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At a glance Nominations open

Who will be East Jordan's 2009 Citizen Of The Year? Applications are available in the brochure rack at the Chamber and can be picked up anytime 24-7. Award nominations are due by Dec. 19. Drop off at the Chamber office or mail to P.O. Box 137, 100 Main St., Suite B, East Jordan, MI 49727 ATTN: Citizen of the Year.

Elsenheimer announces office hours

State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin, will be available at office hours in December to talk with area residents in Charlevoix County.

"I want to hear residents' thoughts and concerns about their state government," Elsenheimer said. "The more people tell me, the better job I can do representing the needs and issues facing northern Michigan."

The office hours schedule includes Monday, Dec. 8, at the Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix.

Residents unable to attend can contact Elsenheimer's Lansing office toll free at 1-877-536-4105, by e-mail at kevinelsenheimer@house.mi.gov, or by writing to the lawmaker at State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48909.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will again be hosted by Water Street Cafe at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call 231-582-9929.

WEATHER

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Hi: 16 Lo: 7

Condition:

Snow Showers

Thursday, Dec. 11

Hi: 14 Lo: 10

Condition:

Snow Showers

Friday, Dec. 12

Hi: 17 Lo: 15

Condition:

Snow Showers

Saturday, Dec. 13

Hi: 29 Lo: 26

Condition:

Snow Showers

Sunday, Dec. 14

Hi: 30 Lo: 21

Condition:

Snow Showers

Monday, Dec. 15

Hi: 23 Lo: 21

Condition:

Snow Showers

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Hi: 28 Lo: 19

Condition:

Snow Showers

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Fourth-graders raise money for Sheriff's Office

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — After two years of service for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, K-9 officer Rex recently passed away from cancer. The loss of the German shepherd was felt not only by the department but by two fourth-graders from Boyne City Elementary School.

Alysse Whittet, 10, and Emma Vondra, 9, were very upset when they heard the news about Rex's passing and decided to do something about it.

"Emma's dad (Chuck Vondra) works for me and he said would you believe my daughter came to me and was very upset about the dog dying and said dad I have to do something to help the Sheriff raise some money," Sheriff George T. Lasater said. "She contacted friends and relatives to bake cookies or pies and her and Alysse went to the Glenn's in Boyne City and set up a stand in the lobby and sold these items to give us money to purchase the dog."

The girls managed to raise \$204 for the Sheriff's Office and with costs for K-9 dogs around \$10,000, the donation was much appreciated by Lasater. Typically these dogs are contracted with a trainer downstate that purchases the dog. A deputy is then sent out to train with the K-9 officer.

Rex came from Czechoslovakia and the next dog should join the Sheriff's Office in the first half of next year.

Lasater said the loss was like losing a close member of the Sheriff's Office and the dog handler had a particularly close relationship with Rex.

Because of all the help and caring the fourth graders put into the bake sale, Lasater presented the girls with an award at the Elementary School on Friday, Dec. 5 to thank them for all their efforts.

"Charlevoix County residents get involved when there is a need and these young ladies reflect the overall positive community involvement and attitude," Lasater commented. "I was very touched, it's typical Boyne City. There is a need there and people step in and step up to the plate and do what's right."

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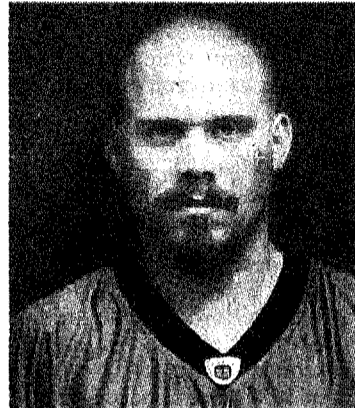


Sheriff George T. Lasater presents (l-r) Emma Vondra, 9 and Alysse Whittet, 10, with an award for their efforts in raising \$204 to help buy a new K-9 officer for the Sheriff's Office.

Photo by Jeannine Stetz



Elizabeth Locker



Dustin Robert Hungerford

Stolen wallet yields felonies

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The theft of a wallet from a vehicle on Nov. 13 that police say was witnessed by shoppers in a parking lot and then reported to the Boyne City Police Department, resulted in the discovery of a methamphetamine drug lab and the arrest of two suspects.

One of the eyewitnesses to the theft obtained the suspect's license plate number, according to a police report. That led police to the apartment of Elizabeth Locker, 32, and Dustin Robert Hungerford, 27, where police found chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. A white powder later tested by the Michigan State Police crime lab showed positive for the drug. Marijuana and pills were also found, along with two homemade weapons, the report states.

Police say they obtained a search warrant and knocked on the apartment door and identified themselves four times with no answer. They found the door barricaded and removed a chair to gain access.

Locker is charged with four felony counts and one misdemeanor count. She was arrested in late November and arraigned in Charlevoix County District Court on Dec. 4. One of the felony charges is harboring a felon

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Boyne City student uses birthday to help community

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — A very important milestone in a high school girl's life is her sweet 16 birthday party, when they take that first step into young adulthood starting with getting their drivers license. Usually the focus is all about the individual but in the case of Mackenzie Macksey she decided to use her sweet 16 to help out the community.

Macksey, 16, is a 10th grader at Boyne City High School, and is hosting a party called "Winter Wonderland" on her big day to help out families during Christmas. The event was held on Saturday evening on Dec. 6 in Bay Harbor in the Lake Michigan Room.

"I have always wanted the party of my dreams and since my party fell right around Christmas I thought what I could do to help someone else," Macksey said. "I had a vari-

ety of ideas such as a pink-themed breast cancer charity party but then it came to me that some people around Boyne City are really struggling so I decided to get involved with Community Christmas. I guess you could say I decided to do it because I just always want to help others. I have been so fortunate to grow up so privileged and if I could give children one day that all the problems went away, I would give anything for that to happen."

Mackenzie's mother, Pam, is very proud of her daughter and was very surprised when Mackenzie told her about the idea.

"I was pretty amazed and confused at the same time. She had been talking about getting a car forever on her 16th birthday, then came up with this idea that there are kids who really need some help," Pam explained. "She would rather do something to help those in need than to get a car. I was really proud that she 'gets it' and that I felt

this was a very mature idea from someone just turning 16."

The Macksey's live in Boyne City full time after coming to the area every weekend for the past six years. The economy has hit the family hard and recently Pam and her husband Ted had to shut down both of their companies downstate and relocate to their second home up north while changing jobs. They have another child, Alex who is 14 and in 9th grade.

"Everyone that we have told thought that this was a great idea, and everyone that we have asked to be involved has discounted their services to us for the event," Ted added. "We would like to acknowledge all of the hard work that Ruth Witenki, the President of the Community Christmas Basket and her helpers, puts in all year round to make this happen. They are serving 675 families this year. We would also like to

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Breezeway communities garner state grant

By JEFFRAY KESSLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LANSING — For a few significant moments at the George Romney Office Building across from the State Capitol, the "Breezeway" from East Jordan to Ellsworth, was the focus and highlight of the state's top administration leadership and an extensive corps of media in Lansing.

As the clock approached 2 p.m. last Thursday in Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Executive Press Auditorium, seats filled with statewide press and local government officials. Soon there was standing room only. At least a dozen television cameras trained their lenses on the brightly-lit stage and podium as an anxious anticipation baited attendees' attention.

The governor stepped onto the stage and took her place at the podium, flanked by her press secretary and a representative from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. A



Photo by Jeffray Kessler

Breezeway committee members Jan Kellogg, Jeff Kessler, Laurie Lesser Hodgson, Thomas Mann and Chet Drenth receive their grant award from Governor Jennifer Granholm.

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Breezeway

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banner from the Michigan Economic Development Council touted, "Jobs Today. Jobs Tomorrow."

The Governor was enthusiastic and maybe even a bit relieved to be able to share promising economic news. She had grant awards to announce from the Centers for Regional Excellence program. "Four years ago we challenged our people to collaborate and work together to save citizens money," Granholm said. "The awards we will make today speak to the importance of that collaboration and to what we all can do to move our state forward. We asked for focus on sharing that would create jobs and do more with less. I want to personally thank nine regions who will receive awards today."

The awards were part of a special overall economic stimulus program, according to Arnold Weinfeld, President of the Michigan Municipal League Foundation, one of the sponsors of the program.

"This is the second time we have offered this opportunity," Weinfeld said. "There were \$200,000 available. There were about 30 applicants, which is more than two years ago. It is a competitive grant situation. This year there were eight winners. The money is given to support communities and townships."

Those communities became the focus of Governor Granholm's remarks as she continued.

"It is in the communities' best interest to collaborate. Collaborating communities are competitive communities," she said. "When we think regionally, we do better. All of you

are doing this more and more. We acknowledge those who are thinking creatively."

Listening intently to the remarks was a small contingent from Antrim County, representing a team of people from East Jordan to Ellsworth, who have been working on a local economic stimulus effort called, "The Breezeway."

The Breezeway project was selected as one of the winners. Their award: \$25,000.

The governor announced "The Breezeway", and asked the team to stand. There was postured pride as members from the East Jordan/Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and local government leadership rose to receive their recognition.

Reporters turned their attention, cameras refocused and the governor nodded.

"The Breezeway is a joint effort, utilizing collaboration and exemplifying local business stimulation with joint marketing strategies."

After the press conference, the crowd filed out and the governor stayed for photos. Having just completed a television interview for CBS with team member Jan Kellogg of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Banks Township Supervisor Thomas Mann talked about the significance of the award.

"This was just vital for our project," Mann said. "We will use the money for marketing, publications, advertising, signage and a Web site. The award will launch us from the idea phase into the implementation phase."

Jan Kellogg added her thoughts. "This project really does embody the spirit of collaboration. The

application almost wrote itself, because the group was already doing what the grant required," she said. "First of all, it's a great idea. I thought it had possibilities right from the start. For many groups though a good idea is just not enough. This committee is great to work with because so much of their energy comes from within. Much of the hard work is yet to come, but with the dedication and excitement that is fueling this project, I have no doubt it will be successful."

Mann could not help but share the moment when he learned of the award.

"We were ecstatic," he said "I called all the other team members. We were just all excited to know that we now had the funds that would allow the project to take another major step. This was a stamp of legitimacy and reali-

ty." Northern Michigan shone in an even broader sense. In a congratulatory release, Senator Jason Allen acknowledged, "I am happy to announce that four of the nine grants were located within the 37th Senate District."

As if to savor as much as possible, it was the Breezeway crew that was last to leave the chamber. There were handshakes and wishes for safe travels back to homes and offices, but they couldn't ignore an echo of the proclamation that Governor Granholm had made in her remarks. "Yea Breezeway," she said, and all of a sudden, Lansing did not seem so far away and the project had acquired a sense of inevitability.

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BCPD REPORT

Boyer City Police Department Weekly Report

Nov. 26 - Dec. 4	
Missing Person	1
Assault	2
Fraud-Bad Checks	1
Fraud-Other	2
Damage to Property	1
Alarms-False	2
Noise Complaint	1
Animal Complaint	1
Larceny	1
Parking Violations	1
Vehicle Unlocks	4
Civil Dispute	4
Vehicle in the Ditch	1
Traffic Violations	5
Lost/Found Property	3
Suspicious Situations	6
General Assistance	6
Traffic Accident	3
Non Traffic Accident	1

CCSO REPORT

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Activity

Nov. 26 - Dec. 4	
Malicious Destruction Of Property	2
Traffic Stop	49
Verbal Warning	23
Assist Motorist	8
Vehicle In Ditch	15
Private Property Property Damage Accident	4
Property Damage Accident	13
Personal Injury Accident	1
Car Deer Accident	26
Assist Other Agency	17
Civil Complaint	16
911 Hang up Check	6
Larceny	2
Paper Service	18
Keys Locked in Vehicle	11
Juvenile Complaint	1
Suspicious Vehicle	4
Warrant Service Attempt	6
Panic/Intrusion Alarm	4
Attempt to locate	1
Road Hazard	12
Animal Complaint	11
Driving Violation	5
Disturbance	1
Conservation Violation	3
Trespass	2
Annoying/Harassing	1
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol	1
Assault	2
Fraud	2
Mental Subject	1
Minor in Possession	1
Standby/Keep the Peace	1
Bad Checks	3

Felony

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Hungerford — who police say admitted he absconded from parole and said that Locker knew this, but did not report him to authorities. The charge carries a four-year maximum possible sentence.

Locker is also charged with the manu-

facture and delivery of methamphetamine, operating and maintaining a meth lab, and possession of meth, felonies with 20-year and 10-year maximum sentences possible, respectively. The misdemeanor charge is the theft of a wallet from a motor vehicle.

Court records also

show that she may be deemed a habitual offender. That would subject her to penalties one-and-one-half times the maximum. Locker was convicted on Feb. 4 of an uttering and publishing felony. She is scheduled for a preliminary examination with a court appointed attorney in district court on

Dec. 16. Hungerford is charged with the manufacture and delivery of meth, with operating and maintaining a meth lab, and with possession of meth. He faces 20-year, 40-year and 10-year maximum sentences respectively, and third-time habitual offender sentencing of up

to twice the maximum. According to court records, Hungerford has a February 2004 conviction for a third offense felony of driving while under the influence of alcohol, and a December 2004 felony firearms conviction. Both convictions were in the 9th Circuit Court in Kalamazoo.

Hungerford was arraigned on Nov. 25 in Charlevoix County District Court and was scheduled for a preliminary examination on Dec. 9. He is represented by attorney Travis J. Groat of Charlevoix.

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COUNTY RECORDS

District Court

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

William Harley Lacroix, 56, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$260 in fines and costs.

Nathan Louis Russell, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Alyssa Anne Bellant, 17, East Jordan. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and \$15 in restitution. Sentenced to 93 days in jail, serve seven days, 71 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work; eight months on probation.

Nels Terry Johnson, 56, Luther. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,080 in fines and

costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 30 days on electronic monitor, 10 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Gilbert Guy Leblanc, 58, Belleville. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$780 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work; six months on probation.

Elizabeth Christine Wiser, 21, East Jordan. Larceny. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and \$180 in restitution. Sentenced to 51 days in jail with credit for one day, 40 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work; six months on probation.

Jodi Kristen Russell, 40, Charlevoix. Alcohol consumed by minor allowed on premises. Sen-

tenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs. Sentenced to six days in jail.

Robert James Cronk, 20, East Jordan. Alcohol consumed by minor allowed on premises; minor in possession. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 12 days in jail with credit for 12 days.

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HAPPENINGS

Ellsworth Wooden Shoe Festival

The 4th Annual Ellsworth Wooden Shoe Christmas Festival will be Thursday, Dec. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Banks Township Hall. Festivities will include the community tree lighting, Christmas carols led by Pastor Wallace, of Ellsworth Wesleyan Church, and walking the indoor labyrinth by candlelight.

Children can make a hand-crafted ornament they can take home to decorate the tree and have a fun holiday balloon sculpture or hat created by balloon artist, Twister Joe.

Yummy hot chocolate, cider and Christmas cookies will be served by the Ellsworth Lionsess Club.

Residents and businesses in Ellsworth and Atwood may enter the holiday decorating contest by picking up an application at the Front Porch Cafe or Ellsworth Farmers Exchange. Completed applications must be received by noon on Dec. 10. Registrants must be located within three miles of the Banks Township Hall in Ellsworth or one mile of the Banks Township Fire Hall in Atwood. Prizes will be awarded at the Festival. For further information, please call Alana Haley at 231-588-6391.

Cookie walk

The 16th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Bake Sale will be Saturday, Dec. 13, starting at 9 a.m. until we are sold out, at Boyne City's 1st Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park Street. Proceeds will be given to the Deacons' Fund. A fun way to stock up on yummy baked goods for the holidays, and help the needy too.

Christmas movies

East Jordan's Friends of the Library will present a double feature, "Shrek The Halls" and "Muppet Christmas Carol," on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1:30 p.m., in the East Jordan Community Auditorium. The first 35 kids to arrive will receive a jingle bell ornament. "Shrek" is 22 minutes, rated TVPG, and "Muppet" is 85 minutes, rated G. Admission is free, donations appreciated.

Give the gift of life

There will be a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., at the Boyne Falls School, 01662 M-75 S, Boyne Falls.

You don't need a special reason to give blood this winter... you just need your own reason. As the holiday season begins, the American Red Cross asks eligible individuals to remember to share the gift of life by donating

blood. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. For information on a blood drive in any of the 65 counties served by the Great Lakes Region, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org. Blood drive times and locations are subject to change.

GLCO performs "Messiah"

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform Handel's "Messiah" at St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey, on Dec. 16 and 18, at 7:30 p.m. The Orchestra will be joined by a select choir and four nationally recognized professional soloists from across the country with new pieces of music added to the performance.

Tickets may be purchased at area bookstores, area Chambers of Commerce, Crooked Tree Arts Center or by calling 231-487-0010.

Republican holiday party

The Charlevoix County Republican Women's Group will host a holiday party at the Weathervane Restaurant in their Round Lake Room on Dec. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. All attending are asked to bring canned goods and nonperishable items for our local food pantries. The food will be delivered to food pantries immediately. All are welcome, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. Any questions, please call Susan Flanders 231-547-4887 or Margo Johnson 231-547-0866.

Join in the holiday spirit

Bring hats, mittens and socks to East Jordan's Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Charlevoix State Bank, or Huntington Bank, through Dec. 19 and hang them on the Christmas Tree. Care & Share will distribute them along with their local Christmas gifting project. Sponsored by the East Jordan Garden Club.

New coffeehouse opens

New to northern Michigan is the Back Porch Coffeehouse at the Front Porch Cafe, 9235 Main St., in Ellsworth. The Coffeehouse will be open at 7:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month.

Saturday, Dec. 20, will be Carols in the Round. Come to listen, sing along or share your favorite traditional, contemporary or world songs of the season. Players will accompany many carols with guitar, fiddle, harp, dulcimer, banjo and harmonica.

The Back Porch Coffeehouse is a family-friendly atmosphere, smoke-free and al-

cohol-free. Donations at the door (suggested \$4 individual, \$10 family). Light refreshments available. Slippers welcome in this warm and cozy setting.

Scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 17, is Robin Lee Berry with Michael Ann Erlewine, and for Saturday, Feb. 21, Roscoe Jordan Blues Band.

A note from Care & Share

It is time once again to start preparing for holiday baskets for those in need in our community. Unfortunately, the need is growing. This requires a lot of extra donations of food, toys and money to fill this need. We ask that you search your hearts and do what you can to help us make this a merry holiday season for all.

Because we have seen a very large increase in families at the pantry and donations have not increased to meet the demand, we have decided to not give out Thanksgiving baskets this year. We need the help of the community to make Christmas happen for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Food and money donations can be sent or dropped off at Care & Share located in the Crossroads building. Our hours are Tuesdays, 3 to 6 p.m., and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All toys or donations for toys can be dropped off at Ed's Used Cars or Care & Share. Thanks so much for helping those in need.

Sunday breakfast

The East Jordan Sno-Mobile Club will serve breakfast every Sunday morning through March, from 7 a.m. to noon. Pancakes, potatoes (donated by Marker Farms), bacon, sausage, eggs, toast and coffee, hot chocolate or milk are on the menu.

Christmas tree sale

The East Jordan Lions Club Christmas tree sale begins Friday, Nov. 28, at True Value Hardware. Hours are Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come out and support a great organization.

"Boyne Bucks"

The Boyne Area Chamber will begin selling "Boyne Bucks" gift certificates on Dec. 1, just in time for Christmas. The gift certificates can be redeemed at a number of Boyne area businesses. This makes it easy to give a gift that will truly be appreciated, whether it be a dinner, a book, clothing or a power tool. Boyne Bucks will be available soon at the Chamber office in \$10 and \$20 denominations. If your business would like to

participate, please call the Chamber at 231-582-6222 for details.

Basket raffle

Just in time for Christmas, the Boyne Area Senior Center is selling raffle tickets for a basket full of homemade jellies and jams, hand-crafts, two quilted pillows, a \$50 Glen's card and a \$50 gas card. Tickets are \$2 each and are available at the Boyne Area Senior Center until the drawing on Dec. 23 at 12:30 p.m. Need not be present to win.

Toys for Tots

Representatives of the local Marine Corps League Detachment will be placing Toys for Tots Boxes in retail, financial and recreational facilities beginning the third week in November. All toys donated in the Boyne Valley area will remain in this area. If you would like to have a Toys for Tots box set up in your place, or have questions, call Glen Williams, 231-582-6858 or email gwms40@att.net.

Free Christmas dinner

The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City will be serving a traditional Christmas dinner from 12 until 4 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Please come and share the love, peace and joy of the Holy Season with us.

If possible, please call and let us know how many will be attending and if there is a need for transportation. This will help in our preparation, but it is not necessary.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 401 South Park Street, Boyne City. Donations of time and talent will be gladly accepted.

For more information, contact Al or Jenny Lawson, 231-675-7840 or 231-582-7841.

Civil Air Patrol meets

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

Overeaters Anonymous meet

Overeaters Anonymous meets Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the new Alano Club, 509 N. East St. in Boyne City. For information, call Maggie at 231-582-2360.

Food pantry hours

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

City boards tell all

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The city's boards came together on Dec. 2 to share news about the various projects that have come in front of them and about the various departments that are responsible for implementing decisions made by the boards.

Mayor Eleanor Stackus, who is on her 16th year with the city board of commissioners, spoke to the group about its team effort and open communication.

"I'm lucky to live where I live. Boyne has come a long way," Stackus said. "It's a pleasure working with the boards. We can always have our own differences, but we remain friends."

The library is thriving, Ed Vondra said. Donations and circulation are increasing, the computers are in constant use and the library now has a business resource center for entrepreneurs. The building is open seven-days-a-week and this past year the library joined with the state libraries for more access to books.

The Main Street Program is five-years-old, Hugh Conklin reported. The accomplishments of the downtown improvement program are many and Conklin named some of them. Street Scape worked on beautifying the city, "Stroll the Streets," was born, a

contest for an official city song was instigated, participation in the Vital Small Cities Initiative is on-going, and Main Street has donated money to Camp Quality and other groups, and assisted in grant requests from the state and the community. The Main Street Program's goal is to create a development plan for a viable downtown community.

Michele Hewitt of the Historical District Commission reported that the current historical district is Pearl Street. The commission works with homeowners for preservation of historical features. It also manages the museum and is in the process of organizing a Friends of the History Museum group.

The Parks and Recreation Commission oversee more than 400 acres of recreational land. Improvements were made to the golf course, Avalanche and Rotary Park. The commission is involved with the new Veterans Memorial and also with the road end parks. It supports the Boyne City to Charlevoix non-motorized trail.

Other boards reported on activities and the meeting was summed up by city manager Michael Cain: "We're getting a reputation around the state that Boyne City is the place to go."

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Boyne Area Free Clinic opens

The Boyne Area Free Clinic opened Friday, Dec. 5, at 624 State Street, Boyne City. The phone number is 231-582-4605. Existing patients are encouraged to call on Fridays only for questions and prescription assistance for the short term until the new clinic is up and functioning to full capacity. New patients will have full access every Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dr. Richard Mansfield is the clinic's Volunteer Medical Director. The clinic is dedicated to reaching out to the underinsured to provide health care services through volunteer service and community support. We also coordinate with the regional medical community to find avenues to help people with conditions beyond our capabilities.

The clinic provides care for people with basic medical needs as well as providing continuous pri-

mary care for people with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and others.

It is the purpose of the Boyne Area Free Clinic to ensure that all people who need access to medical care are provided that opportunity. This clinic is a charitable organization driven by volunteers who desire to help provide these vital health care services.

Our clinic will provide care to any person in need without the ability to pay. We will provide this service in the beginning on a weekly basis, but as more funding becomes available and more medical volunteers make themselves available we hope to operate several days per week.

Community members can help by donating generously to support this crucial mission for our neighbors in need.

CHARLEVOIX FAMILIES FACE HARDEST WINTER IN MEMORY

- The unemployment rate for Michigan is the highest in the nation. Charlevoix County's unemployment rate is 8.9%, according to the State of Michigan. Many who are employed do not earn a living wage.
- An increased burden on all families is the soaring prices of heating fuels.
- State budget cuts have reduced or eliminated many county programs for needy families. What funds they do have will buy a lot less fuel.

Many more families are hurting!

- This is going to be the toughest winter for a lot of our neighbors.
- Good Samaritan has been helping families with their emergency needs since 1990. When families have nowhere else to turn they come to Good Sam. And they are coming in greater numbers. We have already seen a huge increase in requests for emergency help - utility shut off notices, and heating fuel.
- There are many real needs in this world, many asking for help. Sometimes it is hard to know where to help. Please consider the profound needs right in our own backyard.
- There are few options for a desperate family in Charlevoix County. The resources are quickly exhausted. We must try to keep families together in their homes, children warm, living as normal lives as possible. We must keep hope alive.
- This Thanksgiving season give thanks for your many blessings, and reach out and give to those less fortunate. We don't want to turn anyone away. With your help and others like you we won't have to.
- All funds we receive from this appeal will be kept in a special restricted account and used exclusively for heating fuel for desperate families in Charlevoix County.

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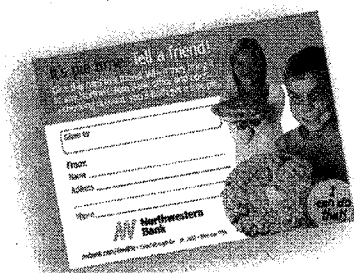
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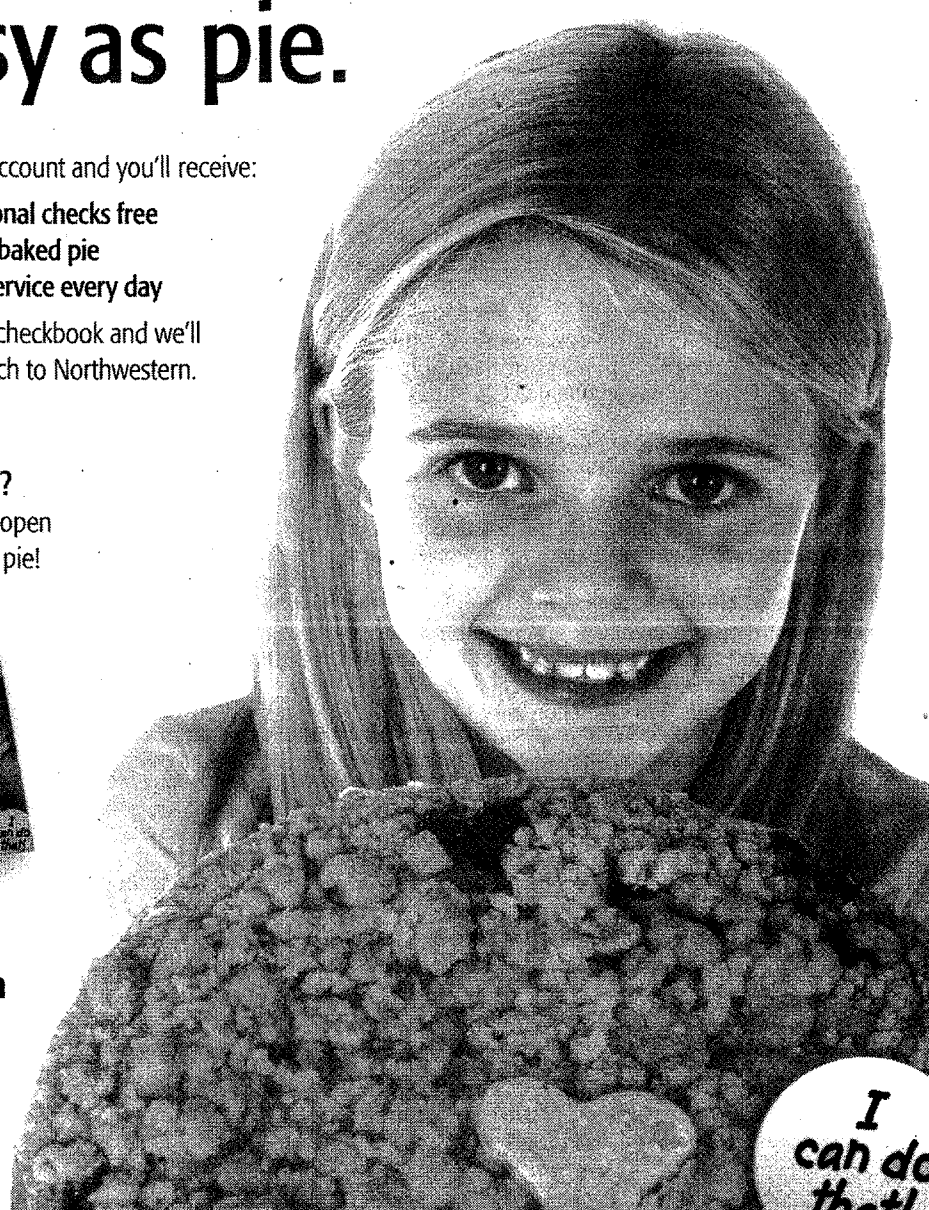
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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

EDITORIAL

Away for the holidays

Everyone looks forward to this time of year. Across the nation lights are being hung, trees are being trimmed and families are getting ready to visit relatives and friends during this special time.

However, it's not just a holiday for the everyday person, other people look forward to the season and it's not in a good way. Burglars know people are away during the month, whether it be away visiting or just simply out shopping. These individuals know to target the perfect time for a break-in and unfortunately not even the Christmas season can deter these criminals. This is a vulnerable time for thefts in the home.

With all the chaos that surrounds the season, many people are distracted as they run out the door to shop or leave for the weekend, not thinking about what is left behind. As sad as it is, we have to worry about thefts during Christmas, it is imperative to protect yourself.

A recent release was published by Response Insurance on better ways to prevent homeowners from falling victim to this crime.

First, examine the exterior of your house. Make sure all locked doors and windows have a tight fit when closed. Check to see if there is any "wiggle room" that could give a thief enough space to break inside. When walking your property, make sure there is nothing that can be used to climb to the upper floor and try to hide any computers or televisions from plain sight that would entice an intruder.

Never leave an "emergency key" hidden outside of your home and secure your home efficiently no matter how long you expect to be away. In this vein, try to make your house look lived-in while vacationing. Use timers on a few lights at varied times; put a timer on a radio set to talk radio; install dusk/dawn outside light or motion sensor. Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail while away and stop deliveries of newspapers or other mail.

A home alarm system is another good idea and may reduce your homeowner's insurance in the process. Letting neighbors know you are away is another idea to get some extra eyes on your home.

These are only a few of many tips you can utilize to help yourself during the season. You can visit www.response.com/safety for even more information on protecting your valuables.

Enjoy the holidays but always remember some people have other ideas on how to celebrate this special time of year.



Dinner and a show

It's taken me until now to digest Thanksgiving. Not that it was in any way disastrous, but because I merely blinked and it was two weeks later.

There are fuzzy recollections of snow - lots and lots of snow - and shoveling lots of snow, only to have it replaced immediately by a lot more snow. I remember eating nothing but turkey and turkey-based dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner until a few days ago when I scrambled an egg. I nearly wept with delight at the exotic metallic flavor that leached into my simple repast from the cast iron frying pan. It was so not turkey.

Now that I've emerged from my tryptophan coma, I'm beginning to recall some of the details...

My friends Creighton and Laura were here. I first met Creighton on a spring day in 1970 when I tripped over my elephantine bell-bottoms while sprinting across the street and sprawled face down over the double yellow line. Appearing as a hulking hipster in bib overalls emblazoned with a Daffy Duck patch, he stopped traffic long enough to drag me to the curb. And I've known Laura for the 13 years that she has been married to Creighton. Laura makes the best cheesecake that I've ever tasted and she also makes Creighton behave. This is no small chore and she handles it with aplomb. Like anyone married to a man with the sensibilities of a rock star, she has learned to accept with good grace what she cannot change. And to her credit, and with the gratitude of all who know him, she hasn't tampered much with the raw material. Creighton is a lot like Dis-

neyland - a really fun place to visit.

After hauling me to my feet and yanking me out of traffic, Creighton could have thrown his considerable weight around and invoked from me, a debt of gratitude. But he never did. He didn't have to. He is happiest center stage, and it was thrilling just to orbit in the warmth of his large and gregarious sun. It was never predictable, but it was always a party.

Creight has a talent for everything. He has been a radio DJ, a dishwasher, an actor, a cartoonist, public relations spokesman for a wheelchair company, a singer/songwriter and he even put in several seasons as a department store Santa. He has made me laugh until I cried and he has made me so mad that we didn't speak for two years. But most of all, he has been a true and enduring friend whom I wouldn't trade for ten well-adjusted substitutes.

And so, 38 years into our mutual adoption, Creighton is in my kitchen, wearing bib overalls with a Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band patch sewn over the top pocket.

"Where's the turkey?" Creight is standing in front of the open refrigerator, staring petulantly into the frigid depths.

"In the blue bowl," I tell him from my comfy seat by the fire.

"Which blue bowl?"

"The one with the turkey in it."

"But this is all white meat. I want a drumstick."

"It's in a bag in the crisper."

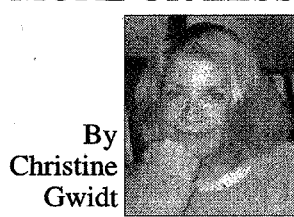
Creighton heaves the sack onto the counter in a grievous display of ineptitude.

"What's this?" he asks skeptically, fumbling his fingers like errant moths around the knotted bag in a feigned attempt to elicit aid.

"It's a knot, Creighty. You untie it."

Christine Gwidt welcomes reader's comments. Email her at moreorlesschristine@gmail.com.

MORE OR LESS



By Christine Gwidt

YOUR VOICE

Another bite

To the editor:

Someone has to start it. I am amazed at just how naive/stupid our DNR Directors must think we are. Or could it be that because they are appointed bureaucrats they don't have to answer to the public?

A few years back baiting was voted in, much to their distaste. As we all know you cannot eat an elephant in one bite so you use many bites. The first bite was to limit baiting to 5 gallons, then without time to study these effects another bite was taken to reduce the quantity to 2 gallons. All this was done to reduce nose-to-nose contact by feeding animals. Have you ever watched feeding deer? The only contact that is made by non-family deer are their hooves. Another bite was to close any county to baiting if a deer with TB was found. An example of how ridiculous this is, if you killed an infected deer on the Emmet County side of the Emmet - Charlevoix County Line you would not be able to bait at Wilderness State Park near Mackinaw City 40 miles away but could bait one inch south of the line in Charlevoix County. Once a county was placed on the no-baiting list they were doomed to stay there, another bite gone. The final bite for the Lower Peninsula was that a deer in an enclosure was found to have CWD in Kent County. This deer was in a preserve with tall fences built to keep their deer from escaping and thus having any contact with the wild deer herd. The other deer imprisoned in this controlled enclosure were doomed for having close contact with the "sick deer." They were slaughtered and tested. The tests showed no other deer in this enclosure, in spite of their close proximity, to be infected. In order to seize this opportunity all baiting in the Lower Peninsula was halted including the islands out in Lake Michigan. Thus leaving only one bite of the elephant yet to go, "Da Yoopers."

Baiting is gone because of their flagrant betrayal of the sportsmen, sportswomen and Michigan farmers along with the millions of dollars to Michigan farmers who planted deer bait they later could not sell. More jobs lost to Michigan until baiting can make its way back to a ballot where it once again could be voted in. If this happens, the elephant eating process surely will begin anew.

Along with a main meal of an elephant, their dessert was raising license fees under the pretext of an inability to fund the programs that the fees covered, while yet able to give away millions of dollars in grants.

The heads of all bureaucracies, which are appointed, need to come up for election within one year of their appointment to make them responsible to the voters for their actions yearly. Instead of us being stuck with them for years without any accountability.

Will the last person to be driven out of Michigan, please turn the light out?

Dean Kleinschrodt
Boyer Falls

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YOUR VOICE

The truth about religious expression at Christmastime

To the editor:

Each year the American Civil Liberties Union and its many like-minded allies deliberately bully individual citizens, schools, and government officials into removing any mention of Christ or Christianity from the public celebration of Christmas.

Christmas has historically been one of the most celebrated holidays of the American people. Misconceptions and controversy about the fictitious "separation of church and state" and the celebration of Christmas has led many public officials to "remove Christ from Christmas" in places such as schools, parks, libraries, and government offices.

This was not the intent of the founding fathers. No court has ever ruled that the Constitution requires government officials to censor Christmas carols, eliminate all references to Christmas, or silence those who celebrate Christ's birth.

In order to eliminate any confusion with regard to your right to publicly celebrate Christmas, the following will equip you to dispel the myths and excuses that are used to silence the public celebration of Christmas.

Religious Christmas carols may be sung by individual students or by a group of students during school activities such as choir, Christmas programs, and other events.

School officials may refer to the school break in December as a "Christmas holiday". The Supreme Court has acknowledged with approval that government has long recognized holidays with religious significance such as Christmas. Congress has proclaimed Christmas to be a legal public holiday.

School districts may not ban teachers or students from saying Merry Christmas. The Supreme Court has stated that teachers and students do not shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate. In order to violate the Establishment Clause, a teacher would have to use his or her authority to promote religion to his or her students.

The Supreme Court has stated that "the Bible may constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion, or the like." The Court explained that the "study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education," is constitutional under the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court has held that the Constitution "affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance, of all religions, and forbids hostility toward any. First Amendment rights

accompany each student throughout the school day both inside and outside the classroom. School officials must permit students to convey religious sentiments through their school assignments, selection of reading materials, and clothing that conveys a religious message through words or symbols."

Public school officials may display religious symbols such as a nativity scene if they have a clear educational reason for doing so. The Supreme Court has held that the display of a nativity scene is constitutional if it is displayed for legitimate secular purposes, such as to celebrate a holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday.

Public officials may display religious symbols such as a creche or nativity scene. To determine the constitutionality of municipal religious displays, lower courts evaluate whether the religious display passes the Supreme Court's three-prong Lemon test. Under the Lemon test, courts will inquire "whether the challenged law or conduct has a secular purpose, whether its principal or primary effect is to advance or inhibit religion, and whether it creates an excessive entanglement of government with religion." The Supreme Court has held that the display of a nativity scene is constitutional if it is displayed for legitimate secular purposes, such as to celebrate a holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday. Courts often look to the endorsement test or "The Three Reindeer Rule," which asks whether a reasonable observer would believe that the municipal display constitutes an endorsement of religion by the government. This rule requires a municipality to place a sufficient number of secular objects in close enough proximity to the creche to render the overall display sufficiently secular.

The Constitution does not require government officials to eliminate all public religious expression of Christmas. The right of public school students and public officials to publicly celebrate the Christmas holiday is protected by the U.S. Constitution and the various court decisions. It's okay to say Merry Christmas, regardless of the legal threats from the ACLU and its allies. To support and encourage others in your community to exercise their right to say Merry Christmas you'll be part of an important effort to protect and preserve the rights of people everywhere to practice and observe their beliefs. We must protect what we have, reclaim what we've lost and shape who we will become. Resources available on request.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Horton Bay United Methodist Church
 Sunday School classes will be held at 9:15 a.m. for all ages. Worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m., with children's church available during the service. After the service there will be a time of fellowship. Everyone is invited to the Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

Church of the Nativity
 Reverend Brad Will from Traverse City will be guest celebrant for the Advent 3 Eucharist at Episcopal Church of the Nativity on Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. Kathy Will, Brad's wife, will be 'guest organist' for the service. A coffee hour will immediately follow the service in the church basement.

Reverend Peggy Nattermann will officiate at the last Sunday of Advent, Dec. 21. A candlelight service on Christmas Eve will begin at 8 p.m. with guest organist Cindy Otmanowski, with Reverend Peggy Nattermann as Eucharist celebrant. Dec. 28, the 10 a.m. service will be full of music and readings from the Bible, a "Lessons and Carols" service.
 For more information, please call 231-582-5045, leaving your name and telephone number. A member of the congregation will return your phone call. Church of the Nativity is located at 209 Main Street, Boyne City.

Lakeshore Community Church
 Lakeshore Community Church is located at 624 State St. in Boyne City. It is a charismatic congregation and a 'Resurrection Life' Affiliate.
 Services are Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Children's church is available for ages 2 through 12. For more information, you can call Pastor Dave Crumbaugh at 231-582-7440.

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 building is accessible and is located at 207 Williams St. in East Jordan (corner of

Third and Williams). 231-536-2941.

Church of the Nazarene
 We invite you to visit our weekly Sunday morning services. The service time is Sunday at 11 a.m. Children's church is provided for children ages 4-12. For more information call the office, 231-582-9611, from 10 a.m. to noon, or the pastor, 231-582-2635, or visit our website at www.boynecity-naz.org.

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

Walloon Lake Community Church
 Sunday, Dec. 14, Word and Worship start at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Children Groups will meet at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Infant and toddler nursery is available.

Contact the church for more information at 231-535-2288 or visit the website at www.walloon-church.com. Sermons are available online.

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

First Presbyterian Church
 Saturday, Dec. 13, is our annual Cookie Walk, beginning at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14, the message will be "We Wait in Joy," according to Isaiah 61, 1 Thessalonians 5, and John 1. On this third Sunday in Advent, Pastor Jonathan Mays talks about "experiencing joy" as we wait for things to be the way they're supposed to be. First Presbyterian Church, 401 South Park Street, Boyne City offers two "come as you are" services every Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m., with nursery provided and coffee fellowship following each service. Both services include Advent Candle-Lighting and special music. Youth and adult classes meet between services from 10:10 to 10:55 a.m. Soup Café will begin serving at noon, following our

second service. The community is also 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. On the first Sunday of each month, the church celebrates communion at the 11 a.m. service and shares a potluck at noon. Call the church for information, at 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.

A study on the book of Revelation is held in the parish hall every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays, a Bible Study on the Gospels starts at 10 a.m. Collections for the Boyne Area Community Christmas will begin next week. Bring non-perishable food, toys, games, books, and mittens. A plastic bin next to the drinking fountain is for your donations.

For more information, call 231-582-9301 or email to christ-lutheran-boyne@gmail.com. Check us out on the web, www.christlutheranboyne.org.

Community of Christ
 The theme for this week's service is "Make Straight the Way of the Lord!" and will be presented by Elder Ron Fuller.

Morning worship and Sunday school classes for adults and children begin at 9:45 a.m. and are presented by Christian Education Director, Chris Wacholz. The Worship Service begins at 11 a.m. with fellowship following. All are welcome to attend classes and worship.

Wednesday Evening Gatherings start at 7 p.m., and are held at the address below.

Mark your calendars for our Community Christmas Program on Sunday, Dec. 21 in the evening. Come and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

For more information on our activities and upcoming retreats and the Park of the Pines visit www.BoyneCityCofChrist.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon, at 777 Vogel Street, Boyne City.

Gary and Ann Grimm and daughters and David and Julie Grimm and daughters, all of Lansing, were here in Boyne City with their mom, Jean Grimm, over the long Thanksgiving weekend. Making it more special was a combined celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas while they were all here.

Murray and JoAnn Follette went to Murfreesboro, Tenn. to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Jody, and her husband, Bart Gasco. Other guests around the table were Bart Jr. and Saleena, Josh and Sarah. Before returning home Murray and JoAnn visited with Murray's sister, Ronnie, and family in McKenzie, Tenn. Traveling back north on Sunday was not an easy trek with all the bad weather, but all had a good time.

Santa Claus is coming to Boyne Falls. On Saturday, Dec. 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., you will hear his annual "Ho-Ho-Ho" as he greets all at the

NEIGHBORS



By Nancy Northup

Boyne Valley Township Fire Hall on Railroad Street in Boyne Falls.

Everyone is welcome to come and visit with Santa. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture the magical moments.

Randy Kurtz was in Boyne City for a few days over Thanksgiving with his mother, Sue Miller. They enjoyed sharing Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Gerry and Maxine Argetsinger in East Jordan.

In spite of Thursday's cold temperature and falling snow, a group of pool buddies from the

Charlevoix Area Pool thoroughly enjoyed a pre-Christmas lunch at the lovely home of Lynn Groves of Charlevoix. Beautiful decorations and music of the season enhanced the good meal and conversation among good friends - even her little dog, Tucker, seemed pleased with everybody there.

On Dec. 3, the Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus Council #6314 held its 17th annual Christmas party for the mentally challenged. It was a very snowy day but that did not stop the bus drivers from bringing excited guests. Unfortunately one of the busses did get stuck in the parking lot. Guests came from facilities near and far covering several adjacent counties.

A delicious hot lunch of chicken ala king, followed by cookies and ice cream for dessert, was served to over one hundred special adult guests and their caregivers. There was live music for them to

dance and all sang Christmas carols together. When Santa came into the party, everyone was so excited. Santa made sure he had a chance to visit with every one of them. Along with a lot of hugs and kisses Santa received many lists of Christmas wishes. All of the guests received a stuffed animal, and either a purse or flashlight, and other gifts along with a variety of fresh fruit. Everyone was excited, and some of those who could come up with names for their bears.

To see the tears of joy and the happiness on everyone's faces when Santa arrived, or to share in their pleasure and excitement for a few hours, was a wonderful heart warming experience.

And a big thank you goes out to all of the very generous sponsors for their donations, and all of the volunteers who were there helping. The Knights of Columbus Council #6314 could not have put this beautiful Christmas

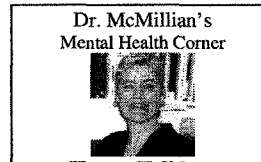
party on for these wonderful, and very appreciative mentally challenged adults without your help.

Janet and Jim Shepherd, Janene and Herman Pung and daughter, Mikahla enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Phyllis Tison at Charlevoix's beautiful Weatherlane. This was a four-generation dinner for Phyllis, Janet, Janene and Mikahla.

An interesting story of treasures to be savored came in for TDTH (The Darndest Things Happen) corner.

It seems a cousin gave Sally Shaler Pasque a few things of her grandmother, Mrs. Dana (Bessie) Shaler, about 6 months ago, of which in all of it was an old address book of hers. Like most of us, Sally kept saying she had to take time to sit down and really look at it - but time just seemed

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Dr. McMillian's Mental Health Corner

Happy Holidays Soak Up The Joy
 "Holiday Blues" defined as the brief time around Thanksgiving through the New Years day can bring about a flurry of emotions. The holidays are marked with emotion packed ritual and traditions. It's as if we pack multiple emotional years into an extended 25-day period, with the expectation of not having our emotions jolted. We are sad because a loved one was there for years to help with the tree top star. Maybe there was a bit of tension with the old tree stand dilemma, of course thinking a new stand would solve all problems. We loved them, we created rituals, and shared traditions together, even carried the old Santa Myth forward to the next generation. I've often wondered what would create the holidays to be minus the "blues" and replaced with a "feel good" atmosphere. I believe it might appear complex but true. If we are going to accept the loan of joy with our loved ones, then there is the evident acceptance of future sadness. Would we really want to give up love, giving, and receiving to dodge the evident sadness? I answer this by saying, I am capable of coping with the sadness.
 Dr. McMillian 582-0553



Every year, thousands are killed or injured in accidents involving someone under the influence. With so many holiday celebrations going on, it's especially important to remember to avoid driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Before you get behind the wheel, remember that there is a life behind every statistic.

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Spaghetti dinner raises \$350

BOYNE CITY — The fourth annual spaghetti dinner, hosted by the Boyne City Child Study Club, provided warm meals to more than 100 people and raised more than \$350 for area children's programs.

The Boyne City Child Study Club meets monthly during the school year and hosts two fund-raisers to earn money for grants to area agencies in the area benefiting children. In the past year, the club has met its goal of raising the annual contributions to \$100 per agency per year.

"The spaghetti dinner is one of only two fund-raisers we host each year," said club president Robin Brzezinski. "We also have had support from the Thrivent Program from the Lutheran Church, which essentially doubles our earnings for this event."

The Thrivent Care and Community Program, affiliated with Christ Lutheran Church, in Boyne City, provided a matching grant to boost the revenue from the event.

"Between the Thrivent match, and the great meals provided by Dennis Crissman and the Boyne City Hospitality Class, this event is helping us help more kids each year," Brzezinski said.

The Thrivent program, including volunteers from Christ Lutheran Church



Courtesy Photo

The Thrivent Care and Community Program, affiliated with Christ Lutheran Church, in Boyne City, matched more than \$350 earned at the spaghetti dinner and rummage sale. Some of the Child Study Club members supporting the event were (l-r) Terri Warnos, Patti Brewer, Karen Kruzel, Suzann Binkley, Stephanie Kornoely, and Robin Brzezinski.

who assisted the Child Study Club members at the spaghetti dinner, is a charitable organization which provides matching grants to area non-profit efforts. Thrivent provides annual matching grants to Lutheran churches in a four county area of Antrim, Emmet, Charlevoix and Otsego counties.

All of the proceeds from the dinner are used to help programs supported by the Boyne City Child Study Club.

Agencies which benefit from the club's efforts include: Reading programs at Boyne City Elementary School and Boyne District Library, Camp Quality, and Boyne City area pre-school programs. BCCSC also donates to the Boyne City Public School nurse, the BAC-PAC senior party, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, the Boyne City School Boosters and to the local 4-H program for swim school scholarship and family participation fees. When funds are

available, the group also considers other one-time gifts by request or member nomination.

Child Study Club is a group of mothers of school age children. The group meets monthly to enhance parenting skills and participate in fund-raisers. Mothers of children, from infants through high school are eligible to join. Although membership is not restricted to Boyne City residents, the club's activities benefit primarily Boyne City children.

"The Child Study Club has been in place for more than 60 years," Brzezinski said. "We invite any woman with children in school to join us and learn what we're all about. It's a great social club which also benefits the community and we're very proud of our accomplishments."

The Child Study Club meets monthly between September and May. For more information, please contact Brzezinski at 231-582-7031.

OBITUARIES

Betty Jane Alldread

Betty Jane Alldread passed from this life at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008, at her home on Main Street in Boyne City. Her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Andy Poineau of East Jordan, were with her when she died. She was in her 90th year.

Born and raised in Chicago, Ill., she moved to Birmingham, Mich., upon marrying Carl Alldread. She lived on Main Street in Boyne City since retirement.

Betty began her work career in Chicago. She worked in finance, law and hospital administration in the Detroit area.

Her lifelong passion was bridge. It kept her vibrant, vital and connected.

In addition to her daughter, Betty is survived by son, Robert Ross, daughter-in-law, Mari Ross; two grandchildren, Christopher Ross and Kelsey Poineau, and two great-grandchildren, Alexander and Carolyn Ross.

A memorial will be held at noon Saturday, Dec. 13, at Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey in her honor.

Memorial contributions in her name are encouraged to the National Kidney Foundation.

Arrangements were handled by Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

Friends wishing to share memories of Betty are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Josephine B. Gallop

Josephine B. Gallop, age 84 of Boyne Falls, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008.

Josephine was born on Sept. 13, 1924, in Boyne Falls the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Terowski) Kowalski.

Josephine's husband, William (Bud) Gallop, preceded her in death. She is survived by her half-sisters; sister-in-laws; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family service will take place and burial will be at St. Augustine Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

The family requests memorial donations be directed to St. Augustine Church.

Stackus Funeral Home is serving the family. Friends wishing to share memories of Josephine are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

Lorraine G. LaCroix

Lorraine G. LaCroix, age 79 of Boyne City, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Lorraine was born Oct. 11, 1929, in Petoskey, the daughter of William and Ella (Behling) Harley.

Lorraine worked many years in Boyne City and Petoskey as a beautician. She loved traveling, playing bingo and going to the casino.

She is survived by her sister, Darlene Thompson; sister-in-law, Edna LaCroix; nieces and nephews, Bill (Tammy) Thompson, Sheri (Larry) Patton, Ben LaCroix, Dave (Jennifer) LaCroix, Bill (Carol) LaCroix, Rocky LaCroix, Tim LaCroix and Noland "Buzzy" LaCroix.

Lorraine is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Norman LaCroix and Noland LaCroix; and nephew, Neil LaCroix.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

The family request memorial contributions be directed to Grandvue Medical Care Facility Alzheimer's Unit.

Friends wishing to share memories of Lorraine are encouraged to do so online at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The Veteran of the Month for December 2008 is Donald Lee Eggers. Born on Sept. 5, 1942, in Petoskey, Eggers grew up in Boyne City, graduating from Boyne City High School in the spring of 1962. He joined the Boyne City Police Department in 1963.

On April 8, 1964, Eggers was inducted into the Army, entering into active service in Detroit. He was transferred to Fort Knox, KY., where he received basic training and earned the Marksman Medal with the M1 rifle and the .45 caliber pistol and the Expert Medal with the 90-millimeter tank gun.

During a transfer leave on June 27, 1964, he entered into a marriage with Darlene Klont that ended on Sept. 12, 1972. Following leave Eggers reported to Fort Riley, Kan., for specialty training. On Dec. 31, 1964 he was promoted to Private First Class. On Oct. 28, 1965, Eggers was promoted to Specialist 4th Class and reassigned to Headquarters & Headquarter Company, 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Division, Med-

ical Unit, stationed in South Vietnam, and served as a Combat Medic during campaigns and fire fights 65 miles north of Saigon.

On April 6, 1966, at The U.S. Army Personnel Center, Oakland, Calif., Eggers was transferred to The U.S. Army Reserve Control Group, U.S. Army Administration Center, Saint Louis, MO., and was awarded the following decorations and citations: the Vietnam Service Medal, the Medical Badge, the Good Conduct Medal and, upon his completion of his



military obligation on April 7, 1970, an honorable discharge.

Following his release from active duty, Eggers returned to the Boyne City Police Department. In 1974 he entered into a three-year marriage with Sonia Brooks, and also left the police department and went to work in the transportation industry as a truck driver, retiring on Sept. 5, 2005.

Eggers enjoyed fishing, playing cribbage, playing the slot machines at the casino and spending time with his family. On June 16, 2008, at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Eggers answered the final call and is being honored by his daughter, Debbie Elzinga, and families.

To honor a veteran, call the program chairman at 231-536-2447, or on Saturdays, call 231-582-7811 between 3 and 8 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of Lake and Main in Boyne City, at 6:15 p.m.

Neighbors

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to slip by. And that's the way it was, until the night before Thanksgiving, she finally sat down to read it. She will never forget that moment because in that book was a card her dad, Frank Shaler, had given his mother over 50 years ago for Mothers Day. There were also pictures of her sister, Pat Shaler Upton, that she'd never seen, from the early 1940's. There were more old pictures, poems, newspaper clippings, and here's where the Darnedest Things Happen comes in. There was a picture and a story in there of Mr. and Mrs. George Dunlap, who had just picked three-and-a-half bushels of mushrooms. So on Thanksgiving morning, she

called Bill and Mary Dunlap and asked if they knew them. Mary said, "Yes, that was Bill's mother and dad," and they had lost that picture of them also. Then she said, "ya know Sally, I have a picture of your grandfather back in 1955 taken at Boyne City's Centennial." Sally had lost her picture of her grandfather, so needless to say, they all had a great Thanksgiving. Sally has made the suggestion that a corner called "Does anyone have a picture of?" She felt it would defiantly be of interest, as everyone would love to see old pictures of family and friends. A little follow-up on the above story is that Sally invited Bill and Mary to dinner at her house on Friday night so they

could exchange pictures. *** Don't miss out on the Bake Sale-Raffle to be held at Glen's on Saturday, Dec. 13. The fundraiser for the Boyne Area Free Clinic will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 7 p.m. The winner of the raf-

fle will be announced around 7 and you don't have to be present to win. Some great prizes have been donated by Glen's, Boyne Valley Printing, and Wal-Mart for

people of all ages. Extra donations of baked goods would be appreciated. ***

Items of interest for the Neighbors Column, including TDTH

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.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

Cranberry Juice Prevents UTIs

A recent study offers more proof that cranberry juice prevents urinary tract infections (UTIs). Researchers found that the juice alters the thermodynamic properties of bacteria in the urinary tract to form an energy barrier that prevents the bacteria from adhering to cells in the urinary tract. The juice targets the bacteria that causes UTIs but has no effect on other bacteria that are part of the natural flora in the body. For those concerned about the calories in the juice, the effects of the regular cranberry juice cocktail and sugar free cranberry juice were identical. Also, this antibacterial benefit is temporary so one must drink the juice regularly.

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Spelling Bee

The Boyne City Middle School National Scripps Spelling Bee was held on Friday, Nov. 21. There were 16 participants, each qualifying from their respective Language Arts classroom bees. Those competing for the title of Champion Speller were from 5th grade: Abby Bohnet, Madison McCoy, Michael Lefferts, Madison Smith; 6th grade: Rece Shankleton, Kim Lewis, Ann Durbin, Alyssa Petriw; 7th grade: Alex Stutzman, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Chris Moore, Jill Solomon; 8th grade: Jared Willis, Meredith Hague, Chuckie Sieradski, Brittany Bentley.

Alex Stutzman, 7th grade, received the first place honor, having correctly spelled the word, "exuberant." He has retained this title for the third year in a row. He and runner-up, Meredith Hague, 8th grade, will compete in the County Bee at Shay Elementary in Harbor Springs on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009. The top winners from this competition (up to 7 students) will participate in the Regional Bee in Traverse City on March 15, 2009.

Congratulations to all who participated. They did an outstanding job.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public
 NAME: Heather Patton
 PARENTS: Virginia Anthony
 GRADE: 4th
 FAVORITE CLASS: Math
 HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Playing with her dogs
 FAVORITE SPORT: Skiing
 FAVORITE COLOR: Pink
 FAVORITE BOOK: "Fantastic Mr. Fox"
 FAVORITE MOVIE: "High School Musical II"
 FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Hannah Montana"
 STAFF COMMENTS: "Heather Patton deserves to be Student of the Week for many reasons. Heather really cares about her progress. She works tirelessly in class and is never satisfied unless she feels that she has done her best. Heather is a friend to all, treating everyone with kindness and respect. Her great attitude and willingness to help are appreciated by all of her teachers. Great job, Heather." Mr. Book, 4th grade



BCMS HONOR ROLL

1st Marking Period 5th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll
 Spencer Binkley, Abigail Bohnet, Jacob Brewer, Jasmine Brooks, Celena Brzezinski, Brianna Burnell, Tanner Evans, Collin Fitzpatrick, Kayla Gilland, Allison Hernden, Hannah Hoth, Taylor Hubbard, Heather Judkins-Ladd, Ashlee Kelts, Forrest Kerr, Eli Korthase, Michael Lefferts, Samantha Orban, Lauren Reed, Hailey Richards, Dominic Santana, Kyle Sitkins, Madison Smith, Derek Willis

"A-B" Honor Roll

MacKayla Baker, Sarah Belcher, Jacob Coats, Cheyenne Crowell, Ondrea Eaton, Sydney Fisher, Benjamin Forbes, Alexander Foy, Joshua Gallup, Brandi Goodburn, Mary Hausler, Nikolis Hickerty, Sarah Holland, Tanner Kruzell, Katelyn LaVictor, Zachary Legato, Erika Lockman, Sarah Longcore, Megan Matekel, Madison McCoy, Jasmine McGeorge, Parker McGeorge, Kelsey McPherson, Cody Moore, Christopher Nelson, Lauren Reed, Steven Schmalzried, Emma Shumaker, Colton Sieradski, Madison Wellman, Carter Wilmot

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6th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll
 MacAlister Alexander, Nicholas Backus, Kaden Coates, Trevor Day, Jessica Dowty, Ann Durbin, Garrett Fogo, Dalton Gardner, Ross Gibbs, Benjamin Halstead, Kevin Hautz, Alexandra Johnson, Christian Kniat, Molly Korthase, Carly Kruzell, Anna Matelski, Sidney McLeod, Zacharie Napont, Sabrina Nemecek, Corey Redman, Lauren Richards, Rece Shankleton, Katelyn Skornia, Heather Smith, Alyssa Wonski.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Zachary Bailey, Connor Beebe, Kelly Bellant, Kandra Bootsma, Leslie Brodie, Alan Brooks, Taylor Carrow, Cortney Caverly, JohnPaul Coopersmith, Elliot Crouch, Ricardo Ferguson, Jared Fleming, Brooke Fouchia, Kayla Fuller-Lewis, Ethan Habasco, Nicholas Hertz, Abigail Hills, Hailey Judkins-Ladd, Morgan Kelts, Shantell Kerr, Justin Konecki, Lacey Kotalik, Keira Long, Ashley Lutterbach, Joshua Miller, Alyssa

Petriw, Maceo Vroman, Alexandra Wandrie, Morgan Weldon.

Citizenship

Kelly Bellant, Kandra Bootsma, Leslie Brodie, Kaden Coates, Jessica Dowty, Ann Durbin, Garrett Fogo, Ross Gibbs, Paige Hornbeck, Alexandra Johnson, Christian Kniat, Faith Krazier, Carly Kruzell, Kimberly Lewis, Anna Matelski, Zacharie Napont, Corey Redman, Lauren Richards, Katelyn Skornia, Heather Smith.

7th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll
 Corey Bohnet, Richard Carpenter, Ryan Carson, Paul Esch-Laurent, Emilee Evans, Bradley Fouchia, Dominic Frechette, Brendan Heath, Landon Kartes, Wyatt Long, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Travis Porter, Carl Rasch, Jill Solomon, Alexander Stutzman, Chantel Talboys, Courtney Weldon, Claire Wellman, Jordan Wilmot, Rebeca Wiser, Kaylee Yates.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Erin Baker, Aaron Barkley, Nigel Bell, Alison Burnell, Ethan Campbell, Elizabeth Chipman, Alexandra Culver, Ashley Davis, Skyler Davis, Jordan Fair, Erin Fortune, Laura Hammond, Tabbetha Harbaum, Kylie Hicks, Samantha Knebl, Ian Matthews, Bailee McDougall, Logan McGeorge, Conner Mills, Cassidy Moody, Heather Nichols, Logan Orban, Lucas Patrick, Chandler Roberts, Jennifer Selissen, Benjamin Stokes, Jeffery VanHove, Zachary Wandrie, Ashley Wisdom.

Citizenship

Aaron Barkley, Nigel Bell, Corey Bohnet, Alison Burnell, Richard Carpenter, Ryan Carson, Alexandra Culver, Paul Esch-Laurent, Bradley Foushia, Dominic Frechette, Brendan Heath, Kylie Hicks, Travis Porter, Carly Sharp, Jill Solomon, Alexander Stutzman, Kaylee Yates.

8th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll
 Quinn Ameel, Margaret Durbin, Cody Elzinga, Ashley LaVictor, Eric Patrick, Garrick Struble, Brittany VanAtta, Nicholas Vellis, Jared Willis.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Ashlee Beck, Sydney Bennett, Brittany Bentley, Alexis Carrow, Aaron Danforth, Austin Gardner, Meredith Hague, Steven Halstead, Elliot Hausler, Devin Hickerty, Abigail Hofweber, Tara Hufford, Aleena Kline, Karlee Kroush, Stephanie Lewis, Trevor Lorton, Danielle Matthew, Mary Myers, Mark Peters, Austin Pike, Jessica Selissen, Charles Sieradski, Vanessa Skutt, Garret Smith, Justin Sudderth.

Citizenship

Cody Allen, Quinn Ameel, Ashlee Beck, Sydney Bennett, Margaret Durbin, Elizabeth Grice, Steven Halstead, Elliot Hausler, Devin Hickerty, Jerica Jackman, Karlee Kroush, Stephanie Lewis, Lauren MacNaughton, Danielle Matthew, Mary Myers Eric Patrick, Michelle Plante, Jessica Selissen, Garrick Struble, Justin Sudderth, Brittany VanAtta, Nicholas Vellis.

East Jordan High School

NAME: Michelle Finley
PARENTS: Joann and Dave Vermillion
GRADE: 11th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Advanced Biology and Algebra II
FUTURE PLANS: To become a Registered Nurse
STAFF COMMENTS: "Michelle has been doing a great job in geometry. I can always count on her to have her work completed and done well. I enjoy Michelle's cheery personality." Mrs. Russell
 "If looking for an employee, I would hire Michelle in a heartbeat. I'm proud of you and appreciate how hard you work in class." Mr. Essenberg
 "Michelle is a kind-hearted, hard-working young woman. She strives to do well in her classes and shows concern for the well-being of others." Mrs. Cardwell

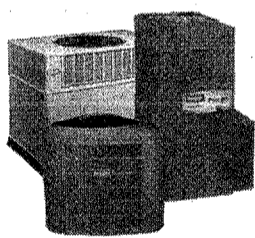


STUDENT NEWS

The Thomas M. Cooley Law School announces Dean's List

Katherine Drury, of Boyne City, made the Dean's List in her fifth term of study at The Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and of Boyne City High School. She is the daughter of Sid and Penny Drury, and has two children, Ty, 5, and Trenton, 2.

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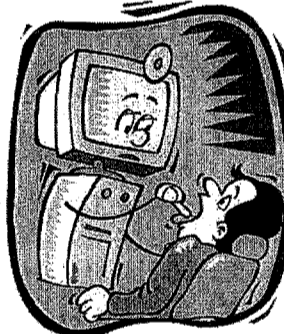


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Chelsea Swedelius

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To make an onion plaster for chest congestion, simply slice two or three onions very thinly. Then, cover with a small amount of water, so the onions do not burn, and gently simmer them for about 30 minutes.

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RHYME OR REASON



By Chris Tredway

With the playing field in place and the creation of man three days away, it was only a matter of time before the Olympics, March Madness, Saturday night fights, and bowl games.

But water preceded it all, an ingredient vital to life that still covers more the 70 percent of the earth's surface, allowing our lungs to breathe, our hearts to beat, and our

athletes to compete.

Although some days it appears my body is the exception, depending on delicious cups of dark roasted coffee to fuel the fires, I admit to having more energy when the day begins and ends with a liter of water.

I also admit to knowing the benefits of staying hydrated and ignoring them at the same time because, seriously, the sink always seems so far away and if I can still spit then I can't be that dehydrated.

But why do we Americans piddle around with the bare minimums of water when it pours freely from the faucet and every system in the body depends on it? I wonder if people dying for lack of drinking water in foreign lands consider our society insane for walking around slightly dehydrated day after day.

As it pertains to sports, the importance of drinking water flows beyond maintaining basic body functions like flushing toxins out of vital organs, carrying nutrients to cells and providing a moist environment for ear, nose and throat tissues.

Hydration increases flexibility in athletes, decreases recovery time, prevents injuries, increases the heart's ability to pump blood to the muscles, repairs damaged tissue, restores energy, relieves joint pain and even boosts the brains ability to react.

"According to the Mayo Clinic's Web site, "Even mild dehydration can drain your energy

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All you need to know

The official bowl invitations were announced Sunday night, if anyone could stomach watching three hours of analysis and coaches' interviews.

We're getting far too much information about college athletics these days, but especially football as my boss, Chris Tredway, noted in a recent column.

In this instant information age, I think we could do without all the hyperbole being spread by the talking heads on television.

PRESS ROW



By Greg Gielczyk

Really, how much do we need to know about Oklahoma and Florida before the two meet on the field to decide who really is No. 1?

Like the sideline reporters, several weeks of pre-game analysis simply is unnecessary. We'd all be better served if they waited until game day, and then took up only a few minutes of our time rather than hours.

With all of that air time to kill, stories are repeated and the same analysis we heard weeks before is reshaped.

Please, spare me. I've taken to watching a movie, or re-runs of The Andy Griffith Show or M-A-S-H to avoid the constant chatter spewing out of the talking heads.

Maybe there are enough football junkies out there who can't get their fill, but after hearing the same thing for the fourth or fifth time, I start feeling a little queasy.

The one game that will get the most attention over the next few weeks is the national title contest between Oklahoma and Florida.

By the time the game finally kicks off, we'll know what each coach has for breakfast — wonder if they both eat Wheaties? — and what their favorite television show is.

Other intriguing storylines involve Michigan State and Notre Dame.

Spartan, as the university is commonly called by the television analysts these days, has a chance to make a statement in the Capital One Bowl against Georgia.

Georgia, which was ranked No. 1 in the country

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Rough start for Lady Ramblers

Seek first win Friday at home against Grayling

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Opening the season with a loss at home and two more on the road within the first week of competition may not have been what coach Jim Brown had in mind when he took over as the Boyne City girls basketball coach.

Undoubtedly, Brown would have preferred the 0-3 record be reversed to begin the Lady Ramblers' 2008 season with a trio of wins, but preferences carry little weight onto the

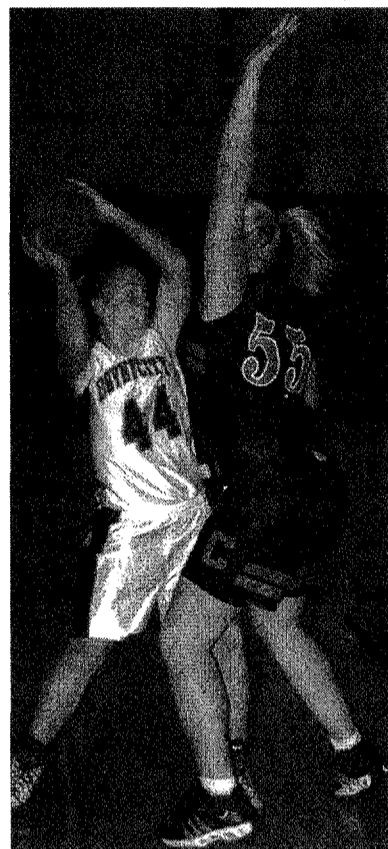


Photo by Vic Ruggles
Boyne City's Hillary Urman looks for an opening against Cheboygan Tuesday, Dec. 2.

court of high school basketball.

The Ramblers dropped their season opener at home against Cheboygan last Tuesday, 58-53, lost to Pine River, 76-49 last Thursday evening on the road and finished the week with a 63-43 loss to host Benzie Central Saturday afternoon.

In Tuesday's close call, Boyne City's Mandy Welborn scored 14 points to pace the Ramblers against Cheboygan, while teammate Shelby Mittig contributed 11 and Madde Moeke ended the night with 10 points.

Coming off the five-point deficit at home, the Lady Ramblers traveled to Pine River and lost more decidedly Thursday.

Boyne City's Sydney Gahn and Welborn each scored 10 points against Pine River, while Moeke added 10 to her stats against the Huskies.

"It was a long week for us," Brown told the Citizen-Journal. "Despite starting the season 0-3, there were many positives.

"We played two very good basketball teams. We still have a ways to go to (get) where we want to be."

Boyne City isn't scheduled to play again until the Lady Ramblers open Lake Michigan Conference play at Grayling this Friday, Dec. 12, with a junior varsity tip-off scheduled for 6 p.m. and the varsity game to follow.

The Lady Ramblers will take the court after four full days of practice, attempting to end the early sour streak and pick up their first victory of the season.

"Each game we play right now is a baby step towards building a solid team," Brown said, "and as long as the girls continue to go hard and play like they have been playing, we will achieve our goals.

"The girls are continuing to play hard, and are improving with every game played."

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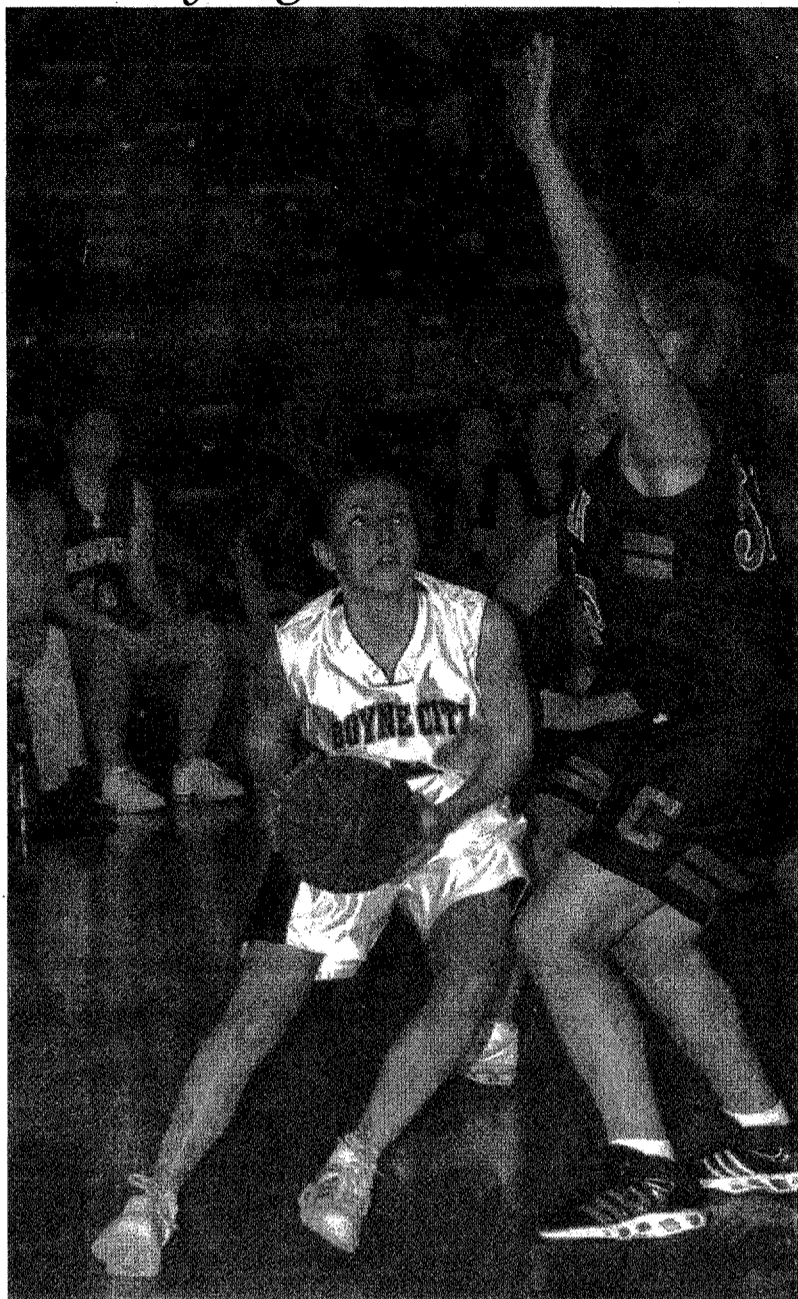


Photo by Vic Ruggles
Boyne City's Mandy Welborn drives the lane for two of her 14 points against Cheboygan last Tuesday night at home.

Lady Loggers open with losing pair

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

MANCELONA — The Boyne Falls varsity basketball team opened the 2008 season with a pair of non-conference road games last week. Unfortunately, neither trip home included a victory celebration for the Lady Loggers.

Atlanta, from the North Star League, edged out Boyne Falls in the first game of the season last Wednesday, 46-43, while Mancelona (Ski Valley Conference) downed Boyne Falls 71-39 Friday, Dec. 5.

The Lady Loggers held their own through the first quarter and trailed just 14-11 in Friday's game at Mancelona, but the Lady Ironmen pulled away with a 22-point surge in the second quarter, and a 21-point output in the third quarter put the game out of reach.

Mancelona was led by two players who hit for double digit scoring as Lisa Luton tossed in 16 points, while teammate Kayla Adkins chipped in with 15.

Boyne Falls managed just 18 points during the two middle stanzas as Mancelona forged leads of 36-21 by halftime and 57-29 at the end of the third quarter. The Lady Ironmen closed out the contest by outpointing Boyne Falls 14-10 in the fourth quarter.

"We started strong, but we just lost some of our intensity and they took advantage of it," Boyne Falls coach Chris Fiel said after his team's second loss. "I continue to see some things that I like and we are moving in the right direction. Granted, there is a lot we still need to work on in order for us to get to the level we want to obtain."

Katie Fraser led the Lady Loggers with 11 points, Kaitlan Deming and Sharmai Wheaton contributed with seven points each and Kristen Matelski added five points.

Matelski added a strong defensive effort as she pulled down nine rebounds and had four

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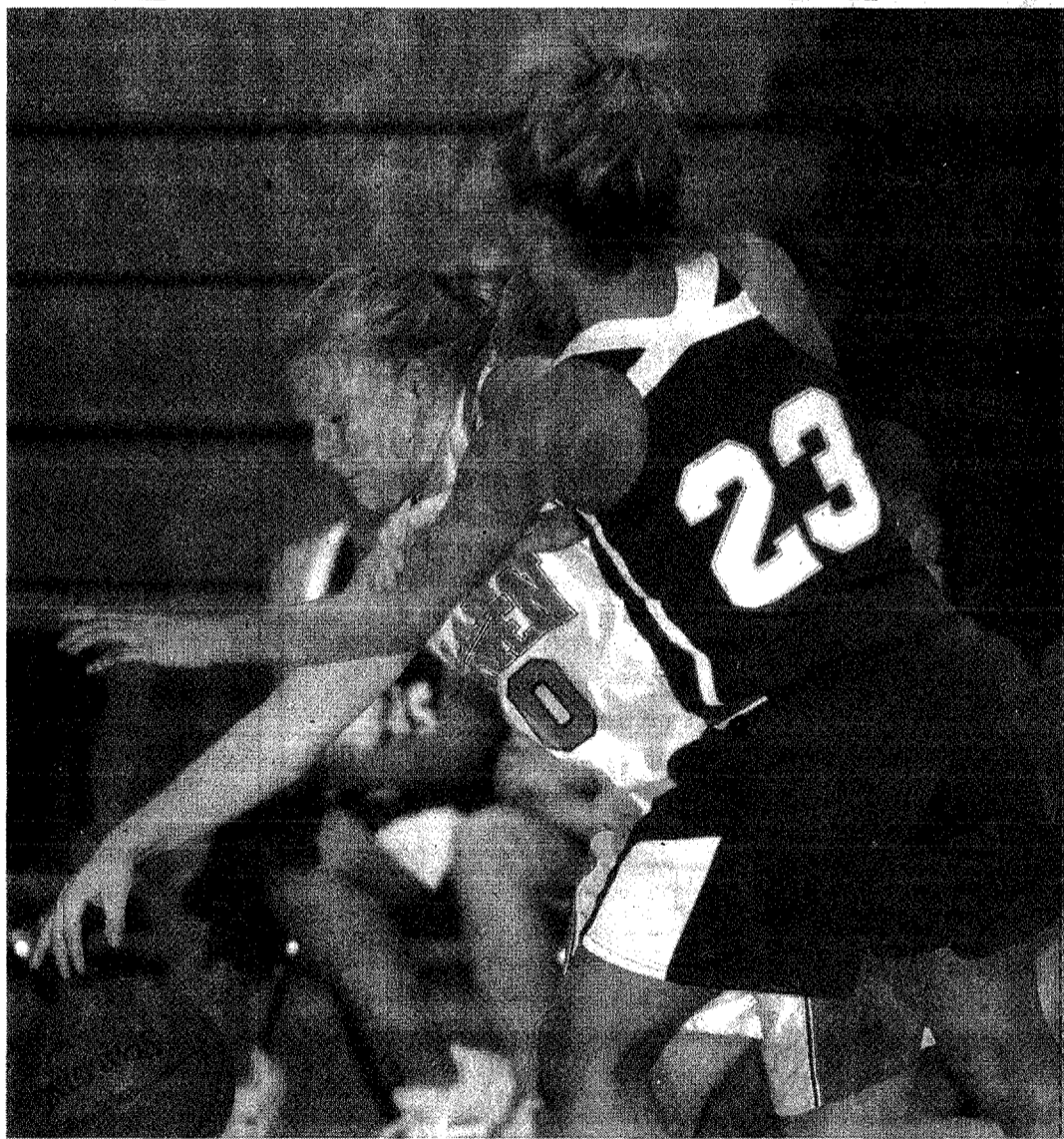


Photo by Joanie Moore
Boyne Falls' Sharmai Wheaton (23) covers the Lady Ironmen Friday night in Mancelona.

Devils drop close call

By CHRIS TREDWAY
SPORTS EDITOR

FRANKFORT — Although some basketball programs prefer working up through the ranks of competition as the season progresses, starting with an easy win and moving on from there, East Jordan went straight to the top last Thursday night against Frankfort.

"Frankfort is well-coached and has tons of tradition," East Jordan coach Sean Ferguson said. "When you walk into the gymnasium, it just bleeds it. We were worried a little about how our kids would handle it."

Concerns among the coaching staff subsided as the Lady Red Devils blanked the home team for six unanswered points to start the game.

"From there it was just a dog fight," Ferguson

said. "We never backed down and if we would have taken better care of the basketball and made better decisions, the game quite easily could have gone the other way."

East Jordan chewed away a seven-point Frankfort lead in the fourth quarter to trail by only three with less than a minute remaining. The chances to tie or take the lead were there, according to Ferguson, who said the team is going to be a riot to watch this season if the opening effort carries through.

In the end, Frankfort pulled away and finished the fight, 42-33.

The first quarter belonged to the Red Devils, who outscored Frankfort 9-6 before falling behind to close the half, 16-17. The third quarter finished with a six-point East Jordan effort, while Frankfort scored 10, and the four-point difference was the same in the fourth quarter.

In her first varsity start for East Jordan, Tanner McCune (6 rebounds, 3 steals) led scoring with 16 points, followed by Shania Peters (7 rebounds) scoring nine.

Grace Howes had six rebounds, Ashley Skrocki finished with five boards, while Andrea Chew collected three steals and gave two assists.

"Shania (Peters) was a match-up problem for them all night," Ferguson said. "And (McCune) showed great poise at the point in her first varsity start. Andi (Chew) and Ashley showed great leadership.

"We boxed out well especially in the first half. They never got a second chance in the first quarter, which is tremendous."

The junior varsity fell 64-20 to Frankfort. Tonight (Wednesday), East Jordan hosts Kingsley.

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Lady Ramblers spike records

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Amber Kotalik put up some nifty numbers in helping lead the Boyne City girls volleyball team to its second straight district title and spot in the regional final. She set team records in several categories, but none mattered more to her or the team than the trophy they have in the display case. Kotalik also realizes she had plenty of help from her teammates, including the four other seniors who'll be deeply missed next year. Post-season honors piled up for the Ramblers' middle blocker after her record-setting season, including First Team All-State from the Associated Press. Lindsay Clemens joined Kotalik on the Lake Michigan Conference First Team, while Hanna Hausler and Rachel Stevens were Honorable Mention. Clemens, Hausler, Stevens and Kotalik also made the All-Region First Team after the Ramblers drive to the championship match. Kotalik and Clemens were named to the so-called "Dream Team" for Northern Michigan as well. Hanna Robinson made the Academic All-State Team. Coach Casie Parker also handed out individual awards at the team's season ending banquet. Stevens was named Most Improved Player. The Most Coachable award went to Robinson. Clemens won the Hustle award, and Kotalik was the Most Valuable Player. Losing the five sen-

iors definitely will hurt. But the Ramblers expect to simply rebuild for next year.

"The girls made the comment like they did last year, that somehow they always find a way of stepping up," Parker said. "I'm really looking forward to those girls coming back, and learning which ones will step up."

Kotalik finished her prep career with 660 kills, breaking the previous record she held with Jessica Knysz and Jessica Nichols.

She averaged 4.82 kills and a block per game. For her career, she had 136 blocks.

In digs, Kotalik had 509 to pass Nichols, who had 449. She had 1,049 serve receptions, and averaged 8.07 per game this year. She is the school's all-time kill leader with 1,209, and had 259 total blocks. Clemens attacked at 97 percent, the best all-time, and finished with 1,322 assists for another school record.

Hausler broke the school record with a dig percent of 85.

Its set the bar pretty high for the players coming back next season, but Parker isn't worried. "I think we're going to have a good all-around team," the coach said. "We have Lindsay (Clemens), basically our quarterback, coming back for her fourth year.

"This year, when Amber (Kotalik) was in the front row, we did go to her several times. "Next year, I think we're going to be spreading it out a lot more. I think we'll get steady play from all of our players."

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Loggers

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steals. Roslyn Fiel had six boards. Matelski almost turned in a double-double performance and the Lady Loggers nearly came away with a win when Boyne Falls opened the schedule with a hard fought effort against Atlanta Monday.

The Lady Loggers battled back from a 12-point deficit midway through the third period and came within one point of the lead with two minutes remaining in the game, but the host Lady Huskies held on in the end to preserve the 46-43 win.

The two teams battled back and forth in the opening half, said Fiel, although Atlanta led the way 13-9 at the end of the opening quarter and took a 25-22

lead into the locker room at the end of the first half.

Atlanta built its advantage to 42-33 when the Lady Huskies out gunned the Lady Loggers 17-11 in the third quarter.

Matelski led the Boyne Falls effort with 12 points, nine rebounds and four steals. Ali Bearss also turned in a strong overall game with nine points, nine rebounds and five steals. Fraser and Deming chipped in with six points each, while Fiel and Wheaton had five apiece.

"We had some first game jitters, but I was pleased with how we performed," Fiel said.

Boyne Falls hosts Alba tonight (Wednesday) and travels to Wolverine Friday, Dec. 12. Contact Phil Trombley at phrtrombley@charter.net.



Boyne Falls' Kristen Matelski (24) moves in to steal from Mancelona's Maggie Shananhan Friday night.

Photo by Joanne Moore

Rhyme

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and make you tired."

Sports is life simplified, then amplified. If all life requires water to sustain it, then those participating in sports would be wise to observe how life was designed and, simply put, chug more liquid to compensate for their high output lifestyles.

Water is the base our athletes build from to train and perform day after

day, and water is the basis of our lives in general, accounting for 60 percent of our body weight and used by every cell on and beneath the skin.

It is no wonder to me that God chose the image of water to describe himself to people throughout the Bible, referring to himself as "the spring of living water."

The life-giving imagery was repeated by Jesus, who said to a woman standing near a well, "Everyone who

drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Just as athletes require large gulps of liquid to remain healthy and thrive in competition, so we all require water to maintain our lives.

And we must have what Christ calls "living water" to go on living once our wells, our lives on earth run

dry. I am continually amazed by the connections and parallels between life and sports, and the patterns that repeat themselves. These allegories and patterns are what hold my interest in sports season after season, suggesting sports are more than games and life is more than what is seen.

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early in the season, is 9-3 and has fallen to 16th in the top 25.

The Bulldogs have some weaknesses on the offensive and defensive lines, and if the Spartans can exploit them as Alabama did, they should have a good day.

Mark Dantonio certainly appears to be the right hire for the Spartans, although I admit that I had doubts when they lured him away from Cincinnati.

He's got the Spartans headed in the right direction, and I can see them contending for Big Ten championships on a regular basis.

Sure, they were thumped by Penn State and Ohio State.

But they're not that far away from either team, and I wouldn't be surprised to see them beat both next year...or the year after.

These are not the same old Spartans that fold up and down the stretch against the conference heavy weights.

Michigan State is near the point of

joining the heavyweight division itself.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, was rewarded with a trip to Hawaii after finishing the season 6-6.

Many people thought the Irish should refuse a bowl bid if they were tendered one because they haven't shown enough improvement, and fans fear another embarrassment.

Hawaii is no USC, though, so it's doubtful there will be a repeat performance of the shellacking the Irish took at the hands of the Trojans.

But the Irish are under pressure to start proving that they can turn things around with Charlie Weis as coach.

In four years, he's done little to convince fans the university made the right choice after they let George O'Leary go because he fudged on his resume.

Weis has set records at Notre Dame, but all of them of the wrong kind.

Notre Dame has lost 15 games over the last two seasons, the worst two-year period in the school's history. The players are a year older after

12 games, and need to start showing improvement across the board...including quarterback, where Jimmy Clausen has been maddingly inconsistent.

Changes will come next season, and a major one could be at quarterback if Clausen doesn't start producing better results.

He's put up decent numbers, but he hasn't been the leader everyone envisioned when he was recruited to Notre Dame.

Maybe, he's not the right guy. Now is the time to find out. If the Irish lay another egg in Hawaii, it might be time to put him on the bench.

Weis needs to evaluate the team he has assembled, and determine whether this group is capable of returning Notre Dame to what it considers its rightful place among the elite football programs in the country.

Some say that Notre Dame fans should be satisfied with a .500 ball club.

It is what it is, they say. What you see is as good as it's going to get. Former Irish coach Lou Holtz

doesn't believe that, and neither do I.

Giving O'Leary the quick boot when his error in judgment was exposed was a mistake. The Irish should have swallowed some of their immense pride and kept him as coach.

He had a proven track record, and did a great job at Georgia Tech.

Instead of overlooking what really was a minor transgression, and emphasizing his coaching record, the university sent him packing.

They went for the glitz and glamour, bedazzled by the Super Bowl rings Weis won with New England, and now they're paying for it.

Weis was also a "home boy," having graduated from Notre Dame, although he was not a football player.

Granted, he never hid that fact. But that seems small consolation now.

The Irish are a mess, and we still don't know if Weis can get them out of it, or if he's part of the problem.

He has one more year. Contact Greg Gielczyk at gielczyk@jackpine.com.

BF basketball unpacked

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE FALLS — As the Boyne Falls Lady Loggers hit the court this season they will be sporting a new look on offense instilled by first-year coach Chris Fiel, who hopes to get the varsity program back on track and produce winning results. Fiel has been installing his reaction offense, a new type of running the ball, which keys on whatever the opposition defense is each time down the court and reacts by taking advantage of any opening or weakness that presents itself. Flexibility and simplic-

ity are the keystones in this offense and the new head coach feels that with this scheme his team will be able to generate the scoring needed to put the numbers in the win column.

"Consistency, intensity," Fiel said. "If we follow the game plan, everything will fall into place. If we stay fundamentally sound, we will surprise a few people."

On the defensive end of the court the Lady Loggers will mix it up combining man-to-an and zone looking to keep the opposition off balance. At times the Lady Loggers will apply some full court pressure to turn up the heat when warranted.

The Lady Loggers are a young team which is still rebuilding from a 3-17 record last season.

Five lettermen return as seniors Roslyn Fiel and Sarmai Wheaton, junior Katie Fraser, sophomore Kaitlan Deming and freshman Kristen Matelski will anchor the nine-player roster.

"I look for leadership from Roslyn, Katie and Kristen, but this is a team sport and we want everybody to step up when available," Fiel said.

The Lady Loggers will be in another tough battle when the Northern Lakes Conference schedule gets underway this week. Vanderbilt, Harbor Light Christian and Ellsworth look like the teams to

beat, while the rest of the conference will fight to step up in the standings.

Boyne Falls will open the conference schedule at home against Alba tonight.

Coach Fiel enters his first year running the varsity with 11 years experience coaching at the junior high level. He has been coaching basketball and baseball at Boyne Falls for the past four years. Fiel is currently studying criminal justice at North Central Michigan College.

Ryan Matelski and junior varsity coach Al Gasco will be Fiel's assistant coaches.

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Boyne JV opens in Traverse

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

TRAVERSE CITY — Boyne City's junior varsity wrestling team managed to get its season started Saturday despite the winter storm that closed everything else down.

Well, everything except for the tip-off of the girls basketball tournament held Friday and Saturday at Traverse City West, and several other sporting events around the region that would not allow weather to hamper the schedule.

The Ramblers varsity wrestling team isn't scheduled to appear on the mat for competition until tomorrow night (Thursday) when they host a tri-meet against Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis.

Some varsity athletes made the trip to cheer on their young-

er teammates who are working toward the day when they step into the shoes of their more experienced counterparts.

The junior varsity Ramblers made a good showing, too, coming away with four medals from the tournament.

Chris Kirkby led the way by taking a first place medal at 171 pounds when he went 3-1 on the day.

Also finishing 3-1 for the Ramblers were Josh McGeorge at 152 pounds and Jon Calo at 145 pounds.

Chris Persona was 2-2 and brought home a third place medal, while Jack Diener was 1-3 at 285.

Seeing his younger wrestlers perform so well in their first competition of the season had to be pleasing to coach Don Nohel. The experience they gained

will be valuable later on, and a few of them might even wrestle in some varsity matches this year if they continue to show improvement.

Thursday evening's bout in Boyne City draws the Gladiators and Blazers to the Rambler mats.

Traverse City St. Francis possesses talent its reputation suggests, while a spirited Kalkaska program is coming in from a solid finish at a tournament in Mancelona last Saturday. The Blazers fought through seven tiebreakers to oust the Ironmen by one point and outlasted Rudyard in another set of four tiebreakers. The varsity may have its hands full in their season opener, precisely the type of challenge the Ramblers desire out of the gates.

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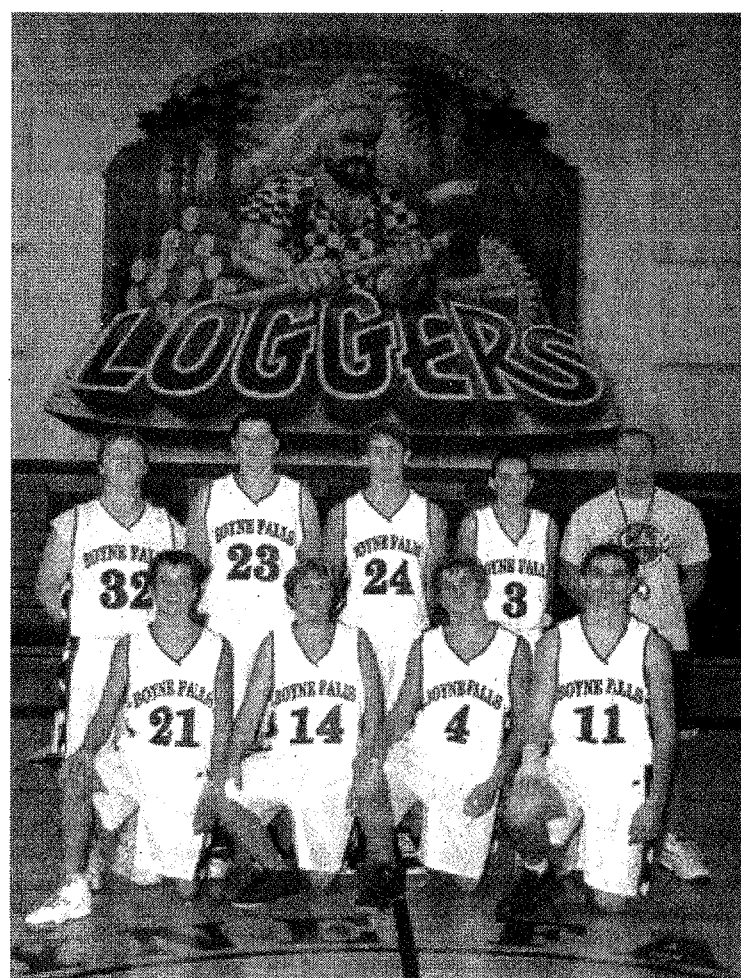
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Back (l-r): Manager Savanna Matelski, Roslyn Fiel, Taylor Puroll, Kristen Matelski, Ali Bearss, Coach Chris Fiel, Front (l-r): Katie Frasier, Sharmai Wheaton, Daniel Reynolds, Kaitlan Deming



Boys Varsity Basketball

Back (l-r): Michael Grubaugh, Josh Puroll, Travis Smith, Lance Rypkowski, Coach Alan Massey, Front (l-r): Reggie Fiel, Hunter Brisson, Devin Simon, Jared Mathers

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball

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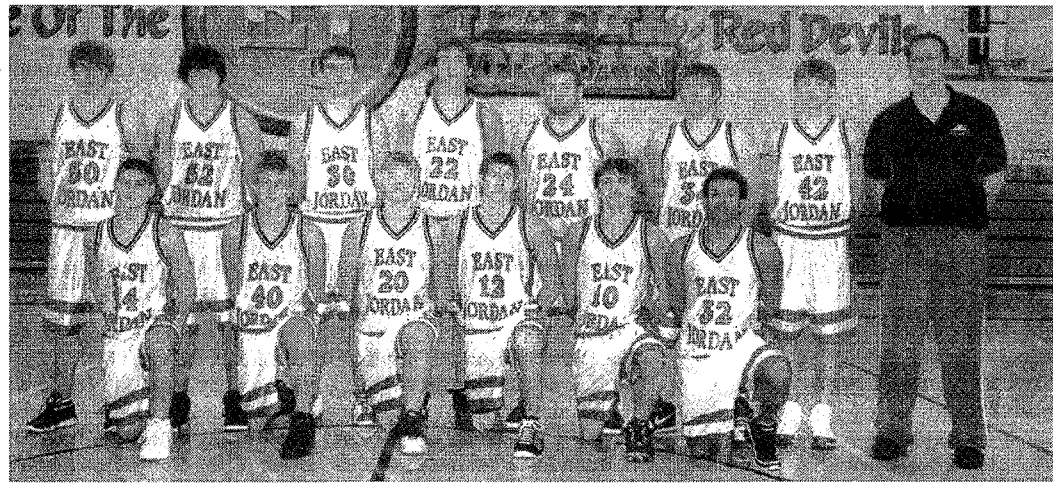
Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Time	Day	Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Time
Thu	12/18	Alanson	Home	6 p.m.	Mon	2/2	Harbor Light	Home	6 p.m.
Tue	1/6	Harbor Light	Away	6 p.m.	Tue	2/3	Atlanta	Away	6 p.m.
Thu	1/8	Vanderbilt	Home	6 p.m.	Wed	2/11	Vanderbilt	Away	6 p.m.
Tue	1/13	Alba	Home	6 p.m.	Wed	2/18	TC Prep	Home	6 p.m.
Thu	1/15	Wolverine	Away	6 p.m.	Wed	2/20	Alba	Away	6 p.m.
Thu	1/22	Mackinaw City	Home	6 p.m.	Wed	2/25	Ellsworth	Home	6 p.m.
Mon	1/26	Bellaire	Away	6 p.m.	Fri	2/27	Wolverine	Home	6 p.m.
Wed	1/28	Ellsworth	Away	6 p.m.	Tue	3/3	Mackinaw City	Away	6 p.m.
Fri	1/30	Alansan	Away	6 p.m.	Thu	3/5	Central Lake	Away	6 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Time	Day	Date	Opponent	Home/Away	Time
Wed	12/10	Alba	Home	6 p.m.	Wed	1/21	Wolverine	Home	6 p.m.
Fri	12/12	Wolverine	Away	6 p.m.	Thu	1/29	Mackinaw City	Away	6 p.m.
Wed	12/17	Mackinaw City	Home	6 p.m.	Tue	2/3	Ellsworth	Home	6 p.m.
Fri	12/19	Ellsworth	Away	6 p.m.	Tue	2/10	TC Christian	Away	6 p.m.
Wed	1/7	Alanson	Away	6 p.m.	Thu	2/12	Alanson	Home	6 p.m.
Fri	1/9	Harbor Light	Home	6 p.m.	Tue	2/17	Harbor Light	Away	6 p.m.
Wed	1/14	Vanderbilt	Away	6 p.m.	Thu	2/19	Central Lake	Home	6 p.m.
Fri	1/16	Alba	Away	6 p.m.	Tue	2/24	Vanderbilt	Home	6 p.m.
Mon	1/19	Brimley	Away	6 p.m.	Thu	2/26	Joburg	Away	6 p.m.

East Jordan Winter Sports 2009



Boys Varsity Basketball

Back (l-r): Tony Pentecost, Beau Fuller, Erik Brun, James Brown, Marshall Page, Darryl Bingham, Travis Braman, Coach Darrin Weber, Front (l-r): Teddy Snowden, Andrew Nemecek, Michael Becker, Michael Hines, Matt Werner, Josh Williams



Girls Varsity Basketball

Back (l-r): Asst. Coach Tim Hardy, manager Madi Peterson, Emily Crick, Tanner McCune, Maribeth Poindexter, Stephanie Holm, Coach Sean Ferguson, Front (l-r): Grace Howes, Ashley Skrocki, Andrea Chew, Shaina Peters



Boys Junior Varsity Basketball

Back (l-r): coach Ken Doty, Robbie Crick, Jacob Baier, Logan Carson, Derek Boyer, Wesley Petrie, Asst. Coach Bill Tison Jr. Front (l-r): Aikeem Brogan, Wyatt Werner, Erik DeHaan, Austen Mellios. Not pictured: Dustin Mellios and Satrio Widowicaksono



Girls Junior Varsity Basketball

Back (l-r): Coach Tim Hardy, Shelby Elzinga, Kara Moses, Paige Roberts, Sarah DeHann, Hannah Page, Asst. Coach Greg Hardy, Front (l-r): Jordyn Bacchus, Monica Capelin, Brooklynn Richards, Cece Forbes, Lissa Vincent, Jessica Kinner, HeeSun Cha

Girls Basketball

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Time
Wed	12/10	Home	Kingsley	6 p.m.
Fri	12/12	Home	St. Francis	6 p.m.
Wed	12/17	Away	Boyne City	6 p.m.
Fri	12/19	Home	Kalkaska	6 p.m.
Wed	1/7	Away	Petoskey	6 p.m.
Fri	1/9	Away	Grayling	6 p.m.
Fri	1/16	Away	Harbor Springs	6 p.m.
Wed	1/21	Home	Cheboygan	6 p.m.
Fri	1/23	Home	Elk Rapids	6 p.m.
Tue	1/27	Home	Ellsworth	6 p.m.
Thu	1/29	Home	Charlevoix	6 p.m.
Tue	2/3	Away	St. Francis	6 p.m.
Thu	2/5	Away	Kalkaska	6 p.m.
Tue	2/10	Home	Grayling	6 p.m.
Thu	2/12	Home	Harbor Springs	6 p.m.
Tue	2/17	Away	Elk Rapids	6 p.m.
Thu	2/19	Home	Boyne City	6 p.m.
Tue	2/24	Away	Charlevoix	6 p.m.
Thu	2/26	Away	Sacred Heart	6 p.m.

Boys basketball

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Time
Sat	12/13	Home	Leland	4 p.m.
Tue	12/16	Away	Ellsworth	6 p.m.
Thu	12/18	Home	Kalkaska	6 p.m.
Tue	1/6	Away	Grayling	6 p.m.
Thu	1/8	Home	Elk Rapids	6 p.m.
Tue	1/13	Home	Cheboygan	6 p.m.
Thu	1/15	Away	Harbor Springs	6 p.m.
Tue	1/20	Away	Kingsley	6 p.m.
Thu	1/22	Away	Boyne City	6 p.m.
Wed	1/28	Home	Charlevoix	6 p.m.
Fri	1/30	Away	St. Francis	6 p.m.
Fri	2/6	Away	Kalkaska	6 p.m.
Wed	2/11	Home	Grayling	6 p.m.
Fri	2/13	Home	Elk Rapids	6 p.m.
Fri	2/20	Home	Harbor Springs	6 p.m.
Wed	2/25	Home	Boyne City	6 p.m.
Fri	2/27	Away	Charlevoix	6 p.m.
Tue	3/3	Away	St. Francis	6 p.m.
Thu	3/5	Away	Lasalle	6 p.m.

Downhill Skiing

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Time	Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Time
Tue	1/6	Boyne Mountain	Petoskey	10 a.m.	Sat	1/29	Nubs Nob	Harbor Springs	TBA
Thu	1/8	Boyne Mountain	Boyne City	TBA	Mon	1/31	Boyne Mountain	Boyne City	5 p.m.
Tue	1/13	Holiday Hills	St. Francis	2 p.m.	Thu	2/2	Crystal Mountain	Manistee Public	10 a.m.
Thu	1/22	Boyne Mountain	Boyne City	TBA	Thu	2/5	Away	LMC Make-up	TBA
					Thu	2/12	Nubs Nob	Regionals	TBA



Ski Team

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Girls: Wmily Bajko, Ellen Boyer, Hailey Crick, Mary Gocha
Coach: Sue Miller

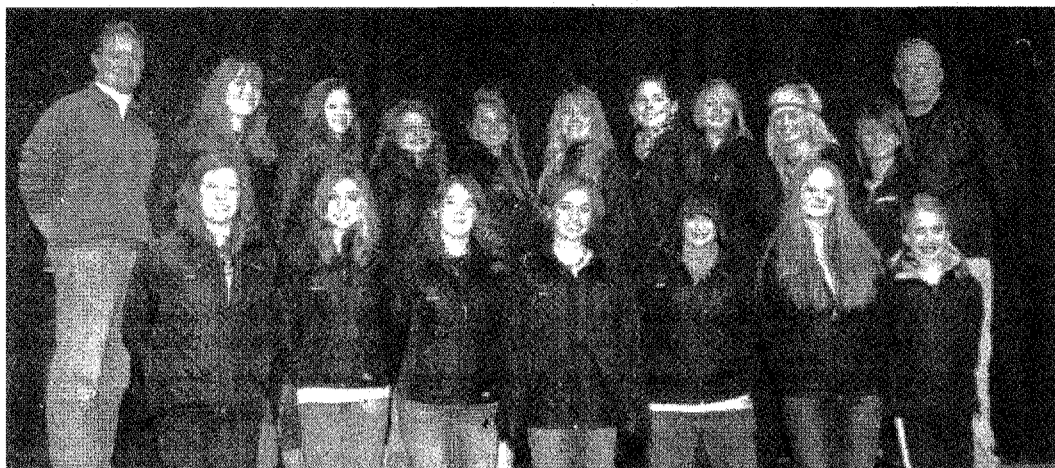
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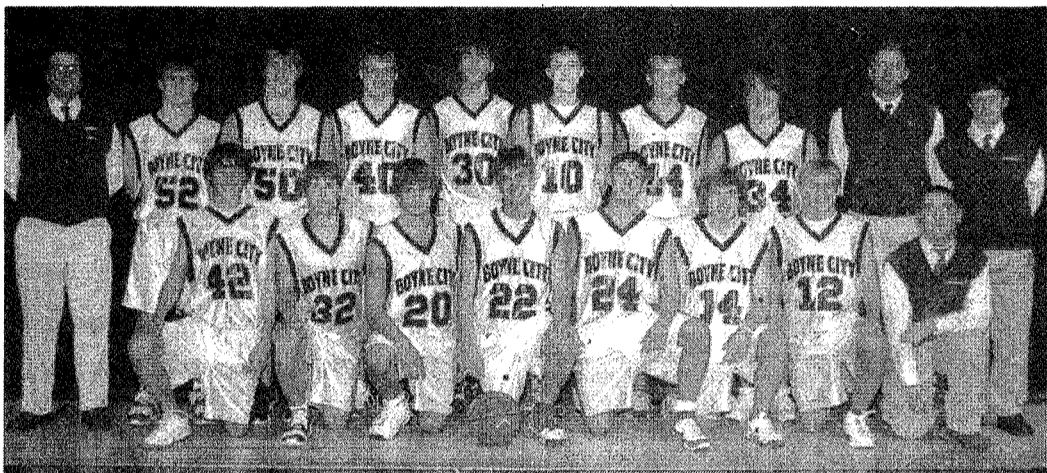
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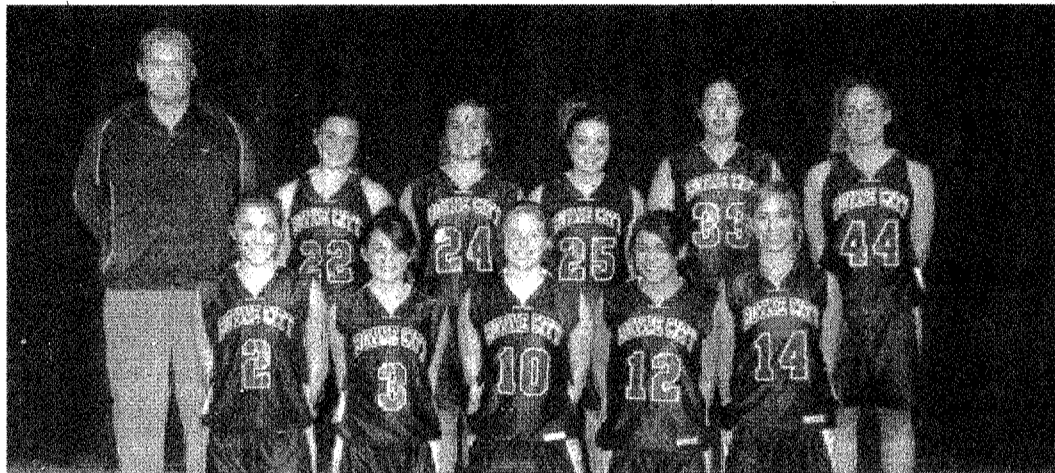
Front (l-r): Marissa Portera, Justeena Adams, Kaitlyn Bohnet, Elizabeth Hofweber, Isabel Bachman, Sarah Hufford, Shelby Adams, Back (l-r): Asst. Coach Doug Herrington, Kelsey Kruzal, Lindsey Herrington, Alexandra Harding, Cristina Roland, Brenna Cheadle, Meghan Cytacki, Torri Cheadle, Lacy Hofweber, Korshye Long, Coach Bob Simpson

Boys Varsity Basketball



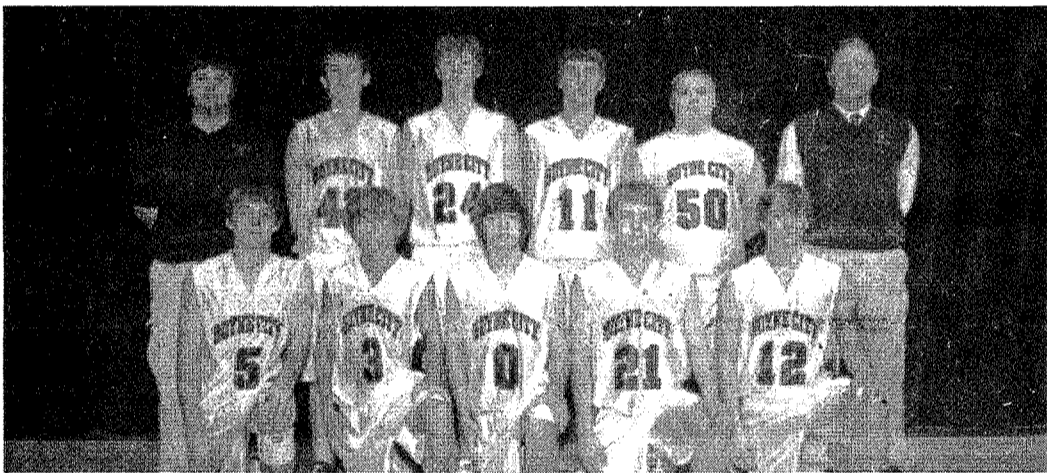
Front (l-r): Tom Halstead, Parker Ameal, Aaron Anzell, Spencer Caverly, Ethen Mapes, Nick Young, Evan Orban, manager Eric Calo, Back (l-r): Coach John Hertel, Ryan Spence, Trevor Kruzal, Ryan Musser, T. J. Wandrie, Patrick Welch, Tyler Urman, Dalton Looze, Asst. Coach Nick Redman, Manager Ed Fouchia

Girls Varsity Basketball



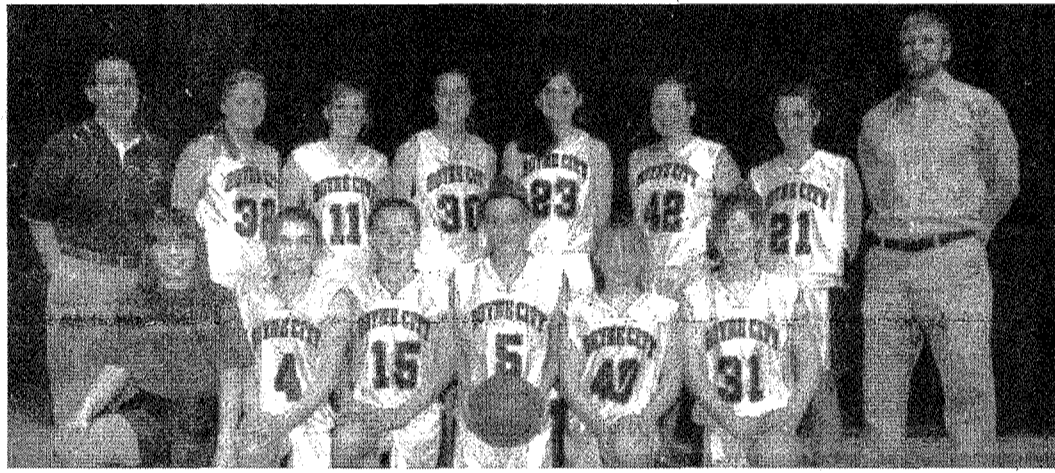
Front (l-r): Amanda Welborn, Sydney Gahn, Tracy Miller, Shelby Mittig, Maddie Moeke, Back (l-r): Coach Jim Brown, Lindsay Clemens, Stevee Carlston, Cheyenne Shumaker, Teresa Sessions, Hilary Urman

Boys Junior Varsity Basketball



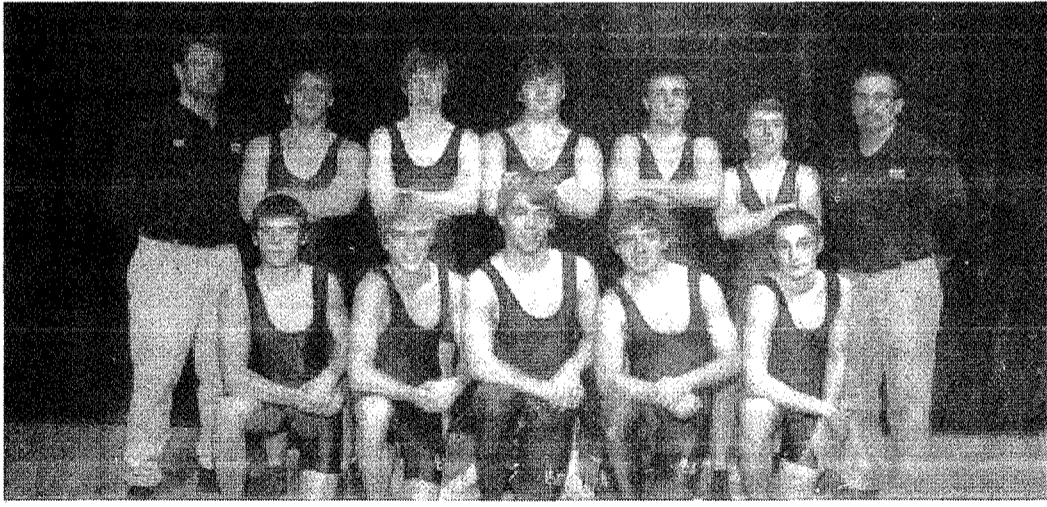
Front (l-r): Caleb Roberts, James O'Brien, Travis LaPeer, Dustin Field, Kolbi Shumaker, Back (l-r): Asst. Coach Tylor Daniels, Luke Thorp, Cody Beebe, Jay Redman, Mike Evans, Coach Nick Redman

Girls Junior Varsity Basketball



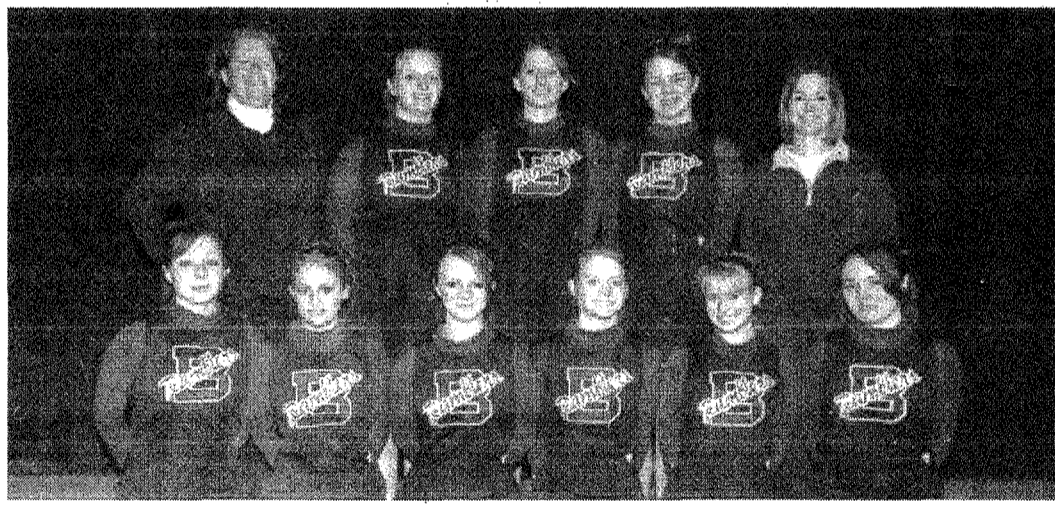
Front (l-r): Manager Alison Alger, Abbi Fair, Taylor Grum, Kaley Aown, Taylor Patton, Tess Seelye, Back (l-r): Coach Maurie Tomkins, Rachel Butler, Ketrin Hocquard, Jessica Webster, Veronica Sisson, Meghan Hull, Katie Hicks, Asst. Coach Aaron Fritzsche

Wrestling



Front (l-r): Adam Brown, Nathan Haley, Drew Nohel, Cody Wilmot, Jon Calo, Back (l-r): Asst. Coach Tom Haley, Marc Calo, Josh McGeorge, Jack Diener, Chris Kirkby, Chris Bersano, Coach Don Nohel

Competitive Cheer Team



Front (l-r): Casmeare Kerr, Kaci Trixler, Tiffany Poirer, Kyrsha Zimmerman, Chelsea Kuzmik, Alexandria Goodburn, Back (l-r): Coach Cindi Place, Elizabeth Swanson, Katlyn Davis, Amanda Westrick, Coach Jill Patton

Ski Team

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Tue	1/06/09	Pet-Harbor Inv	Boyne Highlands	10 a.m.
Thu	1/8	League Date	Boyne Mountain	4:30 p.m.
Thu	1/15	League Date	Traverse City	4:30 p.m.
Thu	1/22	League Date	Boyne Mountain	4:30 p.m.
Thu	1/29	League Date	Harbor Springs	4:30 p.m.
Sat	1/31	Boyne/Char inv	Boyne Mountain	5 p.m.
Thu	2/5	League Make up	TBD	4:30 p.m.
Thu or Fri	2/12 or 2/13	Regionals	TBD	TBA
Thu	2/17	LMC Championship	Harbor Springs	TBA

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	TIME
Fri	12/12	Grayling	Away	6 p.m.
Wed	12/17	East Jordan	Home	6 p.m.
Fri	12/19	Harbor Springs	Home	6 p.m.
Fri	1/9	Kalkaska	Away	6 p.m.
Tue	1/13	Petoskey	Home	6 p.m.
Fri	1/16	TC St. Francis	Away	6 p.m.
Tue	1/20	Gaylord	Home	6 p.m.
Fri	1/23	Charlevoix	Away	6 p.m.
Thu	1/29	Elk Rapids	Away	6 p.m.
Tue	2/3	Grayling	Home	6 p.m.
Thu	2/5	Harbor Springs	Away	6 p.m.
Tue	2/10	Kalkaska	Home	6 p.m.
Thu	2/12	TC St. Francis	Home	6 p.m.
Tue	2/17	Charlevoix	Home	6 p.m.
Thu	2/19	East Jordan	Away	6 p.m.
Tue	2/24	Elk Rapids	Home	6 p.m.
Thu	2/26	Sault Ste Marie	Away	6 p.m.
3/2/09, 3/4/09, 3/6/09	Districts @ East Jordan			TBA

Schedules

Boys 9th/JV/Varsity Basketball

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LEVEL	HOME/AWAY	TIME
Wed	12/10	Petoskey Inv	9th	Away	TBD
Sat	12/13	NWC Kingsley	JV/V	Home	4 p.m.
Thu	12/18	Harbor Springs	9th/JV/V	Away	4:15 p.m.
Tue	1/6	Kalkaska	9th/JV/V	Away	4:15 p.m.
Thu	1/8	Charlevoix	9th/JV/V	Home	4:15 p.m.
Mon	1/12	Petoskey	9th/JV/V	Away	4:15 p.m.
Thu	1/15	TC St. Francis	9th/JV/V	Away	4:15 p.m.
Tue	1/20	Gaylord	9th/JV/V	Away	6 p.m.
Thu	1/22	East Jordan	9th/JV/V	Home	4:15 p.m.
Wed	1/28	Elk Rapids	9th/JV/V	Away	4:15 p.m.
Fri	1/30	Grayling	9th/JV/V	Home	4:15 p.m.
Tue	2/3	Cheboygan	JV/V	Away	4:15 p.m.
Fri	2/6	Harbor Springs	9th/JV/V	Home	4:15 p.m.
Mon	2/9	TC Christian	9th	Home	6 p.m.
Wed	2/11	Kalkaska	9th/JV/V	Home	6 p.m.
Fri	2/13	Charlevoix	9th/JV/V	Away	6 p.m.
Fri	2/20	TC St. Francis	9th/JV/V	Home	4:15 p.m.
Wed	2/25	East Jordan	9th/JV/V	Away	4:15 p.m.
Fri	2/27	Elk Rapids	9th/JV/V	Home	4:15 p.m.
Tue	3/3	Grayling	9th/JV/V	Away	6 p.m.
Thu	3/5	Cedarville	JV/V	Away	6 p.m.
3/9, 3/11, 3/13	Districts Varsity			Home	TBA

Wrestling

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	TIME
Thu	12/11	Tri-Meet w/ CX & ER	Home	6 p.m.
Sat	12/13	Manton Invitational	Away	9:30 a.m.
Thu	12/18	Tri-Meet @ Kalkaska w/ TCSF	Away	6 p.m.
Sat	12/20	Oscoda Invitational	Away	6 p.m.
Thu	1/8	Tri-Meet w/ Grayling & Cheb.	Home	6 p.m.
Sat	1/10	Gaylord JV Tournament	Away	9:30 a.m.
Wed	1/14	Tri-Meet @ TCSF w/ CX	Away	6 p.m.
Sat	1/17	Onaway Dick Dunn Mem. Trn.	Away	9 a.m.
Thu	1/22	Tri-Meet w/ ER & Kalkaska	Home	6 p.m.
Thu	1/29	Tri-Meet @ Grayling	Away	6 p.m.
Sat	1/31	Gaylord No MI Championship	Away	TBA
Sat	2/7	LMC Championship	Away	TBA
Thu	2/19	Team District	Away	TBA
Sat	2/21	Individual District @ Rogers City		TBA

Competitive Cheer Team

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sat	12/13	CCCAM Invitational	Harrison	TBA
Tue	12/16	BC Cheer Meet	Boyne City-ECB	6 p.m.
Sat	1/17	Farwell Cheer Meet	Farwell	10:30 a.m.
Sat	1/24	Cheer-on-the-Lake	Houghton Lake	TBA
Tue	2/3	Elk Rapids Invitational	Elk Rapids	TBA
Wed	2/11	LMC Championship	Charlevoix	TBA
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Sat	2/28	Regionals	Sparta	6 p.m.

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 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
 File #231550F01

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE - (CHARLEVOIX COUNTY)
MORTGAGE SALE -
 Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Randy M. DePrez and Deborah J. DePrez, husband and wife, to First State Bank of East Detroit, dated June 11, 2002 and recorded July 3, 2002 in liber 476, page 455, at the Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three 67/100 Dollars, including interest at 7.0000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court Building in the City of Charlevoix Michigan, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on January 16, 2009.

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008
 Orleans Associates, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 248-502-1400
 File No. 362.4045

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

MORTGAGE SALE -
 Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard D. Clark, a married man, and Glenda J. Clark, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 3, 2003 in Liber 544 on Page 466, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen And 94/100 Dollars (\$65,219.94), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 9, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 210 feet of the North, 20 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 7 West.

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

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008
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days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE -
 Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard D. Clark, a married man, and Glenda J. Clark, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 3, 2003 in Liber 544 on Page 466, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen And 94/100 Dollars (\$65,219.94), including interest at 5.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 9, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 210 feet of the North, 20 acres of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 7 West.

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Dated: Dec. 10, 2008
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Said premises are situated in the City of Boyne, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and is described as follows:
 Unit No. 83, THE HARBORAGE MARINA, according to the Amended and Consolidating Master Deed recorded in Liber 391, Pages 674 through 722, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Subdivision Plan No. 22.

Together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel Identification No. 051-496-083-00
 Commonly Known as: Unit 83 Boat Slip, The Harborage Marina.

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

Dated: Dec. 3, 2008.
 First State Bank of East Detroit
 24300 Little Mack
 St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Stephen A. Lang,
 Attorney
 24300 Little Mack
 St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

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MORTGAGE SALE -
 Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William B. Harris and Shirley K. Harris, husband and wife, to Bank of Ann Arbor, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2002 and recorded November 5, 2002 in Liber 496, Page 901, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, assignee of Washington Mutual Bank, f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA, pursuant to Affidavit dated October 2, 2008, by its Receiver, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), under powers conferred to it by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Two and 41/100 Dollars (\$97,232.41) including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 16, 2009.

Said premises are located in the City of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, William H. White and Company's Addition to the Village (now City) of Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008
 For more information, please call:
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 Trott & Trott, P.C.
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 File #205381F02

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MORTGAGE SALE -
 Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles E. Kadlec and Deborah Kadlec, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Republic Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2004, and recorded on December 14, 2004 in Liber 656 on Page 217, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof

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MORTGAGE SALE -
 Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Erin T. Hawes, A Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2006, and recorded on April 25, 2006 in Liber 742 on Page 847, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered Holders of Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-M1 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight And 35/100 Dollars (\$186,248.35), including interest at 9.65% 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 January 2, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 32 North, Range 7 West

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

Dated: Nov. 19, 2008
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 File #205381F02

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MORTGAGE SALE -
 Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles E. Kadlec and Deborah Kadlec, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Republic Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2004, and recorded on December 14, 2004 in Liber 656 on Page 217, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008
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 File #234258F01

the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Twenty-Eight And 53/100 Dollars (\$138,028.53), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 9, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 32 North, Range 4 West

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

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008
 For more information, please call:
 FC F 248.593.1313
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MORTGAGE SALE -
 Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rudolph Medina, A Married Person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 20, 2003, and recorded on September 3, 2003 in Liber 568 on Page 394, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Eighty-Three And 34/100 Dollars (\$93,083.34), including interest at 6.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 9, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block B, and the North 20 Feet of Lot 4, Block B, Stone's Addition to the Village of South Lake, now the City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

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

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008
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 File #234258F01

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS NOVEMBER 21, 2008

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. All Commissioners were present.

- Minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
- Motion approved amended apportionment report.
- Motion approved giving Civil Counsel a vote of confidence.
- Motion approved the closing the building on the 26th instead of closing it on the 24th. The building will be open until noon on the 24th and closed the rest of the day.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-106, Whiting Park Renovation Grant Agreement and authorized the Chairman to sign said agreement.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-107, Whiting Park, Universal Access Improvement.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-108, Amend 2008 Township & City Clerks Report.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-109, District Court Sobriety Fund Budget.
- Personnel meeting has been changed from December 3rd to December 4th.
- The December night meeting will be moved to Monday, December 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion adj

PUBLIC NOTICES

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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 January 2, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The East half of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 32 North, Range 7 West, excepting therefrom commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section, thence South along the North and South 1/4 line 417.42 feet; thence South 89 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds West 443.36 feet; thence North 417.42 feet to the North line of said Section 21, thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds East along said North line to point of beginning.

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

which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Nov. 26, 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 #232593F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randall J. Price and Lisa L. Price, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2007, and recorded on March 16, 2007 in Liber 795 on Page 303, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank NA as trustee for Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates WaMu Series 2007-OA4Trust as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight And 93/100 Dollars (\$120,158.93), including interest at 6.503% 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 January 9, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Block 15, Nicholl's Second Addition to the Village of South Lake, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Office of Register of Deeds, 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: Dec. 10, 2008

For more information, please call: FC R 248.593.1305 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #224699F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Melanie Ann Spencley, original mortgagor(s), to Novelle Financial Services, Mortgagee, dated June 5, 2002, and recorded on June 13, 2002 in Liber 474 on Page 52, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of CDC Mortgage Capital Trust 2002-HE2 Mortgage Pass Through Certificates Series 2002-HE2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Eight And 52/100 Dollars (\$182,268.52), including interest at 10.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 2, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 98, 99, 154, and 155, plat of

Susan Shores. No. 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in liber 2, page 111, Charlevoix County Records.

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

Dated: Dec. 3, 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 #232537F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Sutton and Jennifer Sutton husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2006, and recorded on February 22, 2006 in Liber 732 on Page 262, 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 Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Seven And 24/100 Dollars (\$178,277.24), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 2, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the Southeast

quarter of the Northwest quarter of section 33, township 32 North, Range 7 West, South Arm Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at a 1/2 iron rod at the East quarter corner of said section 33; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 46 seconds East on the East line of said section 33, a distance of 1069.12 feet to the true point of beginning of the land herein described; thence south 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds west parallel with the north 1/8th line of said section 33, a distance of 986.14 feet to a 1/2 iron rod on the north 1/8th line of said section 33; thence north 00 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds east parallel with the east 1/8th line of said section 33, distance of 250.00 feet to a 1/2 iron rod on the north 1/8th line of said section 33; thence north 89 degree 57 minutes 57 seconds east on said north 1/8th line 986.52 feet to the east line of said section 33; thence south 00 degrees 22 minutes 46 seconds west on said east section 250.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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Dated: Dec. 3, 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 #233212F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason B. Weller and Kelly R. Weller, husband and wife, to Precision Lending Group, Mortgagee, dated February 22, 2005 and recorded March 1, 2005 in Liber 669, Page 357, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, 2005-5 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date

hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five and 25/100 Dollars (\$156,465.25) including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 19, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 15, Block 11, Hiram B. Chapman and William T. Addis Addition to the Village of Spring Harbor, now City of Boyne City, according to the recorded plat thereof. Also, the South 1/2 of vacated alley abutting said Lot as recorded in Liber 313, Page 116, Charlevoix County Records.

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Dated: Nov. 19, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 306.2060

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alva Rana Worden, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 6, 2006 and recorded October 13, 2006 in Liber 770, Page 6, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the holders of

MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust 2007-1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Nine and 69/100 Dollars (\$143,909.69) including interest at 8.096% 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 County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on JANUARY 9, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 48, Springbrook Hills Number 1, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 197 through 200, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 356.1422

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Donald Zipp, A Single Man to Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 718 Page 481 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE3, Assignee of Mortgagee

2007 in Liber 814, Page 307, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Five Cents (\$122,582.05) including interest 9.25% 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 January 2, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point on the Southwesterly line of Highway M-66, which said point is 2303.75 feet North 03 degrees 43 minutes 15 seconds East and 33.00 feet East of the Center one-quarter post of Section 2, Township 33 North, Range 8 West; thence South 36 degrees 26 minutes 45 seconds East along the Southwesterly line of Highway M-66, 558.10 feet for the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 36 degrees 26 minutes 45 seconds East 100.00 feet; thence South 53 degrees 33 minutes 45 seconds West 163.00 feet; thence North 36 degrees 26 minutes 45 seconds West, 100.00 feet; thence North 53 degrees 33 minutes 15 seconds East 163.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast fractional one-quarter of said Section 2, Town 33 North, Range 8 West; Commonly known as; 5891 N M66, 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: Nov. 25, 2008

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE3, Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-01997

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COMICS & CONUNDRUMS

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

MAN AND JUNE ARGUED FOR ENVIRONMENTALISM... I STUCK TO MY TRADITIONALIST GUNS...

HALF FAKE, HALF REAL...?!

COMPROMISE IS NEVER PRETTY, TINKER.

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

STICK MAN GETS A GLASS EYE.

MAMA'S BOYZ WWW.MAMASBOYZ.COM **JERRY CRAFT**

HERE ARE OUR CHRISTMAS REQUESTS, MOM.

TWO PAGES?? YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO BUY YOU ALL THAT?

OF COURSE NOT, MA.

YEAH, WE'RE NOT THAT BAD.

OH GOOD.

THIS PAGE IS THE STUFF WE WANT YOU TO COOK?

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

DAD, PLEASE TELL OWEN AND I A GHOST STORY. WE WON'T GET SCARED.

I'LL TELL YOU THE ONE MY DAD USED TO TELL ME.

IT'S ABOUT THESE THREE ESCAPED LUNATICS WHO FIND THESE CAMPERS AND EXPERIMENT ON THEM.

NOW I REMEMBER WHY I NEVER HEARD THE END OF THAT STORY.

WHAT WAS THAT!

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HARD #77

Super Crossword **TIMBER LINE**

ACROSS

1 '84 Daryl Hannah film

7 Belfry sound

11 Poetic monogram

14 Little rascal

19 Bunch of ballplayers

20 Fairy-tale fiend

21 Spring mo.

22 Forbidden

23 Start of a remark by

25 Teddy-bear president

27 Tut's relative

28 Ganesh or Hanuman

29 That's the spirit

30 Building wings

31 Level

33 Actress

36 With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author

38 Face lift?

41 Anchored

42 Hot spot?

43 Part 2 of remark

47 Aries animal

50 Important numero

51 See 36 Across

52 "— look at me!"

53 Distinctive period

54 Irving character

55 Hotels

57 Prepare the

60 Toil

62 Dwelling

64 Trim a photo

65 Rotund

66 Vittle

68 Haha got plans for you

72 Skilled

73 Pick-me-up

74 Sheet of stamps

75 Big name in kids' music

77 TV's "Starsky and —"

78 Get on base

80 Cougar

81 Viscount's superior

85 Put into service

86 Partially open

88 "Summer —" (72 hit)

90 Mauna —

91 Augsburg article

92 End of remark

97 Wise guy?

98 Bother

99 Like Hawaiian shirts

100 Wails

102 Vicar's assistant

103 Bend

105 Saucy

106 It gets squirreled away

108 Beastly place?

109 Jacket info

112 Gardener's friend

114 Speaker of remark

119 "— Gay"

120 Khan opener?

121 Kind of roast

122 He's left holding the bag

123 Enticed

124 Pewter base

125 Cunning

126 Layers

DOWN

1 Blind part

2 Body-builder's pride

3 Need

4 Give it — (try)

5 Big —, CA

6 Reduce a risk

7 Little lake

8 "The — and I" (47 film)

9 Word with folk or fine

10 Tenor

11 Durham denizen

12 Bobbin

13 Cupid, in Corinth

14 Sault — Marie, MI

15 Collapse

16 Ring — (seem familiar)

17 Aquarium fish

18 Saucepans

24 Charged atom

26 Witty Wright

29 Spiritual guide

31 Lily of pharmaceuticals

32 Do or die?

33 Takes a break

34 Exercise aftermath

35 Status —

37 Diner fare

38 Self-important

39 Blabby bird

40 Borodin's "Prince —"

41 Sermon subject

42 Woodwind instrument

44 The Furies, e.g.

45 Toyota competitor

46 Banned pesticide

47 Dely a dictator

48 Faced the day

49 Stallion's sweetheart

55 Lose control

57 Pulverize

58 Learning method

59 Mimic

61 Activist Hoffman

63 15th president

64 Burn a bit

66 Animal that roared?

67 Log

69 Pocket protector?

70 Altar vessels

71 He keeps lions in line

73 Heavy blow

76 Disconcert

78 Bete noire

79 Nev. neighbor

80 Novel language?

82 Baseball family name

83 Crucifix

84 Tramp's tootsie

87 Pieciful pursuit?

88 Gravy vessel

89 Finish the lawn

93 "The Avengers" actress

94 Knitter's need

95 Monk's title

96 Wicked stuff?

97 Pay up

100 Reeves of "The Matrix"

101 Mistake

102 It's walked at Windsor

103 Watch pocket

104 Crochet units

105 Rind

107 Winter wear

108 Off-the-wall

109 — carotene

110 "Players" actor

111 Gumbo veggie

113 Possessed

114 North Pole worker

115 Miine creature

116 Cowboy Tom

117 Bon — (witticism)

118 "I'm freezing!"

top 10 movies

1. **Twilight** (PG-13) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson
2. **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13) Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko
3. **Bolt** (PG) animated
4. **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) animated
5. **Role Models** (R) Seann William Scott, Paul Rudd
6. **Changeling** (R) Angelina Jolie, Gattlin Griffith
7. **High School Musical 3: Senior Year** (G) Zac Efron, Vanessa Anne Hudgens
8. **Zack and Miri Make a Porno** (R) Elizabeth Banks, Seth Rogen
9. **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) Aza Butterfield, Zac Mattoon O'Brien
10. **The Secret Life of Bees** (PG-13) Dakota Fanning, Queen Latifah

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TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. Smart People (R) Dennis Quaid (Miramax)
2. Kung Fu Panda (G) animated (DreamWorks)
3. Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG-13) Brendan Fraser (New Line Cinema)
4. The Incredible Hulk (PG-13) Edward Norton (Universal)
5. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) Harrison Ford (Paramount)
6. The Strangers (R) Scott Speedman (Universal)
7. Iron Man (PG-13) Robert Downey Jr. (Paramount)
8. The Happening (R) Mark Wahlberg (Fox)
9. You Don't Mess With the Zohan (PG-13) Adam Sandler (Sony Pictures)
10. Transsiberian (R) Woody Harrelson (First Look)

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. Get Smart (PG-13) (Warner)
2. Tinker Bell (G) (Walt Disney)
3. Kung Fu Panda (PG) (DreamWorks)
4. Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) (New Line)
5. Shrek the Halls (NR) (DreamWorks)
6. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) (Paramount)
7. The Incredible Hulk (PG-13) (Universal)
8. Iron Man (PG-13) (Marvel)
9. Kung Fu Panda/Secrets of the Furious Five (PG) (DreamWorks)
10. Futurama: Bender's Game (NR) (20th Century Fox)

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Sudoku Answers

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Super Crossword Answers

1. SPLASH 2. REAL 3. TIE 4. SCAMP 5. LEAGUE 6. OGRE 7. APR 8. STABOO 9. ACCORD 10. OTTO 11. ROB 12. EVIL 13. TSK 14. GOD 15. GHOST 16. TELL 17. SMILE 18. SECURE 19. NEMO 20. EVELY 21. MIGHTY 22. THISH 23. HOU 24. RAM 25. UNO 26. BRONTE 27. DONT 28. EAA 29. GARR 30. INNE 31. GRATE 32. LABOR 33. STAGE 34. AGA 35. LOIT 36. PORTER 37. USE 38. AJAR 39. BREZE 40. ELA 41. DER 42. NINE 43. FOOT 44. REDWOOD 45. STAGE 46. HAN 47. GA 48. UOY 49. KIENS 50. GOATS 51. FLEX 52. PEAT 53. AGORN 54. ZOO 55. BIO 56. EASTHORN 57. ERMA 58. OMBECK 59. ENOLA 60. AGA 61. LOIT 62. PORTER 63. LURED 64. TIR 65. POXY 66. STRATA

Moments in time THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Dec. 19, 1732, Benjamin Franklin of Philadelphia first published Poor Richard's Almanack. The book, filled with proverbs preaching industry and prudence, was published continuously for 25 years and became one of the most popular publications in Colonial America, selling an average of 10,000 copies a year.
- On Dec. 20, 1892, Alexander Brown and George Stillman of Syracuse, N.Y., are issued a patent for an inflatable automobile tire. Before the pneumatic tire, wheels were often made of solid rubber, making travel a bumpy experience on dirt or cobblestone streets.
- On Dec. 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, N.C., Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful flight in history of a self-propelled, heavier-than-air aircraft. The gasoline-powered, propeller-driven biplane stayed aloft for 12 seconds and covered 120 feet on its inaugural flight.
- On Dec. 21, 1946, an undersea earthquake sets off a powerful tsunami that devastates Honshu, Japan. When the tsunami hit Honshu, 20-foot waves obliterated buildings from shorelines and about 2,000 ships were capsized. In all, 60,000 square miles were flooded by the waves and 40,000 homes were completely destroyed.
- On Dec. 16, 1951, the detective series "Dragnet" appears on television for the first time, as a sneak preview on the anthology show "Chesterfield Sound-Off Time." Dragnet had been a popular radio drama since 1949. The TV show debuted as a regular series in January 1952 and ran until 1959.
- On Dec. 15, 1966, animation pioneer Walt Disney dies. In 1928, Disney introduced Mickey Mouse in two silent movies. Mickey debuted on the big screen in "Steamboat Willie," the first fully synchronized sound cartoon ever made. Walt Disney himself provided Mickey's squeaky voice.
- On Dec. 18, 1984, the first Chevy Nova is introduced by New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc., a joint venture between Toyota and General Motors. The car later met with marketing troubles in the South America, where its name read as "No Go" to Spanish speakers.

Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's personal situation is, fortunately, resolved in time for you to get back into your hectic round of holiday preparations. An old friend might bring a new friend into your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Pace yourself in meeting holiday pressures and workplace demands to avoid winding up with a frayed temper and a Scorpio stinger that lashes out at puzzled kith, kin and colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A financial matter requires close attention. Also, news from a trusted source provides the means to help sort out a long-standing state of confusion and put it into perspective.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce family ties. Make it a priority to assess and resolve all outstanding problems. Start the upcoming holiday season with a full measure of love.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't be pressured into a so-called solid-gold investment. Wait until the holiday distractions are over. Then take a harder look at it. You might find that the "gold" is starting to flake off.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A former friend might be trying to heal the breach between you by using a mutual friend as an intermediary. Best advice: Keep an open mind despite any lingering bad feelings.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of saying the right thing at the right time. Your friendships are deep and lasting.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Careful, Lamb. Don't let your generous nature lead to some serious overspending as you contemplate your holiday gift-giving. Your social life kicks off into high gear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A positive attitude helps you weather annoying but unavoidable changes in holiday plans. Aspects favor new friendships and reinforcement of existing relationships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Demands on your energy level could be much higher than usual as you prepare for the upcoming holidays. Be sure to pace yourself. Friends and family will be happy to help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't allow a suddenly icy reaction from a friend or family member to continue without learning what caused it — and what can be done to restore that once warm and caring relationship.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A relationship seems to be unraveling, mostly from a lack of attention. It might be a good idea to ease up on whatever else you're doing so you can spend more time working to mend it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) New facts emerge that not only help explain the recent rift with a trusted colleague, but also might provide a chance to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start in your friendship.

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Catt meeting with city

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The owner and developer of the One Water Street property, Glen B. Catt of Catt Development, will present to city commissioners a request for an easement and a solution for a small section of land known as the "triangle" piece of land.

Catt will speak to the commissioners at a city commission meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16 at City Hall.

The easement Catt proposes is to allow boat ingress and egress for his marina across the city's riparian lines.

Riparian rights pertain to entitlement of a landowner to certain uses of water on or bordering the property, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Catt would



This architectural drawing shows the exterior of Catt Development's proposed two-story building with offices and stores and a restaurant. The developer also owns a 24-slip marina near the site. Glen Catt of Catt Development will attend the 7 p.m., Dec. 16 city commission meeting at City Hall to discuss his proposal with the public and the commissioners.

like the use of the city's riparian rights area while boaters are motoring in and out of the One Water Street marina. An easement from the city will make it legal. The solution for a small triangular piece of land is to deed the land over to the city, Catt said. Catt is aware

of the past disputes concerning ownership of the triangle piece and said he has no interest in the land. He expressed his desire to

work amicably with the city and the community.

"I don't want another dispute. I want things done legally and cor-

rectly," he said. Research into ownership of the triangular piece of land has not produced a clear and definite answer. The

general consensus appears to be that only court action will determine the rightful owner. At any rate, Catt said he will deed the piece to the

city and that he has no interest in it.
B. J. Hetler may be contacted at 231-622-2645, or at reporterbjh@charter.net.



(l-r) Laurie Moore, Mackenzie Macksey, Shannah Behling, and Ruth Witenski show off some presents they received during the "Winter Wonderland" party this past weekend.

Birthday

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thank all of the people who helped us with this event, including Bay Harbor, for the use of the Lake Michigan Room, Sharon K. Mascow at Kitchen Angel, Jim Harris of Quality Limousine, DJ RPM D.J. Tranceport systems, UPS store in Petoskey, and Boyne City Glen's Market.

Mackenzie has invited around 150 friends to the Winter Wonderland party and she said a lot of her classmates are blown away that she is hosting

this event for Boyne City. "They think it is such a great idea and I have even heard from a few of them that their parents were so touched it brought them to tears," Mackenzie said. "I'm really looking forward to seeing the final turnout of how many gifts we have to present to Boyne Area Community Christmas and I am really looking forward to seeing how involved the students of BCHS get."

When guests arrive at the event, donations and food items will be ac-

cepted at the door and each person has to contribute something to gain admittance. The economic situation was one big reason Mackenzie decided to host this party and she was very appreciative of the situation her family is in at this time of year.

"Although I am still better off than others, these past two years have been very hard for my family. We went from what seemed like lots of money to very little and I'm so grateful to still have everything I want,"

Mackenzie said. "I would like to give back to those that can't get what they want, especially kids on Christmas who don't get to make the money decisions."

Additional donations can be sent to Boyne Community Christmas to Ruth Witenski, 2261 Behling, Boyne City, MI 49712 or call 231-582-3152 for more information.

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

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER

The Boyne Area Senior Center welcomes you for lunch each weekday. Lunch is served at noon.

Wednesday, Dec. 10, line dancing will start the day at 10 a.m. On the menu for lunch are cheesy meatballs, hash brown casserole, mixed vegetables and apple salad.

Thursday, Dec. 11, beef pasties, bean salad, spinach and pears will be served. Hot homemade soup will also be served. Bingo will follow lunch. A fresh fruit basket will be one of the bingo prizes.

Friday, Dec. 12, plan to arrive by 11 a.m. and join the Jordan Valley Duo for an hour of music. Veal and mushrooms, potatoes, far-eastern blend vegetables and cherry cheesecake is the planned lunch menu. There is a drawing for a fruit basket before lunch on Friday. This is also the last day to sign up for the Tour of Christmas Lights.

Monday, Dec. 15, the day again starts at 11 a.m. with Gail's karaoke. Lemon pepper cod, potato casserole, winter-blend veggies and pineapple will be served for lunch. Bingo follows lunch on Monday.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, homemade soup, hamburger with a bun, corn, potato salad and apricots will be served at noon.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, the annual Christmas luncheon is planned. Enjoy pork roast, green bean casserole, potatoes and apple crumb pie. The Cousin's Music Group will be setting up at 11 a.m. for your listening and dancing pleasure. Watch for the surprise visitor of the day. At 6 p.m. Wednesday the Light Tour will begin. Join everyone after the tour for hot chocolate and a fun game of Christmas bingo.

Thursday, Dec. 18, is birthday day at the senior center. If you have a birthday in December see Terri when you arrive. Roger will be setting up his keyboard at 11 a.m. Chicken and dumplings, California-blend vegetables, asparagus and plums are planned for lunch. Thursday is also homemade soup day.

The senior center is also selling tickets for a beautiful basket filled with jams, gift certificates, pillows and other items. The drawing for this will be held on Dec. 23. Buy your tickets now for \$2 each.

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

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER

Everyone is welcome for lunch at the East Jordan Senior Center.

Thursday, Dec. 11, lunch will be beef pasties, bean salad, spinach and pears.

Friday, Dec. 12, join Roger on his keyboard beginning at 11 a.m. Lunch will be veal and mushrooms, potatoes, far-eastern blend vegetables and cherry cheesecake.

Monday, Dec. 15, we will be serving lemon pepper cod, potato casserole, winter-blend vegetables and pineapple.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, line dancing begins the day at 10:30 a.m. The soup and salad bar start at 11:30 a.m. Bingo follows lunch, and the paint class begins at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, will be Christmas Dinner. The menu will be pork roast, green bean casserole, potatoes, apple crumb pie and rolls.

Thursday, Dec. 18, chicken and dumplings, California-blend vegetables, asparagus and plums will be served.

There will be a silent auction from Dec. 15-19 - come on in and bid on some good items. All items need to be picked up on Dec. 22 or 23.

Just a reminder, the center will be closed Dec. 24, 25, and 26.

Enjoy lunch for a \$2 donation if you are age 60 or over; \$4 if you are under the age of 60. The menu is subject to change so please feel free to call the center at 231-536-7831 with any questions. The Adult Day Center, located at the East Jordan Senior Center, is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. The Charlevoix Commission on Aging can be reached at 231-237-0103 or toll free at 1-866-428-5185.

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ANSWER:

While that might have been the seed of what eventually became the widely practiced tradition of Christmas trees, the more concrete origin is in 16th century Germany when the Germanic people decorated a small fir tree with apples, paper flowers, roses and other knick-knacks. Once the tree was decorated, children would then collect the goodies on Christmas morning.

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If your business would like to participate, call for details.

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