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At a glance

Parent/Teacher conference

Boyne City Public Schools will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences in the afternoon on Tuesday, March 18, and in the evening on Thursday, March 20.

There will be a half day of school on Tuesday, March 18, and all students will be dismissed at 11:13 a.m. Breakfast will be available for all students.

Volunteers needed

The Boyne City Historical Commission will hold a meeting Monday, March 17, at 2 p.m., at the Historical Museum, 319 N. Lake Street (south end of city hall). The board will discuss the start of a new historical society. Public welcome.

Volunteers are needed to assist with every-day activities in the museum.

Anyone interested should contact Michele at 231-582-0335 for more information.

WEATHER

Wednesday, March 12

Hi: 36 Lo: 28

Condition: Mostly Cloudy

Thursday, March 13

Hi: 37 Lo: 28

Condition: Snow Showers

Friday, March 14

Hi: 37 Lo: 21

Condition: Few Snow Showers

Saturday, March 15

Hi: 30 Lo: 13

Condition: AM Clouds/ PM Sun

Sunday, March 16

Hi: 27 Lo: 20

Condition: Mostly Sunny

Monday, March 17

Hi: 32 Lo: 22

Condition: Snow Shower

Tuesday, March 18

Hi: 35 Lo: 16

Condition: Mostly Cloudy

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Anything goes



"Anything Goes" opened at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center on March 8, to a full house. The enthusiastic and talented students entertained the audience with the classic Cole Porter musical from 1935. Songs such as "It's Delovely," "You're the Top," "I Get a Kick Out of You," along with tap dancing were performed to the appreciative audience. From the direction and choreography to the costumes and sets, the musical was a hit. More shows are scheduled for March 14 and 15. Tickets may be purchased at Boyne Country Books in downtown.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

Boyne ZBA reverses, planning commission next

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Zoning Board of Appeals has complied with a judge's instructions and reversed its March 6, 2007, decision on a proposed waterfront development.

The decision that was reversed upheld a city Planning Commission's approval of One Water Street, L.L.C.'s proposed development plan on Lake Charlevoix in Boyne City. The ZBA also remanded the matter to the Planning Commission as instructed by the judge.

The March 6, 2007, decision referred to the question of whether the Planning Commission erred in its approval of the One Water Street development plans.

The ZBA held public discussion prior to its unanimous vote on a motion to comply with Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas's instructions. Several citizens voiced their opinions, including Sue Hobbs who appealed the ZBA's March 6, 2007, decision in the circuit court.

Hobbs said she was disappointed that first the city commission and then the ZBA held no discussion about the errors made by the commissions and the ZBA.

"I had hoped there would be a review with the ordinance to see what went wrong," Hobbs said. "I've heard no discussion of why it got to this point, no discussion among staff on how this happened."

Hobbs referred to the errors found by Judge Pajtas

made by the Planning Commission in its approval of the One Water Street proposed development plan, and the error when the ZBA upheld that approval. Judge Pajtas found a violation of due process and violations of the city zoning ordinance in his Jan. 16 decision.

Hobbs said she was concerned that city attorney Jim Murray, city manager Michael Cain and others didn't seem to know that there were violations at the time the actions were taken.

"They should have known," Hobbs said. "If I can read the zoning ordinance and know that what was approved was wrong, why couldn't the city attorney or the city manager?"

Taxpayers are paying for the errors, she said.

"I hate to think of the taxpayers' dollars that went into this and what the citizens went through. How did this happen in our town?"

"If we don't look at the past and what happened, how will we learn for the future?" Hobbs asked.

Chuck Vondra, who sits on the ZBA and the city board of commissioners, spoke at the meeting.

"Obviously, there were mistakes made," Vondra said. "The judge made that very clear. It would be bad not to learn from the experience."

Valerie and Larry Glasgow said they are concerned about the decisions by city officials.

"How could it (the One Water Street, L.L.C. plan) have passed when clearly there were so many violations?" Valerie asked.

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Mushroom Festival planning underway

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — With the winter months waning on, a sign of spring is upon us as Boyne City plans for the 48th Annual Morel Mushroom Festival. The event is scheduled for May 15-18 and brings outdoor enthusiasts and gourmet food lovers both nationally and internationally to the Charlevoix and Emmet County areas for this annual rite of springtime.

On Tuesday, March 4, organizers met at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel as they continue to plan the event while looking for volunteers to assist the committee with putting on this popular festival.

"If anybody in the community is interested in joining us in volunteering, a lot of time or a little time, they are welcome," Kim Brown, a volunteer and treasurer on the Mushroom Festival committee, said.

This year the festival will feature the popular band "DA YOOPERS" from the UP that performs music comedy skits and songs. They will perform on Friday night, May 16 at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are available at the Boyne City



Mushroom Festival mascot Woody Pick Me. Courtesy photo

Chamber of Commerce, Boyne Country Books or from any committee member.

"This is the first time we are going to have a real big name group like this and they will be performing

outside underneath heated tents," Brown explained. "We will be serving refreshments, beer and wine and food. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door."

The premiere event is the

"Taste of Morels," the largest concentration of morel cooking in the world. It gives mushroom lovers the chance to sample morel dishes prepared by local restaurants along with wine tasting and cooking demonstrations.

There will also be a free morel Mushroom Seminar on Friday afternoon where participants can learn about morels from local experts. The weekend will also feature the standard carnival, craft shows, the Boyne Valley Lions National Mushroom hunt and the Taste of Boyne.

"Some of the new things we are going to add are seminars about mushrooms and outdoor education," Brown added. "We are also going to have a millionaire's party on Saturday night; we are going to do some Texas hold 'em tournaments."

Local restaurants will feature morel specialties throughout the weekend and most events will take place in Veterans' Park in Boyne City. For more information you can contact Carole McGinty at 231-582-4248.

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

Green light for marina dredging

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — After years of wrangling with the state's Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the city of East Jordan has its permits to dredge the public marina.

So much sand has moved into the harbor that many of the marina's slips could not be used in past boating seasons. That has resulted in loss of revenue not only for the marina, but also for area businesses.

"Dredging will help not just the harbor, but the entire community," said Tom Cannon, city harbormaster and recreation director.

He has worked with the



City Harbormaster and Recreation Director Tom Cannon

state to obtain the permits since he became a city employee four years ago.

The work is scheduled to begin on March 24, and the city will perform the dredging with leased equipment. Cannon estimates that between

\$100,000-\$150,000 will be saved by the city performing the job. The total cost, then, is estimated at \$180,000. That includes the enclosed portion of the marina and the boat launch and channel, Cannon said.

The only part of the project we're bidding out is the sand transportation and site development," he said.

The state Waterways Commission is funding one-half of the cost of the project. The city's "Rehab Fund" will loan the matching 50 percent, approximately \$90,000, to the marina fund. The Rehab Fund is savings from federal funds.

No city taxpayer money will be used for the project, Cannon said. The marina fund will pay back the loan over time with marina and slip fees.

The permits do not allow dredging in some of the areas the city had hoped. For instance, the area between the boat launch and the marina was not allowed in the issued permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and the DEQ. The state cited environmental reasons for the denial.

"It would have been the area outside of the mouth of the Jordan River, between the boat launch and the marina," Cannon said.

The city did obtain a five-year maintenance permit for both of the permitted areas, which will allow the city to dredge for five years without the requirement that it seek another permit.

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Alba fights well Community forum supports appeal

By CHRIS TREDWAY
STAFF WRITER

ALBA — A sea of cars filled the parking lot of Alba High School and overflowed onto the street as concerned citizens of Star Township, officials, and members of the press congregated inside the school's gymnasium to address CMS Land Company's plans to drill an injection well near Alba.

Possibly the future disposal sight of Bay Harbor Resort's cement kiln dust (CKD), the legal responsibility of CMS Land Company (CMS), Star Township is poised to appeal the permits issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The township and Friends of the Jordan sponsored the community forum, meant to inform the public of the appeal, raise funds for legal defense, and provide certain individuals an opportunity to speak out.

Star Township supervisor Richard Steele faced the bleachers and addressed the crowd of more than

150, explaining the township's concerns and listing the reasons for taking legal steps to prevent the injection well.

Their next step is the appeal, which Star Township lawyer Susan Hlywa Topp has until March 12 to file. The forum was not part of the appeals process, and Topp did not attend.

State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer declared support for the appeal, moving on to pledge legislative action to prevent similar situations from occurring in the future.

Elsenheimer began, "I see people here who usually agree with me on issues, and I see people who disagree with me, and that's an important point. The Jordan Valley is not partisan. Water is not democrat or republican."

Elsenheimer was challenged by members of the audience who pointed out that any bills passed to prevent this type of situation will be too late.

"Even if my bill won't work for this well, it would protect others in the future," he responded.

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OBITUARY

Michael Dean Huff

Michael Huff, 54, of Boyne City, died at Avalon Hospice House in Flint on Friday, Feb. 22, 2008. He was born on June 20, 1953, in Owosso, Mich., to Robert and Gertrude (Houghtaling) Huff. He was raised in Durand, Mich., and for many years he trained yearlings at Shiawassee Horse Farm that was owned by his family. Mike moved to Colorado where he chauffeured and also drove a taxi for the Mellow Yellow Cab Company. He raised and trained his beloved dog, Strider, during his stay in Colorado. Mike enjoyed being a woodworker and after settling in Boyne City worked as a trim carpenter, until he became ill. Mike was proud to be a member of the Durand Eagles and the Boyne City Eagles where he enjoyed spending time with his friends and caring for the flower planters that surround the building. Surviving are his parents, Robert and Nell Huff of Durand, three brothers and two sisters: Bob (Nancy) of Boyne City, Jim (Gladys) of Harrison, Dan (Suzie Schufelt) of Flushing, Patricia (Tony) Humphry of Carbondale, Colo., and Nancy (Tim) Hutchinson of Durand. Mike was an uncle to many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by several uncles and his favorite aunt, Margaurite Benn. The family welcomes memorial donations to the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders or the hos-

CCSO REPORT

Charlevoix County Sheriffs Office Activity	
Malicious Destruction Of Property	3
Traffic Stop	41
Citations Issued	16
Assist Motorist	10
Standby/Keep the Peace	2
Private Property Property Damage Accident	1
Property Damage Accident	4
Personal Injury Accident	6
Car/Deer Accident	3
Business Property Check	3
Residential Property Check	5
Larceny	5
Vehicle in Ditch	3
Attempt to Locate	1
Suspicious Vehicle	11
Assault	1
Warrant Service Attempt	6
Panic/Intrusion Alarm	9
Public Relations	12
Mental Subject	2
Attempted Suicide	1
Breaking and Entering	1
Driving Violation	2
Parking Violation	5
Road Hazard	1
Lost/Stolen Property	1
Violation of a controlled substance	1
Snowmobile Violation	1
Unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle	1
Minor In Possession	1
Domestic Situation	1
Prowler	1
Disturbance	1
Threats	1
Operating under the influence	1

SERVICE NEWS

Army Spec. Matthew P. Chappuis has returned to Alaska after being deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The soldier is assigned to the 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, a subordinate unit of the 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division at Fort Richardson, Anchorage.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multi-national forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

The recently promoted specialist has been decorated with two Army Commendation Medals. The medal is awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

In addition, Spec. Chappuis has been decorated with the Combat Action Badge.

The specialist is a combat engineer who has served in the military for more than two years.

He is the son of Gregory L. Chappuis of Grand Ledge, and Mary K. Anzell of Boyne City.

The specialist graduated in 2005 from Boyne City High School.

Sometimes abused drugs come with a prescription

By HARRY GILLEN
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

— Joe first shot up with prescription drugs in the dry storage area of the pizzeria where he worked.

"It was someone I knew through work," said the 17-year-old northern Michigan resident. "He was really into drugs, I was already deep into using, and it just kind of came out that we both used. At first I was skeptical, but then I thought about trying it."

Joe, whose real name is being withheld because he's in rehab, was asked to try morphine.

"It felt good. Everything just kind of slows down and fades," Joe said. "I knew it was risky, I knew it wasn't good for me, but at that point you're so deep into it I didn't really care. You're just kind of consumed."

And for the next three weeks, it consumed his life. He injected morphine and other prescription drugs — largely methadone, oxycontin and morphine — at least once a day. "If I missed a day, I would definitely use the next day. I was shooting up intravenously for a solid three weeks to a month."

That's when his mother caught him and sent him to a drug rehab program in Charlevoix called Recovery High last November.

Joe said he slowly learning to function with-

out drugs, but finding a fix was never difficult. "A lot of the people I knew had scripts for methadone, but one of the rules was you don't really ask where they got them. I didn't know why they had the scripts, and a lot of them didn't need scripts."

Joe is in a program with two other prescription drug addicts, both teenagers. They are the first cases involving intravenous injection for Recovery High Executive Director Scott Kelly, who has been working in rehab counseling for 22 years.

Josie, another client whose real name isn't being used, said she always knew someone who could supply her with prescription drugs.

"I could go to at least 15 different people at school, and at least three of them would have something for me," said Josie, 19.

Her addiction grew out of hand late last year before she entered Recovery High. It is her fourth time in rehab, and she claims to have overdosed five times on heroin. She's been clean for two months.

Joe and Josie were both lucky. Many cases like theirs have led to deaths in northern Michigan, and it's drawing the attention of lawmakers and prosecutors as a serious and growing problem.

"Five years ago, I probably would have told

you that the problem was cocaine and marijuana," said George Lasater, the Charlevoix County sheriff. "Today, it's prescription drugs."

It has also caught the attention of Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire, who has made it a priority to work with law enforcement officials to draft legislation to address the issue.

"The rise of prescription drug abuse is a huge problem in northern Michigan, one that has caused or led to the deaths of several individuals, particularly in Charlevoix County," Elsenheimer said.

Todd Ross, a Charlevoix County sheriff's detective and prescription drug diversion investigator, is assigned to prescription drug abuse, and he still turns cases away because he doesn't have enough time.

"It's definitely increased in the last five years, not just in Michigan but in the nation as a whole," said Ross, citing a recent report that said more people nationwide admit to abusing prescription medications than all street drugs combined.

"Prescription drugs are a lot more available now than they have ever been, but I'm not sure that's such a bad thing," Ross said. "All medical associations tell their doctors that pain is the most undertreated medical treatment in the U.S."

Other factors, such as

society's "quick fix" mentality and rising health care costs, also contribute to the rise, Kelly said.

"Some of it is just a cultural thing," Kelly said. "Our society is really into quick fixes through pharmaceutical medicine, or that whole philosophy. We're told if you have a headache, you shouldn't have that, so take this."

"We're constantly masking symptoms with all of these drugs, and we need to get back to what's the root of these things," Kelly said.

In Charlevoix County, law enforcement officials are responding to the rise of prescription drug abuse in two ways: by educating pharmacists and doctors on how drug seekers obtain drugs, and by implementing a task force to investigate deaths that prescription drugs may have caused.

The Drug Death Investigation Team, made up of higher-ranking officers from police agencies in Northern Michigan, is the only such squad in Michigan that focuses on prescription drug abuse.

Since its founding in 2005, it has prosecuted a number of people linked to drug deaths.

For example, last November, it successfully prosecuted Jennifer Ennik, 29, for distributing drugs that led to the death of Michael Noiro, 30, of East Jordan. She is serving 6-30 years in prison.

"We get to the bottom of it in a big hurry," said Chuck Vondra, a detective sergeant in the sheriff's office in Charlevoix. "We developed this team to do this investigation right away, to get to the truth, or prove lies quickly, so they don't have the time to corroborate stories and talk amongst themselves."

"You're not putting as many hours into it because you've got more guys working on it," Vondra said.

The DDIT is a model for other states wishing to pursue the same approach.

"We've received phone calls from the Massachusetts state police," Vondra said.

Ross said the DDIT also educates doctors. "I explain to doctors that they need to see some common things that drug seekers say or do. It's a whole different mindset."

One of the most common methods drug seekers use is "doctor shopping," where a client will ask for the same medication from different doctors without the doctors knowing where they have gone before.

The majority of cases the DDIT investigates involve doctor shopping, Ross said.

Drug seekers may see physicians right before closing time to take advantage of them. "If I go in at a quarter-to-8, that doctor will want to treat me because they want to get out of there, and they

won't take the time to figure out if they're lying to them or not."

And sometimes, drug seekers even call in their own prescriptions.

"We had someone who went home and scanned a prescription into a computer, and then whenever he wanted one he just printed it out," Ross said. "You couldn't tell the difference, it looked just like something from the doctor's office."

"People will call pharmacies to fill out prescriptions, and know the lingo to fill because they've heard the head nurse call in the information before and think, 'Hey, I can do that at home,'" Ross said.

"There's a lot of different ways they do it. First, we need to alert these doctors to what's going on. But also, we need to educate them not to call in prescriptions from a public place, so people can't learn how to do it. If I know, than I'd rather stop it at 10 than get 110 people to know it," Ross said.

Elsenheimer said, "We hear a great deal about illegal drugs, but we don't hear as much about the impact of prescription drug abuse in our society. It's a growing, growing problem because access is less of an issue than it is with illegal drugs."

COURT REPORT

District Court

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

Cody James Solgot, 23, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs. Sentenced to serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 45 days, 47 days held in abeyance; one year on probation.

Al Sylvester Zawistowski, 17, Vanderbilt. Driving with no operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$150 in fines and costs.

William Harley LaCroix, 55, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$260 in fines and costs.

Mauricio Orellana, 43, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$260 in fines and costs.

Cody James Solgot, 23, Boyne City. Received and concealed stolen property. Sentenced to pay \$175 in fines and costs and \$125 in restitution. Sentenced to serve 45 days in jail.

Cody James Solgot, 23, Boyne City. Received and concealed stolen property, more

than \$200, but less than \$1,000.

Jackson Royal Watkins, 19, Boyne City. Use of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for one day; serve nine days, 80 days held in abeyance; six months on probation.

Justin Eugene Belford, 23, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,030 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; nine months on probation.

Kyle Anthony Bankston, 21, Niles. Driving with blood alcohol count while a minor. Sentenced to pay \$630, and to perform five days of community service work; six months on probation.

Robert Louis Bunting, 30, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,380 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; nine months on probation.

Kari Lynn Kraemer,

23, East Jordan. Driving while no operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$150 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Bricker Grove, 22, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana, 1st offense, and attempted unlawful entry. Sentenced to pay \$1,150 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 17 days, 349 days held in abeyance; two years on probation.

Saul James DeYoung, 20, Charlevoix. Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$1,150 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 14 days, serve 180 days, 171 days held in abeyance; two years on probation.

Chrystal Fawn Lapine, 23, Ionia. Driving without operator's license. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 15 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 14 days.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business: R B & D Enterprises, 305 Silver St., Boyne City, by Ronald Brock-

ette III. Tim's Wildlife Nuisance Control, 04305 Pearsal Road, East Jordan, by Timothy Paul Kenney.

Breakers Limited Partnership dba, REG Rentals, 203 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Richard E. Georgi.

Timothy Schroeder Builder, 01103 Sunset St., East Jordan, by Timothy Schroeder.

Marriage Licenses
The following

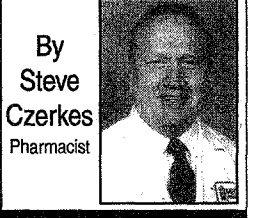
people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael John McCarry, 54, Boyne City and Anita Lynn Denison, 45, Boyne City.

Peter William Inman Jr., 35, East Jordan and Regina Marie Brown, 26, East Jordan.

David Lee Murray, 46, East Jordan and Anna Marie Taylor, 46, East Jordan.

WEEKLY Health Tips



Exercise Prevents Heart Attacks

Regular exercise has often been proven to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. In a recent study following 27,000 women with an average age of 55, researchers found that those who exercised the most reduced their risk by 40% over those who exercised the least. Much of the benefit of the physical activity comes from its effect on inflammation markers and blood pressure. Thirty minutes of brisk walking per day is recommended to reduce risk of heart attack, but check with your doctor to see what's right for you. It's never too late to start!

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Elsenheimer offers property assessment information

Area residents can learn more about property tax assessments through two publications state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer has available through his office and online.

"This year's property assessment notices are causing a lot of questions because they show an increase in taxes while home values are falling in a lot of areas," said Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin. "People want answers and they are calling to ask what can be done about it. In the Legislature, I'm working on a package of bills that will prohibit property taxes from going up when values are going down."

"There is no reason why property owners should pay more taxes when their assessable value is decreasing — this must be fixed immediately. This couldn't come at a worse time for Michigan residents. Talk about a perfect example of why taxpayers are upset with government — we keep taking more when there is less."

Elsenheimer said the first thing is for residents to understand the

property assessment and taxing process. The lawmaker has a free brochure that explains the March board of review and the assessment appeals process, which begins March 10 in most communities.

Local notices will provide exact times and locations, and property owners must present concerns about their property's assessment at the initial board of review meeting for consideration in 2008.

Elsenheimer also can provide a document about the board of review available from the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

To view the electronic version of the brochure, visit Elsenheimer's online office Web site at www.gohouse.com/elsenhimer.htm, and click on the "Publications" link.

To receive copies by mail, contact Elsenheimer by addressing letters to the State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48909-7514; calling his toll-free Lansing office number at 877 536-4105; or sending an e-mail to kevinelsenheimer@house.mi.gov.

Wizard of Oz



Above, the Munchkins show Dorothy the remains of the Wicked Witch and her ruby slippers.



Right, Dorothy, Alicia Oliver, oils up the rusty Tin Man.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

EJ SENIOR CENTER

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

Wednesday, March 12, at 11 a.m., is the EJSC Advisory Board meeting; lunch will be Garlic chicken served by EJ Elementary Helping Hands.

Thursday, March 13, sausage gravy and biscuit is on the menu.

Friday, March 14, we will be serving macaroni and cheese while enjoying music by Roger Hartson.

Sunday, March 16, is EJSC Sunday Supper; enjoy corned beef or chicken while being entertained by Gail Williams and the Black Box Band.

Monday, March 17, happy St. Patrick's Day. Lunch is cook's choice and entertainment provided by The Jordan Valley Duo.

Tuesday, March 18, line dancing is at 10:30 a.m.; paint class is at 1 p.m., all levels are welcome. Chicken and dumplings are on the menu.

Wednesday, March 19, is the Easter progressive lunch.

Everyone is welcome at the senior center. Enjoy lunch for a \$2 donation if you are age 60 or over; \$4 if you are under age 60. The menu is subject to change so please feel free to call the East Jordan Senior Center at 231-536-7831 with any questions. The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging can be reached at 231-237-0103 or toll free at 1-866-428-5185.

BC SENIOR CENTER

The Boyne Area Senior Center has a different schedule for this week. The center will be closed on Tuesday, March 11, Wednesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 13. During this time the flooring in the dining area will be replaced. Seniors wishing to join others for lunch may do so by riding the bus to the East Jordan Senior Center.

This will not change any deliveries of Meals on Wheels. They will be delivered on schedule.

The senior center plans to open on Friday, March 14. For lunch we will be serving macaroni and

cheese, California blend vegetables, salad, fruit and sherbet. Music will begin at 11 a.m. with Don Judd, Red Califf and Andy Miller.

Monday, March 17, corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served. The day will begin at 11 a.m. with a St. Patty's celebration. Bingo will follow lunch.

Tuesday, March 18, homemade soup, a full salad bar and make your own sandwich is on the menu. A craft class will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Wednesday, March 19, a progressive dinner is

planned. Call the senior center for information.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 16. Sunday dinner will be served at the East Jordan Senior Center from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Chicken or corned beef will be served. The suggested donation for lunch at the Boyne Area Senior Center is \$2 for those 60 and over, or \$4 for those under 60. For information regarding the center call 231-582 6682. The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging can be reached at 231-237-0103. The toll free number is 866-428-5185.

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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

EDITORIAL

Misconceptions about alternative schools

This week I had the opportunity to contribute to a series on Education in our newspapers about alternative schools. I visited two different facilities in Boyne Falls and Kalkaska and it was truly an eye opening experience.

I did have some preconceived notions about alternative schools and what they were all about. Quickly my perceptions changed after talking to principals, teachers and students. These people care, they care a lot and even more importantly the kids seem to embrace the environment.

Most of us that are fortunate enough to have caring families and a support system growing up take for granted how important that is during childhood. Many of the students I spoke with have gone through a tough upbringing and have been forced to make their own decisions at a very young age.

Who among us wouldn't choose the wrong path at 15 years old? Yet in most cases these kids have had to make adult choices way too young and, with so many personal issues to deal with, can't concentrate in a traditional high school setting.

That is where an alternative education comes in; credit these young people with wanting to get their diploma and just needing an environment that allows them to work at their own pace while dealing with personal problems at home. Most of the kids I talked to credit the alternative school with changing their lives and keeping them out of trouble.

They have to embrace the atmosphere because in an alternative school setting it is up to you to do the work and get an education. The teachers play a huge role in this and often times have to act as a counselor, parent and teacher even though the pay isn't equal to that of a regular high school.

These institutions are very important and another thing I learned is how special these kids are. I met one individual who goes to school in the morning, starts a job in the afternoon and gets home at 10 p.m. At his age he should be more worried about pimples than earning a living.

Yet with all the odds against them these kids have made the decision to succeed at school despite the bad hand they were dealt. It is admirable and the staff at the schools should be commended for their hard work and dedication. They are not there for the money; they are there because they care about the kids when their own parents often don't.

Obviously each case is different and not every student will succeed but from an outside perspective take the time to learn about alternative schools and what they are really all about.

There are some special kids at these schools and it was a privilege to get to know them and see how much they have accomplished given the circumstances they are under.

NEIGHBORS

Congratulations to snowboarder Nick Everest who finished second and received the silver medal at the Middle Earth Slopestyle Competition held in the terrain park at Boyne Mt. on Saturday, March 1. Nick was competing in the Men's Jr. category. Competitors were competing for individual spots to qualify for the USASA National Championship scheduled at Copper Mountain, Colo., in March.

Heartfelt sympathies go out to area family members and friends of John Evans, 56, formerly of Ypsilanti, who passed away after a long illness this past Friday at Gaylord's Tendercare Facility.



By Nancy Northup

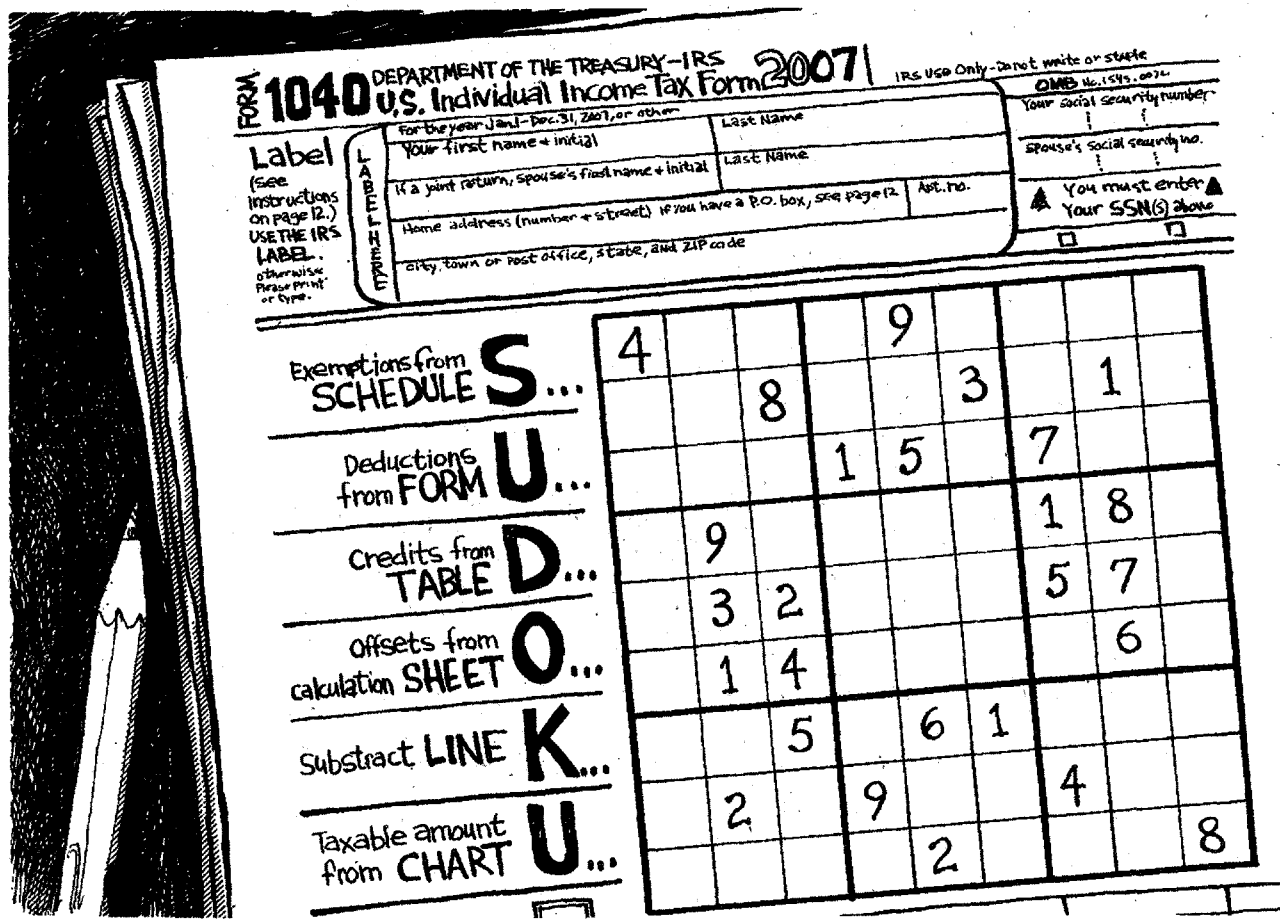
If you see Janet Waldner from Boyne City wish her a happy birthday. It's hard to believe that only 3 years ago she was on the beach in Waikiki, Oahu, with her daughter Lisa Alexander and her Boyne City girlfriends, Patti and Lindsay Tomkins, Michelle Metzger, Libby Talboys, Laurie Lindsay, Tammy Meadows and Theresa Hecker who were all helping Janet celebrate her 80th birthday at the Hale Koa Hotel. Happy birthday Janet.

Patti Miner of Litzzenburger Place spent a few days in Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

It was a surprise for Madeline Mitchell, who went to lunch at the Boyne Area Senior Center on Tuesday. In she walked amidst balloons and shouts of cheers and "surprise!" Her son Pat and her daughters, Judy and Bonnie, and her whole family were there for a wonderful celebration of her 86th birthday. She received cards and gifts from her family and the many seniors sharing these moments had signed a group card ahead of time. After lunch, Madeline's family served a beautiful cake, ice cream and yogurt for all.

The Glengarry Bhoys Band that was originally scheduled to perform Thursday night at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center, had to cancel. Saving the evening, but encountering flight delays, "The Prodigals" arrived just ten minutes before curtain time for the second of the March Patron Concert Series. This lively group was very well received and those attending are looking forward to the final two concerts.

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



MORE OR LESS

Ten minutes late for my funeral

"I swear, you're going to be late for your own funeral." (My mother, circa 1964.)

The first time that my chronic tardiness inconvenienced anyone, it was my original birthday and I was two weeks late. I believe that had this detestable habit been nipped in the bud, perhaps I would arrive at appointments today in matching shoes with all of my clothing buttoned. But my poor mother was so relieved when I finally put in an appearance that she let the matter slide.

I don't want to demean her parenting skills. It would have been difficult to exercise authority over an eight-pound bundle of soft bones. And at the time, my schedule was flexible and didn't impinge upon the public at large. But as I progressed from infancy through childhood and beyond, my ability to get it all together in a timely manner didn't develop. Or rather, it did develop, just not quite far enough. I've whittled it down from two weeks to ten minutes and there it stands.

While the improvement is dramatic, I'll admit that it's still a problem. I've failed to catch the beginning of countless movies, paid for missed doctor's appointments and disrupted meetings that were in full swing. I have had to find new hair stylists, dog groomers and boyfriends. I have starved dinner guests to the point where a boiled shoe would provoke lip-smacking anticipation. I have met friends for a hike while wearing bedroom slippers and attended parties with my wet hair stuffed under a baseball cap. It is the reason that I have to start a number of conversations with, "I am so, so sorry..."

Apparently, I am not alone in this time management-challenged predilection. Many self help books have been written on the subject and according to the authors, a lack of punctuality has cost the tardy jobs, relationships, and promotions. It has contributed to daily stress, loss of self-esteem and a reputation for being ditz. True, true and

true. And yet the consequences of this affliction, though dire, have not been enough to shave that final ten minutes from my blast-off.

In her book, "Never Be Late Again: 7 Cures for the Punctually Challenged," San Francisco author Diana DeLonzor says that some are addicted to the rush. "It's the same reason we like sports," she says. "The suspense: Are you going to make it?"

Usually the answer is a resounding "NO!" I've repented this behavior as I drive 20 miles over the speed limit with my skirt flapping outside of the car door, and I've come to a conclusion. My problem is this: I fervently believe that no matter how little time is left to me, I can still squeeze in one more task before Zero Hour. I just know that I'll be able to wash all of the windows before my guests arrive and I'm convinced that it will only take a moment to dash off a pedicure. I am supremely over-confident in my ability to complete lengthy projects in mere minutes despite repeated repercussions and evidence to the contrary. I am desperately deluded and mistakenly optimistic.

But at least I'm in good company. Celebrated wit and founding member of the 1920's Algonquin Round Table, Robert Benchley, is credited with saying, "Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn't the work he's supposed to be doing at that moment."

I couldn't agree more. And I am so, so sorry... Christine Gwidt welcomes reader's comments. Email her at more-or-lesschristine@yahoo.com



By Christine Gwidt

YOUR VOICE

Food safety

To the editor: In light of the recent Hallmark/Westland beef recall, I want to remind consumers that the safety of Michigan's food supply - from farm to fork - is paramount and continues to be the Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) top priority. This is a serious responsibility in today's global marketplace where, if we're not vigilant, problems of every type can impact our food - whether it was produced here or on the other side of the world.

MDA, as well as our local and federal partners, have clear roles in assuring consumers that their food and the places they eat are safe. While there are numerous challenges in today's dynamic global food supply chain, officials at all levels of government - local, state, and federal - strive every day to create a seamless food safety system to protect the public.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for inspecting meat slaughter and processing facilities in Michigan. Currently, there are approximately 220 USDA-inspected federal slaughter and processing plants in the state. MDA is charged with inspecting ap-

proximately 20,000 diversified food establishments, such as grocery stores, grain mills, fruit and vegetable processing plants, water bottlers and more. MDA also works closely with local health departments who inspect more than 40,000 restaurants and cafeterias statewide.

On a daily basis, local and state food inspectors assure the safety of the food supply by conducting inspections, collecting samples and testing food to detect hazards, responding to consumer complaints, enforcing food standards and labeling, removing unwholesome food from commerce, responding to recalls, food emergencies and disasters, licensing facilities, and providing food export certification.

Everyone has a role in assuring that safety - whether it's a farmer, a restaurant manager, a food inspector, or processing plant operator. The bottom line is Michigan consumers expect that the food they purchase and eat is safe; and MDA will continue to be vigilant in protecting the state's food supply.

—Don Koivisto, Director Michigan Department of Agriculture

Reusable bags

To the editor: Many thanks to the Spartan stores for providing its customers with reusable fabric grocery bags. At 99 cents per bag they are a reasonably-priced solution to an ever increasing numerical problem of plastic bags strewn along highways, dumped in ditches, and stuck in bushes and trees. These plastic bags, in all probability, will never

biodegrade and so will continue to clog and deface our environment. I encourage all who grocery shop at a Spartan store to purchase and use these attractive, reusable green bags. The environment and I thank you.

—Jan Ruback Boyne City

Blood drive

To the editor: I would like to thank all the faithful volunteers who either supplied food or worked the Blood Drive that was held at St. Matthew's church on Feb. 25.

What was remarkable was all the people who not only gave the "Gift of Life" for others, but who also gave of their valuable time. The Red Cross was short staffed due to unforeseen illnesses and at times people waited twice as long to donate their blood but never

complained. What a special group of donors. With all the blood drives that have been canceled this winter across the state due to the weather, this supply of blood was in great need.

It was definitely a privilege for our church guild to sponsor this blood drive along with the help of the Knights of Columbus!

—Carol Bennett-McGeorge Guild President



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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The Veteran of the Month for March is Bernard Stanley Kondrat. Born Jan. 29, 1922, in Boyne Valley Township, Kondrat left school in 1936, having completed the eighth grade, to work on the family farm following the Great Depression.

On Oct. 12, 1942, he was inducted into the Army and was assigned to inactive status in the Enlisted Reserves Corps. On Oct. 26, 1942, Kondrat entered into active service at Fort Custer, Mich. and was transferred to Camp Shelby, Miss. Following basic training and equipment operators school, he departed the United States on Feb. 10, 1944, arriving in the Pacific Theater of Operations on Mar. 17, 1944. Kondrat was assigned to Battery

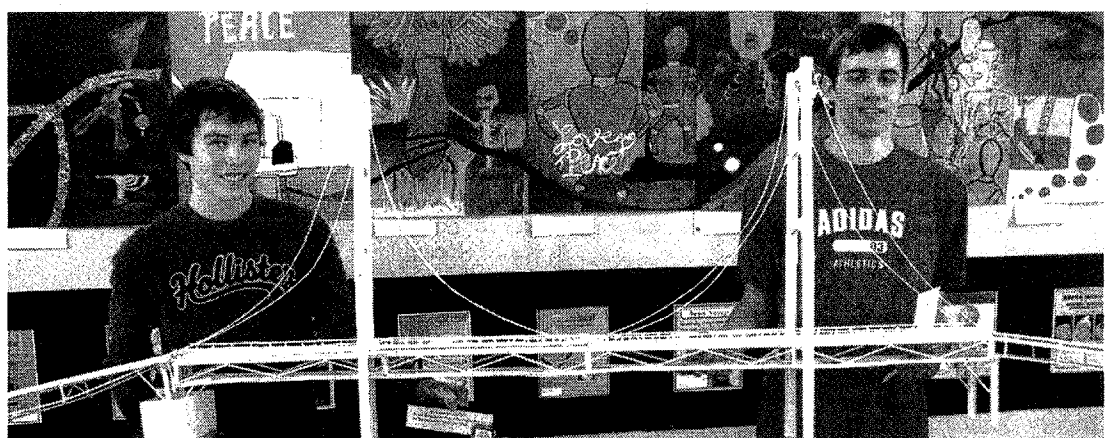
B of the 149th Field Artillery, 31st Dixie Division serving as a tractor driver and participated in battles and campaigns in New Guinea and the Southern Philippine Islands. On Dec. 2, 1945, he departed the Pacific Theater of Operations arriving in the United States on Dec. 19, 1945, and on Jan. 1, 1946, at the Separation Center, Fort Sheridan, Ill. Kondrat received an honorable discharge having attained the rank of Corporal/Technician Fifth Class and was awarded the following decorations and citations: the Victory Medal, the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Medal with two Bronze Battle Stars, the Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Battle Star, the Good

Conduct Medal, three Overseas Bars (each representing six months foreign service), and one Service Stripe.

Returning to the Boyne area, Kondrat co-founded Boyne Falls Log Homes and on Nov. 16, 1946, he married Clara Belle Sevinski in Boyne Falls where they made their home in the first log home he had built. In the summer of 1970 Kondrat relocated to the family homestead on Renkie Rd. where he built a new home and in May of 1972 he sold his interest in the log home business and retired. Following the death of his wife, on June 25, 1996, Kondrat remained active in his church and community by helping those in need and on June 1, 2002, he completed his formal educa-

tion by receiving his high school diploma. He enjoyed working in the woods, hunting, fishing, restoring and operating old tractors, steam engines and farm equipment, but his greatest joy in life was spending quality time with his family. On May 18, 2007, Kondrat answered the final call and is being honored by his children Christine, Bernard, Mark, Melissa and their families.

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.



Nick Steiner (l) and Michael Ponte of Bellaire High School, hold a nine-foot Mackinaw Bridge with freighter that they created from old unused paper straws which received best of show in the exhibit, Kidz Create - Issues that Matter, now showing at the Jordan River Art Center. Others helping with the project were Keifer Yurgaitas, Brad Guy and Mary Manville the art teacher.

"Kidz" Create works of art on many issues

On Sunday, Feb. 24, at the Jordan River Art Center, awards were presented to students that participated in the project Kidz Create - Issues that Matter. The awards presented were best of show, a group consisting of more than two students and the individual issues chosen: shelters, recycling, war and peace, pollution, endangered species, invasive species, the Great Lakes, garden sculptures, and political issues. Techniques used included painted silks, mosaics, collages with poems, paintings, digital imaging, and sculptures from toothpicks, recycled materials, shoes, metal, wood, popsicle sticks, and adobe.

The juror, Carol Ross, artist and teacher of Boyne City, spent several hours deciding on the 45 awards made possible by grants from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Bay Harbor Foundation.

Best of show award went to Bellaire students, Nick Steiner, Michael Ponte, Keifer Yurgaitas, and Brad Guy for their Mackinaw Bridge and a floating freighter made from recycled paper drinking straws. They

also received a group award for their Tree in the Park, complete with bench, bicycle, garbage can, and lamp made from pop cans and tabs.

Other group awards went to Chris Dewey and Travor, Bellaire; Andy Proctor and Robert Brown, Bellaire; Olivia, Carly, Nori, and Maddy, Ellsworth 4th grade; Katelyn Sowers, Larissa Fisher, and Taryn Rozema, Ellsworth 5th and 6th grade; and Katie, Hunter, and Luke, 5th and 6th grade, Ellsworth.

Individual awards went to Katelyn Fifeleski, Bellaire; Ben Winter, Gina Earegood, Chelsie Kritz, Alex Hagen, Jenny Ernst, and Isabelle Conzen, East Jordan High School; Stephen Hosler, Kaeli Skop, and Emilee Camareno, East Jordan 4th grade; Harry Priest, Emily Crick, and Kelsey Moore, East Jordan 8th grade; Kelcie Drenth, Ellsworth High School; Olive Adams, and Maddy Stecnyk, Ellsworth 4th grade; and Paige Piche, Sarah Welsh, Jeremiah Welsh, and Sarah Zabrowski, Concord Academy Antrim.

Class awards went to: East Jor-

dan High School, Pat Tinney teacher; East Jordan 4th grade class, Mrs. Kitson teacher, East Jordan 4th grade class, Mrs. Hewitt, teacher; East Jordan 8th grade, Darrin Podskalny, teacher; Ellsworth High School imaging class, Deb Hughes, teacher; Beaver Island School, Miranda Rooy, teacher; Ellsworth 4th grade, Char Smith, teacher; and Ellsworth 2nd grade, Holly Russell, teacher.

Other class awards went to Boyne Falls, Melissa Baker teacher; Ellsworth Kindergarten, Mrs. Essenberg, teacher; Ellsworth 1st grade, Mrs. Randall, teacher; Ellsworth 3rd grade, Mrs. Spence, teacher; Ellsworth 5th and 6th grade, Mr. Nagel, teacher; Bellaire High School, Mrs. Manville, teacher; East Jordan 4th grade, Mrs. McDuffie, teacher; and Concord Academy Antrim, Mrs. Hoffman, teacher.

The exhibit is open daily from 1-4 p.m. through March 21 at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan. School group tours with hands on experiences can be scheduled by calling Jane Diller, 231-582-6399.

LEGION NEWS

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held on Feb. 7, the following communications, reports, discussions and actions were presented or acted upon:

It was moved, supported and passed that the post renew subscriptions to the Legion Magazine being sent to Boyne City, Boyne Falls and Concord schools.

The bingo chair reported that the state inspector checked our records and all were in order.

The honor guard par-

ticipated in military services for PFC Billy Miles MacLeod in Cheboygan, who was killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950, in Korea, and conducted Veteran of the Month ceremonies for George Thomas Hosler and Carl Ned Grutsch Jr.

The chaplain reported on the veterans living at Grandvue Medical Care Facility and area veterans who are sick, disabled, shut-in or have answered the final call.

The service officer reported that, effective Feb. 1, veterans travel

pay to VA hospitals was increased to 28.5 cents per mile.

The National Guard was contacted regarding an accreditation class for conducting military funerals by the post who would then qualify to receive a government stipend.

The need to replace several missing storm windows was discussed and prices will be obtained.

Membership stands at 137 and delinquent members are being contacted.

Veterans Appreciation Day 2008 will be

held May 14.

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

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 Nattermann will be celebrant for the Palm Sunday, March 16, service at Episcopal Church of the Nativity. Following the 10 a.m. Eucharist, coffee hour will be held.

Nativity's vestry members will meet on Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., in the undercroft. Also in the undercroft, beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, the soup, sandwich and study session will continue the study of 'A Purpose-Driven Life.' Soup will be supplied by a member of the church, and participants should plan to bring their own sandwich.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated with a 10 a.m. Eucharist, with Reverend Nattermann as celebrant. Coffee hour will follow in the church undercroft.

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

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 children 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.

Walloon Lake Community Church

Thursday, March 13, Men's Fraternity will meet at 6 a.m. Cozy Quilters will meet at 9 a.m. and the Hearts Helping Hands will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, the Gary Chapman Marriage Conference will start at 9 a.m. Tickets, if available, will be \$50 per person.

Sunday, March 16, Word and Worship start at 9 and 10:45 a.m. KidConnection will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Junior and senior high youth will attend Worship and Word at 9 and then meet at the youth center from 10:30 to noon.

Newsletter deadline is Monday, March 17, at noon. Tuesday, March 18, the Ladies Bible Study will meet at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, the family meal starts at 5:30 p.m. with classes starting at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

First Presbyterian Church, 401 South Park Street, Boyne City, welcomes all for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. This Sunday, March 16, Pastor Jonathan Mays will share from Matthew 21 and 27, with a Palm Sunday message entitled "We Love You...Not!"

Organist, Ruth Evans will accompany the choir and congregation. The choir will sing "Into the City Does Jesus Ride." Nursery provided. Sunday School, ages 4-11, meets during the worship service. Adult class meets 9 to 10 and youth class meets 9:30 to 10:20. All

are invited to Bible Study, 9 a.m., Tuesdays, in the Hill House, and to Prayer and Fellowship, noon Wednesdays, in Faulman Hall (bring a lunch).

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday and contemporary worship is featured on the last Sunday of each month.

Wednesday Lenten Dinners, 6:30 to 8 p.m., continue through March 19, including dinner and conversations about "Making Space for God." Call 231-582-7983.

Christ Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 12, warm up with a nice bowl of hot soup at our soup supper, from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a short Lenten service from 7 to 7:45 p.m. While warming up some soup feel free to ask questions about our church services and events. You may leave at any time. Sunday services start at 8 a.m. for early service, and late service starts at 10:30 a.m., with a Bible school for all ages at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at 231-582-9301 in Boyne City.

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Saltonstall to run for 105th State Representative

CHARLEVOIX — The 105th State House District race has become competitive with the announcement that Connie Saltonstall will enter as the Democratic candidate. Saltonstall announced her candidacy Thursday evening at the Antrim County Democratic Party meeting in Bellaire.

Saltonstall, a life long Charlevoix resident, declared her candidacy because, "I believe that government is about serving all the people. Partisan politics has had a negative effect on our state, and I believe that our solutions are about people, not political parties." Saltonstall has served as a member of the Charlevoix School Board, as a Charlevoix County Commissioner, and is currently on the board of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She also serves as Chairperson of the Charlevoix County Democratic Party.

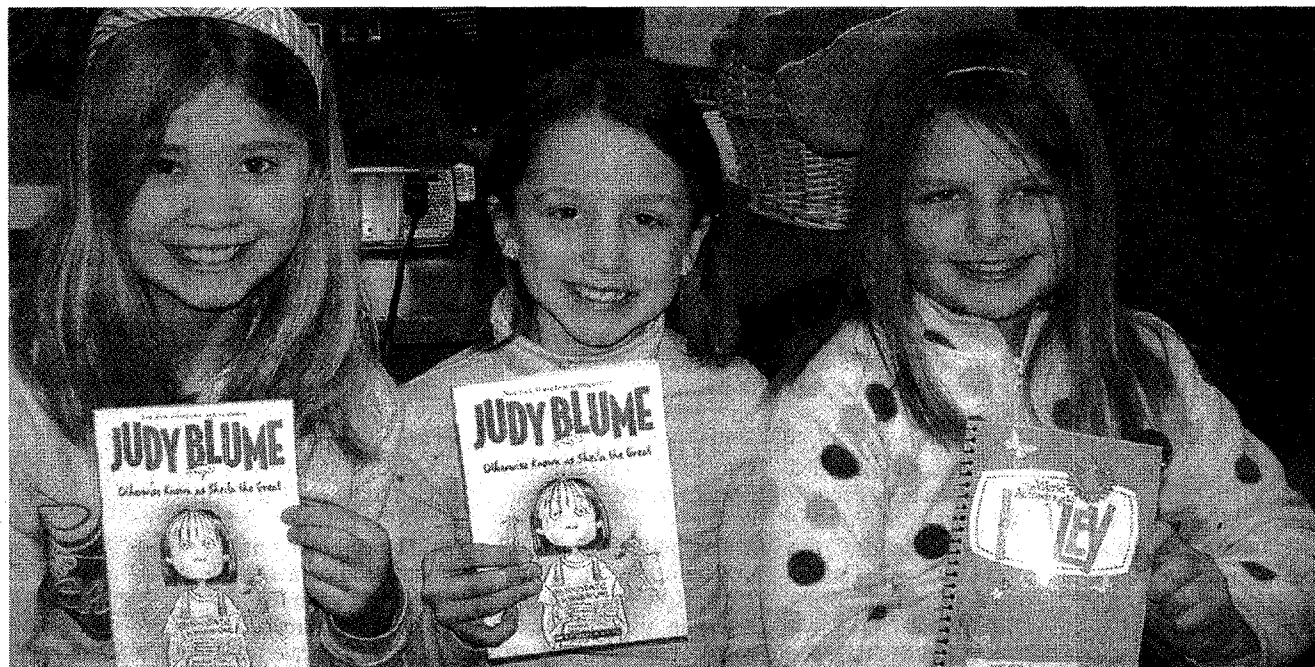
She believes the major issues facing Michigan are creating jobs to compete in the new global economy, supporting education at all levels, including retraining for lost jobs, providing health care plans that address the current pressure on our citizens and the business community, supporting neglected infrastructure, developing green technology, energy, and industry, and preserving our Great Lakes environment and water.

She believes our state legislature has been frequently paralyzed because even when solutions were evident, results were blocked so that one political party would not get credit for doing something right. Last year our state government was nearly forced to shut down because there was no budget agreement. Michigan needs elected officials who can work together creating solutions for our state.

A graduate of Charlevoix High School and University of Michigan, Saltonstall has a background in both education and business. She taught fourth grade in the Charlevoix Schools. In 1978 she was elected to and served on the Charlevoix School Board and was appointed to the Michigan Association of School Boards Taxation Committee. She also founded and was vice president of a small but nationally known research and consulting firm, with clients including Viacom, ABC, ESPN, The Weather Channel, and CBS. Currently she is a mediator and board member with Northern Community Mediation, a board member of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, and is active with the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She is well known for her tireless work on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library.

"I am committed to working for the citizens of the 105th State House District, which includes Antrim, Cheboygan, Charlevoix and Otsego Counties." Her campaign committee includes former candidates Jim McKimmy and Tom Hay Bauer. Saltonstall stated, "As a Representative, I will listen closely to the people of my district and work to make our state government efficient and effective, solving the problems of neglected infrastructure, the economy, education, the environment and healthcare. Despite the challenges we face, those of us who live here know that northern Michigan is a great place to live and work. We need to capitalize on our outstanding natural resources and talented people to build up tourism and attract businesses and families here."

Boyer City Elementary School celebrated R.I.F. (Reading Is Fundamental) with an exciting assembly called Reading Rocks! Joel Tacey entertained the students using juggling, music, magic, and comedy, with the emphasis on reading and enjoying your library.



(l-r) Kayla Gilland, Lindsey Davis and Sarah Holland are all smiles as they show off their new books.

School forestland bill ready for introduction

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan Public School District's idea for legislation that would provide more revenue to schools is ready for introduction on the state House floor by Rep. Kevin Elseneheimer.

The legislation addresses school forestland sale revenue. It would amend 1994 PA 451 to allow school districts to retain 90 percent of the proceeds, rather than 50 percent as the current law holds. Superintendent of East Jordan Public Schools, Chip Hansen, said that the

school district is not selling any of the 40 acres of forestland it owns.

"At this time, East Jordan Public Schools has no plans to sell any property," Hansen said. "We're waiting to see if the Legislature puts a vehicle in place that will allow revenues generated by such a sale to be retained locally, where they can be of benefit to our students and community."

The legislation idea was submitted by the school district under a program known as "Ought to be a Law." State Rep. Kevin Elseneheimer sought ideas from citizens in the 105th District.

The East Jordan Public School Dis-

trict was one of 10 participants chosen out of more than 100 responses.

"We're very pleased that Rep. Elseneheimer saw the merits of our school forest property proposal," Hansen said. "Our school district's Finance Action Team developed the plan two years ago as an opportunity for school districts to find alternative sources of long-term revenue."

The principal amount of the funds acquired from the sale would be preserved in perpetuity, while the interest income would be used by the schools for education.

Hansen explained school forestland

in a statement.

"School forest properties in general are not adjacent to school buildings. They typically are 40-acre parcels of vacant land that were originally set aside for agricultural education. While some of these properties remain suitable for such purposes, most no longer are used for their original purpose. Permanently endowing the proceeds from the sale of such property provides school districts with long-term revenues produced by the endowment funds interest income."

Rep. Elseneheimer expects to introduce the bill soon.

Emergency food and shelter grants available

Charlevoix County has been awarded \$27,315 and Emmet County has been awarded \$40,627 in federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. These funds will be distributed by a local board and are used to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in these counties. The funding period is Oct. 1, 2007 through Sept. 30.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency

and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; and, United Way of America. The local board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county.

The local board is made up of representatives from Char-Em United Way, the Salva-

tion Army, the Red Cross, Catholic Human Services, community foundations, local churches, Temple B'nai Israel, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawas, the Department of Human Services, local governments, and a representative of the homeless population. This board will determine how the funds are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Under the terms of the grant from the na-

tional board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Emergency food and shelter funds were awarded to the following agencies last year: the Women's Resource

Center, the Salvation Army, the Manna Project, St. Francis Church, Brother Dan's Food Pantry, Care and Share, Charlevoix Community Pantry, SDA Community Services Center, and Good Samaritan Family Services.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Martha Lancaster, Char-Em United Way, P.O. Box 1701, Petoskey MI 49770; phone 231-487-1006; email charemuw@sbcglobal.net

for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is 5 p.m. Friday, March 14.

Dr. McMillian's
Mental Health Corner



Social Support is a significant stress-buffer for individuals with troubling circumstances. We commonly rely on others for advice, information, material support and emotional stability. However, people who need social support the most have become isolated. For instance, a person with a lay off or separation from employment, has lost a sense of purpose including daily contact with friends, group, or common goal. Social isolation is not central to any one group of people. Although, connecting with resources for help can be similar for various groups of people. For example, youth can seek out help from school resources or their faith community. A newly unemployed person can seek out employment counseling or use resources in their community. The bottom line is GET ON YOUR FEET!! If you pull the covers over your head, it is not possible to see the light of day...nor will you see the hand that is there to help and support.

Tammy Croy McMillian PhD
231-582-0553

HAPPENINGS

Give the gift of life

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, at Boyne Falls School, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For information on a blood drive in any of the 65 counties served by the Great Lakes Region, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org. Blood drive times and locations are subject to change.

Civil Air Patrol meets

The Gaylord Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets every Thursday at 7 p.m., at the Otsego County Airport Terminal Bldg. Inquiries welcome.

Lenten fish dinners return

St. Matthew Church will hold a Friday Lenten fish dinner on March 14, 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.

East Jordan Little League

Sign ups for East Jordan Little League will be held on Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Thursday, March 20, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the East Jordan High School.

Contact Ruby at 231-536-3012 for more information.

Open Door Coffee House

The Collins will perform from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, at the Open Door Christian Coffee House in the East Jordan Senior Center on Main Street. Donations will be accepted at this non-de-

nominal family event. Pizza, coffee, tea and pop are available. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday breakfast

The East Jordan Snowmobile Club will be serving Sunday breakfast every Sunday through March, from 7 a.m. to noon, at the club on Mt. Bliss Rd.

Adult ed program

The Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Adult Education Program is now enrolling adults at the Michigan Works! Learning Labs who would like to finish their high school diploma, prepare for the GED, improve basic job skills or learn basic computer and keyboarding skills. Instruction is free of charge. Labs are located in Cadillac, Kalkas-

ka, East Jordan, Petoskey, Traverse City and Manistee. For information about the lab nearest you call 1-800-442-1074.

History Preservation

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will meet Monday, March 31, at 7 p.m., at the East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street in East Jordan.

The program will be a visit to the East Jordan Portside Art and History Museum downtown site, with an opportunity to see

the historical exhibits that have been displayed at City Hall.

Pat Porter Bloom will be our speaker. She will discuss the new book "The Business Interests of William Pitt Porter in East Jordan, Michigan," by R. P. Bowen.

Pat is the granddaughter of W. P. Porter.

Overeaters Anonymous meet

Overeaters Anonymous meets Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the new

Alano Club, 509 N. East St. In Boyne City. For information, call Maggie at 231-582-2360.

Story hour

Story hour at the Crooked Tree District Libraries in Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake is on

Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, crafts and other book-related fun with a different theme each week. Ages 6 and under welcome, with no registration required. For more information, call 231-535-2111 or 231-549-2277.

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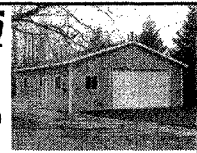
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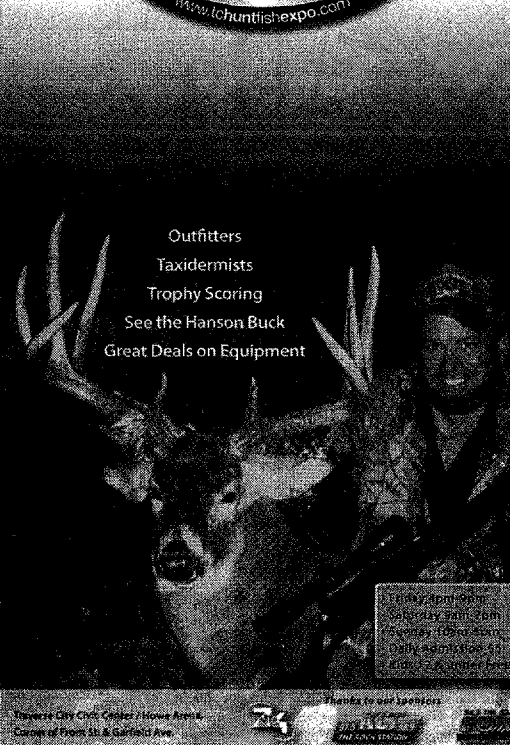
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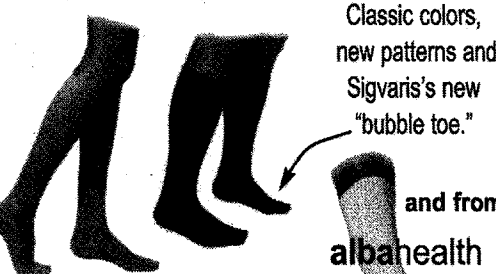


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Hospice celebrates 25 years

PETOSKEY — When Vicki Patterson first got involved with a group of locals looking into forming a hospice organization, she couldn't have known some 25 years later it would help her through the process of caring for her own dad at the end of his life.

"My dad died just over a year ago," said Patterson, a nurse at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital who works with the clinical trial program for oncology patients.

"Little did I know in 1980 that I would be using the program for my own family. It was important for me to know that I had the practical and emotional support needed to keep my dad at home. Hospice made that possible."

the hospice group and cared for the first at-home patient who was at the end of her life in 1983.

"I taught nursing at the college at the time and I was very much concerned about pain control," said Gruler, who was the first executive director, a volunteer position.

As the group became more organized, Gruler said the process expanded to find local professionals to volunteer their expertise, such as nurses, doctors and attorneys. "Hospice grew out of a need that was recognized by a lot of nurses," Gruler said. "We felt the need for more humane care of people at the end stage of life."

Patterson was a head nurse on the oncology floor at the time of those early hospice organizational meetings in the early 1980s.

"I got involved from a personal and professional standpoint, because I felt that patients weren't getting the support they needed to die peacefully at home, and I felt that choice was very important," said Patterson.

That mission continues. Each year, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay helps about 175 patients and families in Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet counties.

Since its founding, volunteers have been at the heart of hospice. Ashley said more are currently needed, particularly with the opening of Hiland Cottage. Volunteers will be needed to greet our visitors and assist in other important ways. An upcoming February training session will acquaint interested area residents with the various volunteer positions available.

Hospice also relies heavily on financial donations. With a \$2 million annual budget, Ashley said about \$400,000 is raised each year from community donors.

Today, area families can readily find that important comfort and care support. For the past 25 years, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay has sustained families like Patterson's who are facing end-of-life issues. To mark the milestone anniversary year, a number of celebrations are planned, including the opening of Hiland Cottage the first week of June.

Contact Hospice at 231-487-4825 for more information on the upcoming training, volunteer opportunities, or how to give. Hospice is also in the process of hiring staff for Hiland Cottage. Apply online at www.hospiceltb.org.

Other events planned throughout 2008 to celebrate the 25th anniversary include a major donor celebration in July, a community auction, set for Oct. 18, at Nub's Nob.

Ashley said the next 25 years are likely to bring more collaboration of hospices region-wide to continue serving the needs of north-west Michigan residents.

"We're stronger together," she said. "I think that's what the next 25 years will bring, more partnerships and abilities to work with more community organizations to provide better education to people about end-of-life care."

The seven-bed hospice facility, funded by more than \$4 million in community donations, will also house administrative offices, community support groups, and counseling services all in one location, said Lisa Ashley, hospice executive director.

Hiland Cottage will be home for patients who live alone where safety is a concern, or younger patients who don't want their children to have to witness daily struggles nearing the end of life, Ashley said. It will provide 24-hour caregiving support.

The Hiland Cottage opening is an example of how hospice has evolved to meet the community's needs over the past two-plus decades, Ashley said.

"Our program has grown significantly over the last 25 years. We started with a handful of volunteers and have over 120 volunteers today," said Ashley, who noted the organization became an official nonprofit in August of 1983. "We have an amazing volunteer corps."

In the early days, hospice had no office and operated mainly out of the hospital itself. Petoskey resident Mary Gruler was instrumental in starting

Essay contest winners named

Three students from Boyne City Middle School in Boyne City have been named local winners in the 39th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

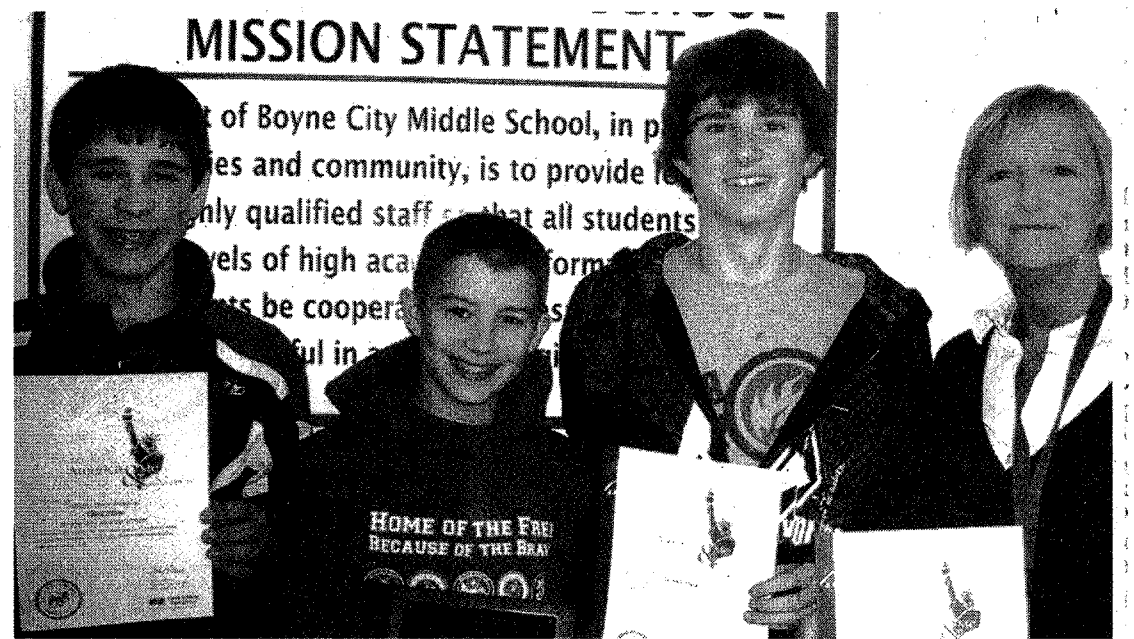
The three students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their essays, are Collin Ulvund, first, Parker Harbaugh, second, and William Dean Hague, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Collin's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Collin Ulvund's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide

winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top ten statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from over 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2007-2008 America & Me Essay Contest, which was



Winners of the "America & Me" essay contest from Boyne City Middle School are (l-r) Dean Hague, third place; Collin Ulvund, first place; Parker Harbaugh, second place; and Mindy Porter, principal.

conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2007-2008

contest was "My Personal Hero." Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students,

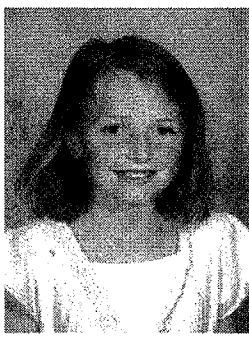
the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest,

Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public

NAME: Melody Ann Harmon
PARENTS: Patrick Harmon and Becky Palminter
GRADE: 7th
FAVORITE CLASS: Math
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Acting, singing
FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball
FAVORITE COLOR: Yellow
FAVORITE FOOD: Spaghetti
FAVORITE BOOK: "Incident at Hawk's Hill"
FAVORITE MOVIE: "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe"
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Deal or No Deal
STAFF COMMENTS: "Melody is a pleasure to have in the classroom; she is always bright and bubbly and always has a positive attitude. Melody always takes a leadership role in the class, leading discussions and taking charge in group projects. She is always there to help other students, and is not afraid to ask for help when she needs it. Melody is the type of student that makes teaching so much fun. Thanks for being in my classroom and congratulations on the honor." Mr. Hamilla



who strives to achieve perfection. She is never satisfied unless she has completed a task way beyond expectations. She is truly a pleasure to have in government and adds a lot to the class." Mrs. Greenier
 "Kayla is one of those students who always brings a unique viewpoint to whatever we are studying. I appreciate her willingness to take on any challenge presented to her." Mrs. McPherson



dents. She is a hard worker and always strives for excellence." Mrs. Crick

"Britany always comes to class with a smile and positive attitude for learning. She puts forth a lot of effort in her work and it shows in the quality work that she hands in. She is a great student and person." Mrs. Petrie



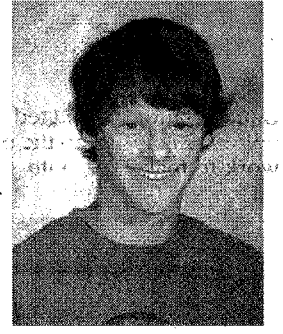
"Britany is one of the most polite and helpful students I have ever had the pleasure to teach." Mr. Nachazel

Boyne City High School

NAME: Kayla Mousseau
PARENTS: Kirk and Kelli Mousseau
GRADE: 11th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, FCS
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): CAD, English, and Art
FUTURE PLANS: Architect or Interior Designer
STAFF COMMENTS: "Kayla is one of my best designers in architecture. She has great visualization and work ethic. She is well deserving of student of the week." Mr. Cross
 "Kayla Mousseau is a very hard working student

NAME: Britany Wisner
PARENTS: Victor and Julie Wisner
GRADE: 6th
FAVORITE CLASS: Art
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Basketball
STAFF COMMENTS: "Britany is one of the happiest young ladies I have ever had the pleasure of teaching. She always has an ear to ear smile on her face and is ready each day to do her work, and at a very high level. Keep up the great, and cheerful effort." Mr. Keyser
 "Britany is always kind and helpful to other stu-

NAME: Tom Halsted
PARENTS: Jane and Jeff Halsted
GRADE: 10th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball and Soccer
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I enjoy snow skiing and basketball
FUTURE PLANS: I want to go to college and take a road trip out west.
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Thank you to Mr. Nohel and Mrs. Davis for nominating me.
STAFF COMMENTS: "I have Tom in my Architecture drafting class. Tom does a great job. He is a good student who works very hard, and is a great kid to have in my class, keep it up Tom." Don Nohe, Industrial Arts Department
 "Tom is a very cooperative, quiet student who seems to be very focused on his work. He is very easy to have in class and always minds his own business and gets his work done." Natalie Davis, Business Department



STUDENT NEWS

NMU announces Presidential Scholarship winners
MARQUETTE — Melissa Seelye, of Boyne City High School, has been named a winner of the Presidential Scholars competition for high school seniors who will attend Northern Michigan University in the fall.

state or out-of-state tuition, most required fees and room and board for eight consecutive semesters.

CMU graduates
 Michael Mazzella and Anna Olson, both of East Jordan, were among the Central Michigan University

graduates in December. Each received their Bachelor of Science in Education degree.

Local student named to dean's list
 Elizabeth Kosc of Boyne Falls has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 se-

mester at Davenport University. To achieve the dean's list, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

BGSU dean's list
 William Nathan Bavers, of East Jor-

dan, was one of 4,002 undergraduate students named to the spring 2007 dean's list at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. William Nathan Bavers, son of Jay and Shellie Bavers, was a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences

during spring semester. To be chosen for the dean's list, undergraduate students must carry no fewer than 12 letter-graded credit hours per semester and achieve a grade point averages of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

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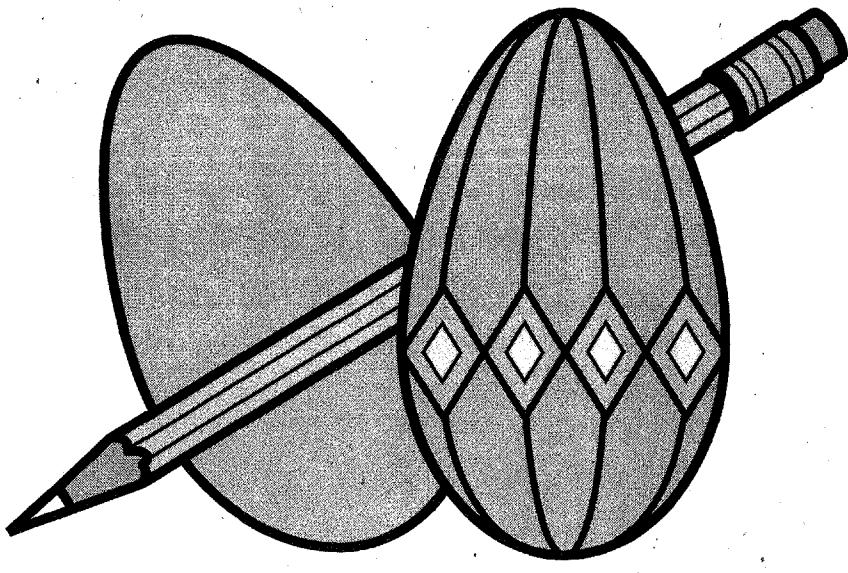
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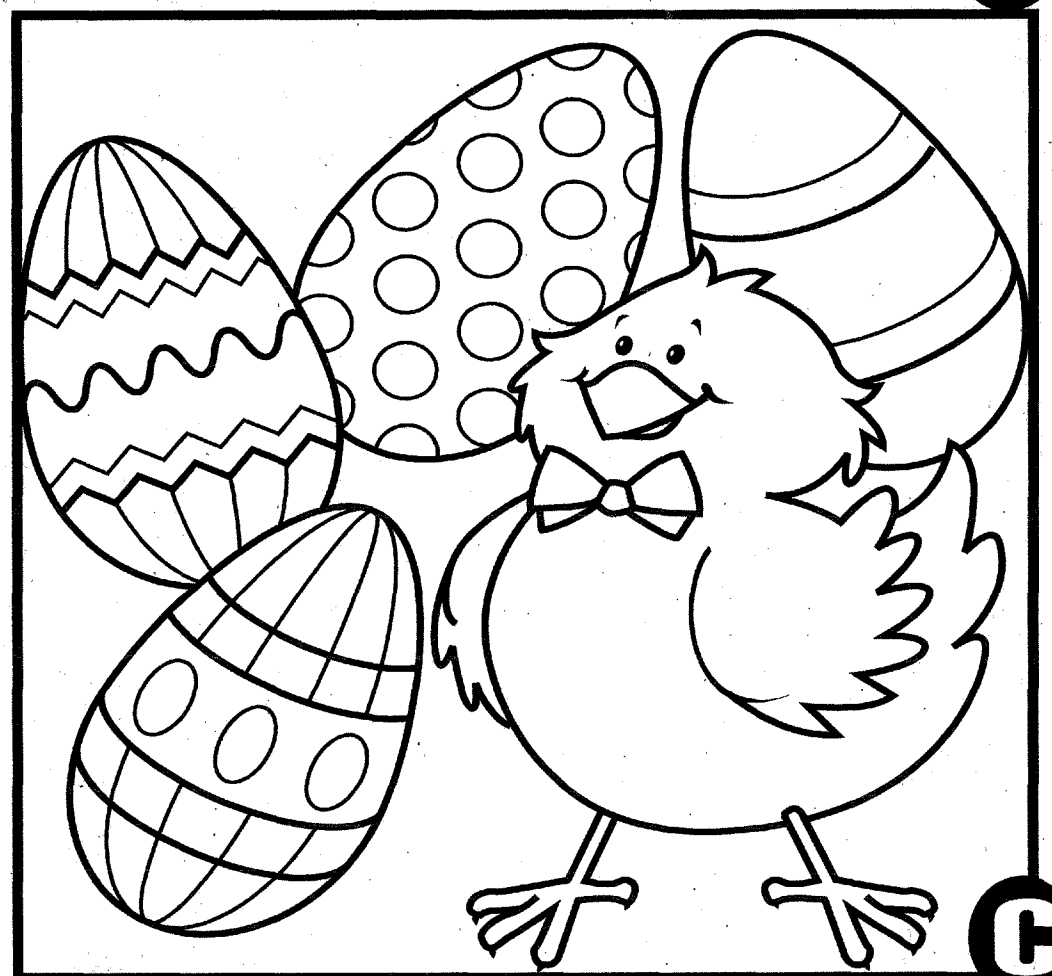
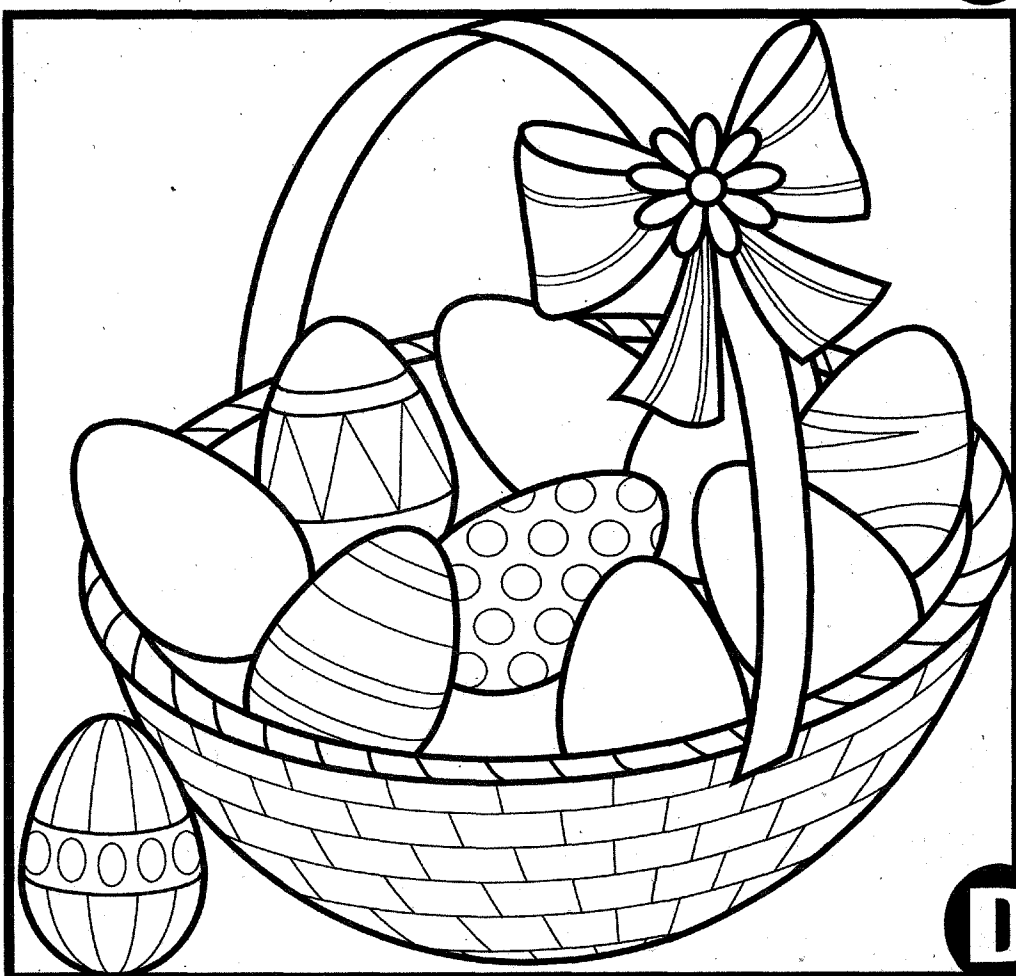
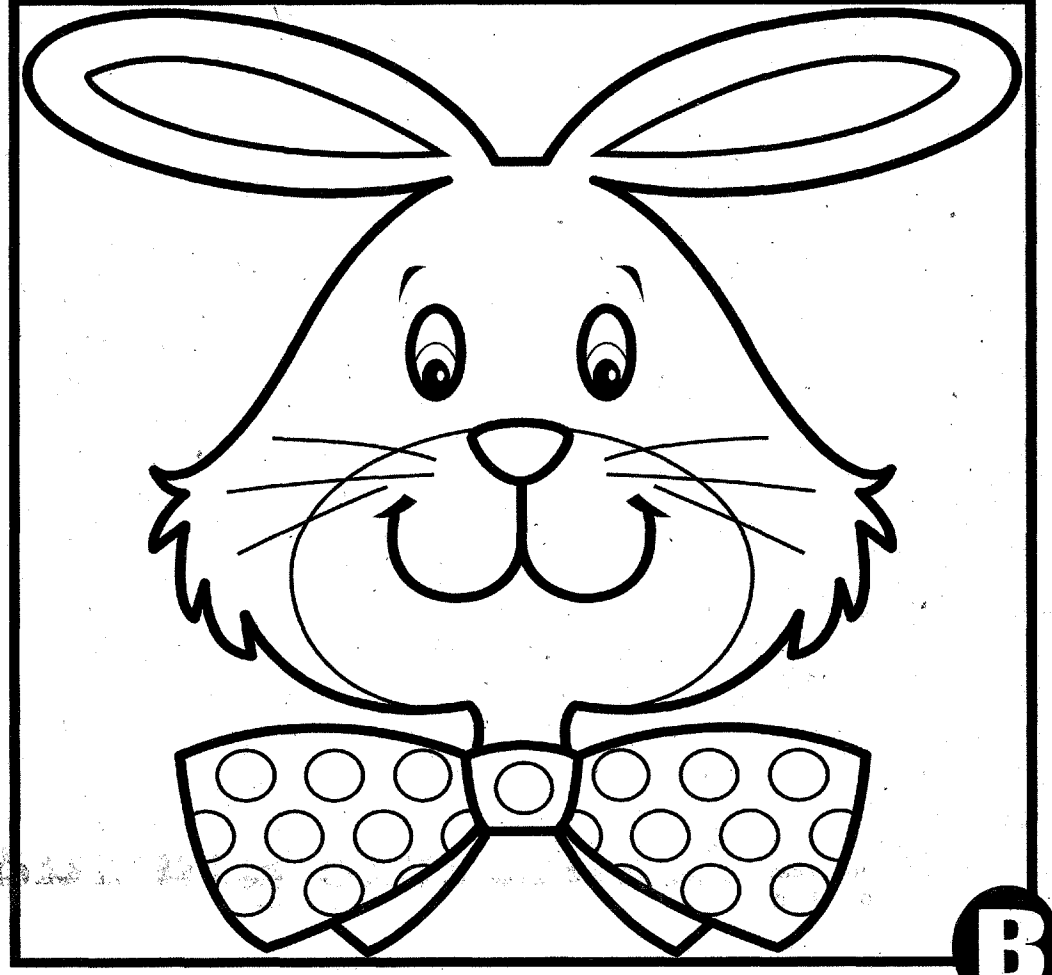
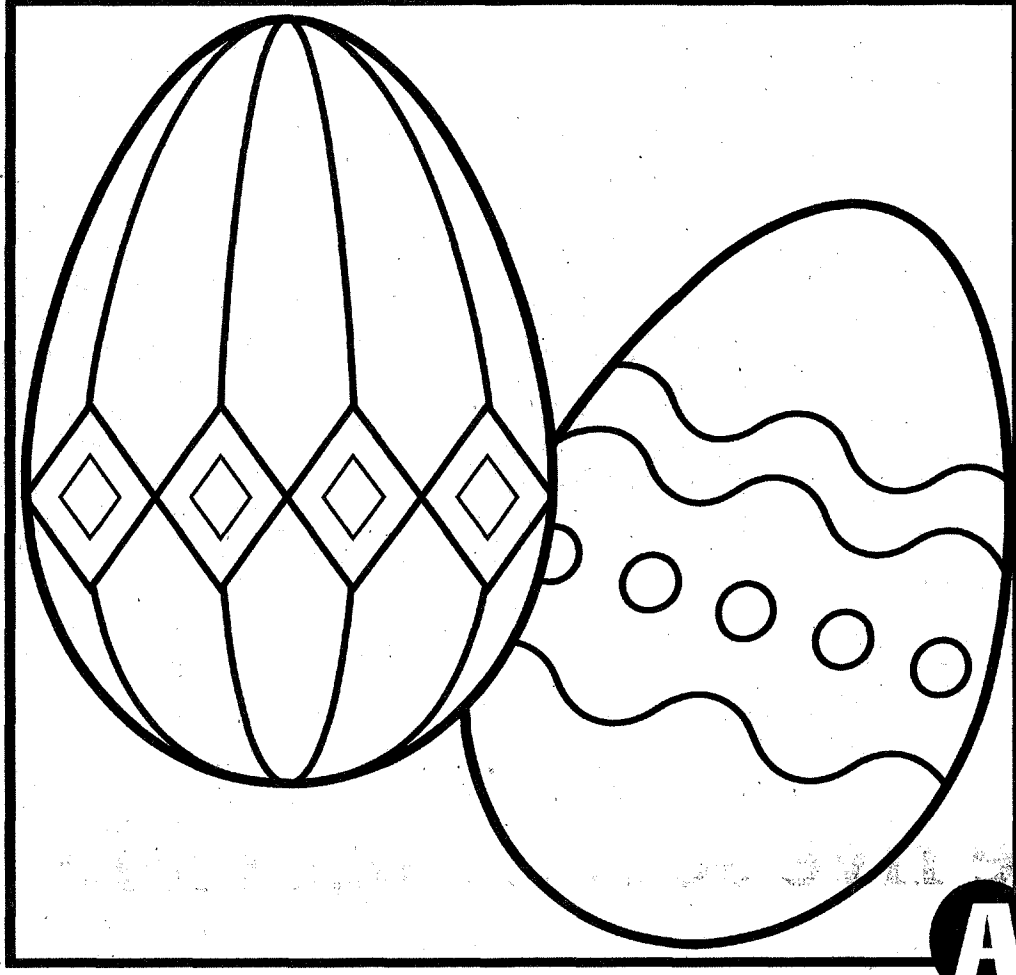


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CHIP SHOT



By
Chip
Corwin

Spring is almost here

As I type this (Monday morning) the temperature outside is somewhere between -15 and so cold that the Earth's magma has stopped flowing.

It's so cold that my breath doesn't even fog up; it just falls to the ground in little ice crystals. It's so cold that on my way to work this morning I saw a bear wearing buckskin coveralls, beaver pelt mittens and a raccoon cap. It's so cold I'm hallucinating.

But take heart, readers, for spring is definitely on the way.

In fact, according to the MHSAA, it has already started.

Spring sports were officially allowed to start practicing on March 10.

Now I'm sure it will be a while until we see student-athletes take to the fields, tracks, courses and courts, but it's still an encouraging thought.

Now I know there are some winter sports "enthusiasts" out there (read: humans cross bred with arctic seals) who would still like to see another eight weeks of winter. For those people I say there is a great place called Antarctica that I hear has cheap real estate by the bundle. The only weird thing might be your neighbors, who I've heard like to take long marches dressed in tuxedos. But you can get over that. Besides, they could probably offer you some fishing tips.

Now, don't get me wrong, I like winter too. I like skiing and sledding and snowshoeing and scraping eight inches of ice off my windshield every morning (builds the muscles in my arms and shoulders), but I also like the things that spring brings.

I like the smell of mud because it means that it's finally warm enough for mud to exist. I like being able to go for a run without wearing an astronaut suit to keep warm. I like watching baseball. And this year I'm particularly excited because the greatest team...dare I say ever? Yes, yes I do. This year I'm particularly excited because the greatest baseball team ever assembled just happens to wear the olde English D on their caps.

Maybe I just have seasonal ADD, but I'm looking forward to the arrival of spring. I know it's not much coming from an organization that was recently told it had its seasons confused in the first place, but if the MHSAA says spring has arrived, I'll at least take it as a step in the right direction.

Boyne City attains goal of finishing among top three in conference

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Finishing the regular season tied for third place in the rugged Lake Michigan Conference, the Boyne City boys basketball team felt good about its chances in the district tournament.

When the Ramblers took a 67-66 lead into the final seconds against Harbor Springs, it looked like they would move on to the regionals.

Stopping the dribbler coming down the middle, Boyne City forced the Rams to take a shot from deep in the corner as time expired in regulation.

The shot went in, and Harbor Springs gained revenge for the Ramblers' 65-62 victory just two weeks before.

Harbor Springs capitalized on the Ramblers' early problems to build a 12-point lead at the half.

But the Ramblers never gave up, and they came storming back in the second half to put themselves in position to win late in the game.

Despite the heartbreaking loss, Boyne City head coach John Hertel felt good about the team's performance this season.

"We had a goal of finishing in the top three teams of the

Lake Michigan Conference," Hertel said.

The Ramblers did that with a 7-7 record in the league for a third-place tie.

A district championship might have propelled them to a little bit of a run in the tournament.

Boyne City played a lot of good teams close, including Cedarville and Gaylord outside of the conference.

It proved the Ramblers were competitive and could play against any team on their schedule.

"Yes, I would agree," Hertel said, adding that the Ramblers might just have played the toughest Class C schedule in the state.

"For the most part, every game we were competitive. There was maybe one or two games on our schedule all year that we were not competitive in.

"That's one of the things that I took a lot of pride in, that despite the fact that we have that difficult of a schedule, we were competitive.

"And, to be honest that's why we want to have that difficult of a schedule, so that our team will be competitive no matter who we're playing."

It prepared the Ramblers well for the district tournament.

Unfortunately, their shots just weren't falling in the first half against Harbor Springs.

But their schedule had toughened them up enough to make it possible for them to come back and come within seconds of pulling out a win.

The Ramblers lose eight seniors off this year's team, but return seven juniors who'll be the senior leaders next year.

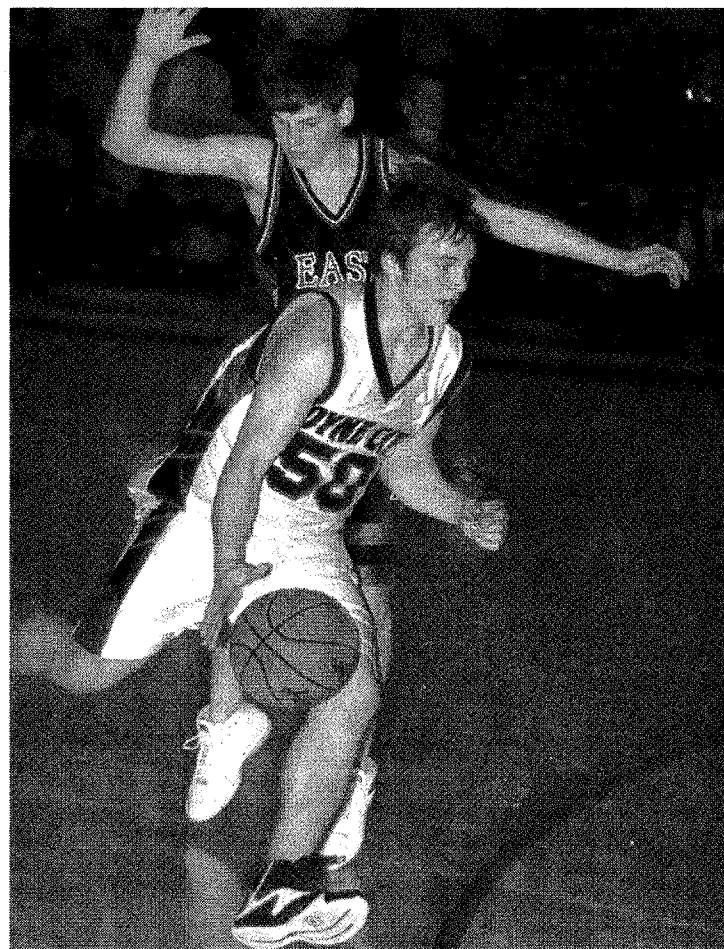
"It made us a strong team," Hertel said. "A lot of the juniors got very valuable playing time this year.

"So, yeah we're losing a lot. But, we have a lot returning, and we feel that we have some very good players coming up from the junior varsity.

"We're trying to build a program that even when you do have guys that are graduating, as you do have every year, that you're going to have guys that are going to step in and take on those roles.

"This is by far the most depth that we've had in my three years coaching here. My first year we had to bring Robby Jensen and Josh Konecki, who are graduating this year, up to the varsity level to have a 10-man practice."

Hertel is confident the Ramblers are headed on an upward swing and will be contenders for a league title again next year.



Boyne City's Trevor Kruzel races past East Jordan's Teddy Snowden in a game earlier this season. Kruzel and the Ramblers finished tied for third place in the Lake Michigan Conference this season.

Ramblers graduate five seniors off team that finished 13-9

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Scott Hausler didn't intend to coach Boyne City's girls basketball team this season.

When the Ramblers' returning seniors learned Hausler was stepping down at the end of the 2006 season, they asked him to coach one more year.

For them, it was the kind of request Hausler found impossible to refuse, so he discussed it with his family and decided to coach the 2007-08 season.

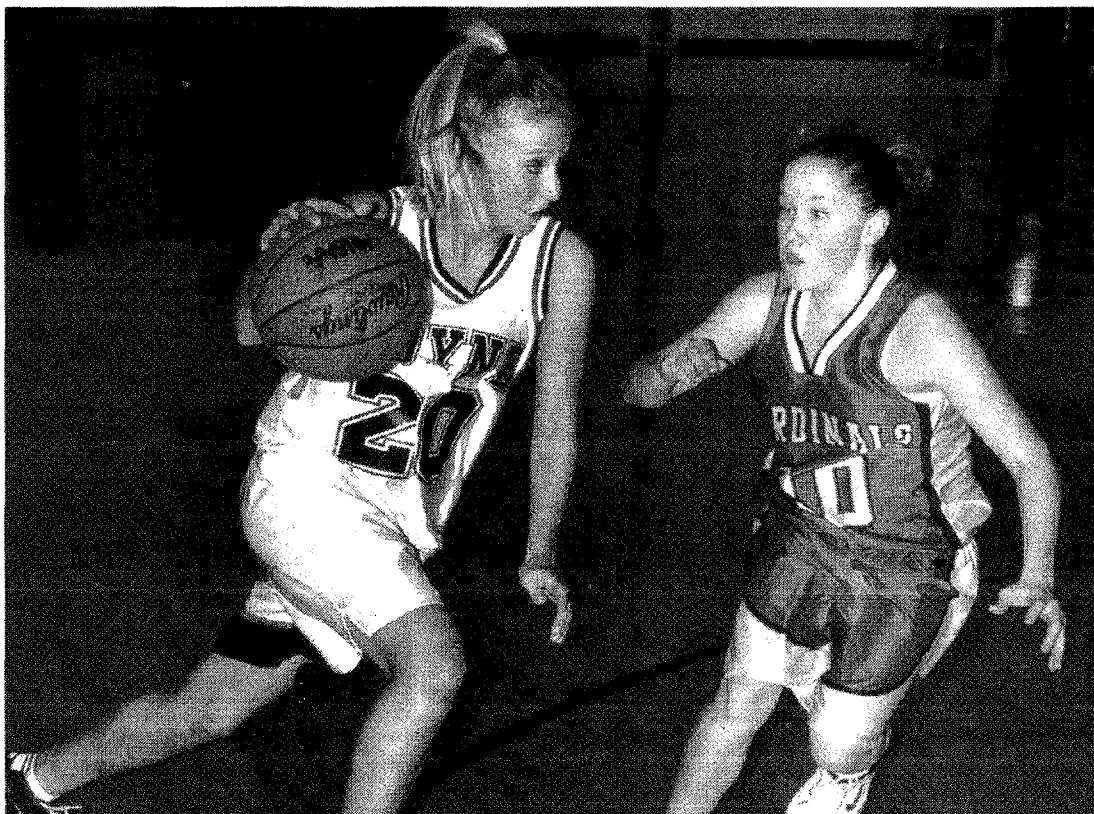
And while the Ramblers lost 65-50 to Whittemore-Prescott in the district championship game, it was a season Hausler will always remember.

Not for the victories as much as for the opportunity to coach a group of athletes dedicated to their sport and who had the willingness to put in the hard work to be successful.

The Ramblers finished 13-9.

Perhaps the biggest win came toward the end of the regular season as the Ramblers snapped East Jordan's 11-game winning streak with a 51-47 victory.

Boyne City trailed Charlevoix by three points with three min-



Boyne City's Allison Aown drives to the hoop in the district finals vs. Whittemore-Prescott.

utes remaining before running out of steam and losing 56-42 the game before.

Hausler was proudest of the

Ramblers' ability to put that loss behind them and upset the high flying Red Devils just two nights later.

"For some reason, we had a hard time finishing games," Hausler said. "But, we hung tough against East Jordan and

were able to finish the game strong.

"We did it at the best time of the season, too, just before the district tournament. It was a major lift for the girls.

"It gave them the confidence that they could compete against any team. It was what we needed at the right time."

Katie Sweet, Caitlyn Wonski, Jessica Knysz, Trisha Tomkins and Allison Aown will be gone when the basketballs are rolled out next winter.

"They'll be difficult to replace. "All five basically led the way this year," Hausler said. "They gave us the leadership that you need.

"I can't say enough about what they meant to this program. It's been a privilege to coach them the last three years."

But the cupboard is not bare by any means.

One key returnee will be starting guard Shelby Mittig, who averaged over 7 points a game and hit for 44 percent from long range.

She'll be expected to take on an even larger role next year.

But, obviously, she can't do it alone, and finding those players who can step up to fill other key roles will be crucial for the Ramblers.

SPORTS BRIEF

Seniors from the East Jordan boys and girls basketball team will be hosting a student vs. staff charity basketball game on March 18 at East Jordan High School. Pregame festivities begin at 7 pm. Donations will be taken at the door to benefit Challenge Mountain. The East Jordan Boosters will also be donating a percentage of concession receipts to Challenge Mountain.

The students will also be accepting donations for a "pay it forward challenge." The money collected will be given to the staff members participating in the game, who will then be charged with finding a charitable use for it.

Other activities will include a half-time shootout for free prizes and a performance by the East Jordan High School jazz band.

For more information, contact Katherine Rowley at 231-330-1677 or Steve Hines at 536-2259.

Rambler wrestlers to return several underclassmen with experience

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Maybe the finish wasn't quite what coach Don Nohel had envisioned for the Boyne City wrestlers who qualified for regional competition.

After all, Drew Nohel had to withdraw after suffering an injury and Steve Robinson was eliminated before securing a spot in the next week's state finals.

Still, that couldn't put a damper on what had been an eventful and exciting season that saw the Ramblers pile up some impressive individual numbers.

Cody Wilmot had the best individual finish outside of dis-

tricts with a second place finish at the Lake Michigan Conference championships, and he was a rock all season.

Drew Nohel, Nate Haley and Adam Brown were third in their respective weight classes as the Ramblers had one of their best showings in the league meet in recent years.

Team-wise, it was a different story.

Fighting a numbers problem, and having to give up points because they had to leave too many weight classes open, the Ramblers knew that accomplishing any team goals would be impossible.

What has coach Nohel jacked up though is the potential for future success as he continues to build the program.

Nohel is hoping that with Robinson and Nohel both getting out of districts this season it will spark some interest among members of the freshman and sophomore classes.

Perhaps those athletes who have been sitting on the bubble where participating in wrestling is concerned will topple over the fence and come out for the sport.

Wrestling is a demanding sport, not only physically but mentally as well.

Out on the mat, each wrestler has to win or lose on his own. He has no teammates to turn to for help when the situation gets a little binding.

Success or failure can be measured in tenths of a second. The slightest mistake can lead

to a pin or take-down that turns victory into defeat.

But, the opposite is also true, and if a wrestler can have the physical strength and mental toughness to get himself out of a jam, victory can be his — or hers.

Nohel can only speculate now on what might have been with Robinson and Drew Nohel.

Fortunately, both wrestlers were underclassmen who'll be back for another shot at states.

Their success during the season and at districts will serve as a motivator for the younger members of the team, who have seen that hard work and attention to detail can reap huge dividends.

"We had several other un-

derclassmen on the team, and I expect all of them to put in more off-season work on physical conditioning and weight training to improve themselves," coach Nohel said.

"I truly feel that all of them can take their games up another level and be contenders for spots at the regionals. But, they have to put their minds to it and maintain their mental focus all year."

Everyone will look to Robinson and Drew Nohel for inspiration and leadership next season.

Based on their performance this year, coach Nohel is confident that both will serve as role models for the other members of the team.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary Churski, unmarried and Loretta Blankenship, individual, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to The Huntington National Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 21, 2001, and recorded on November 6, 2001 in Liber 442 on Page 297, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen And 25/100 Dollars (\$24,518.25), including interest at 7.75% 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 April 4, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, Except the following: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 26, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence South along the North and South Quarter line a distance of 595 feet to the place of beginning; thence continuing South along said quarter line a distance of 295 feet; thence Westerly on a line perpendicular to said quarter line a distance of 295 feet; thence Northerly on a line parallel to said North and South quarter line a distance of 295 feet; thence Easterly on a line perpendicular to said quarter line a distance of 295 feet to the place 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: March 5, 2008

For more information, please call:
 FC F 248.593.1313
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
 File #190800F01

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 Kenneth B. Doty, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated October 20, 2006, and recorded on October 27, 2006 in Liber 771 on Page 699, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty And 42/100 Dollars (\$197,380.42), including interest at 7.05% 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 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The East Half (E 1/2) of Lots Eleven (11) and Twelve (12), Block Two (2), according to the original Plat of the Village of Boyne Falls, Michigan, as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan.

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 27, 2008

For more information, please call:
 FC R 248.593.1305
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
 File #189243F01

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 ELIZABETH FRY A/K/A ELIZABETH A. FRY, SINGLE WOMAN and JAMES HERBON A/K/A JAMES P. HERBON, AND YVONNE HERBON A/K/A YVONNE M. HERBON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC FKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, dated November 25, 1998, and recorded on December 11, 1998, in Liber 353, on Page 255, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$87,394.75), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

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

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

THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A 1/2 INCH ROD AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 22, TOWN 32 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 22, NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 1310.81 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE EAST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE SOUTH 1 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 661.76 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD; BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID 1/4 LINE AND ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD SOUTH 1 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 330.88 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 33.01 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID

ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST 1275.95 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE ALONG SAID 1/4 LINE NORTH 1 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 331.78 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 1276.57 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH ROD ON SAID ROAD LINE; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 33.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY AS RECORDED IN LIBER 193, PAGE 578, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS.

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: March 6, 2008

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
 FKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
 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 Michelle Hoffman, a single woman, to VanDyk Mortgage Corporation, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 2005 and recorded December 27, 2005 in Liber 723, Page 478, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OPT1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Four and 63/100 Dollars (\$126,454.63) including interest at 8.55% 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 APRIL 4, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:
 Commencing at an iron stake at the center one-quarter corner of Section 11, Town 33 North, Range 8 West; thence North along the North and South one-quarter line of said Section 1043.5 feet to a point in the center line of Loeb Road, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence West parallel with the East and West line of said Section to the West one-eighth line of said Section; thence North along said West one-eighth line to the North one-eighth line of said Section; thence East along said North one-eighth line to said North and South one-quarter line; thence South along said North and South one-quarter line and along the center line of said road 276.5 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 11, Town 33 North, Range 8 West. Excepting therefrom the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad right of way.

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: March 5, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.
 Attorneys for Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 (248) 457-1000
 File No. 221.5299

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lorri Ann Lair, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Commonwealth United Mortgage a division of National City Bank of Indiana, Mortgagee, dated December 1, 2005, and recorded on December 12, 2005 in Liber 721 on Page 764, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three And 02/100 Dollars (\$323,363.02), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on March 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 105, Mountain Grand Lodge Condominium, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 402, Pages 982 through Liber 403, Page 53, inclusive and First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 421, Page 738, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen and 14/100 Dollars (\$219,913.14) 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 APRIL 4, 2008.

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

Lot 3, Block 4 of Mason's Addition to the Village (now city) of Charlevoix, 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.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

Case No.
 08-982-21-CH

Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE/PUBLICATION

Bay Springs Condominium

Association, a Michigan Corporation, Plaintiffs,

Kevin G. Klevorn (P35531)
 Attorney for Plaintiffs
 215 S. Lake Street
 Boyne City, MI 49712
 (231) 582-7911

Monica Lezotte, Thomas E. Lezotte, their heirs, successors in interest, beneficiaries, representatives or assigns, A. Lawrence Russell, Marjorie L. Russell, Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Campbell, Michael Plourde, Sherrie A. Plourde, Muriel Alexandrowski, Joseph Alexandrowski, & qualified Personal Resident Trusts of Joseph A. Alexandrowski & Muriel F. Alexandrowski, John C. and Christine Schade, or any of their heirs, or anyone with interest in the City of Boyne City, Village of Spring Harbor lot 6 & 7, Block 2 Liber 208 Page 594 and the Common Area Bay Springs Condo recorded in 1984, Defendants.

Plaintiff has filed a Verified Complaint to Quiet Title and/or Reform a Deed, an action pending in the Circuit Court. Defendants, their heirs, successors or assigns will be defaulted and the Title will be quieted in favor of Plaintiff and a deed pursuant to a Land Contract from Monica Lezotte reformed to warrant good title to Plaintiff if Defendants do not file an Answer, or take other action to the Plaintiff's Complaint by April 15, 2008. This Order shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in a Charlevoix County newspaper.

Dated: 2/22/08
 Richard M. Pajtas (P18594)

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rachel Ross, a single person, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 27, 2007 and recorded April 30, 2007 in Liber 801, Page 459, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen and 14/100 Dollars (\$219,913.14) 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 APRIL 4, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:
 Lot 3, Block 4 of Mason's Addition to the Village (now city) of Charlevoix, 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.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

Case No.
 08-982-21-CH

Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE/PUBLICATION

Bay Springs Condominium

Orlans Associates, P.C.
 Attorneys for Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 (248) 457-1000
 File No. 285.3409

Dated: March 5, 2008

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 Synopsis - February 27, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-019, Exempt Charlevoix County from Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation 2005.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-014, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Amendment and authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign the revised contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-015, Award Proposal. Commissioner Evans voting no.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-016, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-017, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Amendment, and authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign the revised contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-018, Transit Manager.
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
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Michigan, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on Friday, the 18th day of April, 2008, that being the place for the mortgage sale in Charlevoix County, Michigan.

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

Commencing at a three quarter inch pipe at the Northeast corner of Section 35, Township 32 North, Range 4 West; thence along the North line of said section North 89 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds West 1491.20 feet to the point in the centerline of Huffman Lake Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence South 32 minutes 52 seconds 33.01 to a one half inch rod on the South line of said road; thence continuing South 0 degrees 32 minutes 52 seconds East 1280.71 feet to a one half inch rod on the North one eighth line of said section; thence along said one eighth line North 89 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds West 803.96 feet to a one half inch rod on the East line of the West one half of the West one quarter of the Northeast one quarter of said section; thence along the aforementioned line North 0 degrees 32 minutes 52 seconds West 1279.66 feet to a one half inch rod on the South line of said road; thence continuing North 0 degrees 32 minutes 52 seconds West 33.01 feet to the North line of said section; thence along said section line, and the centerline of said road South 89 degrees 12 minutes 55 seconds East 803.93 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North one half of the Northeast one quarter of Section 35, Township 32 North, Range 4 West. Parcel ID: 15-008-035-001-20

More commonly known as: 10624 Huffman Lake

Road, Vanderbilt, MI 49795.

The redemption period shall be twelve 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 27, 2008

Alan G. Greenberg
Attorney for Mortgagee/Assignee
4904 Highland Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328
(248) 674-7404

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ATTN PURCHASERS:
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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Sciacca and Gerry Sciacca, 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 March 15, 2007, and recorded on March 22, 2007 in Liber 796 on Page 069, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Lehman

Brothers - Structured Asset Securities Corporation SASCO 2007-BC3 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-One And 52/100 Dollars (\$170,451.52), including interest at 8.6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on March 28, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 9; thence South 71 degrees 01 minutes 55 seconds East, along the Southerly line of said Lot 9, 185.22 feet; thence South 21 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 240.00 feet to a point on the bank of Loeb Creek, said point henceforth referred to as "Reference Point A"; thence continuing South 21 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West to the centerline of Loeb Creek; thence Northwesterly along said centerline 198 feet more or less, to a point that is South 10 degrees 10 minutes 05 seconds East to said "Reference Point B"; thence continuing "North 10 degrees 10 minutes 05 seconds East, 123.06 feet, to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 33 North, Range 8 West.

Also:
A part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 33 North, Range 8 West more particularly described as: Commencing at the Section corner common to Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, all of Town 33 North, Range 8 West; thence South 05 degrees 36 minutes 53 seconds West 1335.05 feet along the West line of said Section 12 to the North 1/8 line of said Section 12; thence South 86 degrees 28 minutes 31 seconds East along said 1/8 line 1518.74 feet; thence North 03 degrees 30 minutes 01 seconds East 310.57 feet; thence North 02 degrees 14 minutes 38 seconds West 33.13 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel to be described, said point of beginning being a concrete monument located on the bank of Loeb Creek 12 feet, North 07 degrees 46 minutes 08 seconds West, more or less, from the Southernmost corner (said corner being on the centerline of Loeb Creek) of the Plat of Loeb Creek Estates No.2, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 376 through 378, Charlevoix County Records; thence South 07 degrees 46 minutes 08 seconds East along the Southwesterly line of said Plat, 12 feet, more or less, to the centerline of Loeb Creek. thence Northwesterly along the centerline of Loeb Creek to a point that is located South 21 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 12.0 feet from a point, henceforth referred to as "Reference Point A" said "Reference Point A" being located North 78 degrees 51 minutes 42 seconds West 216.95 feet from the Point of Beginning; thence North 20 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 12.0 feet to "Reference Point A"; thence continuing North 20 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 240.00 feet to a concrete monument at the Southeastly corner of Lot 9 of the Plat of Loeb Creek Estates as recorded

in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 324 through 326, Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing North 20 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East along the Easterly line of said Lot 9, 35.00 feet to the right of way of Castleview Drive; thence Southeastly along the right of way of Castleview Drive on an arc left, said arc having a length of 100.00 feet radius of 75.00 feet, a central angle of 76 degrees 23 minutes 39 seconds and a chord that bears South 59 degrees 34 minutes 18 seconds East 92.76 feet to a concrete monument at the Northwesterly corner of Lot 10 of the said Plat of Loeb Creek Estates No.2; thence South 07 degrees 46 minutes 08 seconds East along the Southwesterly line of Lot 10, 254.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to a 12 feet wide easement for public utilities, the Southerly line of said easement being 87.00 feet from the center of the cul-de-sac at the Southerly end of Castleview Drive. 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.

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 Steven P. Voice and Rebecca Voice, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2005 and recorded August 16, 2005 in Liber 699, Page 206, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and 48/100 Dollars (\$100,516.48) including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on MARCH 21, 2008. Said premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the East one-quarter corner of Section 32, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence Westerly along the East and West one-quarter line of said Section having a given bearing of North 89 degrees 01 minute West, a distance of 746.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along said East and West one-quarter line of Section 32, a distance of 451.80 feet thence South 01 degree 14 minutes West, parallel with the East line of said Section 32, a distance of 964.91 feet; thence South 89 degrees 01 minute East a distance of 451.8 feet; thence North 01 degree 14 minutes East,

parallel with the East line of Section 32, a distance of 964.91 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 32, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

Also: 50 foot Beel Easement for the benefit of said parcel described as: The West 50 feet of that part of the following described property which lies Northerly of Lakeshore Drive at South of the Shore of Lake Charlevoix; Beginning at point on the East and West one-quarter line of Section 32, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; 294.50 feet West of the East one-quarter post of said Section; thence West 144.90 feet; thence North 01 degree 14 minutes East to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence Southwesterly along said shore to a point 294.50 feet West of the East shore of said Section 32; thence South to the Point of Beginning; being part of Government Lot 1 of Section 32, Township 33 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 20, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 200.3079

ATTENTION 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 certain mortgage made by Joseph Francis Pace and Sheila Pace, Husband and Wife, original Mortgagor(s), to AA Mortgage Corp., A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 2005, and recorded on December 20, 2005, in Liber 722, on page 820, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and subsequently assigned by said Mortgagee to Allan Daniels Living Trust Dated 1/16/95, as Assignee by an assignment dated December 14, 2005, and recorded on January 31, 2006, in Liber 728 on Page 712, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$40,476.98 including interest at 15 percent 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, Charlevoix County,

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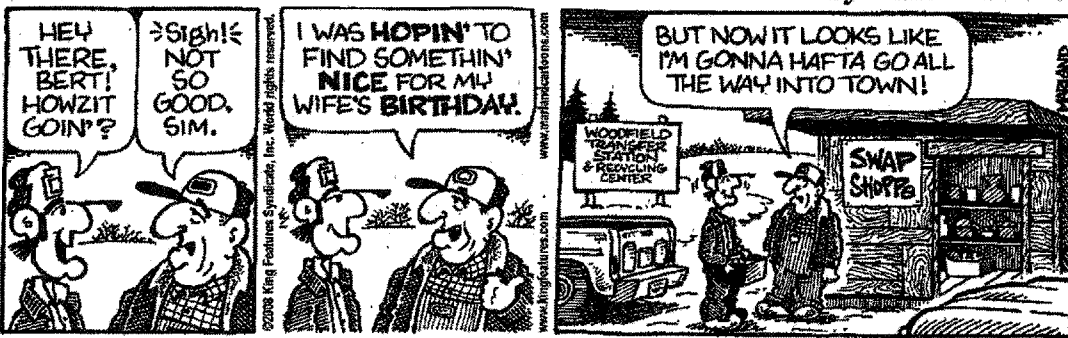
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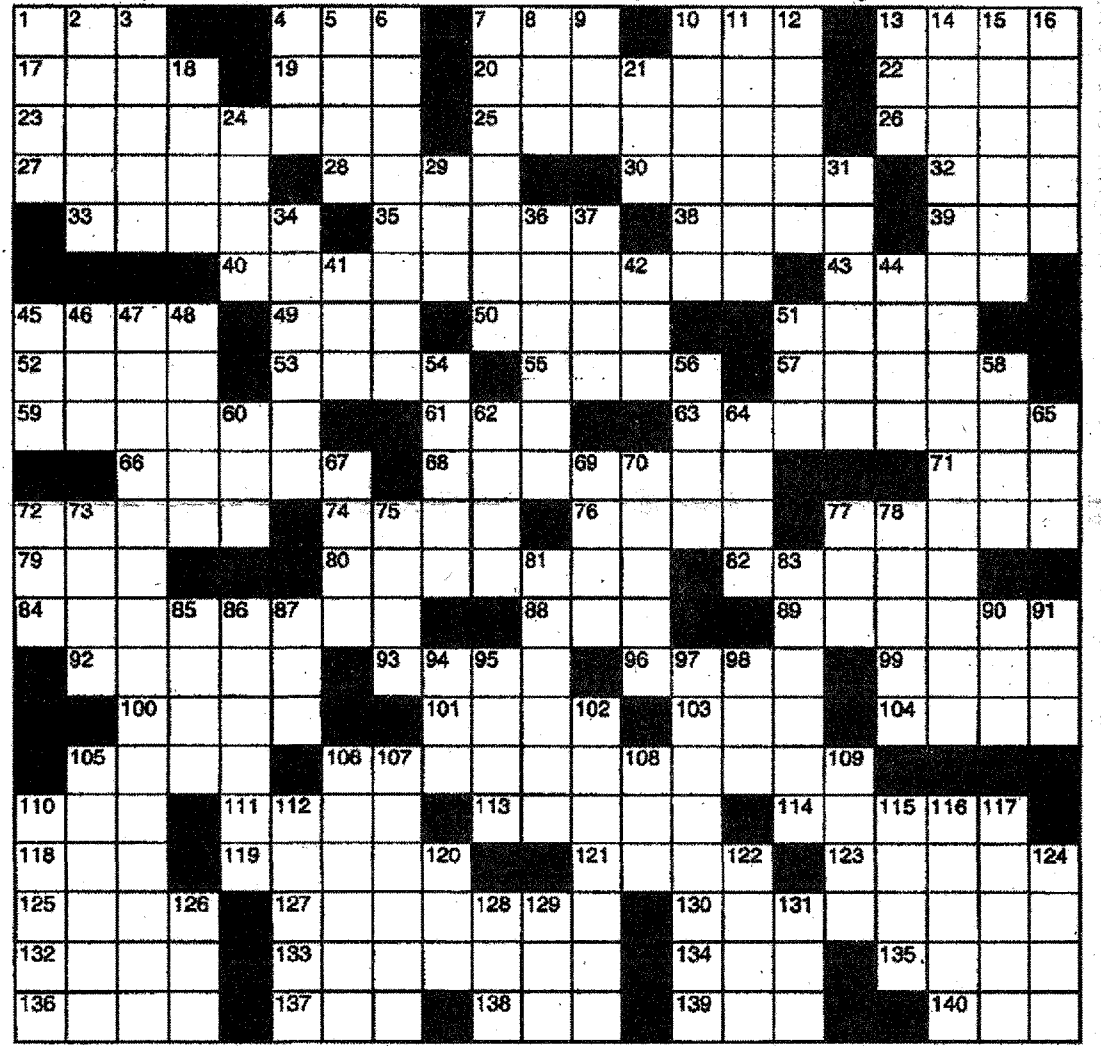


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Super Crossword WORD PLAY

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- 1 My country, — of thee ...
 - 4 Apply gently
 - 7 Theater sign
 - 10 Singer Surnac
 - 13 West or Faith
 - 17 Audiophiles' equipment
 - 19 Drop a brick
 - 20 Israeli city
 - 22 Seedy spot
 - 23 —TBALL
 - 25 Varnish ingredient
 - 26 On a cruise
 - 27 Flynn of films
 - 28 Port —, Egypt
 - 30 Hadden
 - 32 Jillian of "It's a Living"
 - 33 Dubuque denizen
 - 35 Checker moved?
 - 38 Famed loch
 - 39 Sel
 - 40 PL — ARIUM
 - 43 Tipple
 - 45 Conserva-tive skirt
 - 49 Flaven maven?
 - 50 Burrowing critter
 - 51 Bound bundle
 - 52 Gray or Moran
 - 53 It'll curl your hair
 - 55 Salamander
 - 57 Bodybuilder Charles
 - 59 Actor Howard
 - 61 Scrape by, with "out"
 - 63 Investigate
 - 66 Baseball's Martinez
 - 68 BRAN —
 - 71 Debtor's letters
 - 72 "— Dawn" (73 song)
 - 74 Shrimpton or Stapleton
 - 76 Help a hood
 - 77 Poet Rossetti
 - 79 "Baby — Want You" (71 hit)
 - 80 SC — ION
 - 82 For — (cheaply)
 - 84 Albat's wife
 - 88 — Cruces, NM
 - 89 Standardize
 - 92 Bathrobe fabric
 - 93 "La Boheme" seamstress
 - 96 Reverberate
 - 99 "Orinoco Flow" singer
 - 100 "— Dinah" (58 tune)
 - 101 Broad bean
 - 103 Corn portion
 - 104 Read quickly
 - 105 "The Three Musketeers" prop
 - 106 BOBO —
 - 110 HST's successor
 - 111 "— patriae"
 - 113 Katey of "Married ... with Children"
 - 114 Couches
 - 118 Above, to Arnold
 - 119 Toll
 - 121 "Topaz" author
 - 123 Proboscises
 - 125 — Major
 - 127 Word with oil or water
 - 130 CARI — URE
 - 132 Coalition
 - 133 Morgiana's master
 - 134 Indian export
 - 135 "Rosanna" rockers
 - 136 Nomad pad
 - 137 Wine word
 - 138 Part of MPH
 - 139 Sneak a peek
 - 140 Apex
- DOWN**
- 1 Use the VCR
 - 2 Japanese porcelain
 - 3 Richard's veep
 - 4 Strauss' — Rosen-kavaller
 - 5 Son of Zeus
 - 6 Rest
 - 7 Arena
 - 8 — room
 - 9 Seville shout
 - 10 DeCarlo of "The Munsters"
 - 11 Stately dance
 - 12 Maintains
 - 13 Orthodon-tists' org.
 - 14 ST — WEED
 - 15 Main drag
 - 16 Intended
 - 18 Singer Phoebe
 - 21 Consumed a knish
 - 24 Defect
 - 29 — Jima
 - 31 Graceland, for one
 - 34 Lad
 - 36 The Rolling —
 - 37 Story
 - 41 Sock part
 - 42 Modern
 - 44 — podrida
 - 45 Blanc or Brooks
 - 46 Fury
 - 47 SU — IC
 - 48 Small bay
 - 51 — relief
 - 54 Olympic award
 - 55 Actual
 - 58 James Herriot, for one
 - 60 Journalist Tarbell
 - 62 Spooky Stephen
 - 64 Sundance's sweetie
 - 65 Color
 - 67 California resort
 - 69 Mandlikova of tennis
 - 70 Stout
 - 72 Financial abbr.
 - 73 Give off
 - 75 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
 - 77 "Da — Ron Ron" (63 hit)
 - 78 Lima turf
 - 81 Actress Hussey
 - 83 Disdains
 - 85 Family —
 - 86 Dental appointment, e.g.
 - 87 Bread or booze
 - 90 Memo letters
 - 91 Tasty tuber
 - 94 "No — ands, ..."
 - 95 Bulk
 - 97 Orchestra members
 - 98 "Ball —"
 - 102 Bony
 - 105 Swimmer Gartrude
 - 106 Portable
 - 107 Paradoxical fish
 - 108 Predatory
 - 109 Hawaiian coffee
 - 110 Reservation
 - 112 Michelle and Cass
 - 115 Pacing legend
 - 116 English course?
 - 117 Cold-war assn.
 - 120 CSA soldier
 - 122 How-to part
 - 124 Word in an octagon
 - 126 Make believe
 - 128 Seance sound.
 - 129 Lyman or Lincoln
 - 131 Bit of sunshine



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TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. Gone Baby Gone (R)
2. We Own the Night (R)
3. The Brave One (R)
4. The Game Plan (PG)
5. No Reservations (PG)

6. Good Luck Chuck (R)
7. Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13)
8. Saw IV (R)
9. The Invasion (PG-13)
10. I Could Never Be Your Woman (PG-13)

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. Snow Buddies (G)
2. Across the Universe (PG-13)
3. Brave One (R)

4. The Aristocats (G)
5. The Game Plan (PG-13)
6. The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (R)
7. Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13)
8. Family Guy Presents Blue Harvest (NR)
9. 3:10 To Yuma (R)
10. Saw IV (R)

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your practical side dominant this week, it's a good time to reassess your finances to see what expenses you can cut. Aspects also favor mending fraying relationships.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine-inspired determination to follow matters through from beginning to end pays off in a big way. Enjoy a well-earned weekend of fun with a special someone.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor re-establishing business relationships you might have neglected. A family member's request needs to be given more thought before you make a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) While you might appreciate the avalanche of advice coming from others, keep in mind that the intuitive Moon Child is best served by listening to her or his own inner voice.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's social life whirls at centrifugal speed this week as you go from function to function. Things slow by week's end, giving you a chance to catch up on your chores.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let your stand on an issue cause a rift with a colleague. Insist on both of you taking time to reassess your positions while there's still room

for compromise.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An opportunity you'd been hoping for finally opens up. But read the fine print before you make a commitment, especially where a time factor might be involved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your need to know what's going on behind the scenes leads you to make some bold moves. Be prepared with a full explanation of your actions if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A lot of details need tending to during the early part of the week. The pressure eases by the 20th, allowing you to get back to your major undertaking.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend asks you to act on his or her behalf in a dispute. Be careful. You might not have all the facts you need in order to make a fair assessment of the situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new development might require you to cancel some of your plans. But you adapt easily, and by week's end, you could receive welcome "cheering-up" news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your recent workplace accomplishments boost your self-confidence just as you're about to consider a potentially rewarding, although possibly risky, career move.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of the arts is equaled only by your strong sense of justice. People can depend on you to always try to do what's right.

Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

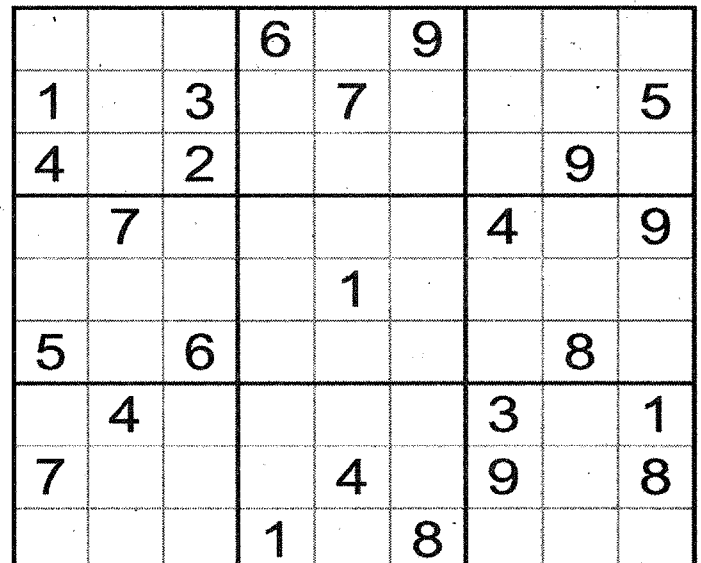
- On March 23, 1839, the initials "O.K." are first published in The Boston Morning Post. Meant as an abbreviation for "oll correct," a popular slang misspelling of "all correct," OK steadily made its way into the everyday speech of Americans.
- On March 18, 1852, in New York City, Henry Wells and William G. Fargo join with several other investors to launch their namesake business. In July 1852, Wells Fargo & Co. shipped its first loads of freight from the East Coast to mining camps scattered around northern California.
- On March 17, 1901, paintings by the late Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh are shown in Paris. Eleven years earlier, van Gogh had committed suicide without any notion that his work was destined to win acclaim beyond his wildest dreams. In his lifetime, he had sold only one painting.
- On March 19, 1916, eight Curtiss "Jenny" planes of the First Aero Squadron take off from Columbus, N.M., in the first combat air mission in U.S. history. They flew a support mission for the 7,000 U.S. troops who invaded Mexico to capture Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa.
- On March 22, 1929, Will Rogers signs with Fox to write and star in four films for \$600,000. His films included "Happy Days" (1929), "A Connecticut Yankee" (1929) and "Ambassador Bill" (1931). In 1930, Rogers' radio show — full of his trademark humor and thoughtful political observations — was a hit.
- On March 20, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson notifies Alabama Governor George Wallace that he will use federal authority to call up the Alabama National Guard in order to supervise a planned civil-rights march from Selma to Montgomery.
- On March 21, 1983, the last episode of the long-running TV series "Little House on the Prairie" airs. The series, based on the children's book by Laura Ingalls Wilder, premiered in 1974 and was one of television's 25 most highly rated shows for seven of its nine seasons.

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Sudoku Answers

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Super Crossword Answers

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1. Vantage Point (PG-13) Dennis Quaid, Matthew Fox
2. Jumper (PG-13) Hayden Christensen, Samuel L. Jackson
3. The Spiderwick Chronicles (PG) Freddie Highmore, Mary-Louise Parker
4. Step Up 2 the Streets (PG-13) Briana Evigan, Adam G. Sevani
5. Fool's Gold (PG-13) Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson
6. Definitely, Maybe (PG-13) Ryan Reynolds, Abigail Breslin
7. Be Kind Rewind (PG-13) Jack Black, Mos Def
8. Juno (PG-13) Ellen Page, Michael Cera
9. Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13) Martin Lawrence, Louis C.K.
10. There Will Be Blood (R) Daniel Day-Lewis, Paul Dano

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Cherry recipe winners announced



(l-r) Second place, Linda Mathers of Boyne City with her Cherry Apple Crisp; third place, Janice Harvey of Charlevoix with her Roly-Poly Cherry Cobbler; first place, Debbie Rhoads of Williamsburg with her Cherry Dump Pudding.

Friske's Farm Market hosted its fifth annual Cherry Recipe Contest on Saturday, Feb. 23. The contest highlighted a month-long celebration of everything cherry during National Cherry Month.

The morning started with a unique breakfast of pancakes topped with cherry pie filling and whipped topping.

This year's categories were chutneys/compotes and cobbler/crisps/puddings. Twelve finalists were selected, six for each category.

Gayle Gennett won first place in the chutney/compote category with her Cherry Date Chutney. Second place went to Diane Nemitz for her Cherry Orchard Chutney, and third

place was awarded to Kathleen Bowman for her Tropical Cherry Ginger Chutney.

The cobbler/crisp/pudding category was won by Debbie Rhoads for her Cherry Dump Pudding. Second place went to Linda Mathers for her Cherry Apple Crisp and third place went to Janice Harvey for her Roly-Poly Cherry Cobbler.

After announcing the winners, all participants and guests were invited to sample the smorgasboard of cherry dishes. Friske's also provided sampling of other cherry products as well; chocolate covered cherries, cherry donuts, cherry strudel bites, cherry chewbilee cookies, chocolate covered Bing cherries and more.

Cobblers, crisps and puddings category

Cherry Dump Pudding, first place

Debbie Rhoads

- 1 c. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/4 c. unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 c. sour cherries (if using frozen cherries, thaw and reserve juice)
- 1/4 c. sugar
- Friske's Cherry Juice (measure reserved juice from frozen cherries, then add Friske's Cherry Juice to measure 1 cup)

Combine flour, salt, baking powder and 1/2 c. sugar in a medium bowl; add milk, vanilla and unsalted butter; beat with hand mixer on medium speed until creamy. Spread into a greased and floured 8 x 8 pan. Spread cherries evenly over top of batter. In a small saucepan over medium heat, bring cherry juice to a simmer, add the 1/4 c. sugar and stir until dissolved, slowly pour over cherries. Bake at 375° for 40-50 minutes.

Serves: 6-8

Cherry Apple Crisp, second place

Linda Mathers

- 5c. tart apples (sliced)
 - 1 1/2 c. cherries
 - 1/3 c. sugar
 - 1/2 c. flour
 - 1/2 brown sugar
 - 1 tsp. cinnamon
 - 1/4 c. butter
- Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly grease 9 inch square baking pan. Layer apple slices and cherries in pan, sprinkle with sugar as you layer. In a bowl, cut and mix together flour, brown sugar and cinnamon. Cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over apples and cherries. Bake 40 minutes until apples are tender.

Roly-Poly Cherry Cobbler, third place

Janice Harvey

- 1 3/4 c. flour
 - 1/4 c. sugar
 - 4 tsp. baking powder
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 1/4 c. shortening
 - 1/4 c. butter
 - 2/3 c. sour cream
- Topping:
- 1 1/2 c. water
 - 2 Tbs. sugar
 - 1/2 tsp. almond extract
 - 1/2 c. light cream
- Filling:
- 1/4 c. butter, melted
 - 1 c. sugar
 - 1 tsp. almond extract
 - 5 c. fresh or frozen tart cherries, coarsely chopped

In a medium mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening and butter until crumbly. Add sour cream and blend until a ball forms. On a floured surface, roll out into a 15 x 10 inch rectangle; spread with softened butter. Combine remaining filling ingredients and spread over dough. Roll up, jelly-roll style, starting with the long side. Cut into 12 slices and place slices, cut sides down, in a greased 9 x 13 x 2 inch baking dish. Combine water, sugar, and almond extract in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; remove from heat. Stir in cream.

Carefully pour hot topping over cherry rolls. Bake uncovered at 350° for 35-40 minutes, or until bubbly and lightly brown. Center may be a little soft. Serve warm.

Serves 12

Chutney and compotes category:

Cherry Date Chutney, first place

Gayle Gennett

- 1 Tbs. olive oil
- 1 shallot
- 1 c. dried cherries
- 1 c. dried dates
- 1 Tbs. apple cider vinegar
- 2 c. cherry wine

Saute chopped shallot in olive oil in deep frying pan or sauce pan until shallot is softened. Add one cup of dried cherries. Add one cup of dried dates (chopped in half or quarters). Add 1 Tablespoon of apple cider vinegar. Saute for one minute. Add 2 cups of cherry wine and simmer until liquid is evaporated (usually 30 minutes). Once the liquid is evaporated, it is ready to serve or store in the refrigerator.

Serving suggestions: (serves six)

It can be served as a side to pork or chicken or baked in the oven on sliced panini or sourdough bread with goat cheese at 350° for five minutes as an appetizer.

Cherry Orchard Chutney, second place

Diane Nemitz

- 1lb. darksweet cherries, pitted and halved (fresh or frozen)
- 1/4 c. golden raisins
- 1 c. finely chopped apple
- 1/4 c. finely chopped shallot or onion
- 1/2 c. white wine vinegar
- 1/2 c. packed brown sugar
- 1/2 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely minced
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 1 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- dash red pepper flakes
- 1/8 tsp. salt

Place all ingredients in large saucepan or kettle and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer about 30 minutes, until most of liquid is evaporated and is syrupy. Store in refrigerator up to one week, or in freezer for longer storage.

Makes about 2 cups.

Tropical Cherry-Ginger Chutney, third place

Kathleen Bowman

- 1/2 c. packed brown sugar
- 3/4 c. dried tart cherries
- 1/3 c. vinegar
- 2 tsp. concentrated tart cherry juice
- 1/4 c. chopped onion
- 1 tsp. grated ginger root
- 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
- 3 c. chopped, peeled mangoes (about 3 mangoes)

In a medium saucepan combine brown sugar, dried cherries, vinegar, cherry juice, onion, ginger root and crushed red pepper. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in mangoes; heat through. Let cool. Cover and store in the refrigerator up to 4 weeks. Or you may freeze up to 12 months. Serve with beef, pork, ham, lamb, or poultry.

Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

Marina

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"At least 13,000 cubic yards of sand will be removed from the marina and the boat launch area," Cannon said.

Some of the sand will be transported to the new EMS site to level out the land. It could be used as beach fill or at the parks.

"It has multiple uses because it's clean sand," Cannon said.

The boat launch will be dredged in the ramp area and a 100-foot-wide channel will be dredged from the ramp to a deeper portion of the lake.

The project will be completed by May 15, the official opening day for the city marina. The marina will then have all of its 60 slips ready for boaters.

The docks accommodate up to 60-foot boats.

In addition to the city marina and boat launch, the city is waiting for the final permit status in order to dredge the small craft marina at the Tourist Park. That permit will also allow a five-year maintenance.

Cannon said the city is looking into buying dredge equipment to maintain the city marina, boat launch and the Tourist Park small

craft marina. "We're looking down the road to save a lot of money on dredging," he said. "The sand isn't going to stop."

For more information about the project or to inquire about seasonal slips, contact Tom Cannon at East Jordan City Hall at 231-536-3381.

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

Zoning

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Area resident Vasco Zucchiatti asked for the reasons the ZBA members voted as they did on March 6, 2007. Bob Carlile and Jim Knurick voted that the Planning Commission did not err when it approved the One Water Street proposed project. Pat Kubesh and John McClorey voted that it did err. Chuck Vondra was out of town on a training session for his job. The vote was a tie and that upheld the planners' approval.

"If you thought the planning commission's decision was correct,

Boyne City Zoning Board of Appeals members contact information:

- Pat Kubesh, Chairman: 582-2214
- Bob Carlile, Vice Chairman: 582-7135
- Jim Knurick: 582-9241
- Chuck Vondra: 582-5520
- John McClorey: 582-7689

what was the logic of the ones that voted to approve (uphold) it?"

But, he didn't receive an answer because city attorney Murray said it was a time for comment only and the ZBA members were not re-

quired to answer questions at that time.

Vondra suggested citizens call board members if answers are unavailable at the meetings.

"I will give you my opinion if you ask for

it," Vondra said. He explained that board members sometimes respond to questions during the "Good of the Order" section of the agenda, near the end of the meeting. "Or, you can call us at home," he said.

Now that the ZBA has followed Judge Pajtas's instruction, the Planning Commission is expected to address the matter. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., Monday, March 17, at City Hall.

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Well

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State Representative Candidate Connie Saltonstall and other officials currently in the running for respective offices briefly addressed the crowd, stating what action they intend to take if elected.

"People and water are Michigan's two most valuable resources," Saltonstall said.

Charlevoix resident and environmentalist JoAnne Beemon was

applauded by listeners when she compared the relationship between Bay Harbor Resort and Alba in light of the CMS well by quoting Jerry Reed's song title, "She got the gold mine, I got the shaft."

Referring to CKD leachate as "toxic soup," Beemon claimed that "50 percent of the waste could be removed today, but it would cost somebody a golf course."

As percentages stand according to MDEQ,

only 0.75 percent of the total waste, which is currently entering Little Traverse Bay in contaminated groundwater at a rate of one million gallons per day, would be brought to the injection well in Star Township.

One source employed by the state spoke, but wished to remain nameless, "They're just trying to save money, and there's nothing wrong with that, but you have to consider all the is-

sues," he said. "This is a very complicated process. The other two options are taking the stuff to the plant in Grand Traverse County, or building a treatment plant on-site. The well is their cheapest option."

A public hearing is scheduled for the end of March to keep the public updated on legal action. Invitations to attend may be extended to the MDEQ, EPA and government officials.



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