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At a glance

Concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band will perform Thursday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the Dilworth Inn. The concert will feature selections from musicals of the past 50 years, including "The Sound of Music," "The Music Man," and "The Wizard of Oz." A medley of music from Andrew Lloyd Webber's musicals will include selections from "Cats," "Evita," "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Jesus Christ Superstar," and "The Phantom of the Opera."

The concert is free, but seating is limited. Dinner will be available at the Dilworth before, during and after the concert.

The Community Band will also present this free concert on Friday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m., at the East Jordan High School auditorium.

Lincoln Day

Dinner scheduled

The Charlevoix County Republicans will have their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Friday, May 9, at Mountain Grand Lodge in the Vienna Room at Boyne Mountain. The reception will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7 p.m. Guest speakers include Attorney General Mike Cox, Senator Jason Allen, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and other invited dignitaries. To join Charlevoix County Republicans as a Century Club member, the cost is \$100 which includes two Lincoln Day Dinner tickets and two tickets to the July 6 Charlevoix County Republican picnic held at Whiting Park. The non-member charge for the Lincoln Day Dinner is \$30 per person. A cash bar will be available. For more information or reservations, call Linda Wertz 231-547-8980 or Susan Flanders 231-547-4887.

WEATHER

Wednesday, April 30
Hi: 48 Lo: 36
Condition: Partly Cloudy

Thursday, May 1
Hi: 58 Lo: 44
Condition: Partly Cloudy

Friday, May 2
Hi: 59 Lo: 46
Condition: Few Showers

Saturday, May 3
Hi: 62 Lo: 40
Condition: Showers

Sunday, May 4
Hi: 55 Lo: 41
Condition: Showers

Monday, May 5
Hi: 60 Lo: 43
Condition: Mostly Cloudy

Tuesday, May 6
Hi: 59 Lo: 43
Condition: Mostly Cloudy

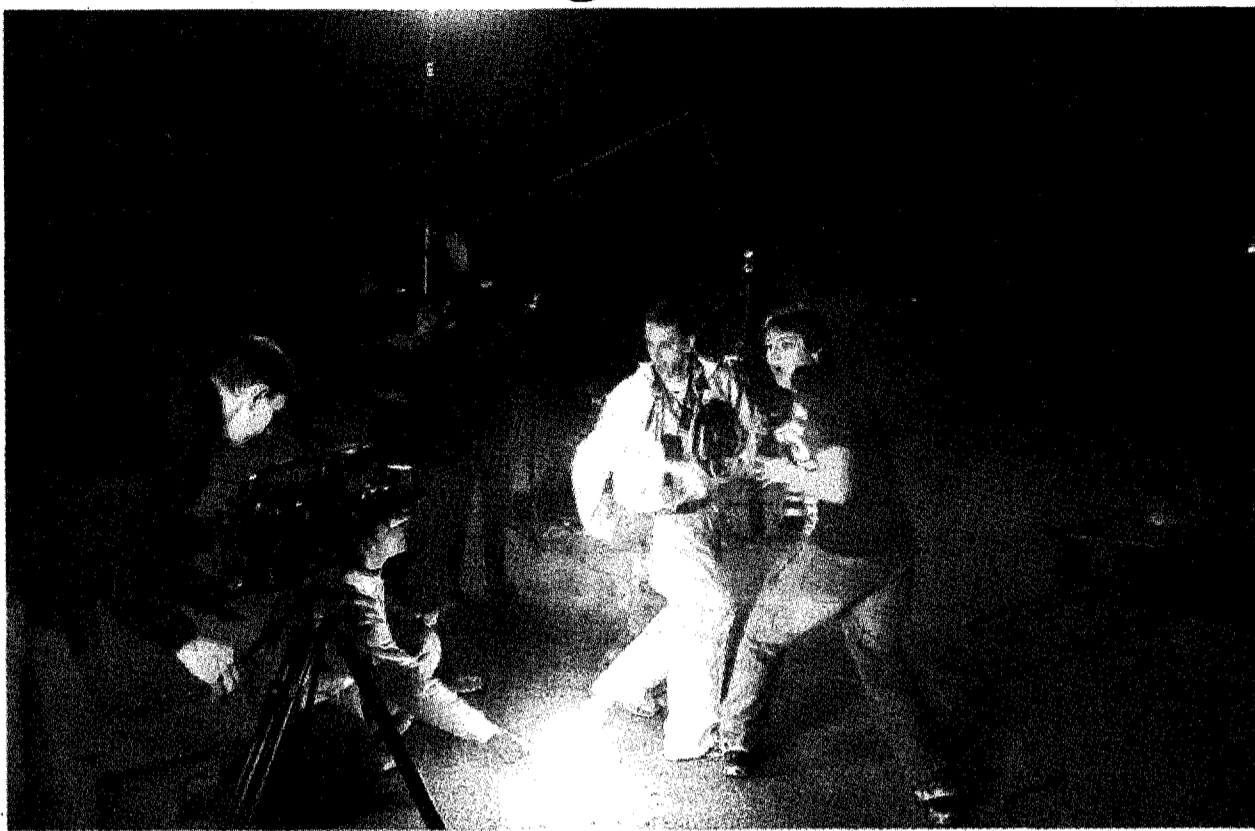
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Back to graduation



In the middle of a take at their all-night film shoot on April 19 for the Back to Graduation movie, lead actors Andy Bryant and Cory Mills react for special effects to be added in post production. (l-r) Director, Randy Calcaterra; gaffer, Ryan Clubine; boom operator, Kelsey Nohel; behind the scenes camera, Paul Solomon; actors, Andy Bryant and Cory Mills. Stay tuned for details and ticket announcements for this production.

Mentoring program gives kids a chance to fly

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — KIDS HOPE USA is a mentoring program where volunteers from the First Presbyterian Church go to a school and spend one hour a week with referred children. The organization is in an affiliation agreement with Concord Academy Boyne so all mentors work with CAB kids. Currently there are 13 student/mentor matches.

Jerry Schmidt, a member of the congregation, is part of the EAA Young Eagles program that was developed to welcome young people into the world of aviation. Schmidt volunteered to take the KIDS HOPE USA children on a flight on Saturday, May 17.

"Jerry offered out of the generosity of his heart to give the KIDS HOPE USA a flight. We will meet at the Boyne City Airport and there might be a couple of different pilots from the EAA program," Julie Dowty, Director of KIDS HOPE USA and the Children's Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church, said.

The EAA strives to give children an enjoyable flight that will give them new perspectives on the world and life in general. It is an international association with all pilots licensed

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Boone City has three candidates for two spots on school board

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — The Boone City school board elections are set for May 6 and voters will have three candidates to choose from for the two open seats starting in July. The three candidates are Kelly Looze, Marty Moody, and Ed Vondra.

In addition to the board elections, the May 6 ballot will also include three millage renewals that impact the operating revenue for the district.

Kelly Looze, 44, has lived in Boone City her whole life and is married with three children that are in the Boone City Public School system. She is currently employed at the Bay Street Orthopaedics and has a Bachelor of Science degree and is a Board Certified Radiographer.



Marty Moody



Ed Vondra

Looze co-chaired the Boone City Middle School PTO president seat for three years and has never served on the BCPS Board of Education.

"I have no agenda for wanting to serve on the School Board although I do have a vested interest within our public school system," Looze said. "I currently have a child in each of our schools, Elementary,

Middle and the High School."

Marty Moody, 45, has also lived in Boone City his whole life and he and his wife, Connie, have four daughters. Moody is a realtor with Lynda's Real Estate Service and is a past member of the BCPS Board. Two of his kids are still in the BCPS system.

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Judge says city commissioner stays

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CHARLEVOIX — East Jordan city commissioner Paul Timmons walked out of the Charlevoix County Circuit Courtroom with the emotions of relief and satisfaction visible on his face.

The challenge to his service on the city commission was dismissed when Judge Richard M. Pajtas decided in favor of Timmons on Friday, April 25.

"I'm glad to be serving the people who elected me and plan to do so for some time," Timmons said after the hearing. "I'm pleased with the decision."

Timmons was elected city commissioner in November 2007, but soon after that some of the city officials questioned whether he should be a part of the commission, because of an agreement he signed with the city in October 2006.

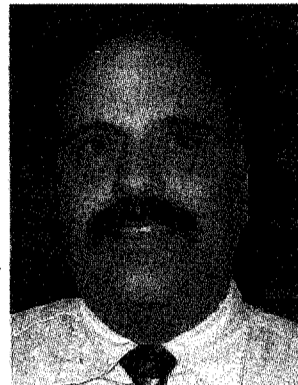
Timmons was employed by the city of East Jordan as a police officer from April 20, 1980 to Oct. 1, 2006. When Timmons left his employment with the city he signed a Resignation and Retirement Agreement that stated, in part, that he permanently relinquished all claims to further employment with the city in any capacity.

The city officials said that Timmons was in violation of the Resignation and Retirement Agreement, because he became a city employee when he was elected to the commission.

A court action was filed with the city of East Jordan as plaintiff on Jan. 11. The city brought the motion for the April 25 hearing, seeking a summary disposition, or an immediate ruling in favor of the plaintiff.

Instead, the judge denied the plaintiff's motion and said that Timmons should be granted a summary disposition.

The judge focused on the



Paul Timmons

word "claim" that was used in the agreement between Timmons and the city, saying that when Timmons ran for election to the city commission he was not making a claim, in other words an assertion of a right, to employment. The judge further said that the electorate would be deprived of a person they chose to represent them if Timmons was not allowed to serve.

Resident Neil Booze who supported Timmons said that he and other citizens he has heard from are thrilled with the decision.

"I believe there was great ignorance on the part of those who brought this case. This case was pursued at great expense to the taxpayers," Booze said, and added that he hoped this was the last of the matter.

Mayor Dan Bennett who has called for unity on the commission and in the city said he was thankful for a resolution.

"I'm glad to finally have reached a decision on the matter. It's been a long and strung-out process," Bennett said. "I do not believe this will be pursued any further. We need to put it all behind us and move forward from here."

"For those who disagree with the judge's decision, we are considering the decision final," Bennett said.

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Candidates vie for East Jordan school board

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — Three candidates are running for the two open seats on the East Jordan Public Schools' Board of Education. The school board election is May 6.

Current board members, Debra Bartlett and Gary Walker, are not running for another term. Their seats are being sought by Darren Graham, Timothy P. Kenney and Scott Nachazel.

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Darren Graham

lived in the East Jordan area for 20 years. He and his wife, Angie, have three children and they are stu-



Timothy P. Kenney

dents in the school district. Graham is a Licensed Professional Engineer and is Development Manager for



Scott Nachazel

Landtech Professional Surveying and Engineering. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering

from Michigan Technological University.

Graham's volunteer activities include past service on the board of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers, involvement with 4-H youth soccer and as assistant coach with Pop Warner Little League. His current activities include working with the MSPE Mathcounts program for area middle schools and with the East Jordan Pop Warner football program.

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EJPS resolution calls for equitable funding

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan Public Schools' Board of Education approved a resolution that supports equitable school funding at its meeting on April 21.

The resolution will be sent to state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and state Sen. Jason Allen. The resolution encourages local legislators to pass into law provisions that would provide base foundation school districts, such as East Jordan, with annual funding increases that are two times the regular funding increase, said Superintendent Chip Hansen.

"Such legislation is necessary to continue to close the gap between the state's highest

and lowest funded schools," Hansen said.

Rep. Elsenheimer and Sen. Allen have been supportive of the funding concept for several years, Hansen said, and are working with colleagues in the Legislature on behalf of the base foundation school districts.

"Michigan's school funding system is broken and at some point our elected officials in Lansing are going to have to address the huge disparities that exist in per-pupil funding in our state," Hansen said.

Another drop in enrollment in 2008-2009 is anticipated, Hansen said. He cited Kindergarten Round-Up numbers and the loss of students during the current school year.

"Michigan is hemorrhaging students, and northwest Michigan isn't immune to that fact," Hansen told board members.

Members of the East Jordan High School Physics Teams were recognized by the school board. The physics students recently captured the state championship in the annual Rube Goldberg Engineering Competition. The competition was held at Lake Superior State University in March. Another team finished in 4th place in the competition.

Team members demonstrated their award-winning machines and shared the experience with the board.

A resolution was approved designating Elementary School teacher, Mary Murray, as the school district's recipient of the 2007-2008 Outstanding Person in Education award. The area-wide OPIE awards will be presented in May at Boyne Mountain.

Veterans notice

A Department of Michigan American Legion service officer will be at the Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs office, in the County Building in Charlevoix, on Tuesday, May 6, between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for VA health care. If unable to visit the office, you may call the service officer at 231-547-7220 at the time listed above for more information.

Board

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Moody's experience includes the Boyne City Performing Arts Chair, Boyne School Boosters, Boyne City School Board member, Boyne Valley Lions, Boyne City Drama, and for the past 10 years worked with the "Young Teen Nights" for the Middle School.

"I served on the board through some very tough times and was proud to be one of the members that got us through those times, and back to being the school of choice here in Northern Michigan," Moody said. "I believe that I am a good communicator, as well as businessman, and have the ability to make the tough decisions that have faced us over the years, and that we will continue to face in the current state of our state."

Moody believes in being involved in the community and with two children in the system he feels very in touch with the school

and the community. He has been involved with the school system over the past 17 years.

"I think that I have been able to contribute to the school community through volunteering. While we have one of the best school systems in the state, it takes a lot of work to keep it that way," Moody commented. "We have a great superintendent in place, as well as a lot of wonderful staff, but it is something that you have to continually work at."

"I enjoyed serving on the School Board in the past, and believe that I was effective. I never came in with an axe to grind or an agenda, and I think that is the only way you can be an effective objective participant. I would be honored to represent our community once again."

Ed Vondra, has lived in Boyne for 22 years and has had six children graduate from BCPS. He works at Ace Hard-

ware and his volunteer activities include the School Board, the Library Board, and the Church Board.

"I want to help our children be successful. We want the best for all the children," Vondra said.

Vondra currently holds one of the two seats that are open and is re-running for the spot.

Superintendent Robert Alger said the new candidates will begin their term on the board during the July board meeting and that date has not yet been set. It's called the Organizational Meeting of the Board and the date will be set at either the May or June meeting.

"In this day and age it's not easy serving on a Board of Education. I think for the most part, I have been very fortunate with Boards of Education that I have worked under and the people are truly interested in doing what's best for kids," Alger said.

"It's working as a unit is where a Board of Education has strengths, it's important for people to work as a group."

The other three proposals on the ballot are all going to be renewals. Up for renewal is the proposal to allow the district to continue levying 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per the pupil foundation allowance. This millage does not impact the principal residence that the homeowner has established as their "homestead" or qualified agricultural property.

The second request is for one mill, which will be assessed only to enable the school district to restore the mills that may be lost as a result of a possible Headlee reduction on the 18 mills applied to all property other than homestead

and qualified agricultural properties.

The third proposal is for a 1.16 mill renewal to allow the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District to continue to support all of the districts in the two county area, including Boyne City, with its special education services.

"The purpose of that one mill kicks in year two and three of the proposal for three years, for year two and three in case of heavy rollback. Sometimes that is difficult to understand," Alger explained. "I want people to understand it, for most of our voting public it won't affect them, people need to understand that. It affects a lot of our reporters and businesses but for the most part it doesn't affect their homestead."

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School

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He also has worked with various government agencies and boards.

Graham said he wants to serve on the Board of Education to participate in ensuring quality education for children.

"As a parent it is my responsibility to ensure the education the children receive is top notch. There are a lot of challenges facing the school system today. Keeping up with technology and state requirements have a direct impact on budgets. Therefore, we need to spend money as efficiently as possible," Graham said.

He said his work experience will help him to be effective on the Board of Education.

"I always consider the big picture and the lasting effect that each decision may have. As a graduate of East Jordan Public Schools, I can see how much the school has improved in the last 20 years."

"Most funding for education is now driven by student numbers. We need to continue showcasing the fine facilities, staff and programs of EJPS in order to increase enrollment," Graham said.

Timothy P. Kenney, 47, has lived in the East Jordan area all of his life. He and his wife, Julie Ann, have one child and he recently graduated from East Jordan Public Schools.

Kenney is a general contractor, a journeyman toolmaker, carpenter and a mason. He manages two other businesses, an outdoor wood boiler business and a wildlife nuisance control business. He has partic-

ipated in courses in mathematics, blue print reading and metallurgy.

Kenney said he wants to be on the Board of Education to advocate for all of the children, but especially for children who are being left behind in education.

"I am convinced that our current school board lacks a true representative for the majority of the tax paying citizens. I believe the taxpayer has been systematically denied their right of ownership of their schools. As a consequence their children are not getting the opportunities and benefits of their hard-earned tax dollars."

"I am not interested in joining a club, being part of a clique or making friends, but only in the pursuit of what is best for the children of our community. I believe that there is no doubt that many of our children are still being systematically left behind to fend for themselves. I want to advocate for them and be their voice," Kenney said.

He said that his experience in running multiple successful businesses and his ability to recognize problems as well as strengths will assist him as a school board member.

"I believe my experience, both personal and professional, has shown that the majority of problems can be resolved by regaining control over the individuals and or systems that have been left unsupervised and unaccountable for far too long," Kenney said.

Scott Nachazel, 37, has lived in the East Jordan area almost all of his life. He and his wife, Angie, have two chil-

dren and they are students in the East Jordan Public Schools. Nachazel is a Senior Project Engineer for East Jordan Iron Works. He holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Lake Superior State University and expects to have a master's degree in August.

His volunteer activities include past membership in the East Jordan Lions Club.

Nachazel said he wants to serve on the Board of Education to be a part of providing an outstanding education to the children.

"I place a high value on education and I was fortunate to get a great education in East Jordan and in college. I felt I was adequately prepared for college and for being a productive member of the community. I think it's important that every child has an opportunity to get an outstanding education, and I'm excited about being a part of that effort in my hometown," Nachazel said.

He said he will bring his work experience to the board.

"I've worked in engineering since my graduation from college in 1995. In my normal work activities I work as a member of a team each day and we all work together to achieve our goals."

"I think my abilities as a good listener and communicator will lend themselves well to serving the kids and the community on the Board of Education," Nachazel said.

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Program

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with the Federal Aviation Administration along with their aircrafts.

Dowty works in the Boyne City area for KIDS HOPE USA and likened the organization to the Big Brother's and Big Sister's setup. The children's ages range from five to 14-year-old with an emphasis on elementary school kids. There is currently only one 14-year-old in the program.

"We go and spend one hour a week and the whole concept behind it is that they are showing that kids thrive if they have at least one interested adult other than a family member in their lives," Dowty explained. "We have already seen growth; this is our first year with Concord. This is a national program and they have KIDS HOPE USA in Australia now too. It started in Zealand, Mich., where I went for

my training and there were a lot of different states represented."

The affiliate agreement KIDS HOPE USA signed with CAB guarantees that the school can't sign with any other church and the church in turn can't sign with any other school to ensure a one on one relationship.

"One of our missions at the church is to be an outreach to the community and love and service. We had a lot of

people who either worked with children before or would like to work with children," Dowty said. "This was just a great avenue for them to get tied up with the program and have some structure. It is only for our members of our congregation, they have to consider the church their home church."

Along with the one on one concept, the church also does some behind the scenes work for the kids with a group of

prayer partners praying for the children.

"Some children have family problems and some don't. Some are referred because of academics and some for social or emotional reasons," Dowty added.

For more information on the KIDS HOPE USA program, call the church at 231-582-7983.

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COUNTY RECORDS

District Court

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

Michael Ray Trowbridge, 17, East Jordan. Minor in possession of tobacco. Sentenced to pay \$85 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Timothy Deaneu, 23, Boyne City. Disorderly person. Sentenced to pay \$750 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Lynn Abbey, 25, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs.

Cameron Stuart Mock, 19, St. Joseph. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Anthony Peter Sloan, 50, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunken. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs. Sentenced to serve five days in jail with credit for five days.

Stuart Roy Whitley, 41,

Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$780 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform three days of community service work; six months on probation.

David Alan Mellios, 19, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$650, 50, 80 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work; nine months on probation.

Kendall Lars Francis, 21, Charlevoix. Drugs/alcohol consumed by minor-allowed on premises. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs. Sentenced to serve five days in jail.

Colleen Sue Knott, 49, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$930 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.

Timothy Michael Webb, 38, Linden. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$830 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform three days of community service work; six months on probation.

John Victor Cannon Jr., 46, Petoskey. Disturbing the peace. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

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

business:

Skop's Maintenance, 4130 Adams Road, East Jordan, by Scott Skop and Terrie Skop.

Boyne All Season's Maintenance, 2436 Healey Road, Boyne City, by Pierre Raveau.

RAM Painting, 3435 M-32, East Jordan, by Robert A. Address.

AGL Photography, 1100 Boyne Ave., Suite C, Boyne City, by Angela

Lawson.

North Country Builders, 11056 Townpump Road, Boyne Falls, by Brent Matelski.

Jason D. Warsko, 00027 Dietz Road, Boyne City, by Jason D. Warsko.

Matt Speltz Repair Service, 04340 Alpine Valley Road, Boyne City, by Matthew R. Speltz and Peg A. Vondra.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

Exercise Helps Depression

Exercising on a regular basis seems to reduce symptoms of major depression. In a recent study of over 200 adults with depression, the people who participated in a group-based exercise program did about as well as those treated with an antidepressant medication. Another group who completed a home-based program also improved but to a lesser degree. All the groups did better than the placebo group. Exercise effects some key nervous system chemicals that influence mood. The group activity also reduced feelings of isolation and fostered a sense of accomplishment.

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Project Lifesaver now available

Sheriff George T. Lasater and Commission on Aging Director Susan Bergmann announced "Project Lifesaver" a program now available to the public of Charlevoix County who may have a family member eligible for the program.

More than 100,000 Alzheimer's patients, several from Charlevoix County, wander from home each year. Our goal is to locate persons with dementia and other cognitive impairments who become lost. To increase the chances your loved one will be found in such an event, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging are implementing as a joint venture "Project Lifesaver."

This program will fit individuals who are at risk of wandering with an ankle

bracelet so they can be found by sheriff personnel.

"I have been working on this for over a year to be able to secure funding outside the sheriff's office," said Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater. "This technology was specifically designed for, but not limited to, Alzheimer's and dementia patients. It can also be used on persons with developmental disabilities, who may be at risk to wander away. The Commission on Aging has been very supportive and has financially supported this project for the over 60 population."

The bracelet, no more cumbersome than a wristwatch, is composed of a plastic wristband approximately an inch wide that sports a radio transmitter the size of a large watch face.

Sheriff's office personnel completed two days of training on the equipment.

"We must be notified within 15 minutes for this to be most effective," Lasater said. "One of the biggest mistakes people make is they spend four to five hours searching for a loved one before they call us." He added, "This is very efficient if we get notice in time, but we can't wait until the Lifesaver participant wanders 20 miles from here."

Project Lifesaver is an international project established in 1999. The startup cost to agencies is \$7,680, which includes training and equipment. Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at 231-237-0103.

Transit Manager celebrates first month on the job

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — New Charlevoix County Transit Manager Ray Leach celebrated his first month on the job on April 23 and is very excited about his new position. Leach, 59, has been in public transit for about 15 years and is very familiar with local and statewide issues in rural transportation.

Leach is a member of the Michigan Transit Pool, which is a self-insurance pool for public transit providers and the Risk Management Committee of that pool. He is also very active in the Michigan Public Transit Association and the different senior groups representing senior's service organizations.

His enthusiasm for transit is what stands out when talking to Leach about his role and expectations for the seniors in Charlevoix County.

"I have a passion for transit, my wife sometimes refers to it as a fatal passion or attraction," Leach said. "I'm a retired Navy guy and I was in Delta County in the UP prior to coming to Boyne."

Leach worked for the Delta Area Transit Authority and likened the experience to what he has seen so far in Charlevoix County.

"We were a different organization in

that we stood alone from the county and Charlevoix County Transit is part of the County government. The services are all the same, it's just different the way you do business as far as internal and external things," Leach explained. "The systems are about the same size and the population is a little bit less than in Delta County but the summer population in Charlevoix County is much larger."

Leach was very excited about the services his department provides for seniors and is always looking for ways to improve the transit. He has also been extremely impressed with his staff and how they work in the community.

"What really impressed me from what I've seen from the drivers are they really look after their customers. They know their customers, the drivers have been here for a number of years, they live here and grew up here," Leach commented. "It's really amazing the relationship they have with the customers. I'm sure some of the drivers if they chose could have done something else. It kind of gets into your blood, for me it's that way."

There are 20 employees in the Charlevoix Transit that covers the entire county. A typical day

starts out at 6 a.m. with outlined areas the buses have to get to. At peak time there are usually around nine buses on the road at any one time. The buses also work with students that go to different schools and at times transporting workers to and from their jobs.

"We are basically a demand response service that operates pretty much like a cab company. If someone needs to go somewhere they pick up the phone and call and we respond within 10 to 15 minutes," Leach said. "Most cab companies would really strive for that response time. We take the customer where they need to go; it usually involves a return trip."

Leach said errands like grocery shopping, doctor appointments, senior center activities or simply visiting loved ones are just a few of the assignments the Transit takes on for its customers. The day usually ends around 4 p.m. with two cleanup buses that are out until about 6 p.m. There are 17 buses at Leach's disposal for the Transit. According to Leach, all buses except one is ADA equipped which means they can handle wheelchairs and they all have lifts installed on the buses.

A good amount of clients are repeat customers and Leach has

seen an increase in phone calls with the prices of gas sky rocketing right now. Despite the cost, the rates have remained the same for Leach's customers.

"The average senior ride is 50 cents, they can buy a ride ticket that is good for several rides and I believe that is discounted if they buy the punch ticket. You can't beat the value for 50 cents," Leach said.

On the weekend, the Transit operates on an on demand type basis. If there is a community event going on like Memorial Day, Leach will have a driver available for transport and also for any senior event.

Other services the Transit provides include non-emergency medical transports for doctor's or dialysis appointments that are available Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"It offers independence for seniors, if somebody has an appointment next week they can call and schedule that ride and it locks them into a time and guarantees they will get there on time," Leach added. "We have a 10 minute window, in cases of the doctor that's an appointment we try to get them there at least 10 minutes prior to the appointment. We may adjust the pick up time based on the arrival time."

"On the other side

when they are coming back, it is more critical to them to get picked up when they need to. We put a priority on the pick up time and get them home as quick as possible."

Another service Leach provides is the Meals on Wheels program. The Transit delivers the food and Leach said it is a really big service for his department averaging about 12,000 meals per year that they bring to the customer from the Boyne City Senior Center.

The Transit is also testing a new program in May.

"We have something coming up with the Commission on Aging, a pilot program that we just got together. I don't know the minor details but it will start on May 15 for seniors going to and from the senior center for day time activities and seniors on medical appointments," Leach said. "It won't cost the seniors their fares, we will bill directly to the agency."

"They are going to do it for a 90-day period so they can work out the details and see what the demand is."

For more information on the Charlevoix County Transit call 231-582-6900.

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

Lakeshore Community Free Clinic celebrates one year

The Lakeshore Community Free Clinic turned one on April 27. In that time the clinic has seen more than 1,600 patients, mostly from Charlevoix County. The clinic has been financed this past year totally by donations from the public. According to Pastor Dave Crumbaugh, Executive Director and founder of the clinic, "there were many times this past year where we were in financial stress, and the community rallied to keep this clinic open."

According to Crumbaugh, many businesses, churches, as well as most of the service clubs continue to help on a regular basis. The new '220 Lake Street' restaurant recently held a benefit for the clinic with many local bands donating their time as well. "We are very grateful for everyone who has helped us have a very successful year," Crumbaugh said.

Additionally, the clinic recently received a grant from the Frey Foundation of \$10,000 to be used for labs and tests. According to Dr. Richard Mansfield, the clinic doctor who donates every Friday to the cause, they can't

do their job properly without the ability to have these labs and tests done. However, those who come to see them usually do not have the money to pay for these tests. The Frey Foundation grant will make a valuable difference in the care offered by the clinic.

The clinic also recently received a grant from the Michigan Dept. of Community Health for \$5,400. An x-ray machine was also donated to the clinic from a dentist in Virginia. It has not, however, been hooked up yet, as the clinic awaits more donations for the costly hookup and certification of the equipment.

Lakeshore Community Free Clinic was started by Lakeshore Community Church and Doctor Richard Mansfield to help the uninsured and underinsured in the area. Unlike other free clinics, Lakeshore does not require documentation of income as criteria. According to national statistics having a job, even a full-time job, does not guarantee access to health insurance.

47 million Americans, including 9 million kids, are living without health insurance, forced to gam-

ble every day that they won't get sick or injured. That's a risk no one should have to take.

Uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those with health insurance. Just one serious illness or injury can wipe out an uninsured family's bank account. And the problem is growing worse. Each year, more and more hard working families join the ranks of the uninsured.

In Michigan, only 59.9% of employers offer insurance to their employees. With the rising cost of health insurance now, many employees that have access to health insurance, can no longer afford to have their portion deducted from their checks. So, what we have is an epidemic of uninsured people spreading very fast across America.

April 27 was National Uninsured awareness day. If you are one of the more fortunate ones, who can afford health insurance, please consider donating to the Lakeshore Community Free Clinic. You can send donations to PO Box 933, Boyne City, MI 49712, or call 231-582-6828 for more information.

EJ SENIOR CENTER

Due to construction, the East Jordan Senior Center will be closed until May 5. Everyone is welcome to go to the Boyne Area Senior Center for lunch. Meals on Wheels will be available. The suggested lunch donation for those 60 and over is \$2, or \$4 for those under 60.

BC SENIOR CENTER

Join the Boyne Area Senior Center for lunch and activities this week. Lunch is served at noon, Monday through Friday. All East Jordan seniors are welcome to join us for lunch during the construction at the EJSC for the next few weeks.

Wednesday, April 30, cheeseburger meatballs, potatoes, veggie and plums. The day will begin with line dancing at 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 1, veal, stew vegetables, cauliflower and baked apple will be served. Bingo will follow

lunch.

Friday, May 2, the senior center welcomes all residents of Litzendurger Place and Deer Meadows for lunch. On the menu is macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, broccoli and apricots. Music provided by the Cousins Music Band at 11 a.m.

Monday, May 5, cod amandine will be served along with parsley potatoes, green beans and mandarin oranges. On Monday, bingo will follow lunch.

Tuesday, May 6, homemade soup, a full salad bar and make

your own sandwich. Roger Hartman at 11 a.m. for delightful music.

Wednesday, May 7, the BASC Board of Directors will meet at 9:30 a.m. Line dancing will begin at 10 a.m. The planned menu is deviled pork chops, scalloped potatoes, peas and applesauce.

For information regarding the senior center call 231-582-6682. The contact number for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is 231-237-0103. The toll free number is 866-428-5185.

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Far, Far Away

Far, Far Away
By Tresa Erickson

When your children were young, you may have pictured them growing up and living nearby. Now that they are adults, however, reality has sunk in and a couple of them live hundreds of miles away. You just found out that one of them is expecting a child. Oh boy, how are you going to be a good grandparent from such a long distance?

When separated by hundreds of miles, day-to-day grandparenting can be tough. There are some things you can do, however, to maintain a foothold in your grandchildren's lives. The most obvious is communication. Take advantage of the technology today to communicate with your grandchildren as much as possible. Call and e-mail them frequently. Play video games with them online or check out a chatroom together. Write them letters and send them photos, videos and packages.

Nothing, of course, beats face-to-face communication, so try to visit with your grandchildren as much as possible. Go see them at their house and spend some one-on-one time with them. Arrange for them to come to your house and share some of your favorite activities with them. Consider going on vacation with your grandchildren and checking out all of the attractions together. All of these will give you ample opportunity to really get to know your grandchildren and bond

with them.

Do your best to attend your grandchildren's special events, starting with their birth. Be at the hospital when they are born and make a point to come to as many religious rites of passages, recitals and graduations as possible. This will reinforce to your grandchildren how much they mean to you and how important their milestones and accomplishments are to you.

Be a presence in your grandchildren's lives. Keep in touch with them and learn all that you can about them. Know what their likes and dislikes are, who their friends are and what's going on in their lives on a daily basis. Share in their successes and their failures. Make them a part of your life no matter where they may be.

Do all that you can to develop and maintain a relationship with

your grandchildren. If you make the effort, your grandchildren will recognize that and love you dearly for it. All of those miles that separate you from them will seem to just melt away

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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

EDITORIAL

Monitoring stress year round

April is National Stress Awareness Month and by no coincidence it falls during the same month as federal income taxes. In fact, one day is set aside as National Stress Awareness Day which is April 16, a day after our returns are due.

This is the 16th consecutive year of stress awareness that is sponsored by The Healthy Resource Network and the mission is to inform people about the dangers of stress, successful coping mechanisms, and harmful misconceptions about stress that are prevalent in society.

According to Dr. Morton C. Orman, author of *The 14 Day Stress Cure*, millions of Americans die of stress-related illnesses each year with heart disease, strokes and even some forms of cancer. Methods of dealing with stress include smoking, over-eating and alcohol and drug abuse.

However, Dr. Orman feels the number one cause of stress today is misinformation. His book details five key myths about stress and ways to deal with it. Grab a copy of the book for more information and ways to improve your life when coping with conflicts.

The book goes over the myth that humans must live with some degree of stress; in fact, Orman contends that accurate information about stress can aid people to change for the better. Orman emphasizes focusing more upon the conflicts or events that provoke stress, rather than stress itself, which is a by-product of these stressors.

There are many publications out there about stress and what we can do to avoid these pressures in our lives. There are also a lot of different opinions about how to go about making a change for the better.

Regardless of what you decide is best for you in dealing with the day-to-day rigors we come up against in our society, make sure to do something. April is obviously a rough month because of taxes but there is also Christmas with the outrageous spending or other specific holidays. Stress is prevalent year round.

I don't have any quick fix solution when trying to eliminate the stressors in your life but after waiting until the last day to do my taxes I certainly felt the pressure of tax time. After reading about stress awareness month I decided to try and control my everyday hurdles not just for one month but throughout the year. After all, there are plenty of obstacles we run into but always remembering healthy ways to deal with them may be paramount to our health down the line.

So the next time you feel that pressure building up, get some information on ways to tackle the conflicts and save years of your life. Stress isn't limited to one month so we should learn valuable ways to deal with anxiety year round.

Woofers and tweeters

The mayor is handing me the key to the city. At least I think that's what it is. For some reason, it is wrapped inside of a woolly scrap of material, although a large key shape is clearly defined beneath the fabric.

I am overcome by emotion. This is so unexpected that I haven't even prepared a speech. Gratitude fills my heart as I step up to the podium to address the crowd of smiling citizens who have gathered for the presentation. I raise my hand that grasps the bundled key heavenward and...

"Beep, beep, beep, beep."
The sound of a service vehicle backing up distracts me for a moment. But I refocus and, buoyed with the pride of accomplishment, begin to acknowledge the long list of all of the little people who were so instrumental in my rousing success with...

"Beep, beep, beep, beep."
"Twitter, twitter, twitter."
"Beep, beep, beep, beep."
"Twitter, twitter, twitter."
The veil of sleep slides away and the dream evaporates. My bedroom is dark, except for the green glow of the digital clock. And there is a roadrunner outside my open window.

Okay, maybe not a roadrunner. I'm nowhere near the desert, but I'm pretty sure that I've never heard any other bird make that sound. Although admittedly, I've only heard a cartoon roadrunner, so I may be off base in my assumption.

"Beep, beep, beep, beep."
"Twitter, twitter, twitter."
There is a call and response going on between the Beeper and the Twitterer, as relentless as a metronome. I squint and blink at the clock until the green squiggles gel into the numbers five-o-nine. What is so compelling in my backyard that merits discussion at this hour?

"Beep, beep..."
I flip to my side and scrunch the pillow over my head. I wait, holding my breath.

Maybe I can just ignore it.
"Beep, beep..."
I rip back the blankets and hurtle to my feet. I'm putting a stop to this before the hubbub squelches any attempt to return to slumber.

The dogs are thrilled that I'm up this early. It is indeed a very special day, as far as they are concerned, that begins with a no-nonsense leaping out of bed and a bumbling, bare-footed rush to the patio door. Unfortunately, in my haste, I have neglected to factor in the effect of my mission on my routine-besotted pets. As I burst dizzily out onto the patio, ruffled and indignant, the dogs take their cue and set about ferreting out the interlopers with the only weapon in their small arsenal.

"Bark, bark, bark, bark."
"Beep, beep, beep, beep."
"Twitter, twitter, twitter."
"Yip, yip, yip, yip."
A light snaps on in the neighboring house.

"Come on," I hiss into the semi-darkness. "Let's go inside. Want a treat? Let's go. Treat. Treat."

After a minute of urgent sotto voice pleading (liberally sprinkled with the word "treat"), my darlings are induced to return to the house for a biscuit. Since the T word is my doggie-obedience ace in the hole, I am obliged to offer up the promised snack before I head back for what I hope will be another hour or two of sleep.

I drop back into bed and listen for a moment. Nothing. The dogs must have done the trick.

Now if I can only pick up that dream where it left off and find out what in blue blazes I did that was so noteworthy...

"Beep, beep, beep, beep."
Christine Gwidt welcomes reader's comments. Email her at moreorlesschristine@yahoo.com

MORE OR LESS

By
Christine
Gwidt



YOUR VOICE

Commission on Aging moving forward

To the editor:
The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging discussed a detailed action plan with County Commissioners on April 2. Director Susan Bergmann said the many actions to date and plans in progress are the culmination of many months of effort.

In January, 2007, the COA board initiated a self-assessment to provide direction for formulating spending plans that address the greatest senior needs and to serve as a base line for measuring future improvement. The results yielded significant opportunity to increase awareness of services as well as to expand and add programs and services and to improve the quality of what the COA already offers. From that, over 60 potential actions were identified and prioritized based on importance and achievability. Several ad hoc COA board committees, including numerous community stakeholders, developed and executed many program enhancements and expansions. Work is ongoing to implement additional plans. The overall result of the effort is a responsible spending plan for addressing senior needs with taxpayer monies.

Key accomplishments and plans include: addition of full time nurses, aides and homemakers in direct care and adult day services; elimination of all waiting lists, maximum hours per client and proof of income requirements; implementation of cross training for in-home workers; provision for five-day adult day services; completion of a compensation study and increased wage rates for direct care workers; provision for ongoing service satisfaction measurement; development of in-home safety maintenance program; establishment of policy for senior health and safety emergencies; and implementation of a pilot "free ridership" program in conjunction with County Transit. Many more enhancements are still "in the works."

Although these accomplishments and plans involved a significant number of dedicated people on the COA board and in the community, much credit for proposals and implementation in the major categories (direct care, programs, adult day services) goes to Director Bergmann for her initiative and creativity in developing improvements, measurements and new initiatives.

For many good reasons, the COA is in the very fortunate position of having a healthy investment account of \$1.9 million. The self-assessment

has given the COA board and staff direction in utilizing seniors' money effectively and responsibly on the seniors' behalf.

Although information about the COA's finances has always been readily available, some seem to believe the COA is "hoarding money" and trying to hide it. Those instigating that view have actually hindered the COA's ability to improve and expand services as rapidly as planned by creating animosity in the community, forcing attention to unfounded complaints and misinformation, and delaying decision making.

The COA's current budget is \$1.4 million. During the first six months of the fiscal year, the COA operates on a fund balance that is less than the budget until senior millage monies are collected. The expanded and new programs for which ongoing costs have thus far been identified will be almost \$300,000 annually, exceeding the fund balance and requiring dependence on the investment account. This is in addition to startup and pilot program costs, costs yet to be identified for further enhancements, and capital expenditures for information technology and facility upgrades in East Jordan, Beaver Island and Boyne Area. The COA monthly expenses, including Beaver Island senior center services and Boyne Area, Charlevoix, and East Jordan Senior Centers, currently exceed \$100,000, and the board believes it should keep reserves sufficient to operate for eight months in the event of cuts to state/federal spending and/or loss of millage income. Eight months would enable the COA to assist senior clients and caregivers in finding alternative sources of assistance to the extent they exist.

The COA is extremely grateful for the strong support of the vast majority of residents, including seniors, taxpayers, senior center boards, volunteers, county commissioners and the many other stakeholders who have worked on all the projects. Continued community dialogue and support will enable the COA to responsibly strike the balance between increased offerings and a reasonable emergency reserve of the seniors' money.

The entire COA Strategic Plan Development continues to be available for review at the libraries, the senior centers and the COA office in Charlevoix. Questions, suggestions and requests for services can be directed to the COA at 231-237-0103.

Lynda Christensen
Boyer City

NEIGHBORS

Nan Howard has returned from Corvallis, Ore., after spending two weeks with her sister, who just lost her husband. Flowers and trees were all in bloom and it was beautiful but she is glad to be home. Now she can enjoy a second spring with the tulips etc. blooming here.

Bunny Garlock and Marilyn Purdy are the proud great-grandmothers of a new great granddaughter, Payton Jo Van-Buskirk, born on April 22. Payton Jo weighed 8 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces. Former resident Lindsay (Carpenter) and Eric VanBuskirk of Umatilla, Fla., are the new parents. Grandmother is Pennie Garlock of Eustis, Fla., and Steve Carpenter of Fla.

There was a grand turnout at the Boyne Area Senior Center on last Sunday's beautiful day. This month's meal of delicious chicken or beef and lemon pie hit the spot as well. Listening to the music of the Cousins added to the friendly atmosphere of the long awaited spring day.

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, in the lower level community room at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main Street, Boyne City. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will consist of a "Welcome Social" and the first of several genealogical silent-auction book sales. Those attending are also encouraged to bring along a recent "new discovery" to share with the group. A variety of snacks and goodies will be served and anyone with an interest in genealogy and family history is encouraged to attend and interact with fellow enthusiasts.

Thorneta Rowe and John Clark have returned to Boyne after spending the winter in North Port, Fla. En route, they spent a few days in Troy, visiting her daughter Sue and Dusty Rhodes.

Heartfelt sympathies go out to the friends and family of Delores Wasylewski, who passed away at Grandvue this past week.

A fun time it is on Thursday nights in the community room of the Eagles. Karen Kline of East Jordan conducts a free line dancing class from 7 to 9 p.m. She and friend Tabettha Peters have been line dancing for about 13 years, but Karen has been teaching it for about four years. Anyone is welcome to join the fun.

Members of the BCHS class of 1958 met for their monthly lunch Tuesday at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne. Attending was Larry Judkins, Nelda Stanley, Ray and Irene Speltz, Morrie Hobbs, Kitty Nessen, Lois and Joe Gerant and a newcomer to the group, Diane Archer. All enjoyed a great meal and lots of laughs and conversation.

Approximately 18 residents of Litzenburger Place were entertained with beautiful music and songs by Gail Williams on Saturday. They also enjoyed a variety of snacks together. What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

A note came in saying the mushrooms are popping - even without rain. Going for a walk on the 22nd, enough large ones to cover a dinner plate were seen. Anxiously waiting for more. They will probably be past their prime for the Festival Weekend. Oh well, that is the challenge for everyone.

Bo and Courtney Reinhardt of Elk Rapids were honored with a baby shower last Saturday at the home of Luke and Katie Reinhardt. There were 50 friends and family members sharing this special time. Refreshments were enjoyed as well with many good conversations among the various groups. There were special moments of opening the many fine gifts for the baby, expected to arrive on May 20. Sisters-in-law, Jamie Dobrowski, Jody Cosier, and Katie Reinhardt co-hosted the memorable time.

Christopher Lewis of Boyne City and his mother Raynee, were among the many families attending the Marine Corps Recruiting Sub-Stations of West Branch and Traverse City Annual Family Night held at Camp Grayling last Thursday evening. There were 93 "Pooles" (pre-enrolled Marines) of which about 10 were women, who, along with their families, gained a better understanding of the role of a United States Marine. Highlighting the evening was the time spent with drill instructors who came in from San Diego, Calif. Impressive it was, seeing these young men and women spending about half an hour with a drill instructor and the obvious change of standing straighter and taller as their session ended. There were also recruiters there from West Branch, Petoskey, Sault St Marie, Alpena, Gaylord, Cadillac and Traverse City to answer questions anyone might have had.

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HAPPENINGS

Time to Buff Up Boyne

Calling all residents, civic organizations, and schools to lend their shovels, rakes, and brooms to give Boyne City a shine during Buff Up Boyne, Boyne City's annual community-wide spring cleanup, Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at Sunset Park in downtown Boyne City next to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to sign-in, get instructions on what areas need to be cleaned, and receive trash bags and safety vests. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the morning as well as lunch beginning at noon. For more information, contact either Mark

Kowalske at 231-675-3721 or Hugh Conklin at 231-582-9009, or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

Child safety seat

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater is offering the services of three certified technicians from the Sheriff's Office who will assist parents/guardians with the installation and use of their child safety seats.

If a parent/guardian wishes to meet with a technician they should call the Sheriff's Office at 231-547-4461 for an appointment.

Food distributions

April food distribu-

tions under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program will be Thursday, May 1, 8:30 to 10 a.m., at Boyne City City Hall. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program targets nutritionally at risk mothers, infants, children and people aged 60 and older. For further information, call NMHSA at 231-347-9070 or 800-443-5518.

Mental illness and suicide presentation

Thursday, May 1, join former NFL quarterback, Eric Hipple, for an open discussion about mental illness and suicide. This event will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall, Char-

levoix Ave., Petoskey. A member of the 1980-1990 Detroit Lions, Eric is now the Outreach Coordinator for the University of Michigan Depression Center. Prior to the presentation, there is a tailgate party from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall which includes a light meal and a chance to meet Eric with photo and autograph opportunities - bring your football to be autographed.

Garden party tea

The Jordan Valley Library Friends present an American Girl Doll Garden Party Tea on Saturday, May 3. The tea will begin at 1 p.m., in the East Jordan

High School Cafeteria. Tea, punch and a variety of delicious desserts will be served. Cost is \$2 per person - bring your own tea cup. Take a photo in front of our "garden" backdrop.

An American Girl Doll collection will be on display. There will be drawings for free door prizes and a raffle to win Mia, the 2008 American Girl Doll of the year. Tickets are just \$1 each.

At 2 p.m., a free movie, "The Secret Garden," will be shown at the East Jordan Community Auditorium.

Proceeds benefit Jordan Valley Library Friends children's programming.

Safe baby class

A Safe Baby Presentation Class is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the American Red Cross building located at 2350 Mitchell Park Drive in Petoskey.

This class is intended for parents, grandparents and friends of the family who have a new baby in the family and wish to learn life-saving skills in case of an emergency. Information will be provided about the type of objects infants choke on and how to prevent the situations from developing. Pre-registration is required; call 231-348-7666 or email to tomr@arcnlm.org.

Fashion for free clinic

A Fashion Show/Dessert Buffet is planned for May 8, at 7 p.m., at Boyne City First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 401 S. Park St in Boyne City presented by Mary's of Boyne and sister shops in East Jordan and Charlevoix.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and can be purchased at the stores mentioned above and the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce. All proceeds will go to the Lakeshore Community Free Medical Clinic. Ten per cent of sales, the three days following the show, will also be donated to the clinic.

Lakeshore Community Free Clinic provides

health care for uninsured or under-insured families. The clinic is funded completely by donation. Gifts are tax deductible.

Bike rodeo

The Boyne City Police Department will be holding a Bike Rodeo on May 10, in Veteran's Park in Boyne City. The rodeo will have a rules of the road presentation, bike safety check, helmet fitting, bike registration, cones courses and other fun events.

The rodeo is scheduled to start at noon at the Veteran's Park pavilion. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children for an afternoon of bicycle fun and games.

Neighbors

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Overwhelming and heartwarming it was, for the Cancer Crusaders of northern Michigan last Saturday night. Their "Rock around the Clock for Cancer" 50's party at the Boyne City Eagles Community Room drew a crowd of 300 - max capacity. They just kept coming in great support and had a great night of music, food and a fun time.

Surprise guests were "Elvis" and "Johnny Cash." Hats off to all who helped make it such a successful event.

The 1960 BCHS girls met on April 24 at the Indochina Gardens Restaurant. Those attending were Charlotte (Belford) Looze, Pat (Nessen) Sumner, Nancy (Dorgan) Beebe, Sandi (LaBrecque) Ecker and Donna (Kent) Diener. There was some good

conversation, laughing and fun by all.

A note to Dad, Ed Pasque, came in with a touching story.

"Wanted to tell you this story. Last night NIU played a baseball game at the stadium where a local minor league team plays their home games, and I took Ollie to watch the game. Whenever we go to a baseball game both of us bring our gloves, and we always talk about catching a fly ball. The weather was awesome last night, clear and in the high 60's, and we were sitting in the front row right around first base, when the batter hit a towering fly ball. Both Ollie and I jumped up, and he starts saying, "Here it comes, dad," and "it's coming right at us." You know how it is with fly balls like that - when they are first hit they all look like they are coming right at you, but as they start to fall back to earth you realize they are headed somewhere else.

But this one ends up coming right at us, and I catch it basket-style about waist high, and hand it directly to Ollie, who has the biggest smile on his face I have ever seen. All the people in the crowd cheered, and there must have been a hundred people looking right at Ollie and smiling, seeing what I was seeing.

He took the ball to bed with him when we got home, and I peeked in and could see him tossing it up in the air a little, and talking to himself. Later, I looked in and he was sleeping with the ball in his hand, with his hand up by his face. It was the first thing he told Ruby and Hazel about when they woke up this morning. It was a good day."

A great story came in for The Darnedest Things Happen corner...

"Four years ago, I was in the planning stages of building my house in Lakes of The North near

Mancelona and I drove up to the property to check things out. There was a man working in the yard across the street at a house that had been for sale. When he saw me drive up, he started walking towards me, so I crossed the street to talk to him. He asked if I was going to build there and I said yes, and asked if he was the new owner of that house. He said yes and stuck his hand out and said "Hi, I'm Gordon Capelin." I nearly fell over. I shook his hand and said "Hi, I'm Nelda Stanley." Gordon and I grew up next door to each other on Cherry Street in Boyne City. Neither of us recognized the other. Don't the dandiest things happen?"

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

CHURCH LISTINGS

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.

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, 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.

Church of the Nativity

Reverend Peggy Natterman will be celebrant for the 10 a.m. Eucharist service at Episcopal Church of the Nativity on Sunday, April 27. All are invited to the coffee hour after the service in the church undercroft (basement).

Reverend Natterman, Jan Arasim and Ginny McCord will represent the congregation at the annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, which will be held in Traverse City on April 25 and 26.

Lakeshore Community Church

Lakeshore Community Church is located at 624 State St. in Boyne

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 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

On Sunday, May 4, Word and Worship start at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Kid-Connection 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. Senior high youth meet on Sunday evening, please contact Pastor Jason for more information at 231-535-2288.

Tuesday, May 6, the Ladies' Bible Study will meet at 9:15 a.m. On Thursday, May 8, the Cozy Quilters will meet at 9 a.m. and the church board will meet at 6:30 p.m., with Hearts Helping Hands meeting from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, contact the church office at 231-535-2288 or visit the website at [loonchurch.com.](http://www.wal-</p>
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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, May 4, guest preacher, Rev. Bob Kyser will give the message from Acts 1, 1 Peter, and John 17.

Organist Artie Jones will accompany the congregation and choir. Nursery provided. Sunday School, ages four through 11, meets during the worship service. Adult class meets 9:15 to 10 a.m. and youth class meets 9:30 to 10:20. No youth group meeting on April 20.

All are invited to Bible Study, 9 a.m. Tuesdays.

in the Hill House and to Prayer and Fellowship (bring a lunch), noon Wednesdays, in Faulman Hall. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday and contemporary worship is featured on the last Sunday of each month. Phone 231-582-7983.

Christ Lutheran Church

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.

The second annual "Women's Celebration Brunch" will be May 10,

at 10 a.m. For more information call the church or Nan Polleys, 231-582-7010.

May 17 there will be a yard sale. If you have stuff to sell, sign up in the Parish hall for a table or call the church for more information.

Check us out on the web, www.christlutheranboyncity.org.

Community of Christ

The Community of Christ, 777 Vogel Street in Boyne City, holds Sunday worship and classes at 9:45 a.m., and Worship with the Spoken Word at 10:50 a.m.

Wednesday, Prayer and Share is held at 7 p.m.

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

CHIP SHOT



By
Chip
Corwin

Fashion statement

Now that I've gone through all or at least part of three sports seasons in this job, I've noticed one strange fashion choice among coaches.

Have you ever realized that baseball coaches are the only coaches that wear the team uniform on game day? Why is this? Some wear the practice jersey instead of the true game jersey, but that's just a difference in color. Why wear what the players wear at all? Tigers skipper Jim Leyland even wears cleats!

I've thought about this for some time now (I spend a lot of time on the road), and I can come up with three theories.

The first is tradition. Baseball is our oldest sport by far, outdating basketball and football by over half a century. And it wasn't that long ago that some managers actually coached and played, so it makes sense that they would wear the team uniform.

The second is that baseball uniforms are just more... congenial... to middle aged bodies. Pants and loose jerseys. Even Tigers third base coach Gene Lamont can fit into one, and he's probably seen thinner days. Former Dodgers manager and Slim-Fast spokesman (he made a poor spokesman) Tommy Lasorda had no problems donning the Dodger blue at every game.

They say that the clothes make the man. But they also say that you are what you eat. So which are more important, sartorial decisions or dietary ones? For most people, dietary decisions have a direct influence on sartorial ones. Baseball coaches seem to not have that problem.

The third reason is related to the second reason, but slightly different: Baseball uniforms aren't cumbersome and don't look ridiculous and out of place on the sidelines.

Let's take some local examples. Central Lake's Adam Grybauskas coaches football and baseball. On game day in the spring he's wearing the team uniform, but in the fall you won't see him pacing the sidelines in full pads and a helmet.

Bellaire head boys basketball coach Stan Sexton is always wearing a jacket and tie on game day. For some reason, seeing him in front of the bench wearing shorts, a tank top, white sneakers and knee-high socks just doesn't seem right, but it'd be worth the price of admission.

I bet Boyne City wrestling coach Don Nohel and his son Drew don't wrestle over who gets to wear the singlet that day.

And as for Forest Area volleyball coach Ron Stremlow... Well, suffice it to say that he never seems to think spandex and knee pads are in season in Fife Lake, no matter what his players think.

The only other coaches that come close to player-coach uniform conformity are track and cross country coaches, who usually wear the team warm-ups. But that's not the same.

In college, men (the sprinters, at least) wear "speed suits" (similar to a wrestling singlet) and the women wear aptly-named "buns," which I take is short for bun-huggers. Track coaches need to get from event to event quickly... but not that quickly, especially when it's 40 degrees.

So I guess baseball coaches are in a class of their own. Even their softball sisters tend to stray from strict jersey conformity.

Wait... I just thought of two sports that might count: golf and bowling. Should they qualify?

Send me your own thoughts and theories for use in an upcoming column.

Chip Corwin can be reached at ccorwin@michigannews-papers.com.

Drew Nohel's second in high jump paces Ramblers track

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Traverse City St. Francis' boys track team crushed the rest of the field in the boys' portion of a Lake Michigan Conference track meet last Thursday.

Drew Nohel had the highest individual finish for the Boyne City Ramblers with his second place in the high jump at 5 feet 2 inches.

As a team, Boyne City scored

34 points and was second. St. Francis dominated the meet, scoring 118 points. Kalkaska was second with 63 and East Jordan took fourth with 23.

Boyne City collected 4 points for a second place in the 800 meter relay with a time of 1 minute 44 seconds, and the Ramblers were also second in the 1600 meter relay race with a time of 10 minutes 19 seconds.

Zachary Matthew finished third in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13 minutes 53 seconds for 3 points.

The Ramblers also picked up 2 points for a third in the 400 meter relay race with a time of 50.4 seconds.

Ryan Spence was third in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet 11 inches. Joshua McGeorge took fifth at 15 feet 9 inches, Caleb Fair finished sixth at 15 feet 2 inches and Kaidge Stokes was seventh at 12 feet 3 inches.

Steve Robinson took a fourth place in the shot put with a toss of 38 feet 9 inches.

Kevin Knight recorded a fourth

place for the Ramblers in the 400 meter dash with a time of 57.3 seconds.

Jesse Place had a fourth place in the pole vault at 10 feet, while Ethen Mapes received a fifth place in the event at the same height.

Robinson was fifth in the discus with a throw of 101 feet 7 inches, and also had a seventh in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.7 seconds. Brendan Baic finished eighth in the 100 with a time of 12.7 seconds.

Erik Brun picked up a first

place for East Jordan in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 4 inches.

Michael Hines finished second in the long jump at 17 feet. Marshall Page had a second in the shot put with a toss of 40 feet 5 inches.

Page also had a second in the discus with a throw of 111 feet 1 inch.

Hines was fifth in the 100 meters with a time of 12.4 seconds. Brun was sixth in 12.7 seconds.

The Red Devils also had a second in the 400 meter relay with a time of 47.9 seconds.

Loggers play to one win, two ties

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE FALLS — Jared Mathers scattered five hits over six innings and picked up the win when the Boyne Falls varsity baseball team downed Vanderbilt 7-4 at home on Thursday, Apr. 24. Mathers struck out 10 and walked just two.

"We did just enough to win. Take nothing away from Vanderbilt, but we did not play one of our better ball games," said Boyne Falls coach Chris Fiel.

Chad Deming went two for two to lead Boyne Falls, which made the best of its four hits for the game. Ryan Matelski added a double, while Devin Simon singled for the Loggers. The second game was called a 10-10 tie after seven innings.

Boyne Falls scored two runs in the second inning, one each in the third, fourth and fifth frames and then added two in the sixth and three in the seventh. Vanderbilt tallied one in the first, six in the sixth and three in the seventh.

Anthony Carpenter started for the Loggers and pitched six innings with six strikeouts, two walks and seven hits. Mathers tossed one inning with one strikeout, one walk and four hits.

Deming went three for five with two RBI, Reggie Fiel was three for five with one RBI and Justin Aytes was two for four with two RBI to pace the Logger hitting.

Swordsmen cut Loggers

Mathers fanned seven batters, walked one and gave up five hits in



Jared Mathers digs in at Weurfel Park in a game earlier this season. Mathers struck out 10 in a 7-4 win over Vanderbilt on Thursday, April 24.

six innings of work, but he was hit with the loss when Harbor Light Christian defeated Boyne Falls 7-2 in the first game on Monday, Apr. 21.

The Swordsmen scored four runs in the opening inning and added three more in the fifth to gain the win. Boyne Falls scored one in the first and one in the fifth.

"Offensively I think we did a good

job of hitting and moving runners when we had the chance. Harbor Light has some pretty fine pitching," said Fiel. "Defensively we had three errors that really hurt. They did not have an earned run against us."

Patrick Hood was two for three with a triple and two RBI, while Mathers went one for three with a double to lead the Boyne Falls hitters.

The Loggers pushed across a pair of runs in the third inning of the second game and tied the contest at 2-2, but neither team was able to score in the next three innings.

The game was called in the top of the seventh inning when Hood and David Gross collided in the outfield and were unable to continue. Both players suffered concussions as a re-

sult of the impact. Hood also suffered a broken nose. The coaches agreed to suspend the game.

At the plate Mathers had two hits and two RBI, and Justin Grubaugh had a double, while Deming, Fiel, and Simon all singled.

Boyne Falls (3-3-2 overall, 1-1-2 Northern Lakes Conference) will host Wolverine on Thursday, May 1.

Ramblers pick up one win in bevy of softball games last week

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Boyne City's girls softball team won one out of three games at the Boyne Invitational last Saturday.

And the Ramblers did it in their first try, mercying Forest Hills Northern from Grand Rapids 10-0.

Stephanie Woodward pitched a no-hitter and gave up only 1 walk.

Getting single hits apiece for the Ramblers were Shelby Mittig, Jessica Knysz, Trisha Tomkins, Heidi Olsen, Sarah Gerberding and Tanya Persons.

In the second game of the day Boyne City lost to Whittemore-Prescott 13-2.

Woodward allowed 13 hits

and struck out 5 for the Ramblers.

Lindsay Clemens led the Ramblers hitting attack with a double, while Allison Aown, Mittig and Persons each had a hit.

Gaylord defeated Boyne 13-10 in the third game.

It was Woodward in the pitcher's circle for the Ramblers again. She was touched for 7 hits and had 4 strike outs.

Clemens had a double and Hannah Haulser rapped out a single.

The Ramblers also executed five sacrifice bunts in the game.

"We played okay," coach Sandy Clausen said. "Our defense wasn't bad. We put the bat on the ball a lot. Whittemore really hit well against

us, and the Gaylord game went back-and-forth. We just ran out of innings."

Boyne lost a doubleheader to Cheboygan earlier in the week 16-6 and 9-8.

In the first game, Jessica Knysz and Persons pitched. Trisha Tomkins had three singles. Mittig had a triple and Teresa Sessions, Gerberding and Olsen each had singles.

Gerberding pitched the second game. Clemens had two triples to lead the Ramblers hitting, while Sessions had a double and a single.

Haulser and Olsen each had two singles and Tomkins belted a triple.

Boyne also lost to Kalkaska last Tuesday in a pair of tough Lake Michigan Conference games 2-1 and 3-2.



Trisha Tomkins fouls a pitch during a game vs Kalkaska last week. The Ramblers were swept by the Blazers in a pair of close games, 2-1 and 3-2.

EJ soccer comes up just short

Lose two 1-0 games

By CHIP CORWIN
SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — The defense is where it needs to be. Now if the offense could just put some goals in the back of the net, East Jordan might be able to add to their win column.

A day after suffering a 6-0 defeat at Harbor Springs to the Rams on Monday, the Red Devils hosted the Kalkaska Blazers on Tuesday. They limited the Blazers to only one goal, but

unfortunately that was one more than they scored and lost 1-0.

The Blazers' goal came near the end of the first half. East Jordan had opportunities to tie the game, but couldn't capitalize.

"Unfortunately, we had some great opportunities but misfired and sailed the ball past the net," East Jordan head coach Peter Elliott said. "Fullback Briana Sladick stepped up her play in the second half stopping Kalkaska's attack earlier to keep the pressure on them."

"This was a very physical game that gave the crowd much

to cheer for as we many times came very close scoring. The ladies played with lots of heart and pressed hard right down to the end of play."

Maribeth Poindexter continued her stellar play in goal for the Red Devils. She stopped 41 shots against Harbor Springs and made 14 saves against Kalkaska.

Katherine Rowley led a balanced attack against Kalkaska in a game that saw four Red Devils get shots on goal.

On Thursday, April 24, East Jordan hosted Elk Rapids and held the high-powered Elk offense to just one goal. But,

again, they couldn't score themselves and fell by a score of 1-0.

"This was a fast paced game that gave the crowd much to cheer about. I am very proud of the effort the ladies gave we stayed in a game with a very tough team," Elliott said.

Poindexter took the best that the Elks had to offer. She tallied 35 saves.

"Maribeth Poindexter did an outstanding job in goal tonight," Elliott said. "She held her ground and stopped many tough shots. All the lines worked very hard to stop Elk Rapids and move the ball forward for the attack."

"Katherine Rowley led the attack with Trista Karlskin and Whitney Kraemer pitching in to make many exciting runs. Paige Fuller and April Wakeham also did a good job in the midfield, winning the ball many times. Rachel Mumich and Sheneya Argetsinger both played hard in the fullback line making good plays to send the ball forward."

East Jordan was at home against Boyne City on Monday and Burt Lake on Tuesday. On Thursday they host Charlevoix, and on Monday they travel to TC Liberty. They are back at home on Thursday and host Glen Lake.

Rambler girls use a lot of athletes at LMC quad meet

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Throwing a lot of athletes into the competition, Boyne City girls track coach Andy Place was pleasantly surprised with the results.

Each girl had an opportunity to run in a relay, and the Ramblers notched 52 points to finish third overall behind meet winner Traverse City St. Francis (72) and second place East Jordan (60). Kalkaska scored 49.

Veteran junior sprinter Natasha Bell won the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.06 seconds, while Caitlyn Wonski was first in the pole vault at 9 feet.

Kristine LaVake won the shot put with a throw of 29 feet 5 inches and Lacey VanAlstine took first in the discus with a toss of 94 feet 1 inch.

Erin Haley scored a second place in the 3200

meter run with a time of 13 minutes 36 seconds.

Also finishing second was the 400 meter relay team of LaVake, Sam McLeod, Wonski and Bell in a time of 56.3 seconds.

The 1600 meter relay team of Sarah Archer, Melissa Seelye, Wonski and Casmear Kerr took first in a time of 4 minutes 46 seconds.

Boyne City's 800 meter relay team of Kerr, Corrina Hoekwater, Wonski and Bell was second in a time of 2:00.4.

Kerr finished third in the pole vault with a leap of 6 feet 6 inches, while Laura Lounsbury was third in the discus with a throw of 77 feet.

Archer had fourth places in the long jump (13 feet), 100 meter high hurdles (20.6 seconds) and 300 meter low hurdles (59 seconds).

Picking up fifth places were Seelye in the 1600 meter run (6:46), Hoek-

water in the long jump (12 feet 9 inches) and LaVake in the discus (71 feet 1 inch) as well as the 100 meter dash (14.2 seconds).

Ashley Skrocki of East Jordan was a triple winner, taking first in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.5 seconds, the 100 meter high hurdles in 17.4 seconds and the 300 meter low hurdles with a time of 53.9 seconds.

The Red Devils also got a first from Meghan Thomas in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:33.8. Thomas was second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:40.9, and Sara Robinson finished second in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.4 seconds.

Alicia Oliver was fourth in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:14.8 and fifth in the 800 meters in 2:52.3.

Robinson took seventh in the 300 meter low hurdles with a time

of 1:01.8 while Elissa Weerstra finished eighth in 1:05.4.

Boyne City competed in the Harbor Springs Ram Scram Invitational last Friday.

"It's an odd meet because all the distance races are run in reverse direction, and all the relays are co-ed," Place said.

"Each competitor's top two distances were added together to determine the winner in the long jump and both throwing events."

"We pulled Natasha Bell from the open sprint events to run anchor legs of the 400 and 1600 relays."

"She did win her one individual event, the long jump."

The relay of Steve Robinson, LaVake, Ryan Spence and Bell finished second by just a tenth of a second.

Zach Bush, Wonski, Drew Nohel and Bell took fourth in the 1600 relay.

Wonski won the pole vault at 9 feet 6 inches, Bell took the long jump with leaps of 15 feet 3 inches and 14 feet 10 inches for a combined total of 30 feet 1 inch.

Kerr was fifth in the 400 meter dash with her best time of the year in 1:07.9. LaVake had a fourth in the shot put and Lounsbury finished sixth.

"We were missing seven girls due to an assortment of conflicting events," Place said. "We were able to see some progress in our training."

"Many of our sprinters ran personal bests, including Amanda Spence, Hoekwater and Mo Lee. These are the numbers that provide depth to our team."

Boyne City was scheduled to compete in the Bellaire Invitational on Monday, but there was also snow in the weather forecast with bitterly cold temperatures.

Loggers stung by Yellojackets

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE FALLS — A very productive Vanderbilt softball squad scored 24 runs in two games to hand the Boyne Falls girls varsity softball team a 21-8, 14-10 double-header sweep at Boyne Falls on Thursday, Apr. 24.

Rebecca Featherly had two singles and Rianne Coale added a double to account for the only three Boyne Falls hits in the first game.

Roslyn Fiel started for the Loggers and pitched two thirds of an inning. Kaitlin Deming pitched four and one third innings.

Deming tossed all six innings and took the loss in the second game. Deming struck out three, walked six and gave up five hits.

Featherly (two singles), Deming (single), Kassie McClellan (single)

and Fiel (single) led the Boyne Falls hitters.

"We just didn't field the ball," said Boyne Falls coach Al Gasco. "Our defense wasn't there in either game. Give Vanderbilt credit, though, they played well both games."

Loggers score 16 in nightcap victory

The Loggers scored 11 runs in the final two innings and grabbed an impressive 16-15 come from behind win over Harbor Light Christian in the second game on Monday, Apr. 21.

Boyne Falls pushed across five runs on a walk and four hits in its last at bats. Deming tied the game at 15-15 with a two run double, advanced to third on a passed ball and then scored the winning run on an RBI ground ball to second off the bat of Katie Fraser.

Deming pitched the complete game to get the win surrendering seven hits, five walks and recording three strike outs.

Harbor Light took the opener 14-1. Fiel started, tossed two and one third innings and gave up 11 runs, and six hits, while Deming pitched two and two thirds innings, gave up three runs one hit and four walks. Deming fanned five and Fiel struck out three.

Leading the Boyne Falls hitters for the night were: Terra Wasyulewski (double, five singles), Deming (double, two singles), Featherly (two singles), Fiel (single) and Taylor Puroll (single).

Boyne Falls (2-6 overall, 1-3 Northern Lakes Conference) will host Wolverine on Thursday, May 1, and travel to the Boyne City tournament on Saturday, May 10.

Red Devils clean up on Elks, split with Hornets

By CHIP CORWIN
SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — Consecutive shutouts over the Elk Rapids Elks last Tuesday brought the East Jordan softball team back to a .500 record at 4-4, and they improved to 4-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Elks kept the first game close until East Jordan exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to take a 10-0 lead, which would hold up as the final score.

Six Red Devils hit safely in the contest with Cassidy Crick and Ashley Warrington each picking up two RBI to lead the offense. Clancey Garland also had two singles.

Shaina Peters picked up the win in the circle. She gave up three walks, two hits, and struck out seven over five innings.

"This was a great win," East Jordan head coach Meg Kitson said. "Our defense played as a cohesive unit and our pitchers pitched well."

"It was a lot of fun because everyone had input in the outcome."

Game two provided more fun for the Red Devils as they scored four runs in the first inning en route to a 5-0 victory.

Randi McFall pitched a one-hit, one-walk shutout in the circle. She struck out two batters.

In the batter's box, Red Devil hitters dinged up Elk starter Courtney Isenhart for five hits and drew two walks while only striking out twice.

Alex Snowden had a double for East Jordan's only extra-base hit.

Alyssa Bellant, Andi Chew and Peters each had RBI singles.

Kitson again praised the defense. "(It was) a

great defensive effort," she said, "especially by Cassidy Crick at second base."

The good times continued to roll last Thursday, April 24, as the Red Devils traveled to Pellston for a non-conference twin-bill.

East Jordan took the first game 5-1 behind another gem from Peters, who struck out nine and only allowed two base runners over six innings.

Mary Gocha had two singles to lead the offense, which didn't score until the fifth inning to go ahead 2-1 before adding three insurance runs in the sixth.

"We had trouble getting going," Kitson said. "but we rallied for a win and that felt great. Our defense was solid for the most part."

The winning streak came to a halt in game two as the Red Devils found themselves on

the wrong end of a 14-4 tally over five innings.

McFall took the loss for East Jordan. She gave up 12 hits and two walks while striking out one. Peters spelled her and gave up six hits and no walks. She fanned two.

Pellston scored at least twice in every inning and led 7-2 after two.

"Pellston really hit well in this game," Kitson said. "Once they got on a roll it was pretty well over."

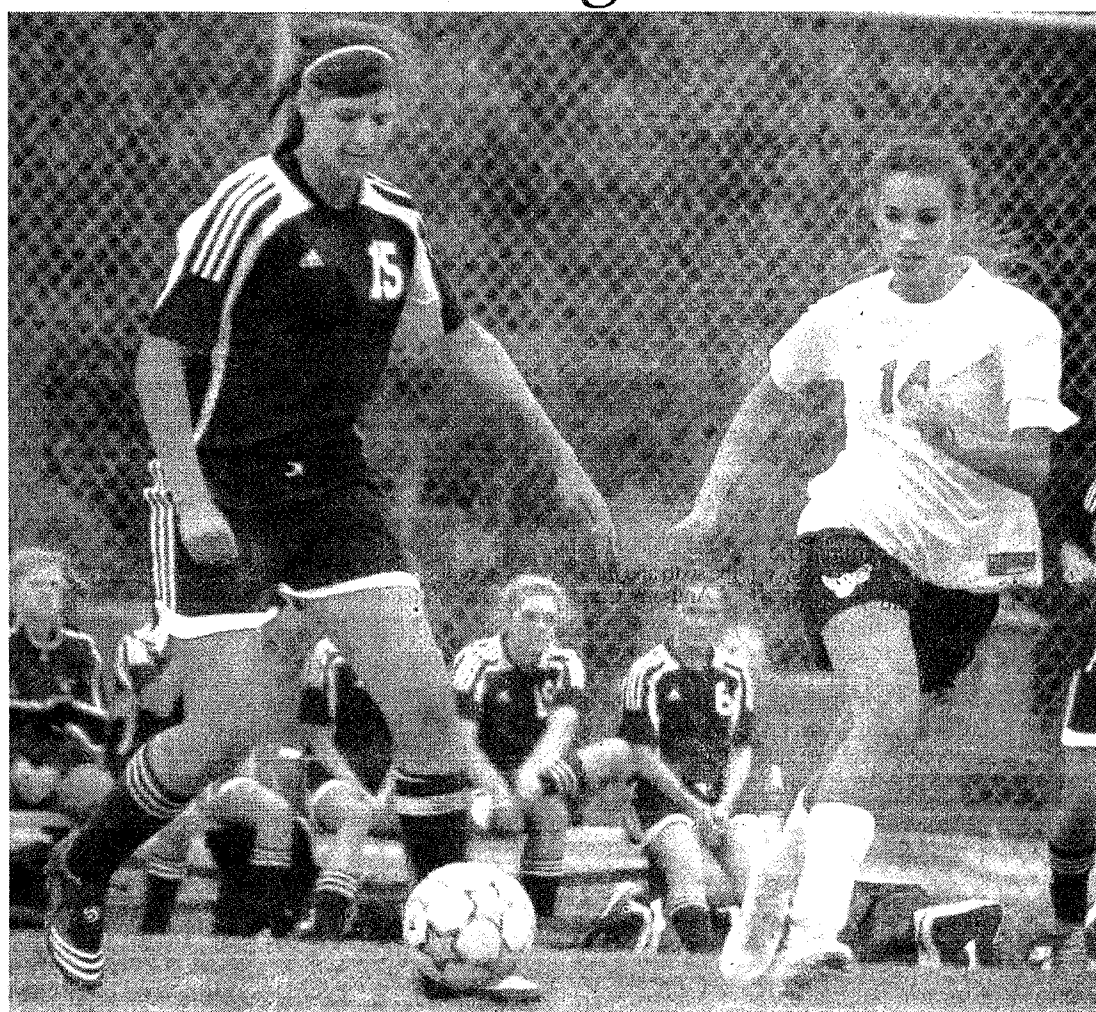
The Hornets had four players with at least three hits.

East Jordan's top hitter was Chew, who connected for two singles.

The Red Devils' game against Inland Lakes last Friday was rained out.

They were scheduled to play at Central Lake on Monday and at Kalkaska on Tuesday. On Friday, they host Harbor Light.

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Boyne City's Madeline Moeke (right) rushes for possession of the ball in Boyne's loss to Charlevoix in soccer last week. Photo by Vic Ruggles

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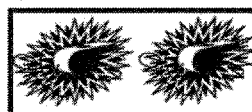
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Seconds East along said West 1/8 Line 192.00 Feet to a T-Iron Stake on said East and West 1/4 Line of said Section 11, Thence North 89 Degrees 58 Minutes 49 Seconds West along said East and West 1/4 line and along the Southerly line of said easement 1,322.31 Feet to an Iron Stake on the Easterly line of said Maple Grove Road, Thence continuing North 89 Degrees 58 Minutes 49 Seconds West along said 1/4 line 33.00 Feet to the point of beginning and being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 11, Town 34 North, Range 7 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: April 16, 2008 For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310 Troit & Troit, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #197888F01

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on May 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 4 and 12, Lake Shore Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of plats, pages 105 and 106, Charlevoix County Records.

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

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Said premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at a one-half inch iron rod at the East one-quarter corner of said Section 33; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 54 seconds West on the East and West one-quarter line of said Section 33, a distance of 492.26 feet to the true point of beginning of the land herein described; thence continuing South 89 degrees 55 minutes 54 seconds West on said one-quarter line 246.13 feet; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds East parallel with the East one-eighth line of said Section 33, a distance of 819.55 feet to a one-half inch iron rod; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds East parallel with the North one-eighth line of said Section 33, a distance of 246.13 feet to a one-half inch iron rod; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds West parallel with said East one-eighth line 819.41 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Rudolph D. Medina by deed dated 10-9-02 and recorded 10-14-02 in Deed Book 426, Page 79, in the Office of the Recorder of Charlevoix County, Michigan.

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

Dated: April 16, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400
File No. 191.3657

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.
08-011179-DE

Estate of
Colleen Ouder Kirk,
deceased
Date of birth:
April 12, 1928

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Colleen Ouder Kirk, who lived at 308 North Lake Street, Boyne City, Michigan died December 18, 2007. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas William Fryczynski, Jr., named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 141 Quick Road, Harbor Springs and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 24, 2008

Thomas William
Fryczynski, Jr.
141 Quick Road
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 526-8953

Kevin G. Klevorn
P35531
215 South Lake Street
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 582-7911

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Carl E. Plumm and Rachelle M. Plumm fka Rachelle Mackowiak, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2007, and recorded on June 26, 2007 in Liber 808 on Page 724, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Citimortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen And 40/100 Dollars (\$119,617.40), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on May 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 27, Westport, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 211 and 212, Charlevoix County Records.

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

Dated: April 16, 2008

For more information, please call: FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #196242F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory L. Revoir, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2003, and recorded on April 30, 2003 in Liber 535 on Page 972, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three And 56/100 Dollars (\$88,733.56), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on May 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 33 and 35 of Glenacre Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 32, Charlevoix County Records. Also including a 2001 skyline 1803-CT Bristol, Serial #F9 31 0363 N/A/B

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: April 9, 2008

For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eugene L. Saenger Jr Power of Attorney for Eugene L. Saenger, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 3, 2004, and recorded on January 31, 2005 in Liber 664 on Page 906, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-One And 63/100 Dollars (\$158,451.63), including interest at 7% 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 May 23, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of Section 23, and Government Lot 4, Section 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West, described as: Commencing at a 1 inch iron rod at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 18 seconds West (Rec. as South) on the line common to said Section 23 and 24 and the West line of Government Lot 4 of Section 24 (as monumented), a distance of 162.34 feet to the Northeast corner of the Lindsay Park Addition to Charlevoix as recorded in Liber 02 of plats, page 40; thence continuing South 00 degrees 39 minutes 16 seconds (rec. as South) on said common Section line and the centerline of Mercer Boulevard, according to said above mentioned plat, 803.08 feet to an angle point in the centerline of said Mercer Boulevard; thence South 23 degrees 01 minutes 17 seconds West (Rec. as South 22 degrees 22 minutes West) on said centerline 180.20 feet to an angle point in said Boulevard centerline; thence South 30 degrees 01 minutes 17 seconds West (Rec. as South 29 degrees 22 minutes West) on said centerline 85.78 feet to the true point of beginning of the land herein described; thence leaving said Mercer Boulevard South 35 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds East 109.56 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod; thence South 22 degrees 24 minutes 11 seconds West 76.10 to a 1/2 inch iron rod; thence South 57 degrees 27 minutes 39 seconds East 166.40 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod on the Northwesterly line of the C and O Club, Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 64, recorded in Liber 338, page 277, and the Northwesterly right-of-way line of the former C and O Railroad; thence South 32 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds West on said Northwesterly line 128.37 feet to a T-iron on the line common to said Sections 23 and 24 and the West line of said Government Lot 4 in said Section 24 (as monumented); thence North 00 degrees 39 minutes 18 seconds East on said common section line 56.46 feet to a concrete monument recorded as being 80.00 feet

Northwesterly of, measured right angles to, the centerline of the former C and O Railroad; thence South 32 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds West on the Northwesterly right-of-way line of the former C and O Railroad located in said Section 23, a distance of 30.00 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod on the Northeastly line of the Wyler Property; thence leaving said former railroad right-of-way line North 57 degrees 28 minutes 41 seconds West on the Northeastly line of the Wyler Property 252.93 feet to the centerline of said Mercer Boulevard; thence North 42 degrees 48 minutes 17 seconds East (Rec. as North 42 degrees 09 minutes East) on said centerline 48.62 feet to an angle point in the centerline of Mercer Boulevard; thence North 30 degrees 01 minutes 17 seconds East (Rec. as North 29 degrees 22 minutes East) on said centerline 178.12 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to easements of record, if any.

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: April 23, 2008

For more information, please call: FC L 248.593.1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #198853F01

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Dianne Rose Skinner, A Married Woman to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2005 and recorded September 9, 2005 in Liber 703 Page 488 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: U.S. Bank, National Association, as trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. 2005-OPT2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-OPT2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Eighty-Nine Cents (\$124,441.89) including interest 10.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on May 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Block 8, Mason's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Charlevoix, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, Page 32. Commonly known as 98 E Lincoln St, Charlevoix MI 49720

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 4, 2008

U.S. Bank, National Association, as trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. 2005-OPT2 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005-OPT2.

Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-90752

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas J. Smith, a Married Man and Colleen T. Smith, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage- MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 23, 2004, and recorded on January 12, 2005 in Liber 682 on Page 256, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-One And 76/100 Dollars (\$122,981.76), including interest at 5.75% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on May 23, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2 of Lewis's Addition to Boyne, according to the recorded plat 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: April 23, 2008

For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #198281F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kathleen Solomon, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated October 10, 2002, and recorded on October 28, 2002 in Liber 495 on Page 77, and assigned by said Mortgagee to National City Mortgage Co. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five And 13/100 Dollars (\$61,345.13), including interest at 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 May 30, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are

described as: Lot(s) Commencing at an iron stake on the East and West quarter line of Section 23, Township 33 North, Range 8 West 1895.5 feet East of the West quarter post of said section; thence North 21 degrees 26 minutes West 233.41 feet; thence North 17 degrees 54 minutes West 360.17 feet to an iron stake on the Northeastly line of County Road, being the place of beginning; thence continuing North 17 degrees 54 minutes West along said road line 105.09 feet to an iron stake; thence East parallel with said East and West quarter line, 117.09 feet to iron stake on shore of Twin Lake; thence South 17 degrees 15 minutes East 77.16 feet to point on said shore; thence South 24 degrees 17 minutes East 28.86 feet to iron stake on said shore; thence West 119.54 feet to place of beginning; being part of Government Lot 4, Section 23, Township 33, North, Range 8 West.

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

Dated: April 30, 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 #198395F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dana J. Waalti, a single man, to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 2, 1998 and recorded December 9, 1998 in Liber 353, Page 37, and an Affidavit of Scrivener's Error to correct legal was submitted for recording, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Five and 91/100 Dollars (\$89,495.91) including interest at 6.55% 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 vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on MAY 23, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 33, Town 32 North, Range 8 West; thence East along the North line of said Section 268 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing East along said Section line 300 feet; thence South perpendicular to said Section line 660 feet; thence West to the East one-eighth line; thence North along said one-eighth line 335 feet; thence East 268 feet; thence North 325 feet to the point of beginning.

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Dated: April 23, 2008

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File No. 310.2694

STUDENT NEWS



East Jordan High School
 NAME: Julianne Thompson
 PARENTS: John and Evelyn Thompson
 GRADE: 11th
 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Student Council, Debate, DECA, and National Honor Society
 FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Art and BMT II
 FUTURE PLANS: To become a cosmetologist
 STAFF COMMENTS: "Julianne is one of the nicest stu-

dents I have ever had. She always works hard in class and treats others kindly. It has been a pleasure working with her and I look forward to seeing her do well her senior year." Mrs. Redmer
 "Julianne Thompson is a joy to teach. She is always upbeat and helpful to others. Her work is above the norm and her work ethic is excellent." Mrs. Tinney



plan to be a photographer and go to a fine arts school.
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: I would like to say thank you to Mr. Fritzsche for nominating me.
STAFF COMMENTS: "Susan takes responsibility for her work, behavior and attitude at all times. She produces quality work, asks questions, participates willingly in discussion, and is productive in and out of class." Aaron Fritzsche, English

Boyne City High School
 NAME: Susan David
 PARENTS: Eric David and Christine Lennard
 GRADE: 9th
 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: I am on the varsity soccer team and I love art class
 HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I like to photograph nature, and be with my friends
 FUTURE PLANS: I

BCMS presents "The Little Mermaid"

When the curtain goes up on Boyne City Middle School's production of "The Little Mermaid," it will showcase the end result of four months of rehearsal. The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders are all members of the BCMS Drama Club and they have been hard at work learning music,

lines, and blocking. In January, director Rosie Yardley and musical director Melissa Helsely began rehearsals with the lead characters, followed by the rest of the cast in February.

In addition, there are many members of the Boyne City High School Drama group mentoring

the middle school actors and technicians. The high school students are teaching the younger children choreography, stage presence, music, lights, and sound. Add to that mix a whole army of parent volunteers who are creating costumes, make up and other backstage activities and it becomes

a community wide effort. According to Yardley, "For my first show, I didn't have very many parents help out. This year I have so many parents that keep showing up and asking what can I do to help. I just can't believe it. All of my volunteers rock."

Performances will be held in the Boyne City Performing Arts Center at the High School on Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 all seats, and may be purchased from any cast or crew member or at the door on the night of the performance.

CAB presents "Robin Hood: the Next Generation"

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 1, 2 and 3, Concord Academy Boyne will present their spring show, "Robin Hood: the Next Generation," written by Shirley McNichols. Based on the original production, the scene is set 20 years later, when Robin, the daughter of Robin Hood and Lady Marian, is ordered by the Queen to get married on

her 18th birthday. Robin, who is a rough and tumble tomboy, has no intentions of giving up her playful ways to take on the obedient role of a wife. She gets the Queen to agree that the winner of a sporting contest should win her hand in marriage. What the Queen doesn't know, however, is that Robin, played by Cearra Bennett, plans on disguising

herself as a prince in order to win control of her future.

Having knowledge of the royal competition, Robin knows that Prince Jared, played by Alex Nicholson, is favored to win the competition. She convinces her lady-in-waiting, Madolyn, played by Kathryn Irwin, to become her so she can compete at the games.

Across the forest, Prince Jared is having similar thoughts, as he convinces his servant, Ambrose, played by Cody Nations, to compete as Prince Jared, so the real Jared will lose and won't have to marry.

In the meantime, more plots arise to gain control of the throne, and the disguises continue until the characters can't keep track of who's whom.

Will there be a royal wedding, or a royal disaster? Join us at 7 p.m. to find out. Ticket prices are \$5 for general seating, and \$8 for reserved seating. General seats will be available at the door. To make reservations or for more information, call 582-0194. Concord is located at 401 E. Dietz Road, off M-66 between Boyne City and Boyne Falls.

Raven Hill to hold spring open house

The community is invited to join Raven Hill Discovery Center for its 17th annual spring open house. Explore the museum, hold the animals, enjoy new exhibits and see progress on others, sample some special treats, and visit with new and old friends. Sunday, May 4, from noon to 4 p.m. is the time and Raven Hill Discovery Center is the place.

In addition to the indoor exhibits, there will be the opportunity to ex-

plore the center's outdoor campus. Visitors can play school in Raven Hill's one room schoolhouse. The center's outdoor exhibit, Beyond Jurassic Park, will be open. The tree family signs will be up along the Taxi Trail. The Wetlands Boardwalk connecting Raven Hill to The Ancient World exhibit and to Raven Ridge Nature Preserve is another outdoor option. Visitors can also walk the labyrinth and visit the pond to look

for tadpoles and other signs of spring. Staff and volunteers will be available to lead tours or visitors can explore on their own. This is a good time to get a new T-shirt, as well as sign up for memberships and for summer classes.

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history and the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors

and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play. The center is located on 157 acres, adjacent to Little Traverse Conservancy's Raven Ridge Nature Preserve. The center is open year-round to the public, individuals, groups and organizations. To visit Raven Hill is to immerse oneself in a world of discovery by trying and touching. Vis-

itors may climb inside a kaleidoscope, weave on a loom, ride a generator bike to turn on lights, play traditional games like Caroms and Skittles, build sculptures, arches, and towers on a huge magnet table, or play a variety of musical instruments including marimbas, drums, and accordions.

Call Cheri at 231-536-3369 for more information.

Arthur Laurie

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

Arthur was born on March 3, 1930, on the family farm in Melrose

Township, the son of Lewis and Viva (Follette) Laurie.

A memorial service to celebrate Arthur's life will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, at Walloon Lake Community Church. Pastor Jeff

Ellis will be officiating. The family suggest memorial contributions be directed to the Salvation Army or a charity of choice.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Fred J. Hoatlin

Fred J. Hoatlin, age 85, went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, as the grass was growing with the long awaited rain.

Fred was born on November 25, 1922, in Grand Rapids, the son of Raymond and Dora (Genee) Hoatlin.

Fred was a blessing

to all who knew him. His family, friends and neighbors will forever remember his caring heart and generous hands. He was always around to offer a helping hand, encouraging word, war story, good book, flowers or produce from his garden, or a big hug. He

will be greatly missed by all who knew him and experienced his father-like love.

Fred is survived by his wife, Virginia Hoatlin.

No services are planned at this time.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

David L. "Coach" Billings

David L. "Coach" Billings of Walloon Lake went home to be with the Lord he loved so much on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, after a brief illness.

Born and raised in Danville, Ill., Mr. Billings was a stand-out athlete at Danville High. After serving in the Army, he attended Illinois College where he was later inducted into the IC Sports Hall of Fame. In 1949, he married Virginia Sample in Jacksonville, Ill. He received his M.A. from the University of Illinois. A career educator, Mr. Billings

taught at Bishop Hill, White Hall, and Galva, Ill., but spent the bulk of his career as a teacher, coach, dean and guidance counselor at Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

Loved and respected by all who knew him, he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife Ginny; his sons, Bart and Chuck, and daughters, Becky (Jon) Olson and Jan Miller; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent

to the building fund at Walloon Lake Community Church, PO Box 35, Walloon Lake, MI 49796.

Visitation was held Sunday April 27, and Monday, April 28, at the Walloon Lake Community Church.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 28, at the church. Pastor Jeff Ellis officiated.

Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey. Condolences can be sent to Box 385, Walloon Lake, MI 49796.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

DEATH NOTICE

Dorothy M. Mayhew, 85, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2008, surrounded by her loving children at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 25, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Interment was in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Dr. McMillian's Mental Health Corner



Bipolar Disorders... for the past two weeks I have covered bipolar disorders and the various types of episodes (hypo and acute mania). This week I discuss mixed states known as a simultaneous presentation of manic and depressive symptoms. In the 17th century, a physician, Dr. Brouchier, described the combined and changing features of mania and depression. Mixed states are not opposite poles to one another, they are states of mania and depression commonly known for disrupted mood, thought and activity. Mixed states are identified by pressured speech, increased physical activity, anger, and intrusiveness, grandiosity with depression during mania, evidenced by feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, and thoughts of suicide. Sleep disturbances, irritability, anorexia, are common to both mania and depression. Bipolar illness is quite treatable. Commonly individuals find it difficult to stay on medication (side effects), which reduces successful treatment. Reportedly, they miss the highs even though they dread the accompanying depression. Loved ones often benefit from social and professional support. Dr. McMillian 582-0553.

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