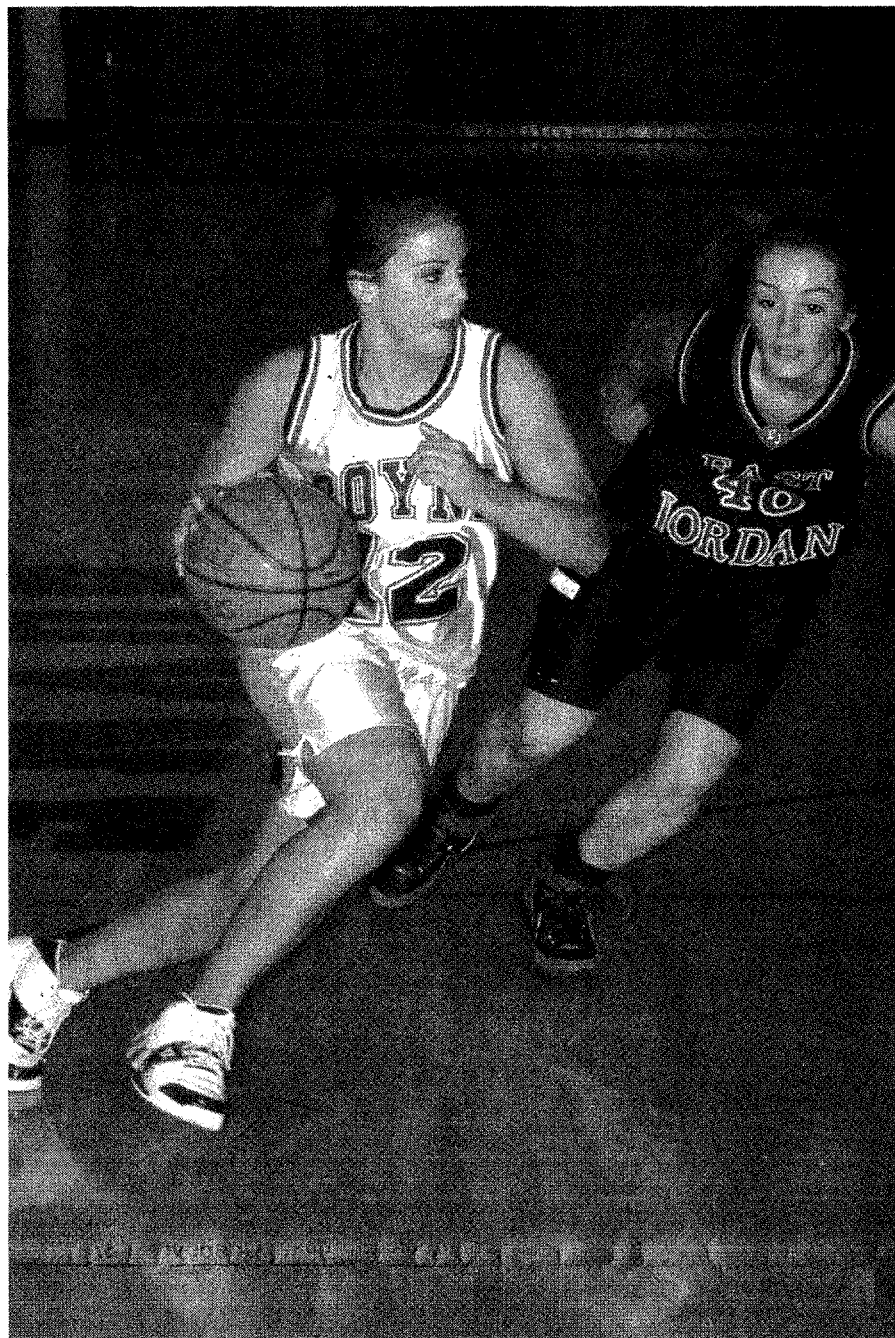
"Boyne's guards (Mittig and Aown) just killed us by breaking down our defense getting lay-ups, or kicking it outside for open looks."

"They played real well. To top it off, they dominated the boards. There are three things that we preach: take care of the ball, play defense and rebound."

"In the first half, we were 0-for-3 in those categories. Credit Boyne, they really took it to us and beat us at our own strategy. We were fortunate to be only down two at the half."

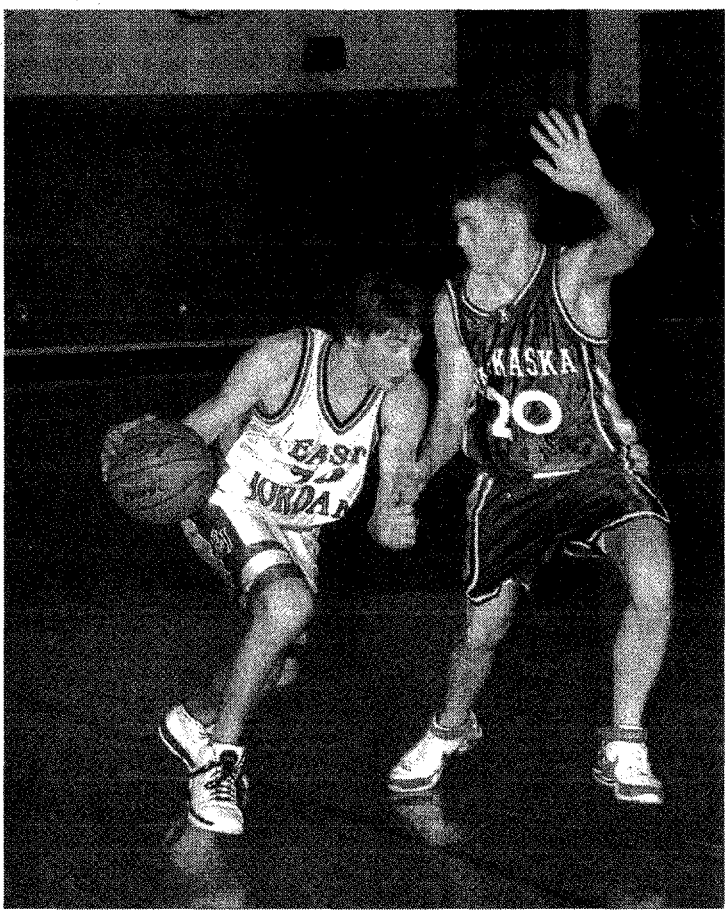
East Jordan played a stronger second half, Ferguson felt.

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Boyne City's Shelby Mittig gets the jump on East Jordan's Meghan Thomas in last Thursday's rivalry matchup. Boyne City avenged an earlier loss to East Jordan by winning, 51-47.

Photo by Vic Ruggles



East Jordan's Adam Daneff drives toward the basket in a game earlier this season. Daneff has had an outstanding season, and was a key figure in East Jordan's comeback win vs. Grayling last Thursday.

File photo by Vic Ruggles

## Daneff, Hansen lead EJ past Grayling

By CHIP CORWIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

GRAYLING -- The dynamic duo of Adam Daneff and Scott Hansen struck again last Tuesday night, as they brought East Jordan back from a nine-point deficit late in the fourth quarter to come away with 73-67 victory over the host Vikings. Daneff hit for 25 points, and Hansen knocked down a game-high 27, including five 3-pointers. The two sharpshooters combined for 24 of East Jordan's 27 fourth-quarter points.

"It was a nice win for us on the road," East Jordan head coach Darrin Weber said.

East Jordan shot 27-of-52 from the field and 12-of-16 from the free throw line. Daneff was

9-of-10 from the line in the fourth quarter.

Trent Larm led Grayling with 16 points.

The win moves East Jordan's record up to 5-5 in the league and 8-6 overall.

### Traverse City SF 63, East Jordan 45

East Jordan played Traverse City St. Francis in a makeup game on Saturday, Feb. 2 and lost by a final score of 63-45.

"They (St. Francis) are a very talented basketball team," Weber said. "They defended both Scott Hansen and Adam Daneff very well limiting their looks on the offensive end."

"My kids played hard against a very talented team."

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## Boyne City loses to St. Francis

By GREG GIELCZYK  
SPORTS WRITER

TRAVERSE CITY - With only one week remaining in the regular season, everyone is trying to build some momentum to take into the district tournament next week.

Victories are more easily used as a building tool than losses, quite naturally, but the Boyne City boys basketball could not complain that much about last Friday's 69-66 loss at Traverse City St.

Francis in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Obviously, coach John Hertel would have preferred to see the Ramblers pull this one out.

But, he was just as pleased that the Ramblers gave a solid effort against a good team making the transition to an interim coach while Pat Cleland takes a medical leave.

St. Francis found the Ramblers a game bunch.

After trailing by three points, 18-15, at

the end of the first quarter, Boyne City was outscored 21-16 in the second and went into the halftime break with an eight-point deficit, 39-31.

"We mixed it up a bit defensively in the second quarter," Hertel said. "Of his 13 points, Spencer Popp had 9 in the second quarter, on two consecutive 3-point baskets."

"Just two shots were the difference at halftime. The first time, Greiner and Williams did 75 percent of their

scoring. So, we really focused on them this time."

Refusing to give up, the Ramblers came out fired up in the third quarter and outscored the Gladiators 15-11 to narrow the gap to just three again, 50-47, heading into the fourth period.

Despite keeping pace with the Gladiators in the fourth quarter, finishing in a 19-19 tie, the Ramblers could not hit a spurt that would have put them over the top.

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## Wilmot third at wrestling meet

By GREG GIELCZYK  
SPORTS WRITER

ELK RAPIDS -- Cody Wilmot finished second for the Boyne City wrestling team at the Lake Michigan Conference wrestling championships in Elk Rapids recently.

Adam Brown, Nate Haley and Drew Nohel each took third places in their respective weight classes for the Ramblers in a solid performance.

Wilmot opened with

a pin in 5 minutes and 4 seconds over Eric Benak of Elk Rapids, but then suffered the same fate himself when Cody Collin of Grayling took him by a fall in 34 seconds at 145 pounds.

Brown lost his first match of the day to Elk Rapids' highly-touted girl wrestler, Maggie Petersen, by a pin in 1:52 before bouncing back to beat a Kalkaska wrestler by a pin in 4:25 at 119.

At 119, the Ramblers' Haley lost to Charlevoix by a pin in

53 seconds, and then won a 12-5 decision over Eric Dopp of Elk Rapids.

Nohel wrestled at 152 and lost by a pin in 5:00 to David Chalker of Kalkaska before winning his next two matches: pinning Brian Ogden of Elk Rapids in 2:05 and taking a 13-2 decision over Mykel Revord of Grayling.

Team districts are today (Wednesday) at Boyne City starting at 6 p.m. at the Early Childhood Building Gym. Onaway and Rogers

City are the other schools participating.

Individual districts are Saturday at Munising.

"All of our experienced wrestlers have a good shot at advancing out of districts," coach Don Nohel said. "This year we were moved into the Upper Peninsula, and we haven't seen a lot of those wrestlers, so we're facing a lot of unknowns. We're looking forward to some great competition and a great weekend."

## DISTRICT PAIRINGS

### Girls

District 91 at Harbor Springs:

Boyne City plays on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 6 pm in the district semifinals against the winner of the Hale-Lincoln Alcona game on Monday, Feb. 18. The winner will face Harbor Springs, Rogers City, or Whittemore-Prescott in the district finals on Friday, Feb. 22 at 7:00 pm.

District 92 at Traverse City St. Francis:

East Jordan plays Mancelona at 6 pm on Feb. 18. The winner faces Charlevoix in semifinal round on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7:45. The winner advances to district finals on Friday, Feb. 22 at 7 pm against Suttons Bay, TCSF, or Glen Lake.

District 119 at Vanderbilt:

Teams in district 119

include Boyne Falls, Gaylord St. Mary, Wolverine and Vanderbilt. Pairings were not known by press time.

### Boys

District 91 at Harbor Springs:

Boyne City plays on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 8 pm in the district semifinal vs. the winner of the Harbor Springs and Whittemore-Prescott game. The winner will ad-

vance to the district finals on Saturday, March 1 at 1 pm against Hale, Harbor Springs or Lincoln-Alcona

District 92 at Traverse City St. Francis:

East Jordan plays in Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 6 pm against the winner of the Mancelona-TCSF game held on Monday, Feb. 25 at 7:45 pm. The winner advances to the district

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# Chip

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East Jordan may have let the weight of high expectations get to them in their loss against Boyne City. "The pressure was mounting for us," Ferguson said.

But make no mistake, on Feb. 20 all the pressure will be on Charlevoix. East Jordan's loss to Boyne may have been ironically beneficial to them, because now Charlevoix is the team with the winning streak and the team with everything to lose. The

problem with being regarded as the best is that if you win, well, you were supposed to anyway.

With the pressure on Charlevoix, East Jordan can feel free just to do what they do best: play basketball.

"We have so many seniors on this team that just want to play," Ferguson said. "I like that attitude in them."

That's an especially great attitude to have in the postseason, where the only way to keep playing is to keep winning.

# Devils

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St. Francis opened up a 32-23 lead at halftime and then outscored East Jordan 21-10 in the third to put the game out of reach.

Hansen led East Jordan with 11 points.

## Elk Rapids 45, East Jordan 43

A high turnover rate may have been the deciding factor in East Jordan's 45-43 loss to Elk Rapids on Friday, Feb. 1. The Red Devils committed 21 turnovers.

"We played flat most of the game," Weber said.

Still, the Red Devils led by one after two Adam Daneff free throws with 45 seconds left in the game. East

Jordan was down 8 to start the second half.

"We made a nice run to tie it going into the fourth quarter," Weber said.

Moments after Daneff gave East Jordan the lead, Elk Rapids hit a jumper at the free throw line to give the lead back to the Elks.

East Jordan got called for a moving screen on the inbounds pass that put the Elks back on the free throw line. The Elks converted one free throw, but East Jordan's desperation half court shot at the buzzer was no good.

"(It was a) tough loss," Weber said.

Daneff led East Jordan with 11 points. Zac Dreffs led Elk Rapids with 18.

# Boyne

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"We've been playing really great basketball, and the kids responded in the second half," Hertel said. "We actually tied the game with two minutes to go."

"I'm very pleased with the way the kids are playing. We won those five games in a row and played Charlevoix and St. Francis competitively."

Boyne City turned the ball over only 10 times in the game, and just three times in the second half. The Ramblers shot 56 percent from the field, including 64 percent from 3-

point range and 80 percent from the free throw line.

St. Francis dominated the boards, however, 33-22.

Trever Kruzel paced the Ramblers in scoring with 21 points, and Robby Jensen finished with 17. Jensen also led the team with 4 assists.

Dan Remsberg and Josh Konecki contributed 8 points apiece. Ryan Musser added 5 points and led the Ramblers with 5 rebounds.

Corey Williams had 19 points and Holden Greiner added 18 for the Gladiators. Spencer Popp scored 13.



# See Ty fly

Boyne City resident Tyler Wellman, 15, competes at the USSA free style skiing Junior Olympics district qualifier at Boyne Mountain on Saturday, Feb. 9. Wellman finished first in the slope style and halfpipe events in his age group, and he finished 2nd in halfpipe and third in slope style overall. Wellman's finish qualified him for the divisional competition in Duluth and Minneapolis, Minnesota, this weekend. If he finishes in the top three there, he will qualify for the Junior Olympics held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado March 3-9.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

# Logger girls top Mackinaw City

By PHIL TROMBLEY  
SPORTS WRITER

## Boyne Falls 29, Mackinaw City 25

ELLSWORTH — Ellsworth held Boyne Falls girls varsity basketball team to just two points in the first quarter and countered with 23 of its own when the Lady Lancers defeated the Lady Loggers 54-29 in a Northern Lakes Conference game on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Kayla Hausler scored 11 points to lead the Boyne Falls offense, while Rianne Coale had six rebounds.

Ellsworth led the game 23-2, 36-14 and 50-21 at the end of the first three quarters.

Katie Fraser scored nine points to pace the Loggers when they downed Mackinaw City 29-25 on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

For Boyne Falls Ali Bearss contributed with eight points, eight rebounds and eight steals. Hausler chipped in with seven points and eight rebounds and Roslyn Fiel had four points and nine rebounds.

"It was a great all around game," said Boyne Falls coach Lisa Carlson.

Boyne Falls will travel to Central Lake on Thursday, Feb. 14.

# Pairing

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finals held on Friday, Feb. 29 at 7 pm against Glen Lake, Suttons Bay or Charlevoix.

District 119 at Van-

derbilt:

Teams in district 119 include Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, Northwest Academy, Gaylord-St. Mary, Vanderbilt and Wolverine. Pairings were not known by press time.

# Red Devils pound Elks, Chiefs

By CHIP CORWIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — The Red Devils gave all the parents in attendance something to cheer for during East Jordan's last home game last Tuesday night against Elk Rapids.

"We played great!" East Jordan head coach Sean Ferguson said. "I couldn't be prouder of this team. We forced the tempo, passed the ball around, and dominated the glass; everyone contributed to this win. (It was) a total team effort on parent's night."

East Jordan stormed out to a 30-16 halftime lead and won by a final tally of 6-31. Meghan Thomas led the Red Devil scoring attack with 18 points. Cassie Crick tossed in 16 and Sarah Kupovits knocked down 10. Kacey Anderson led Elk Rapids with 13.

The East Jordan JV squad beat Elk Rapids 65-45. Shaina Peters lit up the Elks for 35 points and Melyssa Skrocki added 11.

## East Jordan 52, Cheboygan 37

East Jordan squared off against Cheboygan last Saturday in non-

league action that gave the Red Devils a chance to regroup after suffering their first loss in 12 games two days before to Boyne City.

"It was nice to get a road win after our tough loss on Thursday," Ferguson said. "Andrea Chew gave us a huge offensive lift as she hit five of six shots behind the arc."

"We were really happy with our performance."

East Jordan led 28-25 at halftime, but then stiffened up their defense in the second half and pulled away. They outscored Cheboygan 13-5 in the third period. Chew led East Jordan

with 15 points. Meghan Thomas added 9 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals. Treasure Timmons had 9 points and 9 boards, and Katherine Rowley had 8 points and seven rebounds.

The East Jordan JV squad edged Cheboygan 51-47. Shaina Peters and Melyssa Skrocki had 16 points each. Stephanie Holm added 10.

East Jordan was at Grayling Monday night for a makeup game. They are scheduled to visit Ellsworth on Thursday in the last game of the regular season.

# Loggers split NLC games

By PHIL TROMBLEY  
SPORTS WRITER

HARBOR SPRINGS — Harbor Light Christian had five players hit for double figures and as a team the Swordsmen scored in double digits in all four

quarters when Harbor Light beat Boyne Falls 69-42 in a Northern Lakes Conference match up on Friday, Feb. 8.

Collin Hewitt (21 points), David Klevorn (12), Dave Doucette (12), Andrew Fila (11)

and Ben Cole (10) led the high scoring Harbor Light attack.

"They took it to us right from the start. They were more aggressive offensively and defensively," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla.

"They were the better team Friday night."

The Swordsmen held leads of 22-9, 37-20 and 54-27 at the end of the first three quarters.

Justin Grubaugh led Boyne Falls with 16 points, while Josh Haskin added 11 points.

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**DRIVER TRAINEES** needed now! Drivers being hired and CDL trained for Werner Enterprises. \$800/wk. No experience needed. 800-882-7364

**4060 Education/Training**

**GRANDVUE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY** will be offering a nurse aide training program starting March 17. Cost for the program is \$350, due at the time of registration, to cover tuition, books and TB skin test. Students who successfully complete this program will be eligible to take the state licensing tests for CNA certification and begin their medical career. Registration forms will be accepted from February 8 - March 7. Stop by 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, to register or call Jane Korhase with questions at 231-536-2286.

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5040 Houses For Rent

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**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

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**TRANSPORTATION**

6130 Trucks

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7330 Misc. Services

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Krale B. Schroeder and Jodi Schroeder, husband and wife, to Old Kent now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 30, 1996 and recorded August 1, 1996 in Liber 303, Page 721, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Six and 39/100 Dollars (\$39,166.39) including interest at 8% 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 MARCH 14, 2008. Said premises are located in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of that part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter lying South of the Wildwood Harbor Road, a county road where the North and South quarter line intersects with the county road for the point of beginning of this description; thence South along said North and South quarter line 417 feet; thence West 313 feet; thence North to the Wildwood Harbor Road, a county road; thence Easterly along said road to the point of beginning, all being a part of Section 12, Township 33 North, range 8 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. 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.

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 March 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B: Commencing at a T-iron stake at the East 1/4 corner of Section 18, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section North 83 degrees 29 minutes 22 seconds West 662.41 feet; thence South 3 degrees 03 minutes 19 seconds West 662.17 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the point of beginning of this description; thence South 83 degrees 31 minutes 48 seconds East 335.48 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 2 degrees 57 minutes 13 seconds West 212.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 85 degrees 07 minutes 43 seconds West 458.43 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 2 degrees 57 minutes 13 seconds West 360.00 feet to a T-iron stake on the South 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line North 83 degrees 34 minutes 14 seconds West 541.59 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said East 1/8 line North 3 degrees 03 minutes 19 seconds East 582.78 feet to a T-iron stake; thence South 83 degrees 29 minutes 22 seconds East 660.00 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 3 degrees 03 minutes 19 seconds East 80.33 feet to the point of beginning, Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 18, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

Together with a 66 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described in Liber 589, Page 112, Charlevoix County Records. 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.

**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 Greg L. Seese Jr. and Sharon K. Seese, 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 May 18, 2006, and recorded on June 2, 2006 in Liber 750 on Page 165, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Nineteen And 15/100 Dollars (\$130,019.15), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on March 14, 2008.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Margaret Skop, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 18, 2005 and recorded May 5, 2005 in Liber 680, Page 364, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, 2005-6 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six and 38/100 Dollars (\$14,746.38) including interest at 8.25% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 29, 2008. Said premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix

County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9 and the East one-half of Lot 8, Empey's Addition to the Village of South Lake, now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 92, Charlevoix County Records.

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Forty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty And 46/100 Dollars (\$40,560.46), including interest at 8.4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on March 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a concrete monument at the North 1/4 corner of Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; Thence Southerly along the North and South 1/4 line of said section 1360.09 feet to a T-iron stake on the North 1/8 line of said Section, being the Point of Beginning of this description; Thence Easterly at an angle of 90 degrees 40 minutes 11 seconds to the left from said 1/4 line along said North 1/8 line 505.13 feet to a T-iron stake; Thence Southerly at an angle of 90 degrees 40 minutes 11 seconds to the right from said 1/8 line, parallel with said North and South 1/4 line, 649.95 feet to a T-iron stake on the Northerly line of Dietz Road; Thence continuing Southerly along the prolongation of the last described course 33.0 feet to the center line of said Dietz Road; Thence Westerly at an angle of 87 degrees 53 minutes 31 seconds to the right from the last described course along the center line of said road 419.11 feet; Thence continuing along the center line of said road Southwesterly at an angle of 20 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds to the left from the last described course 65.84 feet; Thence continuing along the centerline of said road Southwesterly at an angle of 41 degrees 40 minutes 12 seconds to the left from the last described course 53.27 feet; Thence continuing along the center line of said road Southwesterly at an angle of 21 degrees 59 minutes 43 seconds to the left from the last described

course 26.94 feet to a T-iron stake on said North and South 1/4 line; Thence Northerly at an angle of 175 degrees 48 minutes 54 seconds to the right from the last described course along said North and South 1/4 line 791.88 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 6 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.

**For more information, please call:**  
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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 MARCH 14, 2008. Said premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point East of the Southeast corner of Lot 156, Block T, of the Plat of South Boyne Addition, according to the recorded Plat thereof, 108 feet and running thence North to the one-quarter line of Section 35, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence East along said one-quarter line 58 feet; thence South to Main Street; thence West along Main Street 58 feet to the Place of Beginning. Also, Commencing 4 rods East and 135.8 feet North of the Southeast corner of Lot 156, Block T, Plat of South Boyne Addition, according to the recorded Plat thereof; thence East 42 feet; thence North 11 feet to the East and West one-quarter line; thence West on said one-quarter line 42 feet; thence South 11 feet to the Point of Beginning; all being a part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter (Previously and Erroneously recorded as the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter) of Section 35, Township 33 North, Range 6 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. 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.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Victor P. Urman and Elizabeth A. Urman, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2000, and recorded on March 23, 2000 in Liber 384 on Page 876, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of

course 26.94 feet to a T-iron stake on said North and South 1/4 line; Thence Northerly at an angle of 175 degrees 48 minutes 54 seconds to the right from the last described course along said North and South 1/4 line 791.88 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 6 West

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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 MARCH 14, 2008. Said premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point East of the Southeast corner of Lot 156, Block T, of the Plat of South Boyne Addition

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Sherry L. Barnes, a single woman, and Mark Hofbauer, a single man with joining tenants with full rights of survivorship, Mortgagees, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc (MERS), Mortgagee, dated the 23rd day of August, 2005 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 31st day of August, 2005 in Liber 702 of Charlevoix County Records, page 224, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine & 32/100 (\$85,249.32), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of March, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.6900% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Chandler, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the

Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 33 North, Range 4 West; thence West 14 rods; thence North 50 rods; thence East 14 rods; thence South 50 rods to the Point of Beginning. Also the West 66.00 feet of the South 330.00 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 33 North, Range 4 West, being part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 33 North, Range 4 West.

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 2/13/2008

MERS  
Mortgagee

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Attorney for MERS  
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**Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale**

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nathan Bell and Marietta E Bell, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 12, 1998, and recorded on March 16, 1998 in Liber 333 on Page 482, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy Thousand Forty-Seven And 28/100 Dollars

(\$70,047.28), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 22, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 72, Cobb's Addition to South Boyne, (now City of Boyne City), according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 13, Charlevoix County Records.

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

Dated: January 30, 2008

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 #184067F01

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Monette R. Bennington, a married woman as her sole and sperate property, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded January 3, 2008 in Liber 832, Page 521, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Aurora Loan Services, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Five Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Five and 39/100 Dollars (\$534,565.39) including interest at 7.06% 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 FEBRUARY 22, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the East eighth corner on the East and West quarter line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an iron stake on a line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South eighth line; thence at an angle of 109 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the right of the last described course along said line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South eighth line 477.6 feet to an iron stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 258.5 feet to an iron stake on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence at an angle of 90 degrees 32 minutes to the right from the last described course 117.01 feet to an iron stake on said shore; thence at an angle of 89 degrees 28 minutes to the right from the last described course 251.61 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 117.15 feet to the point of beginning; being part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

The above described property includes all land to the water's edge of Lake Charlevoix. Westerly of the course between the point described on said shore. Easement Parcel: A 25 foot strip easement described as: Situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at the East eighth corner of the East and West quarter

line of Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line (North line of Government Lot 3) 963.91 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 91 degrees 07 minutes 27 seconds to the left from the last described course 235.56 feet; thence at an angle of 01 degrees 31 minutes 27 seconds to the right from the last described course 44.23 feet; thence at an angle of 19 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds to the left from the last described course 77.12 feet to an iron stake on a line previously designated as 972.25 feet North of the South eighth line 69.95 feet to an iron stake, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Westerly on said last described course 607.6 feet to an iron stake; thence at an angle of 87 degrees 09 minutes 42 seconds to the right from the last described course 25.03 feet; thence at an angle of 92 degrees 50 minutes 18 seconds to the right from the last described course 600.06 feet; thence at an angle of 70 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds to the right from the last described course 26.50 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 10, Town 32 North, Range 7 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. 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: January 23, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 191.1355

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael D. Cosier and Robbin R. Cosier, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 6, 2003 and recorded August 11, 2003 in Liber 562, Page 646, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Nine and 45/100 Dollars (\$84,259.45) including interest at 10% 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 MARCH 14, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 13 and 14, Block A, S.G. Isaman's Addition to the Village of South Arm, now part of the City of East Jordan, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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: February 13, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
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(248) 457-1000  
File No. 200.3076

**Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale**

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mary E Dye, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 28, 2000, and recorded on July 12, 2000 in Liber 392 on Page 209, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Two And 44/100 Dollars (\$110,352.44), including interest at 4.5% 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 February 29, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Chandler, Charlevoix

County, Michigan, and are described as: The Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 4 West

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

Dated: January 30, 2008

For more information, please call:  
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Highway, Suite 200  
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Michigan 48334-2525  
File #183369F01

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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 Gerald J. Fizek, an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage Services Co, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2003, and recorded on December 16, 2003 in Liber 589 on Page 908, and assigned by said Mortgagee to National City Mortgage Co. 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 Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy And 28/100 Dollars (\$51,370.28), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on March 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Commencing 60 rods East and 1164 feet South of the North 1/4 post, on the North side of State Street, thence North 8 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 8 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning; being Lot 2, Block D, George A. Smith's Addition (unrecorded) to the City of Boyne City, and being in Section 35, Township 33 North, Range 5 West.

Dated: February 6, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 362.1017

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: February 13, 2008

For more information, please call:  
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Attorneys For Servicer  
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Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills,  
Michigan 48334-2525  
File #186825F01

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary Gardner a/k/a Gary J. Gardner Jr. and Mechelle Gardner a/k/a M.D. Gardner, his wife, to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated February 27, 1998 and recorded March 6, 1998 in Liber 332, Page 937, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine and 34/100 Dollars (\$45,479.34) including interest at 7.8% 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 MARCH 7, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-half of the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, 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. 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: February 6, 2008

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

City of East Jordan  
201 Main Street, P.O. Box 499  
East Jordan, MI 49727

Separate sealed Bids for the Marina & Boat Launch Dredging Project will be received by The City of East Jordan at the City Office located at 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, February 28, 2008 and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The Work includes the following major items:

- Haul, Place & Compact 13,000 CY of materials off site
- Prepare Dewatering Site
- Prepare Fill Site

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid, Bidder's Experience Form, Bid Bond, Agreement, Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract, Supplemental General Conditions, Payment Bond, Performance Bond, Notice of Intent to Award, Notice to Proceed, Change Order, Maintenance Bond, Drawings, Specifications and Addenda, may be examined at the following locations:

Gourdie-Fraser, 123 West Front Street,  
Traverse City MI 49684

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained after February 8, 2008 at the office of Gourdie-Fraser, located at 123 West Front Street, Traverse City Michigan 49684.

Payment Schedule - Make checks payable to Gourdie-Fraser

Plans and Specifications  
Payment \$ 30.00 (Non-Refundable)

Payment must be received prior to release of Plans and Specifications. Faxed checks will not be accepted. We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.

If shipping plans to Contractors through overnight mail an additional fee of \$20.00 will be charged.

For a list of planholders, please visit the Gourdie-Fraser website at [www.gourdiefraser.com](http://www.gourdiefraser.com), then enter the Project Center, click on the Planholders Lists, then select the appropriate Project.

Bidders are responsible to research Addendums and Acknowledge Addendums on the Bid form. Addendums will be posted, at least three (3) days prior to Bid Opening, on the Gourdie-Fraser website at [www.gourdiefraser.com](http://www.gourdiefraser.com), after entering the website the menu comes out of the left side of the screen, click on "Project Center", click on the Advertisements, then select the appropriate Project.

Bids not accompanied by a proper Bid bond or certified check in the amount stated in the documents, or received after the above date and time will not be considered. Fax transmittals of Bids or Bid bonds will not be accepted.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all Bids.

Each Bidder must deposit with their Bid security in the amount and form as specified by the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

No Bidder may withdraw their Bid within 90 days after the actual date of Bid opening.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION**

The East Jordan City Commission met, January 15, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.; Mayor Bennett presiding with all members of Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement given to paid bills in the amounts of \$1,162,201.49.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of Monthly Police Department Report, December 2007; acknowledged receipt of Monthly Zoning Activity Report, December 2007 and 2007 Annual Zoning Activity Report; approved Elm Pointe Rental requests; acknowledged receipt of Funds on Hand Report, December 2007; adopted Ordinance 203; authorized advertisement for bids for a dredge and authorized to proceed with amending the Waterfront Zoning.

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

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION RATIOS**  
Published as required by PA 165 of 1971

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	AGRICULTURAL		COMMERCIAL		INDUSTRIAL		RESIDENTIAL		TIMBER-CUTOVER		DEVELOPMENT		PERSONAL PROPERTY	
	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR
BAY TOWNSHIP	49.42	1.01174	49.16	1.01709	N/A	N/A	49.72	1.00563	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP	49.81	1.00381	48.68	1.02712	48.09	1.03972	48.40	1.03306	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CHANDLER TOWNSHIP	49.24	1.01544	48.22	1.03891	47.83	1.04537	49.33	1.01358	49.78	1.00442	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP	N/A	N/A	49.43	1.01153	49.53	1.00949	51.24	0.97580	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP	N/A	N/A	49.58	1.00847	49.64	1.00725	49.77	1.00462	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
EVELINE TOWNSHIP	48.94	1.02166	48.78	1.02501	49.08	1.01875	49.50	1.01010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
HAYES TOWNSHIP	49.26	1.01502	49.49	1.01031	48.68	1.02712	49.85	1.00301	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
HUDSON TOWNSHIP	49.70	1.00604	48.78	1.02501	49.73	1.00543	49.87	1.00261	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
MARION TOWNSHIP	48.54	1.03008	49.41	1.01194	49.45	1.01112	49.28	1.01461	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
MELROSE TOWNSHIP	49.74	1.00523	48.69	1.02691	49.61	1.00786	47.03	1.06315	48.20	1.01626	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
NORWOOD TOWNSHIP	49.14	1.01750	49.55	1.00908	49.29	1.01441	49.88	1.00241	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
PEAINE TOWNSHIP	49.68	1.00644	49.92	1.00160	49.88	1.00241	49.83	1.00341	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP	N/A	N/A	49.22	1.01585	N/A	N/A	49.95	1.00100	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP	49.59	1.00827	49.17	1.01688	49.28	1.01461	49.93	1.00140	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
WILSON TOWNSHIP	49.08	1.01875	48.57	1.02944	49.75	1.00503	48.29	1.03541	48.62	1.02838	N/A	N/A	5	

## PUBLIC NOTICES

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GARY GARDNER and MECHELLE GARDNER, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2005, and recorded on October 19, 2005, in Liber 711, on Page 275, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$236,972.88), including interest at 9.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 AM o'clock, on February 29, 2008.

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

**PARCEL C-2: COMMENCING AT A 1/2 INCH ROD AT THE EAST QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, THENCE ALONG THE EAST AND WEST QUARTER LINE OF SAID SECTION SOUTH 88 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 1753.84 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID QUARTER LINE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 223.52 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST 652.94 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 658.69 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE EAST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST 353.08 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST 435.60 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST 300.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, TOWNSHIP OF WILSON, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN.**

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 24, 2008

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive,  
Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brandon Glem and his wife Susan Glem, who will be signing for homestead purposes only, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 1, 2004, and recorded on May 6, 2004 in Liber 612 on Page 698, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Seven And 65/100 Dollars (\$97,987.65), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on March 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 32 North, Range 5 West, Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 10 seconds West 1650.46 feet along the North and South 1/4 line to a point; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds West 33.00 feet to the point of beginning, said point also being on the West right of way of US 131; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds West 350.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 10 seconds West 250.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 50 seconds East 350.00 feet to the West right of way of US 131; thence along said right of way South 00 degrees 05 minutes 10 seconds East 250.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: February 6, 2008

For more information, please call:  
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Michigan 48334-2525  
File #184987F01

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin Gruszczynski, an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated

December 30, 2005, and recorded on January 6, 2006 in Liber 725 on Page 541, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Huntington National Bank 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 One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty And 65/100 Dollars (\$118,850.65), 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 February 22, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the intersection of the North and South and East and West one-quarter line of Section 13, thence West to the center of the County Road and the point of beginning of this description; thence continued West to the West one-eighth line; thence North along the West one-eighth line 200 feet; thence due East parallel with East and West one-quarter line to the center of the County Road; thence in a Southwesterly direction along the center of the County Road to the point of beginning. Also all that part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Township 32 North, Range 7 West lying or being North and West of the Public Highway that crosses the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section. Subject to the foreshad right of way of said County Road, all being a part of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 13, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

Commencing at the center quarter corner of Section 13, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West quarter line of said Section South 89 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds West 1303.59 feet to the West eighth line of said Section; thence along said eighth line North 00 degrees 04 minutes 19 seconds West 200.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said eighth line North 00 degrees 04 minutes 19 seconds West 175.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 70 degrees 00 minutes 32 seconds East 477.93 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of Behling Road; thence continuing South 70 degrees 00 minutes 32 seconds East 33.92 feet to the centerline of said Road; thence parallel with the East and West quarter line of said Section South 89 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds West 39.52 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said Road line; thence continuing parallel with said quarter line South 89 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds West 441.27 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 32 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.

**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 David Marr, Sr. and Melissa Marr, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 5, 2002, and recorded on August 12, 2002 in Liber 481 on Page 890, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Six And 21/100 Dollars (\$77,506.21), including interest at 11.625% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on March 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix

County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 60 feet East and 66 feet North of the Northeast corner of Block E, Stone's Addition to the Village of South Lake; thence North 127 feet; thence West 85 feet; thence South 127 feet; thence East 85 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

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

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kellyn K. Kruger, a single person, by Frederick E. Kruger, attorney in fact, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 9, 2004 and recorded September 10, 2004 in Liber 636, Page 72, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Four and 82/100 Dollars (\$68,974.82) including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on MARCH 14, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 12, Block 15, Nicholl's Second Addition to the Village of South Lake, now City of East Jordan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 43, 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. 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: February 6, 2008  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
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File No. 200.3073

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David Marr, Sr. and Melissa Marr, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 5, 2002, and recorded on August 12, 2002 in Liber 481 on Page 890, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Six And 21/100 Dollars (\$77,506.21), including interest at 11.625% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on March 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix

County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 60 feet East and 66 feet North of the Northeast corner of Block E, Stone's Addition to the Village of South Lake; thence North 127 feet; thence West 85 feet; thence South 127 feet; thence East 85 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 32 North, Range 7 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: February 6, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Benjamin G. Matelski and Kimberly K. Matelski, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 21, 2003 and recorded February 7, 2003 in Liber 516, Page 670, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-2 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 30/100 Dollars (\$130,124.30) including interest at 13.5% 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 main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on MARCH 7, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a five-eighths inch rod at the North quarter corner of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence South 0 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West 791.34 feet along the North and South quarter line of said Section to a one-half inch rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 0 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West 396.00 feet along said quarter line to a one-half inch rod; thence North 89 degrees 20 minutes 13 seconds West 75.00 feet to a one-half inch rod; thence North 0 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds East 396.00 feet to a one-half inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 20 minutes 13 seconds East 75.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North half of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West.

Also: Commencing at the North quarter corner of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence South along the quarter line 1187.34 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 396.00 feet; thence East 219.75 feet; thence South 396.00 feet; thence West 219.75 feet to the point of beginning.

**Together With:** A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress for pedestrian and motor vehicles and public utilities, described as follows: A 20 feet private roadway easement, the center line of which is described as follows: Commencing at a five-eighths inch rod at the North one-quarter corner of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West 550.00 feet along the

North line of said Section; thence South 0 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West 879.65 feet along the West line of the East 550 feet to the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of said Section to a point in the center line of said easement, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence along said easement center line the following described courses in sequence: South 59 degrees 34 minutes 35 seconds East 16.74, South 78 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East 135.51 feet, North 81 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds East 74.15 feet, North 67 degrees 39 minutes 28 seconds East 109.77 feet, North 66 degrees 56 minutes 59 seconds East 56.83 feet, North 85 degrees 38 minutes 22 seconds East 58.68 feet, South 70 degrees 18 minutes 58 seconds East 62.56 feet, and South 46 degrees 23 minutes 35 seconds East 79.85 feet to a point on the North and South one-quarter line of said Section which is South 0 degrees 39 minutes 47 seconds West 906.75 feet of said North one-quarter corner being the Point of Ending.

**Also Together With:** A non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress for pedestrian and motor vehicles and public utilities, described as follows: A 20 feet private roadway easement, the center line of which is described as follows: Commencing at a five-eighths inch rod at the North one-quarter corner of Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 5 West; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West 1401.08 feet along the North line of said Section to a point in the center line of Cherry Hill Road, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence along the center line of said 20 foot wide easement the following courses in sequence: South 14 degrees 48 minutes 31 seconds East 143.49 feet, South 30 degrees 07 minutes 04 seconds 199.45 feet, South 29 degrees 22 minutes 14 seconds East 192.19 feet, South 40 degrees 29 minutes 05 seconds East 167.93 feet, South 54 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 91.49 feet, South 62 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds East 395.99 feet and South 59 degrees 34 minutes 35 seconds East 87.40 feet to a point on the West line of the East 550 feet of the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of said section, being the Point of Ending; being a part of the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 22, Town 32 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: January 23, 2008

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1994, and recorded on July 19, 1994 in Liber 274 on Page 746, and assigned by mesne assignments to Washington Mutual Bank 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 Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three And 78/100 Dollars (\$8,963.78), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on February 22, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the North 330 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 6 West; thence East along the North 1/8 line of said section 396 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing East on said 1/8 line to the West 1/8 line of said section; thence South along said West 1/8 line 330 feet; thence West along the South line of said North 330 feet to a point 396 feet East of the West section line of said Section 15; thence North 330 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: January 23, 2008

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Bethany A. Reynolds, as a Single Woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First NLC Financial Services, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2006 and recorded March 28, 2006 in Liber 737 Page 626 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Christiana Bank & Trust Company, as Owner Trustee of the Security National Funding Trust, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$146,699.99) including interest 9.49% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on March 14, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 105 through 107, inclusive, BAILEY AND WILSON'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF BOYNE, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 84, Charlevoix County Records.

Commonly known as 415 McLean Street, Boyne City MI 49712  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case

the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: February 8, 2008

Christiana Bank & Trust Company, as Owner Trustee of the Security National Funding Trust, Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
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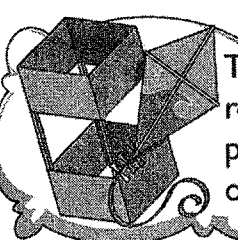
**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Martin E. Ruhling, a/k/a Martin E. Ruhling, IV and Donna J. Ruhling, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2003, and recorded on October 8, 2003 in Liber 577 on Page 647, 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 Eighty-Two Thousand Twenty-One And 15/100 Dollars (\$82,021.15), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on March 7, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West Quarter corner of Section 34, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section South 00 degrees 50 minutes 29 seconds East 720.66 feet, being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along the last described course South 00 degrees 50 minutes 29 seconds 245.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 50 minutes 16 seconds East 33.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the East line of Waterman Road; thence continuing North 88 degrees 50 minutes 16 seconds East 357.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said road line; thence continuing South 88 degrees 50 minutes 16 seconds West 33.00 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 34 Township 32 North, Range 7 West, Charlevoix County Records

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Dated: February 6, 2008  
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# One Water

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One Water Street filed its motion for reconsideration following a decision by Judge Pajtas on Jan. 16, in the Hobbs vs. Boyne City Zoning Board of Appeals case. One Water Street, L.L.C. was an intervening party in the case.

The judge's decision found that the city's planning commission

and its zoning board of appeals had erred in numerous ways when it made decisions regarding the development of Boyne City's waterfront.

The judge has ordered the ZBA to rescind its action and remand to the planning commission.

*B. J. Hettler may be reached at 231-622-2645 or at citizen@voyager.net*

# Meeting

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The commission voted on Dec. 18, 2007, to send the matter to court for a judge to decide whether commissioners are employees of the city.

Booze and the Citizens Commission are preparing wording for recall petitions.

Dan Bennett who is in his first term as mayor spoke to the commission and the roomful of people.

"I joined the commis-

sion four years ago to make a difference in the community," said Bennett.

"My observation over the last few weeks is that our team is going no where. In fact, we've regressed. We need to move forward with positive steps. We need to put individual differences aside and remember we're here for the community."

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# Chamber

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The company provides a Chamber Management System that offers solutions for Chamber needs through web-based technology.

"About four years ago a guy walked into my office and was working on a project and we had a website that was challenging to manage. I'm not internet or tech savvy and I was frustrated with my inability to control my own website," MacKenzie said. "He asked me to tell him everything a chamber director would ever want in a website and he would build it for me. We were the pilot project for the company."

The business took off and for the past two years the owner has lobbied MacKenzie to join the organization and he finally gave in. MacKenzie, 47, will remain in Boyne City with his wife Jane and two kids Katie and Camden.

MacKenzie initially moved to Boyne City for his wife's work as the director of Northern Homes Community Development Corporation. They fell in love with Boyne after exploring the six counties they could have lived in and bought a farm house. His path to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce started from there.

MacKenzie had done some social work with children and families before owning his own antique and auction business. He was doing some non-profit work in East Jordan and was approached by his neighbor who had heard of his background that covered diversity and community development. They were looking to put together a committee to build a playground and she asked MacKenzie to head up the group. After fund raising and organizing the project for over a year the playground was built in five days.

"I really got to know a lot of folks in this community and the heart and care in this town proved to be the right choice. When I got involved in the Chamber at that time, the previous director was looking for a new opportunity and I saw a lot of potential for this Cham-

ber to grow," MacKenzie explained. "I applied for the job with 97 other applicants and of course the salary filtered a lot of those out."

MacKenzie said membership has increased 54 percent on his watch and is happy with the more professional feel of the Chamber.

"Boyne was successful with a lot of things but my analogy would have been it was a buckshot approach. If there was an issue or if something came up people would band together and take care of it and then go back and do their own thing," MacKenzie said. "I didn't see that this town was ready to create a shared vision of where we wanted to be or how we would get there."

MacKenzie said his greatest accomplishments have been opening up the lines of communication to get the city to have the same goals for the future and being involved with every grant, program and award that Boyne has received during his six years. When asked to name some people he would like to credit, he simply said the list would be endless.

I asked MacKenzie to address the citizens of Boyne with what he would like to say to the people he served during his time at the Chamber. It took him some time to compose himself when thinking about the community but he finally managed to get the words out.

"I've been blessed to be able to have a job where I can do what I think is a meaningful task that can help improve the quality of life for the people in this town. You immediately fall in love with the people in this town," MacKenzie added. "I've been able to serve on a lot of different committees and will meet folks that have different passions...There are people that give their heart and soul in Boyne. I feel like I'm the one that's blessed and share in this passion."

*Jeff Bergren can be reached at jbergren@michigannewspapers.com or by calling 231-582-6761.*

# Song

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hip hop. We would like it to be around three minutes long," Kowalske said. "We want to have a song like the Boyne City fight song; we want to use it for radio, television and our website."

Entries must be received by May 15 and has to include the lyrics and the song itself. Kowalske has put some ideas out on his website at MarkandJody.com under "song contest example" for participants to get a feel for what they are looking for.

"It doesn't have to be professionally recorded; it can be on a cassette. If you don't have the funds and the song is good enough we can provide that," Kowalske explained. "I think it will be a fun thing to do for the community. My big goal is to get the word out. I would like to see a CD of about 10 songs that we can make available and sell to people to have. Who



Mark Kowalske points out the prizes for the Boyne City song contest.

knows where this might go."

Kowalske started this project and his idea came from a slogan contest 14 years ago when he and the Downtown Development Authority

(DDA) organized a group to shape the future of Boyne City.

"We needed some kind of a vision, what did we perceive Boyne City as in the next 20 or 30 years. With that I

teamed up the DDA and we sponsored a slogan contest. We were asking for how a person would envision the community," Kowalske said.

The response was huge with over 720 en-

tries not only from citizens but kids and schools.

Bonnie Johnson ended up coining the now popular "home town feel...small town appeal" slogan that still

appears all over Boyne on websites and even the city letterhead. Johnson came up with the idea as she was doing her dishes one evening and won \$500 for her efforts.

"Right after the contest there was a project that came to Boyne City, a four story Holiday Inn Express on the waterfront. A lot of people thought it would be a great fit for Boyne but a lot of people didn't," Kowalske explained. "It wasn't home town feel...small town appeal and as a result the community got together and decided they didn't want that."

Sound familiar?

To learn more about the contest or for any questions contact Kowalske at 231-675-3721 or Karen Guzniczak at 231-582-2355.

Jeff Bergren can be reached at jbergren@michigannewspapers.com or by calling 231-582-6761.

# HAPPENINGS

## Lenten fish dinners return

St. Matthew Church will hold their annual Friday Lenten fish dinners on Feb. 15, 22, 29 and March 7 and 13, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at the church, 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City.

The menu includes: parmesan-encrusted tilapia, lightly breaded baked cod, hash browns, cole slaw, rolls and desserts with macaroni and cheese and applesauce.

The cost of the fish dinner is \$7.50, child portion of macaroni and

cheese is \$3.50, children 5 years and under eat free.

Proceeds will benefit the Ministerial Associations' Deacon's Fund and the Compassionate Hearts Program to help the less fortunate in our area, plus the general operations of the church.

## JVDL to show "The Princess Bride"

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The "From book to film" series presents The Princess Bride on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Jordan Valley District Library Community Room.

In celebration of Valentine's Day, join us for a showing of The Princess Bride, the beloved film by Rob Reiner based on a novel by William Goldman that combines comedy, adventure, romance and fantasy - a perfect film for the whole family.

If you've never seen

it, or even if you've seen it a dozen times, grab a loved one and join us for this heartwarming movie featuring a pirate, a giant, a fair maiden, good guys, a villain, an evil prince, giant rodents, a fire swamp, a wizard and more. Rated PG. 98 minutes.

Admission is free; donations appreciated. Low cost movie snacks available for sale: soda and popcorn or soda and candy just \$1.

Sponsored by the Jordan Valley Library Friends. For more infor-

mation call 231-588-6391.

## Owl calling adventure at GRNA

The Great Horned Owls are nesting now at Grass River Natural Area. Join us at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, for an owl calling adventure. Bring cross-country skis, snowshoes or just your boots and explore the trails by moonlight. No matter "Who-oo" flies out for a look, it's always a hoot. Meet naturalists at the GRNA parking lot. Please call

the GRNA office at 231-533-8314 to register.

## Open Door Coffee House

Ike and Mae Parsons, from the Mancelona area, will perform from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Open Door Christian Coffee House in the East Jordan Senior Center on Main Street. Donations will be accepted at this non-denominational family event. Pizza, coffee, tea and pop are available. Everyone is welcome.

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# Focus on EDUCATION

**T**his week our team of reporters and editors at Up North Publications are exploring education. Education is a loaded word — and it certainly encompasses far more than we could cover. Our ideas for stories were far more than we actually had room for, but we've tried to present a section that emphasizes learning in all forms.

There are so many topics to discuss and write about in education from differentiation in the classroom, standardized tests, federally-mandated programs and getting into college. There's so much to say and so many topics to debate because education is a crucial stepping stone to a better fu-

ture.

We've explored alternative programs and different approaches to learning, we've spoken to students about their hopes and dreams and we've focused on the people that are the heart and soul of their school community. But mostly, we talked to a vast range of educators with the same goal at heart — to provide their students with an education — to teach them to read, write, compute, understand and most of all, to think. Aren't the variety of alternative programs and decisions to switch to full-day kindergarten or trimester systems an attempt to better the learning process for young people of all capabilities and to help them march to the next level?

Thomas Jefferson, one of America's founding fathers, and a key person in



Northside principal Brian Harbour works with some of the students at the alternative school during a study session at the Educational Center. Photos by Jeff Bergren

the development of education in this country, said much

about the topic that still rings true.

"I do most anx-

iously wish to see the highest degrees of education given to the higher degrees of genius and to all degrees of it, so much as may enable them to read and understand what is going on in the world and to keep their part of it going on right," Jefferson said in a letter to Mann Page in 1795.

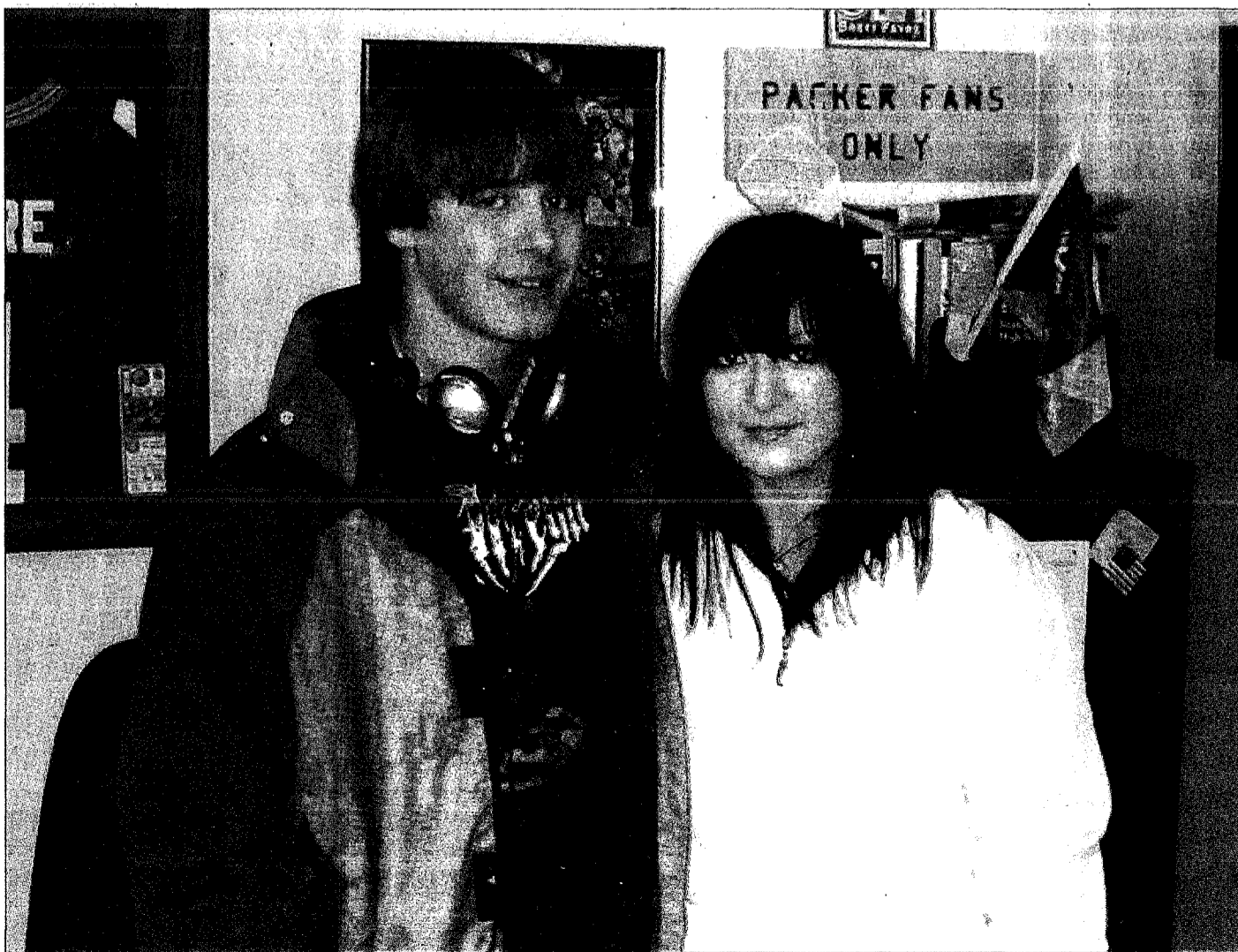
Education, when done well, can be the log you lay across a river to move an individual from child to adult, from student to professional, from follower to thinker. It is a cornerstone of democracy in our country, but in changing times, it constantly needs to

be maneuvered and improved to arm students with the knowledge and skills to be successful and free.

As Jefferson wrote to George Washington in 1786, "Our liberty can never be safe but in the hands of the people themselves, and that too of the people with a certain degree of instruction."

We hope you enjoy our Focus on Education section as much as we enjoyed writing and furthering our own knowledge of the various programs, trends and institutions happening in learning across northern Michigan.

—Hadley Robinson  
Managing Editor



Nickolas Konsella, 16, and Kaleigh Matley, 17 credit Northside with changing the direction of their lives as the two students take time out during the day to pose for a picture in the principal's office.

## Adults prove they have hunger for learning

By Heidi Berden  
LEADER EDITOR

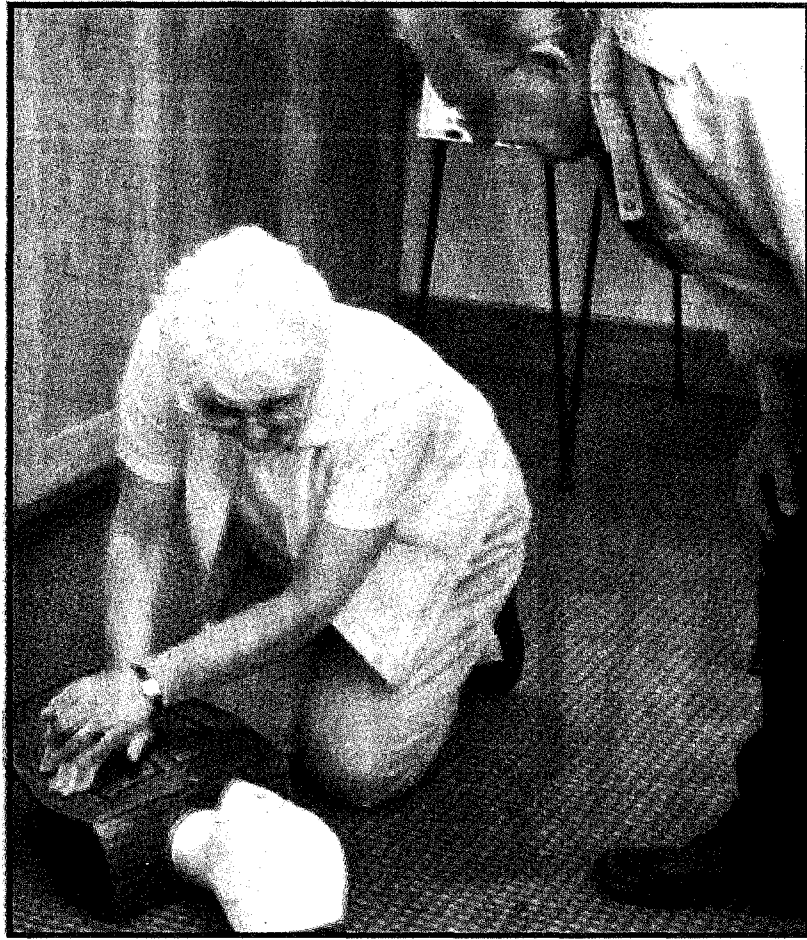
KALKASKA — In an effort to improve the overall economy and raise the quality of life in the region by increasing workforce skills and attracting new businesses to the area, KAL-TEC has brought together trainers from across Northwest Michigan to offer adult education classes in Kalkaska County.

Participants do not need to live within the county borders and scholarships are available.

KAL-TEC adult education classes have made it more convenient for adults to upgrade their skills to get a job or make them more competitive in their current positions.

More than 700 people have enrolled in nearly 1,100 class seats to sharpen their skills, since KAL-TEC was kicked off in April 2006.

Of those people, more than 90 have earned certificates in areas such as certified nurse aide training, skills for success, GED, high school completion, personal finance management, communication skills, CPR, and First Aid.



KAL-TEC students, Harold and Barbara Johne of Fife Lake, participate in a CPR training.

These credentials make these individuals more marketable and bring value to employers throughout the region.

Nettie Mullet of South Boardman is working toward her GED. In June 2007, Nettie's employer, Kalkaska Memorial

Health Center in Kalkaska, helped her to come one step closer to reaching that goal by paying for the GED prep.

"The class was great. I saw where I have to study the most before I take each test," Mullet said. "I have my own

GED study book now so I can study around my work schedule.

"I would encourage people to do it — for the future and for their job opportunities."

Nearly all of KAL-TEC's classes are offered in Kalkaska County, including

Northwest Michigan WORKS!, Kalkaska Public Schools, Forest Area Community Schools, the mobile KAL-TEC school, the Stone House and the Kaliseum.

KAL-TEC offers classes in computer skills, construction trades, starting your own business, book-keeping, job search skills, healthy family living, parenting, teamwork and communication, and many others. This wide variety of courses covers many sectors of employment. The range of course offerings was developed in response to needs identified by area businesses as well as expressed desire of workers and job seekers.

KAL-TEC is celebrating its second year of programming. The organization's future continues to look bright.

"Education doesn't stop after high school," KAL-TEC coordinator, Annie Shetler, said. "Adults are continually proving that there is an obvious pent-up hunger for education in order for someone to move up the ladder at work or get a better job.

"We all know that the

economy in northern Michigan is tough, and jobs are hard to come by and we couldn't be more thrilled that the people in this region understand and embrace the idea that education is a must to help them attain their individual career goals."

Currently, KAL-TEC's winter/spring semester is underway and classes beginning now through June include: Starting a Business in Northern Michigan, Internet Basics, Microsoft Access, Job Application and Search Workshops, Grant Writing, GED Prep, Microsoft Excel and Word, Customer Service, CPR, First Aid, Anger and Stress Management Workshops, Conflict Resolution, Interviewing and Resume/Cover Letter Workshops, Budgeting, Credit & Credit Repair, Bookkeeping for Small Business, and more. Visit KAL-TEC.org to view a full schedule of upcoming classes. Many classes are free and scholarships may be available for those that require a fee.

For more information, visit KAL-TEC online or call 231-258-4314.

## Straight from the farmer's field

By Hadley Robinson  
ACN EDITOR

ELK RAPIDS — Local produce along the side of the highway in northern Michigan is a pretty common sight, but most don't expect to see it on the cardboard trays of a school cafeteria.

Well it's time to start expecting it.

Programs in northern Michigan are taking off that connect local farmers with food service providers at schools.

And supporters say kids can taste the difference. Students at one elementary school in northern Michigan went from eating one bushel of apples a week to eating five when they were from local farmers.

The Michigan Land Use Institute based in Traverse City has a "Farm to Schools" program that several area schools participate in, like Traverse City and Elk Rapids.

But there is much more interest currently than those organizing a conference this week connecting farmers to food service providers had to shut down registration at 330 people, more than the 300 they originally had space for.

"This is a wonderful region for farm to school programming," Diane Conners coordinator of the conference said. "We have everything from apples and cherries and peaches to vegetables and even milk and meat."

Different districts use the local farmers in different capacities.

"It's not one size fits all," Conners said. "You might have a district like Traverse City that has bigger needs, whereas Elk Rapids may be willing and able to work with smaller growers and farmers that can't sell to larger schools because they don't have the volume."

Elk Rapids currently

gets only apples from local farms, whereas the Traverse City schools get much more.

"We're surrounded by apple orchards here," said Elk Rapids Schools food service coordinator Roberto Corona.

He said it's harder to get some of the other fruits because they come out in the summer when schools are closed, but that won't stop him.

"Nowadays they dry the cherries out and I would love to get a hold of them and put them on the salad bar," Corona said.

Corona is just one of many food service coordinators looking to expand the program even further.

"I'm very anxious to see who's coming to this farm to school seminar and how we can link the missing parts," he said.

The Farm to School program in northern Michigan is in its third year and Conners said it is beginning to take off here and all over the U.S.

According to Conners, 10 years ago there were just two known programs like this across the country. When it began here, there were 400 programs and now there is more than 1,000.

But as Corona said, there are still some missing parts, and Conners and others are hoping the seminar this week will help more schools, camps and farmers connect with each other.

"It's sort of reintroducing something," Conners said of the conference. "It's having people get to know each other, learn each other's needs and sometimes starting out small is the way to go."

The farm to schools program and the conference next week are not just about cafeteria food either. Different speakers will talk about ways to fit farmers and food

into schools' curriculum too.

Pepper Bromelmeier, district conservationist in Antrim County, will be speaking about a farmer to community connection program, now eight years old, that has students selling local produce rather than candy as a fund-raiser.

"Kids meet individual farmers and see how they grow, process and market their different crops," Bromelmeier said. "The kids then sell products as a fundraiser. Teachers have incorporated curriculum — they can do math, marketing, social studies and history with this."

Bromelmeier explained the idea for the program came from a survey from Central Lake Schools, where her children are students, asking for feedback on a variety of things, including candy sales.

"Candy sales are not local and are not promoting nutrition," she said. "I work with farmers and it popped into my head that they should be selling local farmers' food."

Concord Academy and Central Lake were the first schools to participate, but Ellsworth, Bellaire and others

throughout the state and country have hopped on board behind this idea.

"The parents love the fact these kids are going to the farms and selling stuff they use anyway," Bromelmeier said.

Students sell local honey, milk, ground beef, bison burgers, dried cherries, apple cider and more from the surrounding area.

Besides school food service providers and school board members, the Land Use Institute has also notified camps about the seminar.

Amanda Macaluso, with Hayo-Went-Ha Camps in Traverse City and Central Lake has a team of staff going to the conference to see what they can come up with locally in the coming summer.

"They can learn about what's available in this area in regards to local produce," Macaluso said. "I think more and more we need to be supporting our local communities and this is a good start."

Many others are jumping on the local foods bandwagon as evidenced by the tremendous number of registrants at the farm to schools event.

Why the interest? "It's important that

we keep our farms in business," Bromelmeier said. "If we don't have our farms, it's all going to be condos. It's also healthier for you because it's fresher and environmentally, you aren't using gas to move food all over the place."

Corona said that students often know or are related to the farmers that are providing for the schools.

"The advantage is it's a fresh product, but it's a matter of pride too," he said.

And with one of the largest meat recalls in history in our very recent past, many are concerned with safety too.

"If you know your farmer, you know your food and can be more assured of your safety," Bromelmeier added.

Conners mentioned that more business might grow out of this industry if it continues to grow, which helps the economy. She said one of the main complaints has been that it's difficult to distribute from the farms to the schools, but out of that hole a business centered around local foods has started up, Cherry Capital Foods.

"Creating more local markets for more local farmers is going to create



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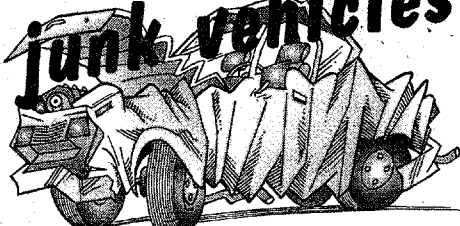
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# Secretaries:

## More than just answering phones

By **JEFFRAY N. KESSLER**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

**ANTRIM COUNTY** — In the world of public education, it is often easy to find controversy and diversity, but one thing parents, educators, administrators and students can agree on is that without elementary school secretaries, the world as we know it would come to a crashing end.

Martie Leitow has been with Concord Academy Antrim for seven years, and has five kids of her own. "I love the kids and this job." She said. "I am kid-friendly. I like hugs and the joy of being with the kids. I look forward to coming to work. It's a wonderful environment. Our staff is helpful. We have a nice working relationship, and I have a wonderful boss. Sometimes I am like a second mom to the kids. They can be happy or sad, and often just chatter away with their troubles. I listen."

Concord Social Studies teacher Mr. Bono declared, "If a school were a body, she would be the brain that controls everything."

Music teacher Mrs. Elssesser said, "She is the glue that holds us together. She does all kinds of things. She is the detail person we all need."

Principal Kathy Shanski added, "She's more than a secretary. She is our attendance officer and receptionist. She makes our kids feel welcome, keeps us legal and organized."

Fourth Grade Mancelona teacher Mr. Elder explained the secretary role.

"She is our unsung hero. It is difficult to think of what she doesn't do. She administers first aid, covers classes in a pinch, troubleshoots the copy machine, is an Odyssey of the Mind coach, is a communication liaison for parents and staff, han-



Jan Levanway at the helm for Central Lake Elementary School.

dling a plethora of questions, she has made herself an expert on the computer, handles records and provides state reports."

Principal Trent Naumcheff added, "Without quality secretaries, all of our staff wouldn't be able to do their jobs. Secretary is the least of her jobs. She is a nurse and counselor. She is our first line of defense, and is underpaid and under appreciated."

It is Kelly Wright they compliment. She has been the elementary secretary for three years, having replaced a secretarial legend, Brenda Lockman who served the district for 31 years.

"I love being with the kids," she said. "I get my hugs every day from my special friends. That's why we are all here."

Wright started working for the district as a volunteer to be close to her kids and be on the same schedule with them. She has flourished in her secretarial role.

"This is a family environment here," she said. "The staff has been very supportive, especially when I was new to the job. Now we all try to be sure that all kids get what they need. Sometimes my worry for them keeps me awake at night. Some have health and family issues."

In Bellaire, over a

span of 10 minutes, an observer in elementary secretary Barb Castle's office would have seen her receive advertising information from a local newspaper (while talking on the phone). They would have also watched her comfort a student with a "hurt ear" by applying a frozen sponge, supply a belt and fabricate it to hold up a pair of snow pants, take two more phone calls from parents, supply three students with gloves and hats on their way out for recess, call a parent whose son came in because he had forgotten his lunch, and handle a delinquent attendance slip issue for a staff member.

She took a breath



In Bellaire, Elementary School Secretary Barb Castle's duties include student equipment repairs.

and summarized her job.

"I love the smiling faces of the kids, and want them to feel comfortable coming to me," Castle said. "All the parts of my job are important, but probably tops is as a nurse (even though I'm not a nurse). When kids aren't feeling well, they become my top priority."

She continued, "The biggest challenge is the state is changing laws and implementing them all the time. Also, over my 15 years, there have been big changes in discipline. We are all having to do more, because children have trouble staying on task. The community needs

to know that our whole staff is multi-tasking all the time."

A retired janitor said of Castle, "It seems like you never have a bad day."

His admiration is echoed by the staff who honored her as the Bellaire recipient for its "Outstanding Person in Education" award.

"I'm very touched and pleased by this honor," she said, "But it touches me just as much to hear that little girl say, 'Oh yea, you're the lady who takes care of the bloody noses.'"

Before taking over the reins as elementary secretary in Central Lake, Jan Lavanway

had worked as an Awana leader, Cub Scout leader, soccer coach and cafeteria substitute.

"I like working with the little kids," she said. "It's just like I have 172 grandkids. They might need help or a hug. A little peppermint candy can cure a sore stomach while one of my famous ice packs can cure a bump."

She summarized her feelings for the job.

"I have had many office jobs, but here, well on my birthday I received 162 handmade birthday cards."

"The staff here is easy to work with, especially in these times of money stresses and

cutbacks. They are very considerate of my job. I have had some surprises as I learn the world of parent-child-school relationships."

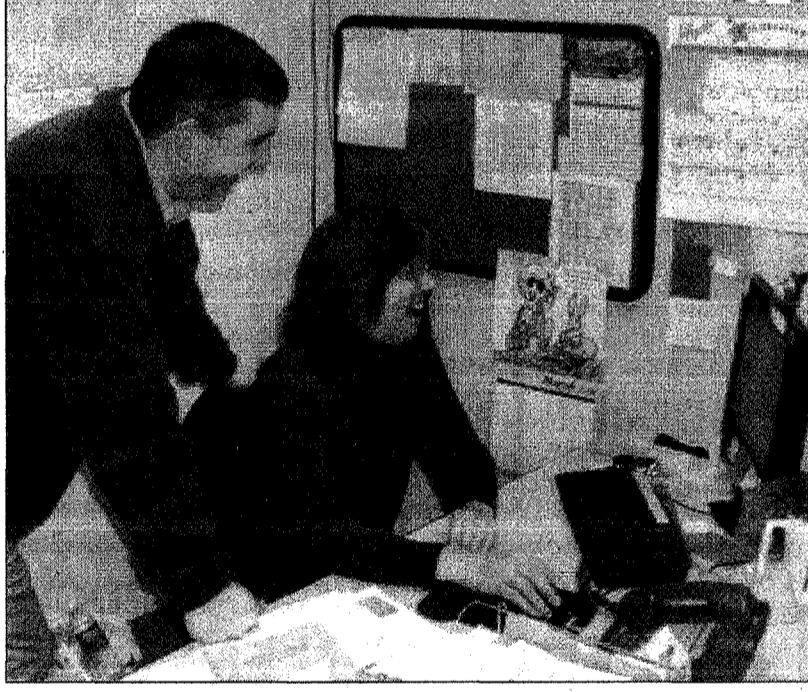
Principal Todd Derenzy described Lavanway, "She is the glue that holds the school together. Without her, the building falls apart."

Parent and PTO Vice President concurred, "Miss Jan is wonderful. There are not many things that she's not involved in. She knows exactly where to get things. Kids love her."

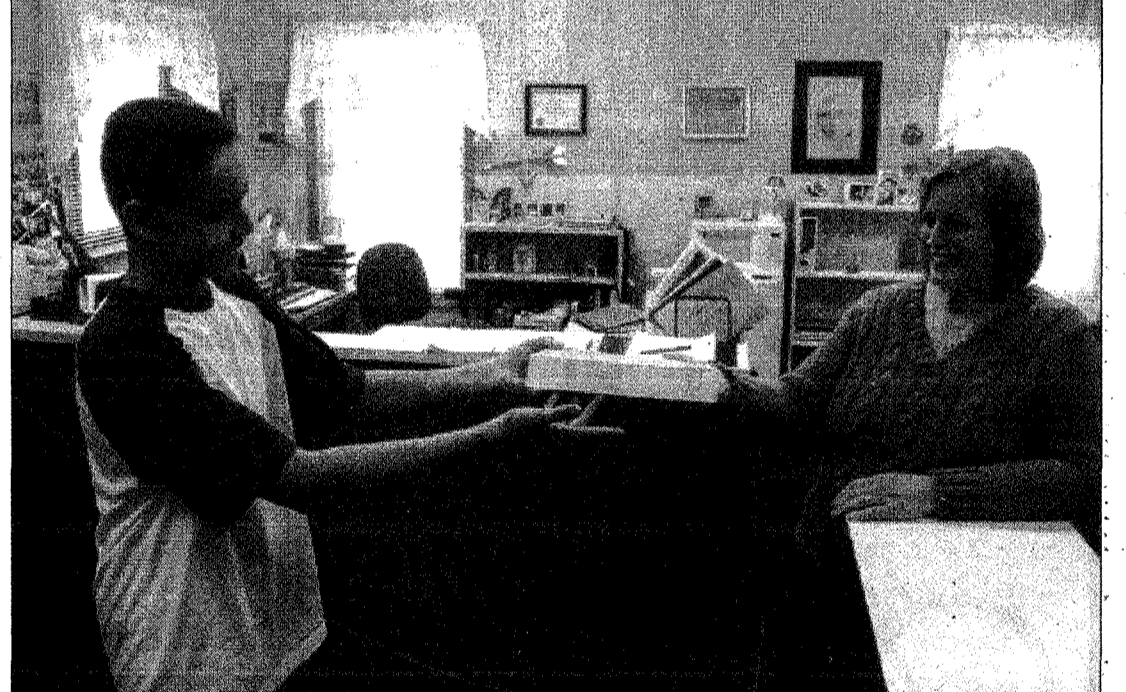
Second-grade teacher Mrs. Barry added, "She is reliable, consistent and dependable. She has taken to her new job very well, and never hesitates to respond when she is needed."

The glue. The nurse. The communicator. The computer and copier repair person. The grandmother. The counselor. The brain. The schedulers. The reporters. The elementary school secretary has become the cornerstone of any good school district, but in humility would say that in truth, they are in their job because they are a lover of hugs. Might you have one to share?

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Among her other duties, Mancelona Elementary School Secretary Kelly Wright knows how important it is to laugh at Principal Trent Naumcheff's jokes.



Martie Leitow hands out supplies to 7th grader Breg Shettler from her office at the Concord Academy.

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# Alternative school fosters a family atmosphere

By JEFF BERGREN  
CITIZEN-JOURNAL EDITOR

**KALKASKA** — When Brian Harbour became principal at the Northside Educational Center in Kalkaska on September 1988, the alternative education program had a total of 10 students. That number has ballooned up to 100 kids in grades nine through 12 as the school now services the Kalkaska, Mancelona and Forest areas.

According to Harbour, he was asked to start the program after the town started to lay off teachers and had a reduction in state aid. There was also a need for an alternative education program in the community at the same time.

"The majority of our kids come from broken homes. The parents are no longer together and have gone their own way to support themselves. Generally some of our kids go by the wayside," Harbour said. "They are left home to make their own decisions which turn out to be not very good. A lot of our students are in trouble with the law."

While some misconceptions have grown on the outside, Harbour thinks the community would be surprised with how talented his students are.

"It would amaze you

what these kids can do. The biggest misconception is that we allow these kids to run wild, you get community people that have no idea," Harbour commented. "These are some talented kids."

Northside usually graduates 17 students out of 30 in the senior class but the time it takes to get their diploma is around five to six years. Harbour said most students don't go on to college but attend trade schools to pursue careers such as electricians or auto mechanics.

The age cut off to accept kids is 20 unless they are in a special education program but Northside will make exceptions with students that show the willingness to work hard.

The students at Northside have embraced the atmosphere and some credit the school for changing their lives.

"I was home schooled for awhile and that didn't work out so I came here and this place pretty much saved me," Kaleigh Matley, 17 said.

Matley also credits the teachers and how their special attention and understanding has helped the student's blossom by taking each kids needs in a different way. Matley went on to say the school's family atmosphere is what has the kids excited to come to class.

"It's more like a family, kids love coming here, they look at it as their second home and feel comfortable," Matley added. "Everybody knows everybody and they want to come to school."

One of the biggest issues for Northside is the attendance rate. When the students arrive at Northside, they have typically struggled getting to class and most are failing. Northside is the last resort for the students and Harbour sets guidelines and a structure that forces his kids to keep their grades up.

"We have student progress reports we print every other week, we meet with the kids constantly giving them feedback," Harbour added. "They are in trouble, you and I would be in trouble too if we didn't have any direction at home and made all of our decisions at 15."

One of the biggest tools the teachers take advantage of is Nova Net, a computer-based program that covers nearly every instructional content area. The online curriculum was adopted in 2003

and offers students individualized educational programs that assesses student learning to pinpoint areas that may need more attention. Most importantly, all programs are self-paced. It includes science, math, social studies, and language arts along with reading and physical education. There are even elective courses like art, furniture restoration, child development and creative writing to name a few.

The program allows kids to recover school credits and each student's progress is monitored by the staff at Northside. Nova Net also provides a GED curriculum. This year another online tool called Plato was instituted and like Nova Net it is a self-paced program that provides narrative instruction and colorful animation of their courses.

Helen Crawford has taught math and English at Northside the past 13 years and feels there is a lot of confusion out there about the school and its curriculum.

"The curriculum is matched with the guide in high school. We participate in professional learning

communities and we are trying to align the common assessments coming down from the state," Crawford said. "We follow the same curriculum guide that is handed out. We are accredited and highly qualified."

The entire staff is certified from the teachers, counselors, teachings assistants and administrators. All teachers meet the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements. Recent legislation has also affected Northside and Harbour doesn't think the requirements have been fair to his school.

"We have a hard time. Every year we are required to make annual yearly progress. You start out with a base set of scores, for instance in our program we have a score of 50 percent to use as a hypothetical," Harbour explained. "The next year that they test us they expect to see an increase to the mid fifties or sixties."

Harbour said the 50 percent that passes the Michigan Merit Exam or the ACT prompts the legislation to see more progress. The problem is that alternative schools will have a whole new

group of students the following year.

"We have so many kids with so many problems, before we can get these guys motivated in the classroom we have to correct the problems they have at home," Harbour said. "We come back and we might score 50 or less and then the state will send me and the superintendent a letter saying we are not doing our job. We don't have the same group of kids. That throws the scale off."

Harbour explained that most of the students suffer from a bad family life such as fighting or alcohol abuse and the school has the added responsibility of bringing in mental health professionals and counselors to talk with the kids.

Nickolas Konsella, 16, was in public school last year and battled drug addiction. He said Northside has changed his life.

"Last year I used to be into drugs real bad, I came here and it is a lot better. It was easier to get drugs last year

and I got into a lot of trouble," Konsella commented. "They are very supportive here and help you anytime you want. I moved out of my parent's house as soon as I turned 16, things weren't going well. My friends helped me out and got me a job."

Konsella lives with friends now and is very proud of Northside. He doesn't like outsiders looking down on the school but said it doesn't matter because of the family atmosphere among the students.

His goals after school were pretty

simple. "I want to stay at my job and eventually get a house and live happily ever after."

In addition, Northside provides programs for children age's three to five called Headstart along with a daycare service for teen mothers. There is also a Teen Health Corner which is a school-linked health center for students ages 10 to 21. They offer the same types of services as a family practice.

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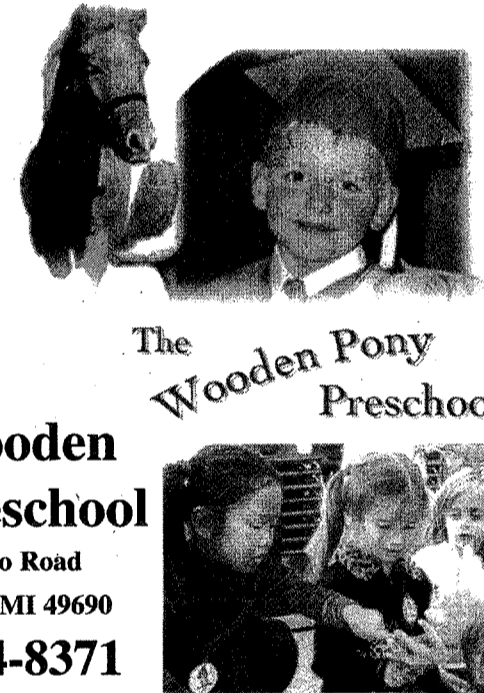
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# Bright days in academy's forecast

By MEGAN TAYLOR  
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**ELK RAPIDS** — Sunrise Academy's alternative education program hatched in a classroom portable building behind Cherryland Middle School in 2003.

It continued to grow there for three years, gaining more students and needs along the way. But it was encumbered by its lack of space, officials said.

Now located in a former Head Start building off US-31 in Elk Rapids, Sunrise seems to have shaken off its proverbial shell, obtaining more room and possibilities.

Prior to the program's inception, district officials had noted the number of students leaving the Elk Rapids High School every year and said it was time to research a solution, Kathy Breece, lead teacher at Sunrise Academy, said.

"I'm really glad the administration had the confidence in us to let us do our own thing," Breece added. "I love that. I love the autonomy."

Sunrise Principal Jim Standerfer described the academy.

"It's a very unique program catered to students having a difficult time learning in a traditional high school environment," Standerfer said.

Standerfer has served as principal of Sunrise for one year. Elk Rapids High School Principal Steve Gallagher previously oversaw the academy and said the move to the former Head Start building had been a real benefit to the program.

"There was a greater need for students than we had space for," Gallagher said of the portable. "The bigger building has just worked so much better. We've really been able to address the educational needs of a lot more kids with the move out south of town."

The academy currently houses 27 students in ninth through 12th grades, and Breece said its main purpose is credit recovery.

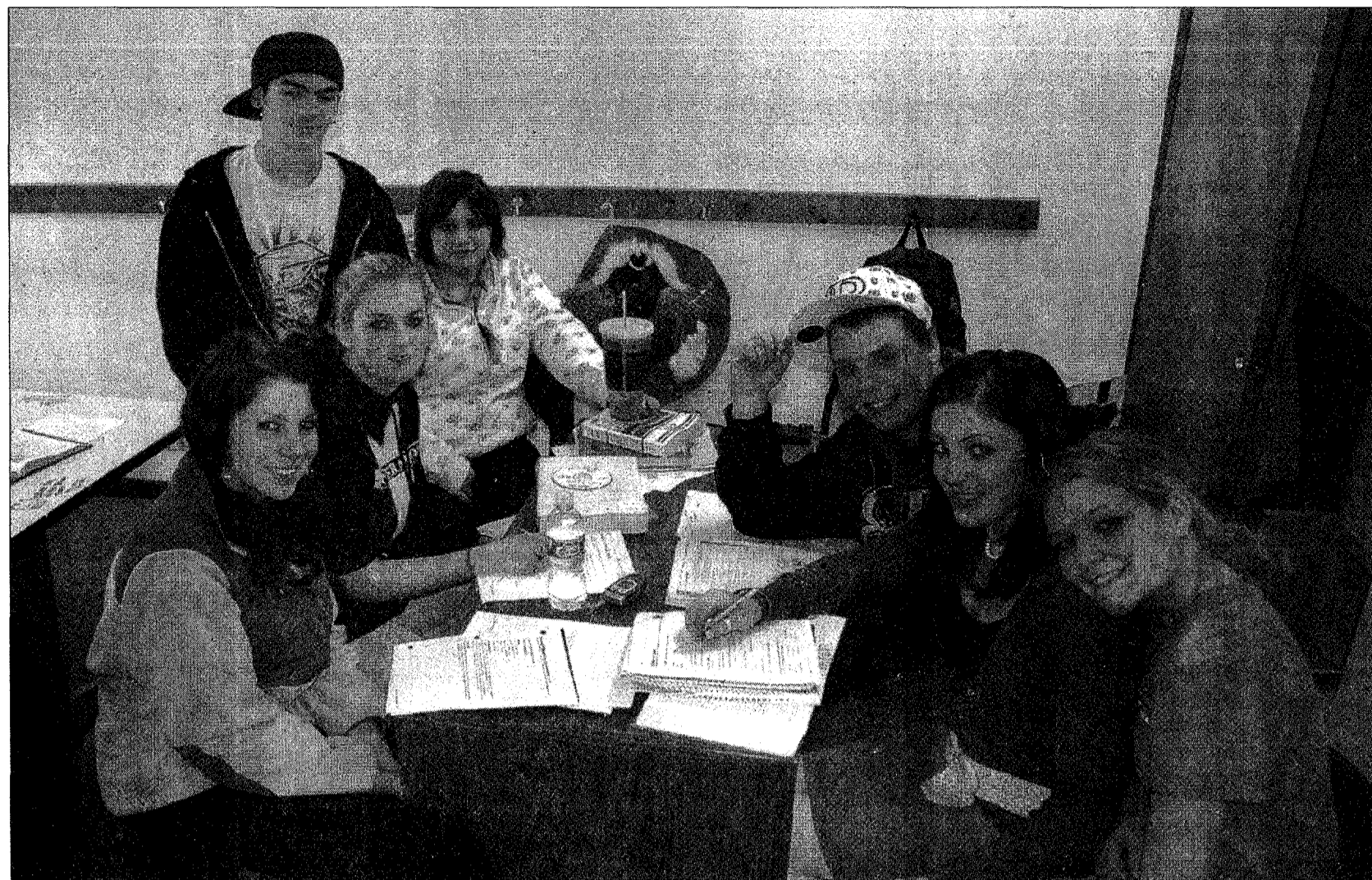
"We have close to a 70 percent success rate of kids either finishing the program, returning to the high school or getting their GED on their own," Breece said.

Students enrolled in the academy understand that they are there by choice, said Lugh Dixon, instructional aide and co-teacher at Sunrise. The concept of attending by choice verses by requirement should be reflected in students' attitudes about their studies, he added.

"These kids are held to a standard for attendance," Breece said. "They understand that they have to make progress."

Standerfer explained that, in order to document and monitor their attendance, students are provided with a time card which they use to punch in for the day and out for lunch.

Some students in the academy simply have a harder time learning at the high school while others have been required to leave that set-



Elk Rapids Sunrise Academy students take a break from their studies on Feb. 29 for a picture. On the left side of the table, from front to back: Jamie, Kevyn, Emily and Matt. On the right side of the table, from front to back: Kaylee, Patty and Zach.

Photo by Megan Taylor

ting, Breece said.

But the academy's motto is "A new day, a new beginning."

One student said he attended the academy because after moving to the area from downstate, he didn't know anyone at the high school.

"I came here because I knew someone going here and so I could graduate on time," he said.

Another student explained that the academy offered him a second chance after he was required to leave Elk Rapids High School.

"I didn't do anything illegal to get kicked out," the student, 19, explained. "I just wasn't doing the work."

Students identified with the tendency for people to have misconceptions about alternative high schoolers. In a round table discussion, some described who they are not.

"We're not druggies or lazy or don't want to do our work," one said.

"We have no cliques here," said another.

One student said she wished some people would change their perceptions of alternative schools, citing the misconception that students who attend are only those in need of remedial intervention. In fact, alternative schools house many kinds of students, she said.

Collectively they agreed that the students and teachers of Sunrise are more like a big family.

Students also shared how they appreciate that at Sunrise they are able to work on whatever they choose — mostly whenever they choose — and to set their own pace. The program also allows students to advance that pace if they choose to do so, Breece said.

"It's easier for me here because I can work at my own pace and have more one-on-one time with my teachers," student Kevyn McPherson said.

Flexibility is a key component of alternative schools, but keeping students on task is part of what Breece and Dixon do, she said. Sunrise is like a traditional

high school in that it has the same general education class requirements and students must take the Michigan Merit Exam, but it differs in the method of instruction she said. Also, classes are typically shorter.

Breece and Dixon don't just serve as supervising eyes; both are trained and qualified professionals. Breece taught special education at Elk Rapids High School for three years, and is qualified to teach general education

courses, and Dixon is a former principal of Kingsley Middle School. Dixon teaches things like math and a small engine class elective at the academy. The small engine class is assisted by local Larry Hassett, and actually began back at the tiny portable building. Dixon said having more space for the class has helped.

Other electives include a culinary "baking" class, shop and lapidary shop class. The lapidary shop class got

a boost in funding from the estate of the late Sam Pfeiffer Sr. Students work at polishing stones and designing jewelry as entrepreneurs for their own company called Sunrise Crafters. They have real buyers from local businesses. There are also independent study classes in music, cosmetology and art.

"We can shape their electives," Breece said. "They're not locked into what's available in their schedule at a particular hour."

Breece said the district's switch to a trimester schedule has helped provide more electives and options for students interested in commuting to TBA Career Tech Center in Traverse City. She added that she facilitated 42 different elective classes last year.

Outside of the classroom, students also do independent work study with local business owners or "job coaches." They continue to construct a boardwalk walking path

in Milton Township (approximately 500 feet completed to date), and work at Boyne Mountain's Challenge Mountain. Students act as volunteers at Challenge Mountain, helping to run ski lifts and transport participants via snowmobile. Recently, they assisted about 75 visually impaired participants in learning to ski and snow board.

For the students, it is an opportunity to give back.

"We instill in the kids that doing for others is

a good thing," Breece said, identifying it as "service learning."

Students are also currently communicating with the Elk Rapids Rotary Club and Village Manager Bob Peterson to encourage basketball court improvements in Veterans Memorial Park. Fencing and lighting are things students are working to add.

"We want the community to support basketball court improvements," — student Samantha Harris said. "There are kids out there at 12 a.m. with their headlights on, because there's not enough lighting."

Breece said she is pleased about students having the chance to impact their communities, and that for her teaching at Sunrise has always been about helping students.

"I'd just like to praise Kathy," Standerfer said. "She does more than teach. She's like a personal counselor to some of those kids."

Breece said her parents were also teachers.

"You see a need and you just work a way to fill that need," Breece said about her part in developing Sunrise. "There were these transient students we wanted to help."

Today, 27 students have earned diplomas through Sunrise Academy's alternative education program.

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# Homeschooling's not "old school"

By HEIDI BERDEN  
THE LEADER EDITOR

**KALKASKA** — Chris Evans of Bellaire homeschools her twin, 5-year-old daughters, Erin and Dahlia. Her reasons, like many other parents who homeschool, include: creativity, freedom, one-on-one (or in Evans' case one-on-two) attention and time for imaginative play.

"We also get to be together as a family," Evans said. "As a former early childhood teacher, I think that imaginative, uninterrupted, child-directed play is one of the most important learning opportunities we can give our children.

"The current public school curriculum doesn't allow as much time for this as I think children need, since one-on-one instruction is more efficient from the learner's point of view — and because we don't spend time traveling to and from school, my children have more time to play."

Evans said she was considering homeschooling but couldn't find any groups in the Bellaire, Central Lake or Mancelona area. So, she created one.

Evans put up flyers, put a notice in local newspapers and talked to everyone she knew about a homeschooling networking meeting.

Thirteen people responded and nine showed up at the group's first meeting last October. The new group, the core of which began as a playgroup more than a year ago, is called Blue Sky Homeschoolers.

They are open to secular and religious families.

Participants range in age from 2 to 14 and come from about a dozen families. The playgroup continues and welcomes infants through children age 8.

"I prefer to spare the earth the carbon emissions it takes to drive to Traverse City or Gaylord or somewhere else with an established homeschooling group," Evans said. "Also, our family is not religious and many of the groups I found require that you sign a statement of faith to join, so we couldn't have joined anyway."

The Blue Sky Homeschoolers talked about their individual backgrounds to discover what they could do to help each other and their children.

"Everyone seemed to be looking for community to provide a social network for our children and to have other adults to share our teaching experiences with," Evans said. "We brainstormed about the types of pro-

grams we might do." Seasonal celebrations emerged as one area of interest. So, last November, they made lanterns and had a lantern walk. They gathered at dusk for songs, a story and a walk in the woods by lantern light.

"We had a sledding day in February, so the kids would have another chance to start to get to know each other and the adults could plan the spring programs," Evans said. "We have a Waldorf-inspired playgroup that meets weekly, during which we have circle time consisting of songs, verse, finger plays, ring games, a puppet show, craft or other activities and free play."

Evans likes the freedom homeschool allows. "I get to teach what they want to learn," she said. I get to teach creatively and keep my kids' sense of wonder alive."

Evans said her daughter, Dahlia, saw a dinosaur book at the doctor's office and began an evolution of her own.

"We have spent months learning things based on what began as Dahlia's interest," Evans said. "This led us to the libraries to check out many dinosaur books. Then, Dahlia announced she was going to make her own dinosaur book. Erin soon gained enthusiasm for the subject as well. "My children have had ample opportunity to practice writing, drawing, and reading skills while making dinosaur books and having the books read to them."

Evans said she has been inspired by reading Rebecca Wild's book, *Raising Curious, Confident, Creative Kids*. It is about an alternative school with a mixed-age class.

The children in the class choose what they will do from an array of hands-on materials and the teachers act as facilitators.

"Our spring programs are an attempt to find activities that appeal to a wide range of ages," she said about the Blue Sky group. "We're looking for hands-on learning experiences, as well as a chance for social interaction."

The group visited Rubingh's Dairyland in Ellsworth last Friday. They were able to witness milking and visit some calves.

"We are a new group and still getting to know each other and discovering what we want to do together to meet our common needs," she said. "The direction we take depends on the interests of those involved. We're hoping to expand our programs for next



Photo by Chris Evans

**Homeschool students from the newly-formed Blue Sky Homeschooler group toured Rubingh's Dairyland last Friday.**



**Verity Buchanan, age 7 of Central Lake bottle feeding calf at Rubingh's Dairyland.**

fall."

Homeschoolers also have the benefit of learning as the course of living.

"Some things that would seem amazing perks in a school setting, such as having a garden, woods, and pond to do hands on science work and learning in, or having a kitchen to exercise practical math, reading, and basic chemistry skills in are just a matter of course in our lives," Evans said.

"They are learning about money because they want to save enough to buy a dinosaur book they saw at the bookstore. Through their interest in dinosaurs, they are learning about science, expanding their vocabulary, gaining an understanding of fiction and non-fiction, exercising their budding logical thought processes and language skills."

Evans said her children have the luxury of sticking with an activity or subject of as long as they are interested. "I'm also able to not push them when I think it's in their best interest," Evans said. "For example, last summer

Dahlia seemed to be more interested in copying letters than Erin; this winter it is the opposite.

"So, when we write thank you notes or birthday cards, I don't give Dahlia as much to write as Erin and feel good about that. I don't think forcing her to do it now will be of any help to her in the long run, and in fact it may be detrimental."

Evans said she is the type of homeschool parent who is looking at her children's interests to find direction for their learning.

"We have the freedom to do this individualization, which helps make their work meaningful for them," she said.

Evans admitted that there are some challenges to homeschool.

"Sometimes, I am lonely and wish my family and I were part of a larger community trying to educate our children based on similar philosophies," she said. "I miss that part of being a teacher in a Waldorf School."

Evans said Waldorf education integrates thinking, feeling and doing work. Thus, in grade school concepts are introduced through story and other artistic activities. And practical hands on work such as gardening and sewing are part of the curriculum.

"But that's why I started Blue Sky Homeschoolers," she said. "Although the families in the group have many different approaches to homeschooling, we also have some common ground."

Another Blue Sky Homeschooler parent, Ruth Lenz, of Mancelona, said, "There

are more benefits than challenges otherwise we wouldn't be doing it.

"You can study in your PJs on the couch, eating snacks."

Lenz homeschools her daughter, Rachel, 14, said.

"Rachel appreciates being able to focus on her areas of interest. She also appreciates being able to not have to follow a strict schedule as long as she gets her work done."

Evans said it is challenging to "form" the days.

"There is so much we want to do and we can't do it all," she said. "I'm continuously fine-tuning the structure of our days and expect I'll never stop."

She also said she misses approval and feedback.

"There's no one telling me I'm doing a good job," she said. "I need to be able to evaluate myself and build a supportive network."

"All the decisions are up to me about what and how I teach my children and I want to make the best decisions possible," she said. "In some ways, it would be easier to do what someone says, than to keep creating things from scratch, but that isn't as satisfying for me, nor do I think it produces results that are as good."

Evans said that homeschooling is a lot of work and learning comes at unconventional times, but the benefits make it more than worth it.

"We had an introduction to cursive writing tonight at 6 p.m.," she said. "Even though dinner was an hour late and I was in the middle of a million things — their

interest was sparked by the 'scribbly writing' on the bags their dance costumes came in.

"I don't think kindergartners need to learn cursive, nor do I expect my children's interest to continue too much right now, but they do understand something more about writing and decoding, and the world we live in and that's all important."

Chris Dijkstra, of Central Lake, is both mother and teacher of Anna, 8, Mathijs, 6, and Thomas, 4. She is a member of the Blue Sky Homeschoolers.

"The number one benefit for me has been really getting to know my children," Dijkstra said. "Sitting down to teach them and trying to figure out how they learn has shown me a new part of them."

"I hadn't thought about their individual learning processes when they were in school. Anna learns by doing. Mathijs is a sponge. Anna even said I had better order some second grade materials for Mathijs since the first grade stuff isn't hard enough. And Thomas — we don't know yet."

Dijkstra shared a benefit to not having her children be part of a larger classroom.

"You can pick up on your children's strengths and weaknesses sooner since they aren't part of a large group," she said. "For example, I was quick to realize something might be wrong with Anna's eyes, since she was developing an increasing aversion to reading."

"I had it checked out right away, and the eye doctor said he had some questions for her teacher.

I said I was her teacher. He said, 'That makes it easy.'"

Giving homeschool children social opportunities is not a concern for teacher-parents.

Triston Cole, of Mancelona, who was homeschooled himself, and the father of Etta, 5 and Addalynne-May, 3, said, "People always ask how you socialize your kids if you homeschool. It is not an issue, if the parents are doing their job."

"When I was homeschooled my parents socialized me through 4-H and cross-county skiing. I ask people how many

friends they still have from high school and most don't have any. It's more important that you find three or four good friends than that you're in a school full of people."

Homeschoolers also have no problem entering college.

"Getting into college is easy by going to community college and then transferring to a university," Cole said.

Evans said that many homeschoolers take the SAT and ACT, do very well, apply to college are accepted into all sorts of colleges from the Ivy League on down.

One concern expressed by a parent is the one that might stop some from seriously considering homeschooling.

"There are a lot of out-of-pocket expenses, especially as the students get older," Lenz said. "Paying for curricula and achievement tests can be expensive. I wish there was something — possibly a tax break — that would help mitigate these expenses. We get through by being creative — we use the library a lot and buy things on sale."

Many homeschool parents agree that challenges actually are opportunities.

Carol Chupp, of Bellaire, mother and teacher of Adam, 14, Katy, 10 and Lanae, 8, who have been homeschooled during all of their school years, is one of those parents.

"The things that could be called disadvantages can also be seen as opportunities. It is harder to get the housework done if the children are always with you but that can become an advantage as they have an opportunity to become contributors to the family in this area too," Chupp said. "There are also many more choices to make and more work involved if you direct your own child's education but more choices mean more opportunities and more work mean greater rewards."

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The Blue Sky Homeschoolers have the following events scheduled. For more information, contact Chris Evans, either via phone, at 231-533-9163 or 231-409-0198 or e-mail: [pce@solidify.com](mailto:pce@solidify.com).

Friday, April 18, 10 a.m.: Pasta Making

Children will be given a pasta recipe and as much independence as seems to work to read the recipe, calculate how much to make for the number of people who will be eating, measure the ingredients, make the dough, and work together in groups. Using the pasta machines requires working in groups or two (or three). The idea is to involve the children in the whole process, and giving them as much ownership and independence as works out, and a chance to practice reading, math, and social skills in a project with a practical application.

Friday, May 2, noon: Bookbinding: Chad Pastotnik, owner of Deep Wood Press Studio, a 19th century printing shop and book bindery, where he designs, prints, and binds fine books, will lead this program. Children will bind a simple book either using a pamphlet binding (ages 4 and up) or a stab binding (ages 8 and up). Both styles of binding could be replicated at home after learning how to do them. After binding their book, children will write and/or illustrate them.

Friday, June 6, 10 a.m.: Build a Geodesic Dome:

As a group we will build a large geodesic dome out of newspapers; first rolling the papers into tubes, then making the tubes into triangles, then making the triangles into pentagons and hexagons and finally assembling those into a dome in which we can stand up.



Photo by Heidi Berden

**For four years, Kathern and James Hagler of Kalkaska have homeschooled their daughter, Natasha, who makes it very clear that she is 12 and 1/2-years old. Natasha said she wants to go to Pensacola College, a Christian college.**

# Schools, community rally to Finish the Dream

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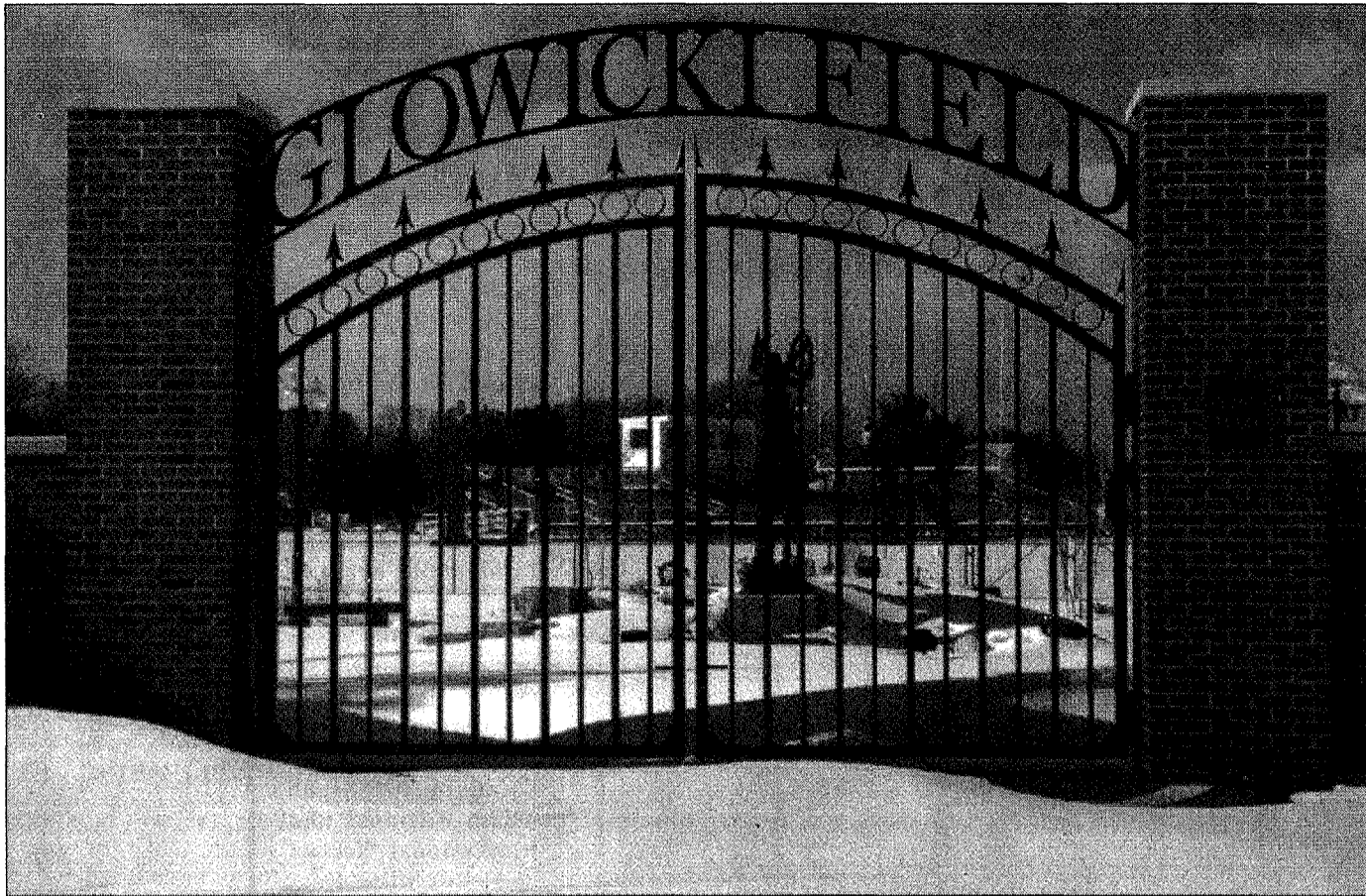
**ELK RAPIDS** — Surveying Elk Rapids' Glowicki Field, where the Elks play their home football games, today it would be hard to imagine how different the scene was five years ago. Elk Rapids Superintendent Jon Hoover described the bleachers at the field as "crumbling" and "unsafe." The only thing resembling a track was a concrete oval bordering the field.

But today fans are greeted at Glowicki Field by a towering elk statue in the middle of a plaza made of bricks dedicated to and by the school's alumni. On their way to new, larger bleachers and a press box, they pass a rubberized track.

"Huge improvements from what he had," Hoover said.

While the change from five years ago is remarkable, it takes a surprising back seat to where the money for the improvements has come from: mainly donations from local businesses at no cost to taxpayers.

Over the past five years, Elk Rapids Public Schools have worked closely with local businesses on "Finish the Dream," a project that has made major improvements to the district's athletic



The "Finish the Dream" project has raised money to fund construction of the alumni plaza at Glowicki Field and the bleachers seen in the background, as well as others.

schools it's been wonderful," Hoover said. "Just tremendous."

But the greatest impact, the schools say, has been on the students. Schindler credits the rise in extracurricular participation with helping students academically.

"They're not mutually exclusive," she said. "They benefit each other. (Athletics) gives them something to be a part of."

Hoover sees it as a message from both the community and the school district to the students.

"I think they have seen this as our community coming together for them," he said. "They know it's not just rhetoric when we say 'We Are E.R.'"

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Photo by Brian Keilen

facilities — and has plans for more.

The project traces its origins to citizen-led efforts in the late 90s. The group Cherryland Youth raised money to redo the soccer field and add bleachers around it. The school district picked up the effort from there, hoping to make improvements in other areas.

"Our goal is to offer the other athletic teams the same quality," Elk Rapids Alumni and Marketing Director Amy Schindler said.

The new portion of

the project got off the ground in the spring of 2003 with a bond for the new football field and track. The school uses various fund-raisers to make the payments on that bond, including selling personalized bricks in the alumni plaza, the upcoming We Are E.R. dinner and auction, and a golf outing during homecoming.

But both Hoover and Schindler agree that one of the best sources of funding for the project has been local businesses.

"It's good when a community thinks it

can take pride in its school," Hoover said. "Anytime you create a symbiotic relationship, the other is seen as the best advocate."

The donations and sponsorships are huge for the school, Schindler said. They have helped pay for the current improvements and plan for more. "Finishing the Dream" also includes putting up permanent lights around the football field, something that will eventually save the district money. Currently, a portable lighting system is used at home

football games. This system costs around \$13,000 a year to operate, Schindler said.

"It's not fiscally ideal," she said. "We would rather use the money for something else."

In addition to permanent lights, the district is currently exploring the cost of constructing 6 to 8 tennis courts. Also on the wish list are visitor's bleachers at the football field, a press box at the soccer field, and some kind of team room or restroom at the football field.

But even though the

Dream hasn't been finished, the district is already seeing the results of the changes. Participation in football and track has gone

up and home football games saw an average attendance of 1,500 during the 2007 season.

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# Girls program is affordable, effective

By MEGAN TAYLOR  
TOWN MEETING  
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ELK RAPIDS — Jami Gray, Health Instructor at Cherryland Middle School in Elk Rapids, wants other districts to know how easy it is to instill an effective wellness program for girls in their schools.

Gray serves as the faculty advisor to a group of sixth grade girls participating in The Elk Rapids Full of Ourselves Girls Club, which meets for eight after-school sessions a year. The middle school adopted the program in the winter of 2007.

Girls who participated last year act as peer leaders to the new group, and also occasionally lead sessions with elementary school girls. Gray utilizes the program guide "Full of Ourselves: A Wellness Program to Advance Girl Power, Health and Leadership," by Catherine Steiner-Adair and Lisa Sjostrom.

The initiative began at the Harvard Eating Disorders Center in 1997 and was originally intended to address the epidemic of adolescent eating disorders and what the authors identify as "disordered eating." Disordered eating is said to contribute to obesity among adolescent girls.

Gray said the program does so much more.

"It's about raising self esteem for girls and teaching them to be better socially," Gray said. "It helps them deal with peer pressure in a positive way."

The program targets pre-teen girls at a difficult time in their development and, through activities, helps them tackle topics like friends, boys and popularity.

Program participant Jordan Baryg acknowledged that girls change in many ways when they transition into middle school,

and that not all of those changes are necessarily good.

"One year girls will be wearing shirts up to here," Baryg said, gesturing to her collar bone, "then the next year at school they're wearing really low cut shirts. They change."

The girls expressed how the program had helped them deal with girls who are full of themselves in a negative way. One girl said she now found herself sticking up for other girls getting picked on by classmates, when she might have not befriended them before.

"When I'm around the girls that think they're all that in a bad way, I'm more aware," participant Rachel Hintz agreed.

The program has allowed the nine girls to form a tight bond, participant Elena Hubbell said. Hubbell explained how she initially had concerns about joining the club because she was the only student in the group who had previously attended Mill Creek Elementary School. In the end, it hadn't mattered because of the bond, she said.

"It taught us all how to be friends with people we were never friends with before," participant Kayla Kassel added.

Gray said she was glad to hear the girls reflecting on the program in such a positive way.

"It's good for the girls," Gray said. "It empowers them and has them look beyond all of the middle school drama."

The club name Full of Ourselves has potential to raise some eyebrows, but the authors explain how the name — often having a negative connotation — can communicate a positive message.

It means living powerfully, healthfully and as a girl leader, the authors write. It means making a positive difference in the world in a personal unique way — without stepping on others. Full of yourself,



The Elk Rapids Full of Ourselves Girls Club is comprised of sixth graders Elena Hubbell, Sabeth Dalbo, Brittany Schaub, Jordan Baryg, Claire Durling, Kayla Kassel, Holly Koenig, Rachel Hintz and Amber Methner (not pictured).

Photo by Megan Taylor

it continues, means having a "strong sense of who you are" in order to be a genuine friend, girlfriend, family member and citizen.

Participant Rachel Hintz explained what happens at group meetings.

"We talk about stuff we don't want to (get involved with) as teenage girls," Hintz said.

Prevention is a major component to the program, as well as emphasis on making smart choices for body and mind Gray said.

"It helps you get to know yourself better," participant Holly Koenig said. "We talk about feelings. I know that might sound cheesy, but it helps."

One assignment required the girls to free write, defining who they are and who they want to become. Journaling, interviews with other females and group work helped to build self-confidence, Gray said. The girls even had a visit from a Mary Kay representative who volunteered

to do demonstrations about proper skin care, she added. Girls also visited the Dove soap-sponsored Web site [www.campaignforrealbeauty.com](http://www.campaignforrealbeauty.com) and got helpful information.

Participant Brittany Schaub said she liked a unit called "Fat Myths," which discussed the negative stigma attached to obese people by society. Schaub said she learned about not making snap judgments.

Koenig said the program has helped her with stress management.

"I used to yell at my mom and now I don't do that as much anymore," Koenig said.

She continued to explain that she was more understanding because the program caused her to stop and think.

After the eight sessions with Gray, interested participants were encouraged to attend "University of Life: Leadership Training in Action," a girls' weekend taking place at Grand Valley State University in June. The weekend is sponsored by Michigan Youth Business and Professional Women and aims to address topics ranging from values to practical etiquette.

Gray shared her hopes for this year's group of girls as they move on to seventh grade and to life.

"My hope is that now they can deal with the pressures of being adolescent girls in a more positive way," Gray said.

She said she would highly recommend the program to other schools.

"It's cheap; it's easy; it's effective and helps girls," Gray said.

She continued to explain how as little as \$25 and 45 minutes a week has a big pay off in the lives of middle school girls.

"All you need is someone to step up and give their time," Gray said.

Information about the Full of Ourselves Wellness Program is available at Web site [www.mclean.harvard.edu/education/youth](http://www.mclean.harvard.edu/education/youth)

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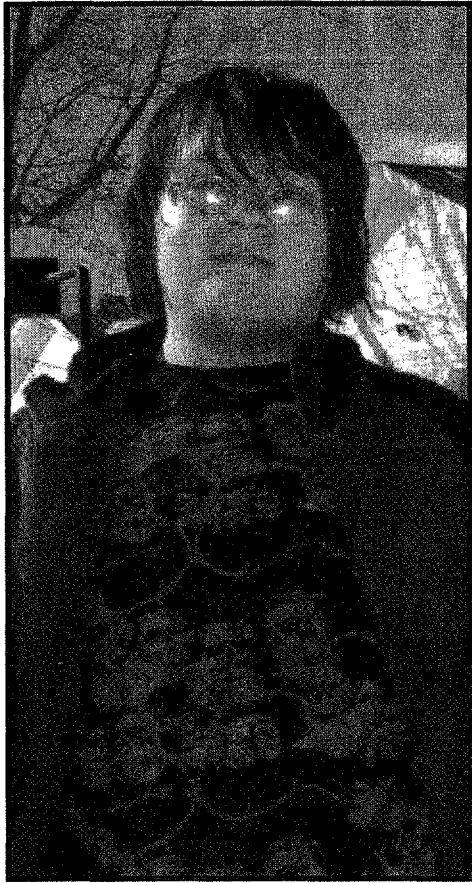
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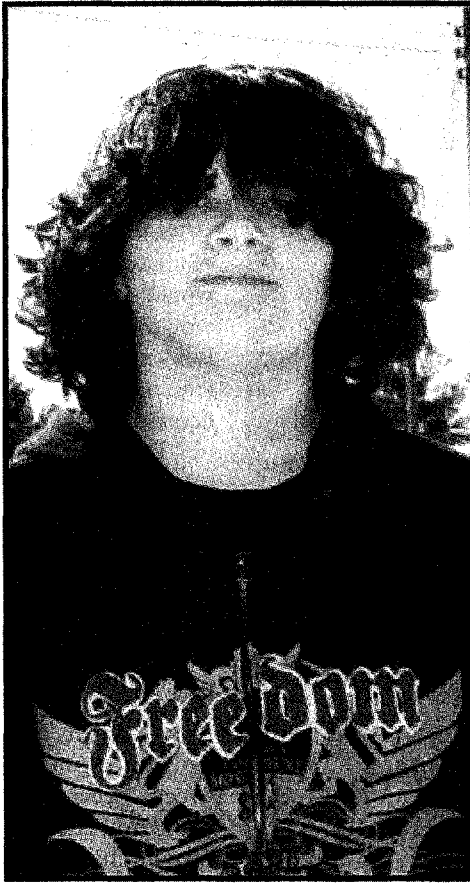
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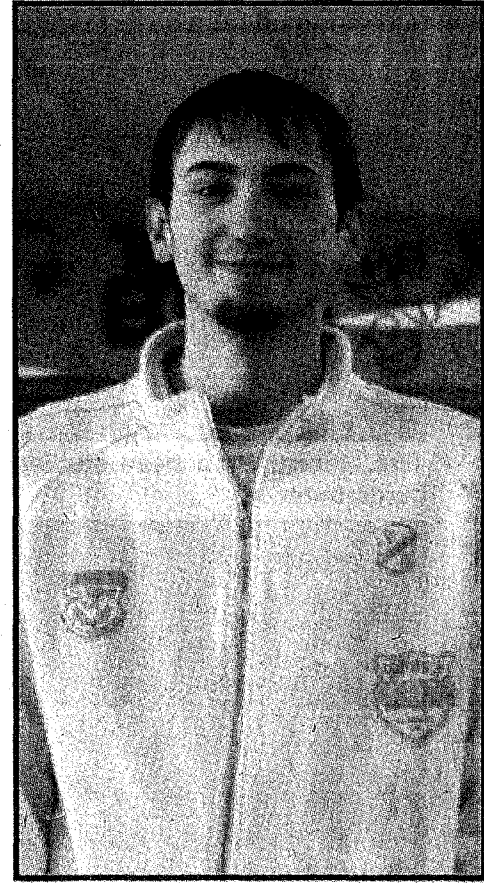
Staff writer Brooks Vanderbush took a tour around a few Kalkaska schools to find out what students are planning to do "when they grow up."



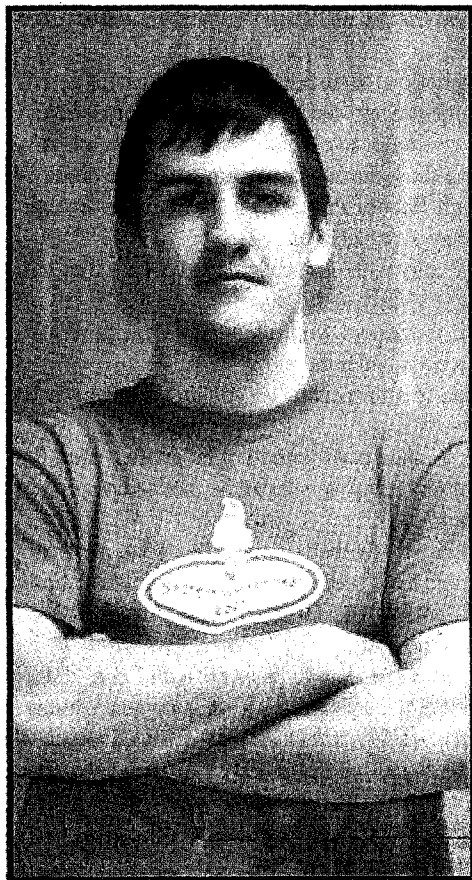
Jimmy Tufts, a 12 year old attending Kalkaska Middle School, has this to say about his future; "I am hoping to be an all around artist. A writer, a singer, a poet, a painter, just an all around artist."



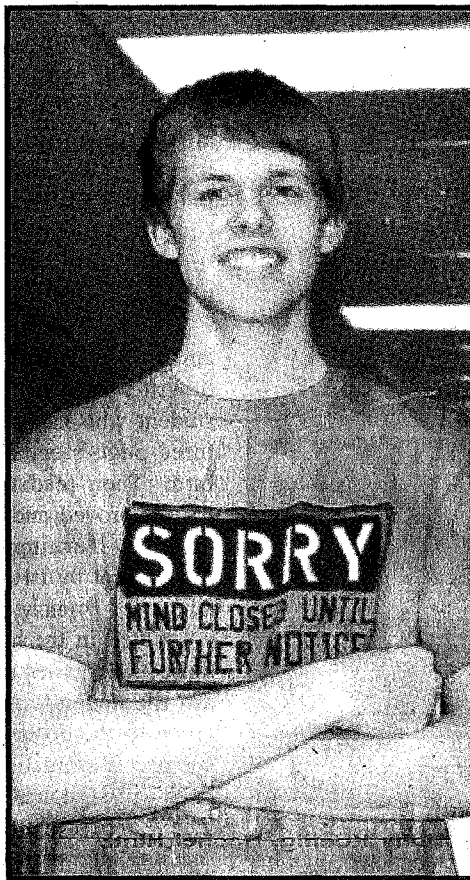
Nathan Kenwabikise, a 13 year old from Kalkaska Middle School says "I want to be a graphic designer for video games."



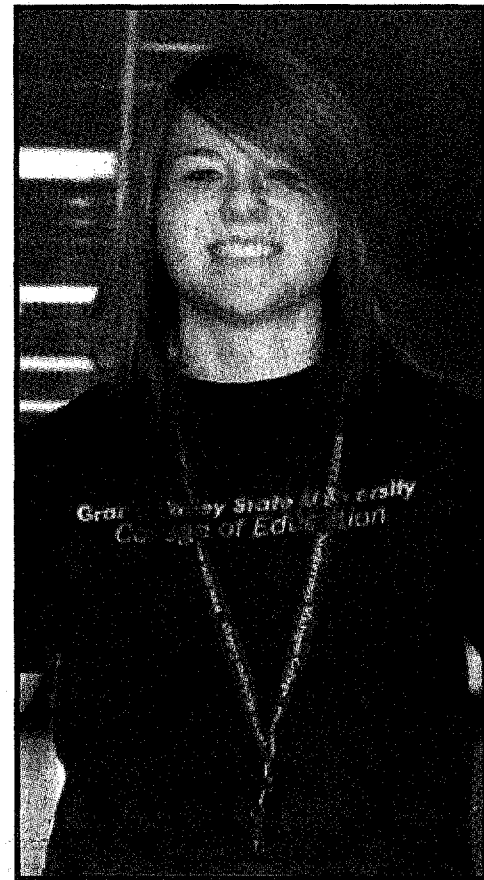
"My plan for my future is to go to NMC and continue my education. Afterwards, I plan on pursuing music producing and having a record label of my own. Basically pursuing what I love to do," Cody Stevenson, 18, of Kalkaska High School, said.



Wes McFadden, 18, of Kalkaska High School, said he wishes to pursue a career in law enforcement.



Ryan Patterson, 16, of Kalkaska High School, is as yet unsure what his future holds, but has a backup plan if need be. "I want to be a garbage manager, because there will always be garbage in the world," Patterson said.



Amanda Goldsboro, 17, of Kalkaska High School, will soon be wowing the world with her culinary prowess when she completes her goal of becoming a chef.

Photos by Brooks Vanderbush

## Boyer Valley Education Center offers unique programs

By JEFF BERGREN  
EDITOR

**BOYNE FALLS** — The Boyne City Alternative Education program takes an individualized approach to teaching that gives students a chance to work at their own pace.

Although the protocol for a traditional high school utilizes a much different system, Boyne City's program allows kids to accomplish as much as they can over an extended period of time.

Second year Principal Mike Wilson runs the facility in Boyne Falls and said the school is very unique with the programs they run.

"As a whole we are considered Boyne City Alternative Programs but that encompasses a few different things. First of all we have the Boyne City Alternative Education program and that is in essence what you would consider an alternative high school," Wilson explained. "It services grades nine through 12, it is for kids who are either behind on credits or suspended from a different school, locally or elsewhere."

Wilson also said there are kids who simply want more individual time with a teacher and because the facility is smaller they can provide that.

The other programs at Boyne Valley include Great Lakes Academic Center and the Suspension/Detention Room. There is also a New Horizons program for pregnant teens that Boyne provides the educational components for along with Charm Em, who owns the building. They supply core academic subjects for the girls with classes Monday through Thursday.

"Our second program is Great Lakes Academic Center, Charm Em owns our building and that side is a self-contained emotionally impaired school. It is a program that every kid that's in the classroom is on probation," Wilson said. "Out of the 30 kids out there now, 20 are in the Recovery High Program. It is a local program out of Charlevoix run by the Charlevoix court. The kids are involved in substance abuse problems and it is open to all counties from the state of Michigan."

Great Lakes takes on kids that the court feels would benefit from the treatment program and they refer the students who stay with a foster care family during their time. Wilson works with several foster homes in the area and when the program ends during the day, the kids are then sent to Basis Teen Center for additional substance abuse treatment.

Wilson said the environment is very structured to the point where all the kids take

bathroom breaks together as a group. According to Wilson the students prefer not to go home because they have a sense of worth at the facility whereas their home life doesn't provide the same stability.

"They stay in the foster homes even after being discharged from the Recovery High Program because they don't want to go home. They know if they do go back to that environment the parents might not care about them, or might use drugs themselves," Wilson added. "It's good that we are helping these kids with the school and foster home but it's sad that their families can't get it together enough to take care of them."

Wilson also said the Great Lakes program is very unique and he is only aware of one other facility in the state that is like his. After the 90-day program is complete, the kids are either sent back home or if they didn't complete the requirements they are sent somewhere else and then a whole new group of kids come in.

The youth are under the jurisdictions of different juvenile courts throughout Michigan. The same work at your own pace rules apply at Great Lakes and provide credit recovery to help them get back on track for graduation in their

home district. The students not only receive the educational benefits but are also aided in other areas of their lives.

The Suspension/Detention Room is another unique concept in the state and all the schools within Charlevoix County utilize it. If a student is suspended for fighting at school, they will be sent here rather than going home for five days. There is a room with a supervisor that oversees the kids and it's a quiet atmosphere where only work is allowed.

The students seem to thrive in the environment and had some

interesting ways of describing the school.

"I feel respected and treated like an adult by the staff," said one student named Sam. Another student, Skylar, said the one-on-one time with the teachers has helped and the environment is much more relaxed.

"The teachers are more understanding. You have to be more responsible for yourself which helps you become more self confident," another student Jessica said.

The cutoff age for a student is age 19 but there are occasional times the school will make an exception. Wilson said one stu-

dent just joined at 18 but has no credits so he will be at the school way past his nineteenth birthday. Wilson decided to take him based on his work ethic and to provide him an education.

If the child is past 19 years of age however, the school cannot open an account at the facility. Wilson has the final say on acceptance at Boyne and he always requires a meeting with the parents and child to let them know the expectations.

"Alternative education programs are the most rapid growing population, not just in the state of Michigan

but in the country," Wilson said. "In the last five years the numbers have doubled with the amount of alternative education students. I think the perk is the work at your own pace especially with new graduation requirements."

Wilson worked as a probation officer with juveniles the past six years prior to this job and has a good working relationship with the courts. Kids that do not make it in Wilson's program who are under 17 are put under a "status offense" and there is truancy or school enforced penalties. If the problems persist the

student will ultimately be expelled. That has not happened under Wilson's watch.

"I always tell the kids I'm here for them and don't be afraid to ask questions. The kids find out here that they are not alone, there are other people that were abused or have parents that don't care about them," Wilson said. "When you are thrown into an atmosphere with people with similar problems you feel more at ease and more comfortable."

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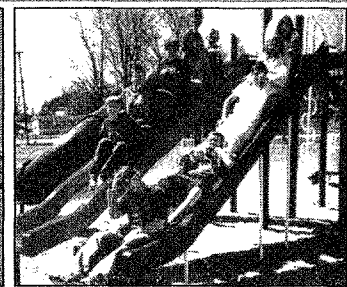
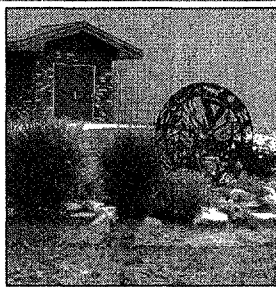
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# Kindergarten teachers form educational base

By **JEFFRAY N. KESSLER**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ANTRIM COUNTY — Eyes shining with the light of hope, unbiased, pure and clear. Eyes that can relay confusion, worry and sadness. Curious eyes that are like little doors ready to open and take in all that is new. These eyes look back at every kindergarten teacher from their students every day.

So it has been for decades, that a select group of teaching professionals has taken it upon themselves to assume the responsibility of initiating the formal education process for these most fragile and vulnerable human beings. Kindergarten teachers are in charge of the launch, and in a span of nine months inspire a hunger for learning that every other teacher in a child's life will build upon.

To stand a modern day kindergartner next to a kindergartner from forty or fifty years ago, most would not detect much difference. There may be buttons on shoes versus Velcro, wool or cotton clothing versus synthetics and maybe some style differences in haircuts.

The exteriors of these prized packages however do not relay the vast differences nor indicate the dramatic changes that have occurred for kindergartners over the last 50 years.

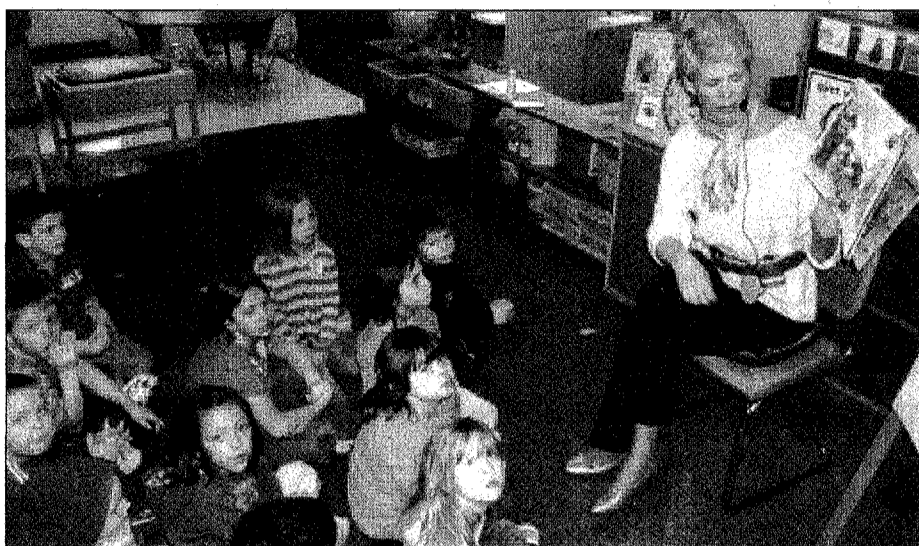
To begin with, most of these students go to school all day. Curriculum demands have undergone vast changes and the bar of expectations has been raised time after time.

Mancelona educator Daryl Allison-Busch began teaching kindergarten in the 60s and can testify to the evolution of kindergarten schooling.

"It is a whole lot different now," she said. "In the 60s, there was not a reading requirement. Socialization and listening skills were high priorities. Today, reading in kindergarten is a standard requirement. People might be surprised to know that they are also required to write complete sentences, add and subtract in mathematics along with



Mrs. Meagan Brancheau, studies counting with her Concord Academy kindergartners.



Mancelona kindergarten teacher Mrs. Daryl Allison-Busch captivates her class with a story.

Mrs. Karl Groll, Central Lake kindergarten teacher, gives instructions to her students on how to take a "reading road trip."



Photos by Jeffray Kessler

knowing number patterns."

These new requirements are not replacements for the early kindergarten curriculums, they are in addition to, but there is no complaint in Allison-Busch's voice.

"I'm having so much fun with all the new programs," she said. "Sometimes I wonder about the new pressure and levels, but as long as the new programs are developmentally appropriate, are hands on, concrete and relevant, we can make amazing progress."

Veteran teacher Karl

Groll teaches kindergarten at Central Lake, and has 30 years of experience. She compared requirements then and now.

"If parents think back to when they were in first grade or had first graders, those requirements are now at the kindergarten level. There has been a huge change," Groll said. "Many might say, 'Oh that's too much,' but they would be surprised at what kindergartners can do."

Groll cites the importance of all-day kindergar-

ten and preschool.

"We could never cover all that is required in a half day, and much depends on what the kids come in with. They are all different. The only trouble with the new standards is that they assume that the curriculum walks through the door with each child," Groll said. "With very intentional teaching and evaluating, we have to learn where they are and take them from there. These little people didn't learn to walk or talk the same day, so they certainly

aren't going to learn to read at the same time."

Like Allison-Busch, Groll believes that full-day kindergarten allows for those socialization skills to develop. "Play should not be construed as doing nothing," she added.

There are still many parts of kindergarten that people would recognize but they would notice a difference. Remember rest time? Now, there is rest time, but kindergartners are reading.

"That is exciting to see when those kids who are now reading were just looking at pictures at the start of the year. This sets them up very nicely for first grade," Groll said.

That kind of excitement is not lost on new kindergarten teachers as exemplified by Meagan Brancheau, a second-year teacher at the Concord Academy. She may not have experienced the changes in requirements, but still enjoys the students' enthusiasm.

"At this age level, demands are high, but the kids are all so excited and enjoy learning," Brancheau explained. "With all-day, I have the time to work with them and see huge progress."

She listed some examples. They are beginning to write. I actually have a student who has written a three-page story about a bird. Their reading skills have improved, and in math they are learning to tell time, count by twos, fives and tens," Brancheau said.

Cradled in the hands of these kindergarten teachers are the eager minds that come to them like thirsty sponges waiting to be saturated with stimuli and input. They are professionals forming the very cornerstones of the education journey in which the students have embarked. They hug and encourage, comfort and cajole. Parents and other educators are all counting on them heavily for their judgment and creativity. They cradle, with confidence and strength, the future.

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# Graduation requirements prompt switch to trimesters

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TOWN MEETING EDITOR

ELK RAPIDS — New high school graduation requirements have prompted a new scheduling system at many local school districts.

The new requirements, which increase the number of credits required to graduate to 19, were signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm on April 20, 2006. They begin with students entering the eighth grade in 2006, meaning this year's high school freshmen are the first class that must meet them.

Before the change, many schools used a semester schedule that employed six classes a day over two periods. During a student's high school career, they would earn a total of 24 credits by taking 12 classes a year for four years. But now, with 19 of those 24 credits required by the state, some educators worry that students won't have enough electives with semesters.

"It's not in the best educational interest of the kids," Elk Rapids High School Principal Steve Gallagher said in November 2007.

Room for only five electives over a student's career was one of the reason's Elk Rapids opted to switch to a trimester system for the 2007-08 school year. The new system takes one class off the day — for a total of five — and increases the length of the remaining classes from 55 minutes to 71 minutes over three periods instead of two. This allows students to take 15 classes in a regular school year instead of 12, giving them more room for electives.

It is especially beneficial to students who participate in activities such as band, Gallagher said. As a full-year course, band would have taken up four of five elective credits in the school's old system, limiting those students to just one elective credit.

Boyer City High School Principal Karen Jarema echoed Gallagher's concerns over electives.

"We were very happy with our schedule except for that reason," she said.

Jarema also said the school would have a harder time with students who fail a class under the old system.

"We can remediate in a manner that we couldn't in other scheduling," Jarema said.

With semesters, a failed class could not be retaken until the following year, but with trimesters it can be picked up again in the same school year.

So far, both principals say the transition has gone relatively smooth. Both schools have been transitioning from the second to third trimesters recently and Jarema believes this transition has gone better than the first.

"This transition does not seem to be as difficult," she said. One of the biggest challenges has been adjusting to the longer class periods. With more time in a class, teachers need to transition more, Jarema said. During Boyer City's 73 minute classes, it is not uncommon for a teacher to transition as many as five times in one class.


But while the length of each individual class has gone up, it is a disadvantage in terms of total class time, Gallagher told The Town Meeting in November.

"With the six period day you had an average of 9,900 minutes of teaching time per class," he said. "Trimesters drop that average to around 8,500 minutes per class."

And Elk Rapids and Boyer City aren't the only schools to make the transition to trimesters. Fellow Lake Michigan Conference Schools Grayling and Harbor Springs have also switched and others across the state are following. Jarema estimated that as many as 30 to 40 percent of schools in Michigan have moved or will be moving to the trimester format.

"We were able to do what we set out to do," she said. Brian Keilen can be reached at bkeilen@michigannewspapers.com or by calling 231-264-9711.

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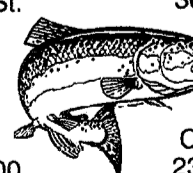
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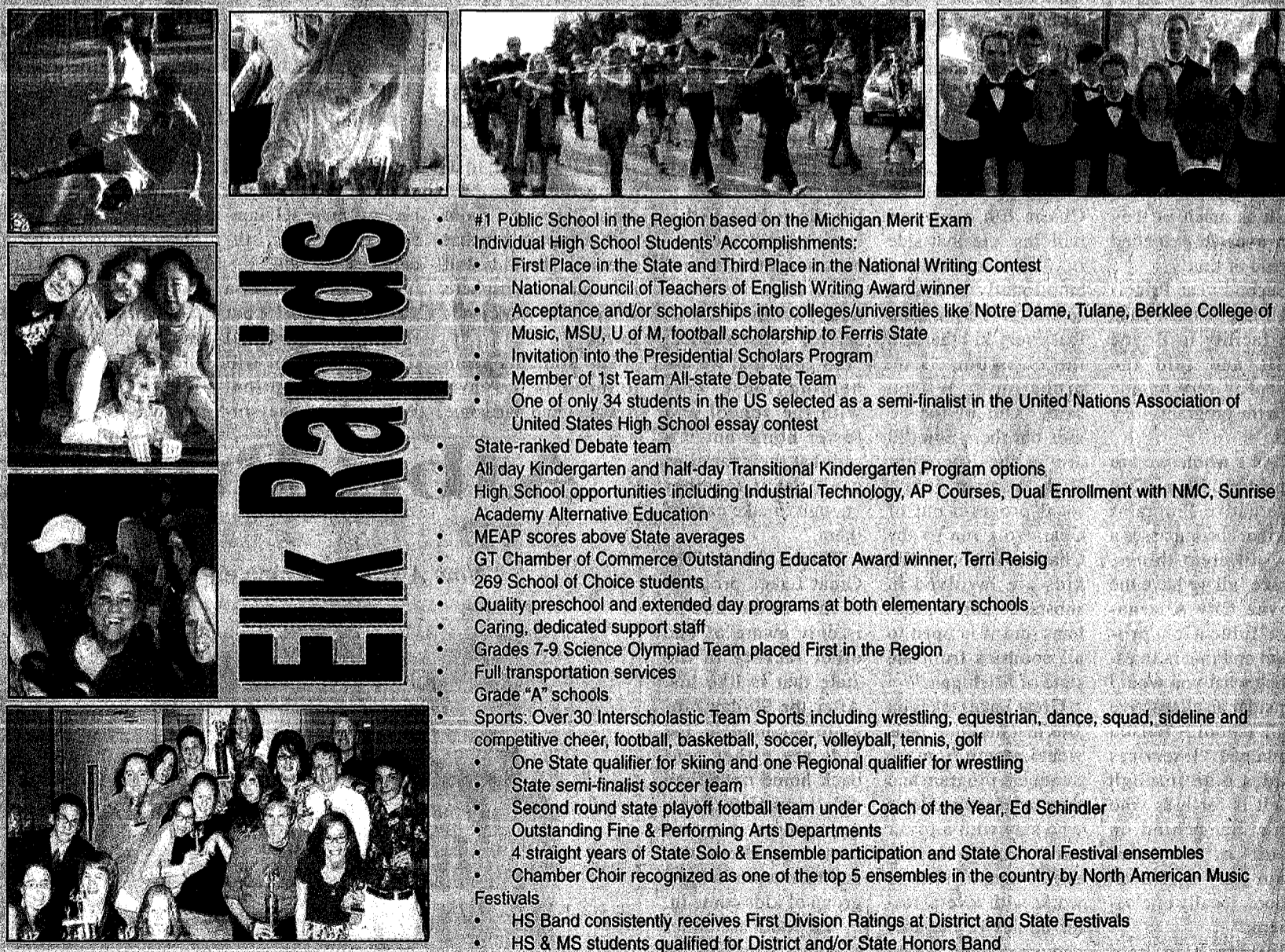


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  - National Council of Teachers of English Writing Award winner
  - Acceptance and/or scholarships into colleges/universities like Notre Dame, Tulane, Berklee College of Music, MSU, U of M, football scholarship to Ferris State
  - Invitation into the Presidential Scholars Program
  - Member of 1st Team All-state Debate Team
  - One of only 34 students in the US selected as a semi-finalist in the United Nations Association of United States High School essay contest
- State-ranked Debate team
- All day Kindergarten and half-day Transitional Kindergarten Program options
- High School opportunities including Industrial Technology, AP Courses, Dual Enrollment with NMC, Sunrise Academy Alternative Education
- MEAP scores above State averages
- GT Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Educator Award winner, Terri Reising
- 269 School of Choice students
- Quality preschool and extended day programs at both elementary schools
- Caring, dedicated support staff
- Grades 7-9 Science Olympiad Team placed First in the Region
- Full transportation services
- Grade "A" schools
- Sports: Over 30 Interscholastic Team Sports including wrestling, equestrian, dance, squad, sideline and competitive cheer, football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf
  - One State qualifier for skiing and one Regional qualifier for wrestling
  - State semi-finalist soccer team
  - Second round state playoff football team under Coach of the Year, Ed Schindler
  - Outstanding Fine & Performing Arts Departments
  - 4 straight years of State Solo & Ensemble participation and State Choral Festival ensembles
  - Chamber Choir recognized as one of the top 5 ensembles in the country by North American Music Festivals
- HS Band consistently receives First Division Ratings at District and State Festivals
- HS & MS students qualified for District and/or State Honors Band
- 11 of 14 events at District Solo and Ensemble qualified for State by earning First Division ratings
- National Arts Honors Society which includes student exhibits in a local gallery, artist lecturers and other opportunities to delve into the art world

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