

Holidays Up North

Trust your nose when choosing spices and herbs

By STACEY SMITH
TOWN MEETING EDITOR

ALDEN — Trusting your nose could save a special holiday dish from outdated or poor quality seasonings, according to Alden Mill House owner Colleen Richmond.

"I think 98 percent of it (seasoning recipes) is by smell. Trust your nose," Richmond said.

Smelling herbs and seasonings can help determine if they are high quality or if they are old, she said.

Higher quality seasonings can really help make a recipe special, while poor quality seasonings can ruin a recipe by making it taste bitter, she said.

While spices don't spoil or "go bad," Richmond said spices do lose their flavor over time.

"They slowly lose their potency and flavor. Very few spices go bad," she said.

Spices, which generally last two to five years, will deteriorate more quickly if stored near heat, Richmond said.

It seems natural to store spices near the stove at home, she said, but a cupboard away from the stove and the oven is a better storage place.

The heat from cooking will affect spices stored in nearby cupboards and destroy their flavor, diminishing the life of the spice, she said.

Richmond also recommends buying smaller quantities of spices, so they are purchased more frequently to ensure freshness.

Using spices is something she learned from her father, Geno Moglovkin, Richmond said.

Moglovkin, a culinary chef, started the Mill House in 1984, selling his signature Miracle Blend, a blend of garlic, pepper, kosher salt and spices that can be used in almost any dish.

Richmond said it was Moglovkin who taught her how to determine quality of spices and the quantity to use.

"I can give you Geno's rule of thumb: 'You can always add more, but you

can't take it out,'" Richmond said.

She also offered some advice to cooks trying to expand their repertoire: Don't use a new spice the first time without a recipe and determine what flavors you like best.

"The first couple of times find a recipe. Learn what flavors you like," she said.

The Mill House offers a pamphlet listing spices and herbs that go well with various foods.

For beef, the pamphlet suggests allspice, basil, bay leaf, chili powder, cumin, curry powder, garlic, ginger, marjoram, oregano or thyme.

Good spices for pork include caraway seeds, chili powder, coriander, cumin,

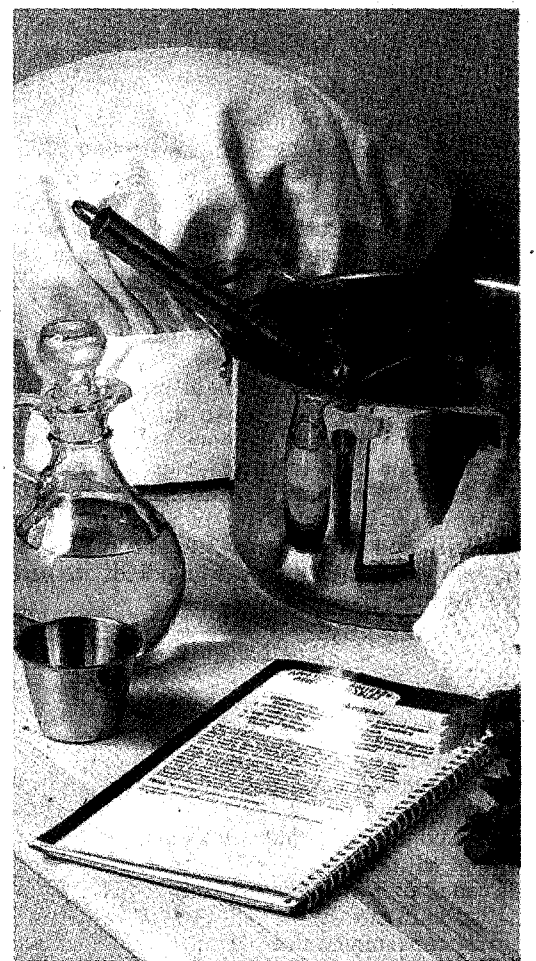
curry powder, dill, garlic, ginger, rosemary, sage or thyme.

For lamb, the pamphlet recommends curry powder, dill, garlic, mint, oregano, rosemary or thyme. Richmond also recommends a blend of seasonings called herbes de provence for lamb.

Veal can be seasoned with bay leaf, coriander, dill, garlic, oregano, rosemary, sage or thyme.

Richmond also has this advice for making soups and stews, "You should never, ever use a bouillon cube. Buy a base."

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Dreaming of a green Christmas

By JEFF BERGREN
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For all the holiday cheer and good feelings of the season, there is also the other side of the coin during Christmas. Many consumers get caught up in the chaos of shopping, buying huge amounts of gifts for loved ones while planning feasts for relatives on the big day.

The holidays can often result in a huge amount of waste, both in the gifts bought and the amount of food thrown away. With the ever increasing knowledge on global warming, many consumers have decided to "green" their lifestyle for the holiday. Though not necessarily as easy as traditional shopping and dining methods, it's an option many look into at this time of year.

With that in mind, the Environmental Protection Agency along with other institutions have come up with green tips for Christmas and what you can do for the planet while celebrating with your family.

One of the biggest holiday traditions is taking the kids out and picking up the perfect Christmas tree. This can be the first step towards going green by picking out a potted tree that you can plant after the holidays instead of cutting a tree down, according to Felicia Chou, a Communications Specialist in the EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

By doing this you save a tree while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. If your

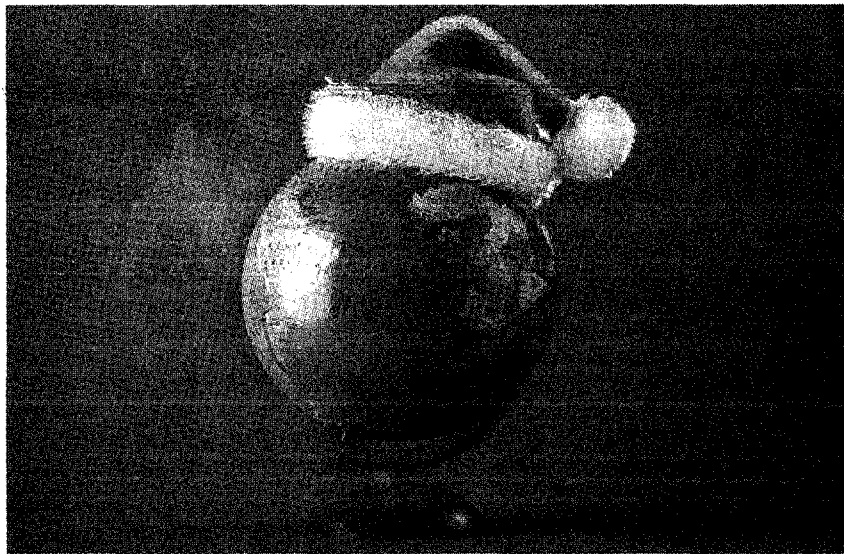
heart is still set on a fresh cut tree, make sure you dispose of it properly, such as recycling it instead of sending the tree to a landfill. A community waste department may also collect the trees for mulching. Buying trees that are locally grown can also cut down on transportation costs.

The biggest expense, for a consumer and the planet alike, is all the shiny new gifts. Gifts such as electronics are very popular but some are more environmentally friendly than others. First, if you are buying electronics to replace items in your home, dispose of old electronic components and batteries responsibly.

"Wherever possible, purchase gifts made from recycled materials or from retailers that support eco-friendly businesses," S. Elliott, of Green/Simple Living, an online resource said. "Consider making an eco-aware donation on a gift recipient's behalf this year. Teaching someone the value of giving is a great gift in itself."

The EPA also said there are some electronic purchases that are more environmentally friendly than others.

"Before you buy a new computer, ask yourself if the performance you're looking for can be gained by upgrading your current computer, perhaps by upgrading your hard drive or RAM," Chou said. "If you do decide to buy a new computer, make sure you buy one that is Energy Star-qualified, which can save both energy and money."



In addition, Chou said not to throw away the electronics that have been replaced. There are many outlets to reuse or recycle your old gadgets.

Another strain on the environment is the use of paper for Christmas cards and wrapping paper. The EPA suggested sending an e-mail as an electronic card or creating your own from scrap paper that can have an even more personal touch than the standard card. If you decide to buy from the store, look for cards containing a high percentage of recycled content.

"Instead of buying something brand-new, try making gifts and wrapping by

using recycled or salvaged materials. Gift bags can be made by using scrap pieces of colorful cotton cloth," Michelle Carchrae, of Green/Simple Living said. "Instead of buying a brand new book or CD, see if you can find one in good condition at a second-hand bookstore. For those looking for gifts for kids, you can make great sock puppets. Get creative, going green means you're saving useful materials from the landfill and avoiding the environmental impact of buying something brand new."

For wrapping paper, the EPA suggested saving what you can of the wrapping paper each year to reuse. You can also

wrap gifts in reusable gift bags or give gifts that need little or no packaging, such as concert tickets or gift certificates.

Other green gift ideas include buying locally to support the local economy as well as avoiding the carbon emissions caused by shipping.

"An afternoon of horseback riding, a massage or pedicure, a session in a pottery studio or tickets to a concert or play are all environmentally-friendly gift ideas," Carchrae said. "Many gifts given each Christmas end up buried in the back of the closet by January, and eventually make their way to the landfill, but an experience will last forever in someone's memory."

There are other ways to be green during the holidays, like cutting back on Christmas lighting or switching to energy efficient LED lights. You can also use energy conservation practices while in the kitchen by monitoring the use of the oven or making sure the refrigerator door stays closed.

Food is another area to reduce waste. "Don't buy more food than you can eat. Use leftover vegetables to make soup after the holiday," Elliot said. "If you have extra food, share it by donating it to a local charity or soup kitchen."

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Volunteers help through hard times

By JOSH PERTUNEN
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KALKASKA — The whole of the United States has fallen upon tough economic times, but no state has been hit harder than Michigan.

Along with Rhode Island, Michigan checks in with the highest unemployment rate in the country, at 9.3 percent. Close to 20 percent of Michigan's population receives some form of public assistance — such as food stamps or home heating credits.

With struggles of this kind, many people may experience the holidays from a different vantage point than they are accustomed to.

This is why volunteering and volunteer efforts have become such a visible part of surviving these tough times. Both the giving and receiving ends of these actions offer a perspective that might not otherwise be attainable.

Pastor Ron Gay and his wife, Sharon, have been actively involved in orchestrating holiday volunteer events through their church, the Torch Lake Assembly of God.

For the past nine years, they have hosted and put together a free Thanksgiving dinner for the community. In this time, the Gays have seen people who benefited from the meal come back in following years — when their situation had improved — to make sure others had the same opportunities.

"Volunteering gives more of a sense of community between people," Sharon said. "It is a spirit of working together. We don't want anyone to feel alone, especially on the holidays. We'll do whatever we can do to help them."

The Thanksgiving meal is served buffet style, which means volunteers prepare and replenish the food — and act as hosts. Getting ready for this day actually requires two days of volunteering.

"Volunteers not only get together the day of the dinner, but also the day before for prep work," Sharon said. "They all bring their potato peelers and are ready to work. We usually peel over 100 pounds of potatoes."

Without this level of dedication and this variety of skills, many volunteer events would not be possible, the Gays said.

Also, if organizations did not recognize specific obstacles presented during the time period from Thanksgiving to Christmas, some difficulties would seem even more insurmountable.

Opportunities for men and women to give back to the community are numerous throughout the year, but the holiday season presents unique challenges. Parents often concern themselves with providing presents to their children, in addition to balancing the increasing expenses of the season — such as rising heating and electrical costs.

Local organizations, such as K.A.I.R. can assist when such bills threaten to put community members in the red. Volunteers are needed to counsel families through the process of getting assistance or, even if the bill can't be paid directly, service organizations can sometimes provide food and gas.

Deborah Harmon, director of K.A.I.R. said that volunteers to stock the pantries and distribute the food are a vital part of this process. Time is also volunteered to get the

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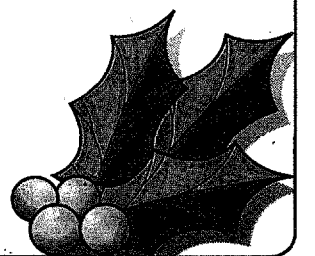
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Entrees

Swedish Potato Dumpling Soup

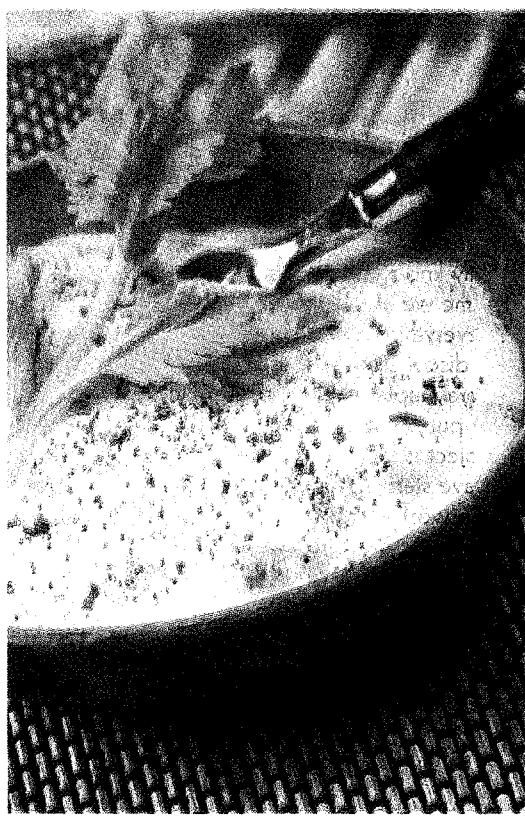
1 broiler-fryer chicken (3.5 to 4 pounds), cut up
 6 1/2 cups water
 2 tsp. salt, optional
 2 celery ribs, quartered
 1 medium carrot, quartered
 1 small onion, peeled
 4 whole peppercorns
 2 whole cloves
 2 whole allspice
 2 chicken bouillon cubes
 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen green beans
 1 pkg. (12 oz.) frozen noodles
Dumplings:
 2 medium potatoes, cooked and mashed (with-
 out added milk or butter)
 1 egg, beaten
 2 tbsp. half-and-half cream
 1 tsp. sugar
 1/4 tsp. salt, optional
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

In a 5-quart soup kettle, combine the first 10 ingredients. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer for 3 hours. Remove chicken; allow to cool. Strain broth, discarding vegetables and seasonings. Add enough water to make 8 cups; return to kettle. De-bone chicken and cut into chunks; add to kettle with beans and noodles. Bring to a boil; cook for 20 minutes.

For dumplings, mix potatoes, egg, cream, sugar and salt if desired in a medium bowl. Gradually add flour to make a stiff batter (it should form a peak when spoon is lifted). Drop by teaspoons into boiling soup. Cover and simmer for 3 minutes. Yield: 12 servings (3 quarts)

This is good on Christmas Eve! I serve this to our family when the kids and grandkids are here for Christmas Eve.

—Bonnie Gauld
 Fife Lake



Beef and Rice Fiesta

1 pound ground beef
 1 medium onion, sliced
 1 1/4 cups water
 1 can condensed golden mushroom soup
 1 tsp. salt
 1 can (7 oz.) whole kernel corn
 1 tsp. chili powder
 1 1/4 cups minute rice
 1 medium tomato, diced
 1 green pepper, diced

Brown ground beef and stir. Add onion, fry some more, drain fat. Add water, soup, salt, corn and chili powder. Simmer, bringing to a boil. Add rice, tomato and green pepper, cover and simmer 5 minutes. Fluff with fork.

—Lucille Krueger
 Kalkaska



Pizza Rustica

This pie (the word pizza refers to 'pie') can be prepared several hours ahead of time and refrigerated before baking. The name is exactly what it implies 'Rustic Pizza.' This is a great Sunday brunch dish or holiday dish since it closely resembles the concept of the French Quiche. It is very traditional for Christmas Eve or New Years Day. I have found many variations in the filling with a few different cheeses and salami used as one of the meat ingredients. Herbs can range from basil to oregano and marjoram. The parsley and ricotta with egg base for the filling is pretty standard. The older and more traditional version has a filling comprised of eggs and bechamel (thick cream sauce) along with the cheeses, herbs and meats. Some recipes use a yeast dough for the crust and I have found that most of those recipes refer to the dish as Torta Rustica.

Pastry:
 2 1/8 cups all purpose flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 4 ounces cold salted butter
 2 large eggs, beaten
 1 beaten egg yolk - reserve on the side to brush on pastry top

Filling:
 4 large eggs, beaten
 1 pound ricotta cheese
 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
 1/2 pound grated provolone cheese (or a blend of provolone and mozzarella)
 4 ounces prosciutto, thinly sliced and then finely chopped
 4 ounces ham, thinly sliced and then finely chopped
 8 ounces Italian sausage (sweet or hot), cooked and finely chopped
 1 teaspoon freshly chopped basil (use 1/2 teaspoon if using dried)
 2 teaspoons freshly chopped parsley
 ground pepper to taste, black or cayenne

Use a nine or ten inch pie or spring-form pan. For the pastry: combine the flour and baking powder. Cut in the butter until a fine crumb consistency is obtained. Add the beaten whole eggs to bind the crumb into a dough. Divide the dough in half, shape round and refrigerate for one hour. For the filling: Combine all ingredients well in a work bowl.

Roll the dough round on a lightly floured surface placing first half in the bottom of the pie pan. Pour in the filling. Top with the second piece of rolled dough, crimp dough edges together, pierce top of dough with and fork for steam to release while baking and brush the top of the pie with the reserved beaten egg yolk. Bake in a preheated 400 degree oven for 15 minutes. Lower the heat to 325 degrees and continue to bake for 35 to 40 minutes until golden brown. Let stand at room temperature for at least 30 to 45 minutes before serving. This can also be refrigerated and micro-

waved to order.

—Chef Charles
 Elk Rapids

Christmas Brunch Quiche

1/2 cup butter
 3 cloves garlic, chopped
 1 small onion, chopped
 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
 1 (4.5 oz.) can mushrooms, drained
 1 (6 oz.) package herb and garlic feta, crumbled
 1 (8 oz.) package shredded Cheddar cheese
 salt and pepper to taste
 1 (9 inch) unbaked deep dish pie crust
 4 eggs, beaten
 1 cup milk
 salt and pepper to taste

Cooking Instructions
 Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Sauté garlic and onion in butter until lightly browned, about 7 minutes. Stir in spinach, mushrooms, feta and 1/2 cup cheddar cheese. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into pie crust.

In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and milk. Season with salt and pepper. Pour into the pastry shell, allowing egg mixture to thoroughly combine with spinach mixture.

Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes. Sprinkle top with remaining cheddar cheese, and bake an additional 35 to 40 minutes, until set in center. Allow to stand 10 minutes before serving.

—Kim Visconti
 Elmira

Farmer's Strata

1 pound sliced bacon, diced
 2 cups chopped fully cooked ham
 1 small onion, chopped
 10 slices bread, cubed
 1 cup cubed cooked potatoes
 3 cups (12 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
 8 eggs
 3 cups milk
 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
 1 tsp. ground mustard
 Pinch of salt and pepper

In a skillet, cook bacon until crisp; add ham and onion. Cook and stir until onion is tender; drain.

In a greased 13x9x2 baking dish, layer half the bread cubes, potatoes and cheese. Top with all of the bacon mixture. Repeat layers of bread, potatoes and cheese.

In a bowl, beat the eggs; add milk, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, salt and pepper. Pour over all. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 65-70 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Yield: 12-16 servings.

You can assemble this ahead of time and bake it just before folks arrive for your holiday brunch.

—Bonnie Gauld
 Fife Lake

Crab Puffs

1 cup plus 1 Tbsp. water
 1/2 cup butter
 1 tsp. ground mustard
 1 tsp. salt
 1/8 tsp. Tabasco sauce
 1 cup flour
 4 eggs

2 pkgs. (8 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese
 1 can (6 oz.) crab meat; drain, flake, sort

Bring water, butter, mustard, salt, Tabasco sauce to a boil. Add flour. Stir till smooth ball. Remove from heat, leave 5 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time. Beat well. Beat till smooth and shiny. Stir in cheese and crab.

Drop by round tsp. 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 23 to 26 minutes or till golden brown. Put on racks. Serve warm or room temperature. Can be frozen and heated in oven.

—Dorothy Merrill
 Elk Rapids

Taco Soup

2 cans (28 oz each) diced tomatoes, undrained
 1 qt. water
 1 tsp. chicken bouillon granules
 1 1/2 tsp. chili powder
 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
 8 oz. Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese, cubed
 1 medium tomato, chopped
 1 medium avocado, chopped
 1 can (2-1/4 oz.) sliced ripe olives, drained
 1/4 cup sliced green onions
 3 cups tortilla chips

In a blender or food processor, puree tomatoes until smooth; pour into a 3 qt. saucepan. Add water, bouillon, chili powder and cumin; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 20 minutes.

In soup bowls, layer cheese, tomato, avocado, olives, onions and chips. Top with hot soup and serve immediately.

Yield: 8 servings (2 quarts)
 —Patricia Nulf
 Fife Lake



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Holiday tradition brings four generations closer

By STACEY SMITH
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We have a fun, yet labor-intensive, holiday tradition that we keep each year. My grandmother, my mother, my aunt, my two daughters and I all get together and spend an entire day making homemade dipped chocolates. We also bring cookies we have baked and when we are done with our chocolates, we put together goodie trays for friends and family members. We started doing this a few years ago. I had remembered that my mom had made great chocolate-dipped maple creams, peanut butter balls,

mints, coconut patties and cherries when I was a kid. So, I asked her if she would help me do the same thing with my girls, Hilary and Haley. Mom said "sure," but a few days later I got a call from her. She said she had mentioned candy making to my grandma and my Aunt Gretchen and both said they would like to participate, so a tradition was born. Each year, we get better and better at this project, and each year, the participants and the number of trays we put together grows. We now have various aunts

and cousins joining in, and we put together more than 20 trays.

The recipients of the trays have come to expect their goodies each year, and often they will ask when we are making them. I always put together trays for my kids to take to school, too.

And, each year, we share the same stories. We have the same "Remember when..." tales to tell.

My grandmother, who makes the world's best peanut butter fudge, always tells the story of why, in our family, we refer to the peanut butter fudge as "eraser fudge." When my brother and I were little kids, we had school sets with little tan erasers in them. My brother, being about three, always referred to the

fudge as eraser fudge because it looked like his eraser.

And, Grandma tells about the various kitchen mishaps there have been, like the time we got all the trays put together, then accidentally knocked one over. Or, the time we got all done and had everything put away when we discovered several dozen more maple creams that didn't get put on trays.

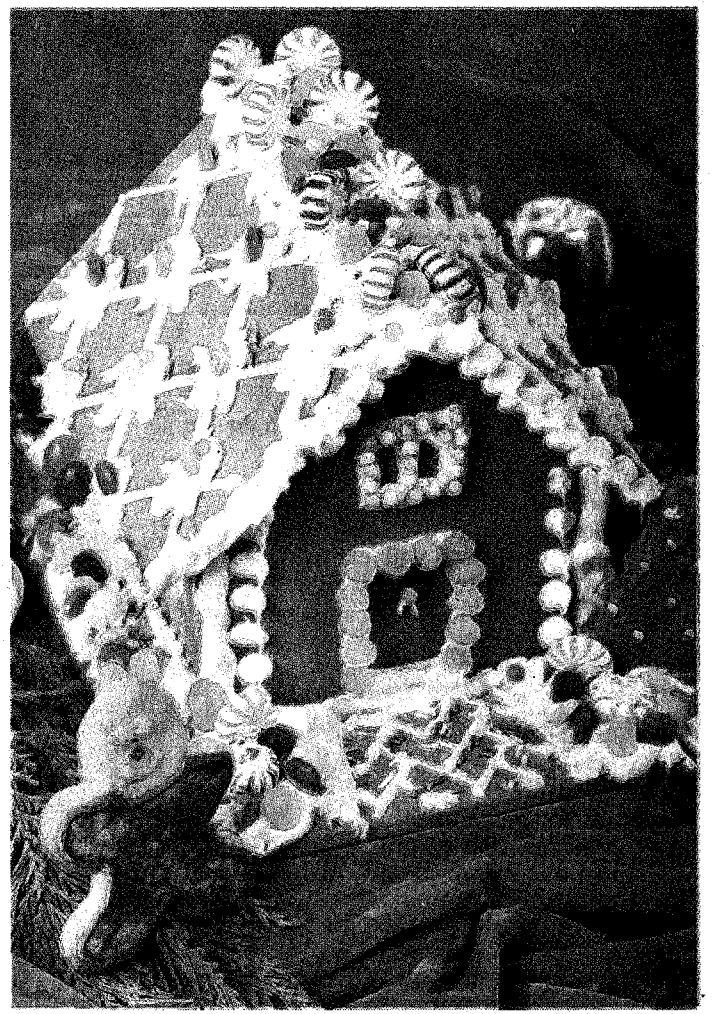
The project is labor-intensive and we have started to do a lot of the prep work ahead of time. The first year we did it, it took about 10 hours. Now we are down to about five hours.

It's always fun and it's time I get to spend with my grandma and time my kids get to spend with their grandma and great-grandma, so that makes it a great tradition.

THE PASSENGER SEAT



By Stacey Smith



Soups, Salads, Sides

Sweet Potato Casserole

- 1 can 40 oz. sweet potatoes
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup melted oleo
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 2/3 cup melted oleo
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Drain and mash sweet potatoes, add vanilla, white sugar, eggs and 1/3 cup melted oleo. Mix well and spread into bottom of medium size casserole dish (7x11 inch). Mix brown sugar, flour and 2/3 cup oleo. Spread over first layer. Combine coconut and pecans and sprinkle over top of casserole. Cover with aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes.

—Paula Brousseau
Bellaire

Butternut Squash Bake

- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 can (5 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 cups mashed cooked butternut squash
- Topping:
- 1/2 cup crisp rice cereal
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs, milk and vanilla. Stir in squash (mixture will be thin). Pour into a greased 11x7x2 inch baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until almost set. Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over casserole. Return to the oven for 5 to 10 minutes.

—Sandy Barnes
Eastport

Quick Chicken or Turkey Noodle Soup

- 3 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1 large pkg. noodles
- 1 can chicken broth
- 1/8 cup chopped canned carrots
- 1 6 oz. can chicken
- 1/2 can cream of celery soup
- 1/2 can cream of chicken soup
- Garlic powder to taste

Boil water with bouillon cubes. Add noodles and chicken broth, cook till almost done. Add rest of ingredients, cook until noodles are done.

—Ardena Shipp
Kalkaska

Grandma's Fresh Cranberry Salad

- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) whole cranberries

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 pkg. (3 oz.) orange jello
- 3 cups boiling water



- 2 cans (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained and cut into small pieces
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, undrained

Grind cranberries, stir in sugar. Set aside. Dissolve jello in water. Cool until mixture begins to thicken. Combine with cranberry mixture. Add oranges, nuts and pineapple. Pour into greased mold. Let set.

—Donna Rodgers
Kalkaska

Colorful Veggie Bake

- 2 pkgs. (16 oz. each) frozen California blend vegetables
- 8 oz. process cheese (Velveeta), cubed
- 6 tbsp. butter or margarine, divided
- 1/2 cup crushed butter flavored crackers (about 13 crackers)

Prepare vegetables according to package directions, drain. Place half in ungreased 11x7x2 inch baking dish. In small sauce pan, combine cheese and 4 tbsp. butter; cook and stir over low heat until melted. Pour half over vegetables. Repeat layers. Melt the remaining butter; toss with cracker crumbs. Sprinkle over the top. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Serves 8 to 10.

Compliments: "Taste of Home"
—Sarah Murnen
Kalkaska

Grandma's Cranberry Relish

- 1 bag cranberries; washed and sort
- 1 large or 2 smaller Northern spy apples; cored and cut into pieces
- 1 orange, cut into pieces

Combine cranberries, apple and orange. Stir, add sugar to taste (1 1/2 to 2 cups).

—Dorothy Merrill
Elk Rapids

Volunteers


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word out and to put on fundraising events. When the concern switches to providing presents for Christmas, the Gays and other community members sponsor families, purchasing toys for both the children and the adults. Last season, they sponsored 36 families — trying to get at least two gifts for every child in the family. This year, they are on their way to reaching a similar or larger number. "We'll do as many as we're capable of doing," Sharon said. In addition to dispersing donations, volunteers also shop for, wrap and deliver the gifts. Although cash and gift donations to organizations such as Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army and local food pantries are always appreciated, none of these causes would be as successful as they are if it weren't for generous donations of time, according to organizers. Donations could easily be made into an un-manned container, but

without the persistence and personality of the bell-ringers, a lot less coins would be clinked into the pot. A donation of soup wouldn't mean as much without someone donating a portion of their holiday to ladle it out or a donation of a Thanksgiving turkey wouldn't go very far if no one was willing to cook and serve it. Volunteering is just as rewarding to the people giving their time as it is to the people reaping the benefits, according to the Gays. It is also an action that means something different to everyone. "For us, it's an inner satisfaction," Ron said. "It's spreading the gospel through our actions instead of through talk."

Giving of one's time is something that becomes habit-forming, Sharon said.

"We look forward to volunteering each holiday season," she said. "It's as much a part of our holidays as anything else. If we didn't have this as part of our routine, we'd feel like something was missing."



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Graham Cracker Delight

- 2 1/2 cups graham crackers, crushed
- 1 pound powdered sugar (about 3 cups)
- 1 1/2 sticks oleo, melted
- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 cup coconut

Mix well with spoon, form into balls with hands. Refrigerate overnight.

Next day, or even a week later, melt in double boiler.

1/2 square paraffin wax
1 cup chocolate chips
Dip balls into chocolate chip mixture, with slotted spoon. Cover ball with chocolate, lay on wax paper to dry. Store in refrigerator.

—Alice Knott
Charlevoix

Strawberry Coconut Rice Delight

- 3 cups cooked regular rice
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, divided; room temperature
- 1 can (21 oz.) strawberry pie filling
- 1 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1 carton (13 oz.) whipped topping, divided
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) coconut instant pudding
- 3 cup milk
- 1 cup coconut flakes; toasted

After rice has cooked, remove from heat and add chopped nuts and 1/3 of the cream cheese, stirring with fork until blended. Then spread in 9x13 inch pan. Refrigerate until chilled, then spread strawberry pie filling over this. Chill. Blend the remainder of cream cheese with the sugar. When this is smooth, blend with half of the whipped topping and spread over strawberries and rice. Refrigerate. Mix the instant pudding with milk and beat until thick. Spread this over the last layer. Refrigerate for another 30 minutes. Spread remaining half of the whipped topping over the pudding and sprinkle on the coconut. Serves 12-14.

—Paula Brousseau
Bellaire

Butterscotch Brownies

- 1/4 cup butter or oleo
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup sifted flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts

Melt butter over low heat. Remove from heat and stir in the remaining ingredients in order listed.

Spread in an 8x8x2 inch pan and bake 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees. Double recipe for 9x13 inch pan and bake for 35 minutes.

—Roberta Davis
South Boardman



Pumpkin Gingerbread with Caramel Sauce

- 4 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/3 cups margarine
- 1 1/2 cups chopped nuts
- 3 tsp. ginger
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cloves
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 eggs

Caramel Sauce: (can halve this sauce because it makes a lot)

- 1 cup margarine
- 2 1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 1 cup whipped topping (heavy cream)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup; level off. In large bowl combine flour and sugar. Using pastry blender or fork, cut in 1 1/3 cup margarine until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Stir in nuts. Press 2 1/2 cups of crumbs into bottom of ungreased 9 x 13 inch pan. To remaining mixture, add ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, salt, cloves, buttermilk, molasses, pumpkin and eggs; mix well. Pour evenly over base. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

In medium saucepan, melt 1 cup margarine, stir in brown sugar and corn syrup. Bring to boil; cook until sugar dissolves, about 1 minute, stirring constantly. Stir in whip topping; return to a boil. Remove from heat. Serve warm over gingerbread topped with whipped topping and chopped nuts.

—Sandy Barnes
Eastport

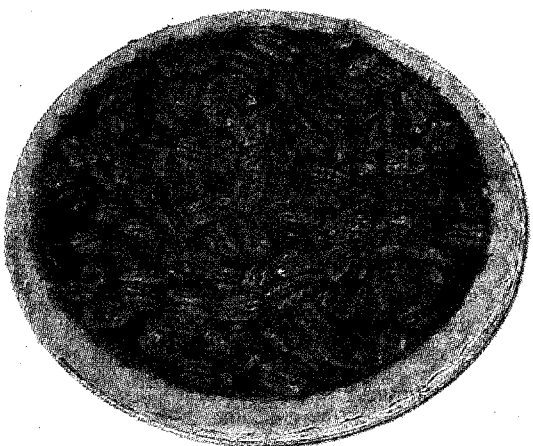
Chocolate Peanut Clusters

- 1/2 cup milk chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 tsp. shortening
- 1 cup unsalted, roasted peanuts

Melt first three ingredients in double boiler, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat and stir in peanuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls into 1 inch diameter candy papers or onto wax paper. Allow to set until firm. Store in airtight container.

—Amber Nulf
Fife Lake

Pecan Pie



- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup oleo or butter, melted
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Prepare a pie crust. Beat together sugar, oleo, eggs and syrup. Mix with hand beater, then add pecans. Pour into unbaked pastry shell. Bake at 350 degrees for about 50 minutes. Cool for about two hours in refrigerator.

—Judith Wilson
Kalkaska

Rice Pudding

- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 cups milk
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 tsp. corn starch
- 1/2 cup raisins (optional)
- Cinnamon

Combine cooked rice, sugar, milk, corn starch, eggs and vanilla. Cook until thick. Add raisins if desired. Put into bowl and sprinkle with cinnamon.

—Janet Dalrymple
Kalkaska

Rhubarb Something Dessert

- 5 cups rhubarb, diced
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) strawberry jello
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 white cake mix
- 1 1/4 cup water
- 1 stick butter, melted

Put rhubarb in greased 9x13 inch pan. Mix jello and sugar, sprinkle over rhubarb. Sprinkle cake mix over that and sprinkle water over all. Pour melted butter evenly over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

—Janet Dalrymple
Kalkaska

Pineapple Diamonds

- 1 small can crushed pineapple (drained)
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3 tsp. sugar
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup nut meats (chopped)

Cook pineapple and sugar to jam consistency. Let cool. Make crust as for pie of flour, butter, salt, sugar and milk. Divide dough into halves and roll into long sheets. Line a shallow pan (cookie sheet) with one sheet of dough and turn it up at the edges. Spread with pineapple mixture and sprinkle with nuts. Put remaining sheet of dough on top and prick with a fork. Dot top with butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes. Cut diagonally. Dust with powdered sugar if desired.

—Judith Wilson
Kalkaska

Nancy's Easy Fudge

- 1 (12 oz.) pkg. of baking chips, your choice of flavor, chocolate, mint, butterscotch, white, peanut butter, cherry, etc.
- 1 (16 oz.) tub of prepared frosting to match your flavor of baking chips
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. flavored extract of your choice or plain vanilla will do
- 3/4 cup nuts of your choice (if desired)

Lightly butter an 8 x 8-inch baking pan or a 9-inch diameter pan. Set aside. Melt the baking chips in the microwave in a medium bowl. Stir in the frosting, salt, extract and nuts until well combined. Scrape into the prepared pan and refrigerate for at least 1/2 hour or until firm. Cut it into squares to serve.

—Kim Visconti
Elmira

Carrot Souffle

- 3 1/2 lbs peeled carrots
- 2 1/2 Cups sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 Cup flour
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 lb. margarine or butter (softened)
- Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Boil carrots until soft. Drain well. While carrots are warm, add sugar, baking powder and vanilla. Whip with mixer until almost smooth. Add

flour and mix well. Whip eggs and add to mixture. Add softened margarine, blending well. Pour mixture into a 13x9 pan Bake about 1 hour or until top is light golden brown. Sprinkle with powdered sugar over top just before serving.

—Jack Strudgeon

Almond Bark Cookies

- 1 (24 oz.) pkg. almond bark
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 8 cups Captain Krunch Cereal
- 1 cup salted peanuts

Melt almond bark according to package directions. Add peanut butter and mix. Remove from heat and stir in cereal and peanuts. Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper, cool.

—Amber Nulf
Fife Lake

Banana Crème Cheese Pie

- 1 Graham cracker pie crust
- 1 box banana pudding mix
- 1 pkg. cream cheese
- 1 8 oz. tub Cool Whip
- 2 bananas

Mix pudding, cream cheese and 1/2 Cool Whip. Slice 1 banana in bottom of crust. Add pudding mixture to crust. Spread rest of Cool Whip on top. Slice other banana on top of Cool Whip. Refrigerate overnight.

—Arden Shipp
Kalkaska

Date Loaf

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 cups sour milk or buttermilk,
- 1 pkg. dates (cut up)
- 1 cup raisins (optional)
- 1 cup walnuts (chopped)

Mix all together and bake one hour at 350 degrees. Can spread with butter.

This recipe is easy to send in holiday packages. You send the dry ingredients, including the dates, nuts and raisins, in a baggie and include the recipe.

—Betty White
Kalkaska

Strawberry Trifle

- 2 (3.4 oz.) pkg. instant vanilla pudding
- 4 cups milk
- 20 vanilla wafer cookies
- 2 pints (12 oz.) strawberries, hulled and sliced

Combine pudding mix and milk and heat. Pour half the pudding into 2 quart bowl or trifle dish. Top with vanilla wafers, then sprinkle with strawberries. Top with remaining pudding. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours, up to 24 hours.

—Caitlyn Nulf
Fife Lake

Luscious Strawberry Whip Cake

- 1 package white cake mix
- 1 package (3 oz.) strawberry jello
- 1 package (3 oz.) vanilla instant pudding
- Strawberry flavoring
- 1 container (8 oz.) whipped topping

1 pint fresh strawberries

Mix and bake cake mix according to package directions. Let cool.

Once cake is cool poke holes all over then mix jello according to package directions and pour jello evenly over top, the cake will absorb the jello. Mix vanilla pudding according to package directions with just a smidge less milk, add strawberry flavoring to taste. Spread over top of cake let set.

Spread whip topping evenly over top of pudding. Wash and slice strawberries and arrange over top of cake. Let set in refrigerator to set together.

—Donna Rodgers
Kalkaska

Aunt Helen Williams Holiday Danish Kringle

- 2 pkg. yeast
- 1/2 cup lukewarm water
- 4 cups of flour
- 1 cup shortening
- 3 tbsps. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 eggs separated
- 1 cup lukewarm milk
- brown sugar, raisins, dates, prunes, apples, nuts and/or apricots

Dissolve yeast in water. In a large bowl, put flour, shortening, sugar and salt, Mix as you would a pie crust. Beat 3 egg yolks in another bowl. Add yeast mixture and milk and beat well. Cover and place in the basement overnight. In the morning divide the dough in 3 or 4 parts. Use cookie sheets. Roll pieces of dough into strips 9 inches wide and as long as possible. Spread with egg whites, that have been beaten very stiff, a layer of brown sugar, then dates and other fillings. Fold dough over, tucking the ends inside. Let rise for 2 hours. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Ice with powdered sugar frosting.

—Kathy Witkop

Simple Peanut Butter Cookies

- 10 cups peanut butter
- 10 eggs
- 10 cups sugar

Mix together. Form dough into small balls. Press dough with fork to flatten ball. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Makes approximately 100 cookies.

—SFC Dennis Soper (presently deployed)
Grayling

Peanut Butter Fudge

- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. peanut butter chips
- 1 (14 oz.) can sweet condensed milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 (6 oz.) pkg semi-sweet chocolate chips

Melt peanut butter chips in large saucepan. Add 1 cup sweetened condensed milk and 2 tbsps. butter. Stir. Remove from heat and spread mixture into wax paper lined 8 inch square pan. Melt chocolate chips with remaining milk and butter. Spread on top of peanut butter mixture. Chill 2 hours. Remove from refrigerator and slice.

—Caitlyn Nulf
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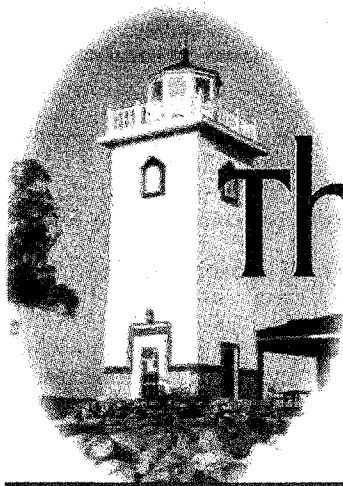
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At a glance

Christmas break

Boyne City Public Schools Christmas break will begin on Monday, Dec. 22. School will not be in session from Monday, Dec. 22, through Friday, Jan. 2, 2009. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 5.

"Brighten Up Boyne" contest winners

With so many outstanding Christmas window displays around downtown Boyne City this holiday season, the judging was difficult for the "Brighten Up Boyne" decorating contest.

In the end there had to be a winner and this year the prize went to Sun for the Soul, owned by Donna Prevost. Sun for the Soul is located at 5 West Main St. and won the first place prize of \$100 in Boyne Bucks. Second place was awarded to Country Now and Then/Up the Lazy River, 211 Water St., owned by Karen and Ray Guzniczak, and third place went to the Bird's Nest, 112 Water St., owned by Holly Watson.

Sponsored by the Boyne City Main Street Program, this is the third year for the contest, which is open to all Main Street businesses.

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Wednesday, Dec. 17

Hi: 25 Lo: 17
Condition:
Snow

Thursday, Dec. 18

Hi: 24 Lo: 23
Condition:
Cloudy

Friday, Dec. 19

Hi: 24 Lo: 12
Condition:
Snow Shower

Saturday, Dec. 20

Hi: 23 Lo: 18
Condition:
Snow Showers

Sunday, Dec. 21

Hi: 24 Lo: 14
Condition:
Snow

Monday, Dec. 22

Hi: 18 Lo: 15
Condition:
Snow Showers

Tuesday, Dec. 23

Hi: 21 Lo: 17
Condition:
Cloudy

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Rockin' around the Christmas tree



Photo by Vic Ruggles

Kindergartners from Boyne City Elementary School make the season bright during their annual Christmas concert performance.

Challenging finances for schools

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Public School District's Board of Education heard a report on the district's financial state of affairs at its meeting on Dec. 8. Superintendent Bob Alger gave the report that shows an \$12.4 million budget for the 2008-2009 school year, and projects a 2009-2010 school year budget of \$12.4 million also. In 2004-2005 the district's budget was \$10.9 million.

The fund balance decreased by \$1 million from the

2004-2005 school year to this year's fund balance at \$2.9 million. It is expected to decrease another \$500,000 in 2009-2010.

Students number 1,278 this school year. In 2004-2005, 1,328 students attended Boyne City Public Schools. There was a decline of 67 students in 2005-2006 when enrollment was 1,260. Enrollment bounced up and down somewhat for the next couple of years, but this year it is up by 19 students to last year. It is projected that enrollment will decrease to 1,240 students in 2009-2010.

Alger listed some of the reductions in expenses that

the district has undertaken to meet today's financial situation. These include contracting for services in the business office and technical support areas and the use of employment services for temporary work.

Energy consumption has been reduced by irrigation, lighting, boiler maintenance, thermal control units and other conservation methods. Health care plans have changed and supervisory roles consolidated.

Costs continue to increase and revenues are flat at best, Alger said. With the state and local economy expected to get worse, a fund shortfall is anticipated in 2009-2010, and the district must be proactive, he said.

Dog license renewal change

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CHARLEVOIX — The expiration date of dog licenses has changed to reflect the month in which dog owners purchase the licenses. County commissioners approved the new expiration date regulation at the Dec. 10 commission meeting.

Dog licenses will be effective for one year from the date of the purchase regardless of the month in which the purchase is made. The former regulation called for all dog licenses to expire on Dec. 31, whether they were purchased in March or in November, for example.

For this year dog licenses must be purchased by Dec. 31, as usual, to receive a lower fee. The request for the change was brought before the commission by county treasurer Marilyn Cousineau and animal con-

trol officer Julie Whitley.

A rabies vaccination certificate must be valid for at least 11 months from the date of the dog license purchase. License fees are \$5 per year for neutered dogs and \$10 per year for non-neutered dogs. License fees will double if the license is not renewed within 30 days of expiration. A three-year license is available for \$15 for neutered dogs or \$30 for dogs not neutered.

At the Dec. 10 meeting, commissioners discussed hunting on county-owned land and unless the county places restrictions on any land, hunting is permitted, according to John Jarema, county prosecutor and civil counsel.

Commissioners heard a report from the Department of Human Services by its Charlevoix-Emmet County Director, Bill Denemy, about the increase in the number of people applying for assistance for housing, food and medical needs.

Many of the people who make up the increase have not used DHS services before.

"These are hard working people who have lost their jobs," Denemy said. "It's a whole new game out there today."

Some of the service programs provided by DHS are food assistance, child day care and the family independence program.

DHS statistics from the month of October, the most recent month compiled, show that Charlevoix County has 113 eligible recipients for the family assistance program, 2,287 recipients of food assistance and 203 recipients who participate in the child day care program. There are 3,468 residents who are eligible for Medicaid.

The next Board of Commissioners meeting is 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 22. This meeting is rescheduled from its regular Wednesday meeting because of the Christmas holiday.

Great Strides raises money for Cystic Fibrosis

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — Back in April, the Holm family received news that their son Dylan had been diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. The condition is a devastating, genetic, life threatening lung disease that robs the breath from each of its victims. As if that was not difficult enough, the Holms found out that four of their eight children were also carrying the disease and one was a carrier.

"Since the diagnosis our family has taken Cystic Fibrosis by the horns. I refuse to let this disease beat us. Our family is trying to hold a fundraiser for all of northern Michigan to raise money for the CF Foundation," Tina Holm, the children's mother said. "We held a chili dinner in November and the East Jordan Middle School just wrapped up their Penny War for the Foundation. I couldn't be happier that our schools are involved, I appreciate all they do."

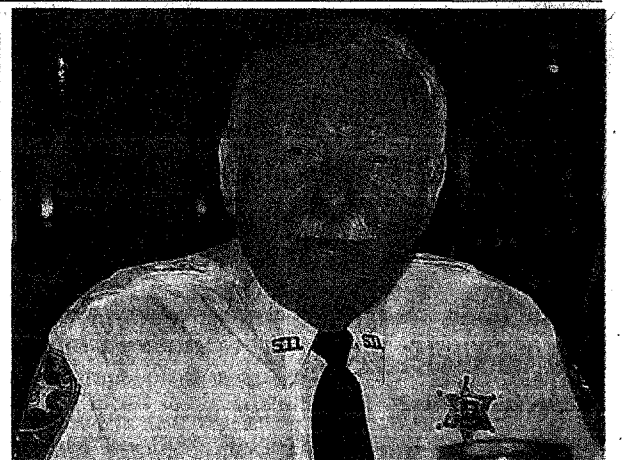
With the recent success the family has had raising awareness about this disease, they heard in November from the CAFÉ foundations



Courtesy Photo

(Back, l-r) Chad Kraemer, Michael Becker, Haley Drenth, Tina Holm, Stephanie Holm, Cliff Graham and Doug Holm, (front, l-r) Katelyn Holm, Mariah Holm, Zachary Holm, Ryan Holm and Dylan Holm take time out for a picture while mapping their walk for the Great Strides 2008 event. Missing from the picture are Christopher Becker and Dallas Dougherty.

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George T. Lasater

Lasater retiring after 32 years of service

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — For the past 32 years, George T. Lasater has served the residents of Charlevoix County as Sheriff and in that time built up many memories. Some have been good and others tragic, but either way Lasater will miss his time as Sheriff after he retires at the end of the month.

"There are a multitude of memorable moments; unfortunately some of them are tragedies that we have had to deal with. I've tried to have an element of positive things with the Sheriff's Office, not always responding to complaints or taking care of tragedies or crisis," Lasater said. "The positive things include one program we started by recognizing citizens of the county who have done something extraordinary. We recognize them and get the word out that there are people out there doing very positive things."

And with those words, Lasater, 70, summed up his favorite part of being Sheriff of Charlevoix County. His belief in community policing and being involved with the citizens of Charlevoix has been the most rewarding part of his career.

"I love going down to Boyne City on Friday nights in the summertime. I enjoy that very much. That is not work for me, that is enjoyable interacting with the community," Lasater explained. "I think the community feels comfortable seeing their law enforcement not in uniform, but just as the average guy."

While Lasater gets ready to hang up his holster, he is certainly not ready to retire. The longest serving sheriff in the state of Michigan hopes to work as the Chief of Police in a small town. His reasons for retiring now reflect on his beliefs as Sheriff.

"Four years ago I had a great undersheriff, Don Schneider. He has been very loyal to me and he wanted to be Sheriff but would not run against me," Lasater said. "I told him I won't run next time and to be honest with you, I wish I hadn't made that promise but if you make a promise you have to keep it and I did. I have another term left in me."

Lasater said his advice to Schneider as he moves into the Sheriff's position is to surround himself with great people and to always be very loyal to Charlevoix

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Lasater

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County by promoting the area any way he can. Those ideals have served Lasater well during his eight terms in office.

During his time as a law enforcement officer, Lasater has seen many changes over the years. He said technology has been a huge asset with how many crimes are being solved through DNA evidence that comes forward and praised the State Police Crime Lab for being such an asset to the Sheriff's Office. He said another piece of advice he left for Schneider was to make sure and maintain these positive relationships with all police agencies as they work in tandem to solve crimes in Charlevoix County.

"One of the responsibilities of the County Sheriff is to run and maintain the jail. I believe in my opinion that the jail is kind of a mirror to what's going on in the community. When I first took office the average jail population was five or six people and it was usually alcohol related or breaking and entering," Lasater explained. "They were always Caucasian males, 25 to 30 years of age. You jump ahead now and this morning we had over 50 people in the jail. They were horrendous, very serious crimes we are dealing with. The average age now is 19 and 20 and we normally

average four to eight females which we never had before."

Another disturbing trend according to the Sheriff has been the alarming rate of medications he and his officers have to dispense everyday. Lasater said this never happened at the beginning of his career but now up to 60 percent of their prisoners are on multiple medications and he likened the experience to what a nurse would do for a patient.

Lasater now lives in Horton Bay and has three children, Tom, George and Amy. When he was a child, he wanted to be a fireman or policeman and made his decision after an opportunity presented itself after he graduated from college and was teaching fourth and fifth grade in Boyne City for about six years.

"I had the opportunity to be a summer marine officer for the Sheriff's Office and that got me started and piqued my interest. I think the community policing is not work for me, I enjoy it. It's a perk and I'm a firm believer if you enjoy what your doing you don't have to work a day in your life," Lasater added.

Lasater grew up in the 50's and said his community-focused approach came from Saturday matinees of watching Gene Autry and Roy Rogers who were his idols. He said their style was community-based when they played the role of

Sheriff or Marshall and said that seed was planted way back then.

Lasater thanked Sheriff Richard Zink, whom he described as the epitome of what a Sheriff should be. His other mentor is of the same cloth but Lasater admitted to taking some ribbing for this role model.

"This may sound corny, but my other training officer was Sheriff Andy Taylor from Mayberry (a television show). That may sound corny but he was a community-oriented person and I've made that statement a couple of times. I get poked fun at but it's true so I stick to it," the Sheriff said.

While Lasater isn't ready to simply retire, he did leave some lasting words on his time as Sheriff.

"I want to make sure people know my success as being a Sheriff for 32 years was not George Thomas Lasater. It was the people I surrounded myself with," Lasater said. "They deserve the majority of the credit, I just happened to be lucky enough to pick good people. I would like to thank the citizens of Charlevoix County for allowing me to fulfill my childhood dream and the support of my family."

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chapter director, Jay Simon, about bringing their largest fundraiser, Great Strides, to East Jordan.

"The CAFÉ foundation is Hope in action. Without the research and care centers they help provide, my children wouldn't have the team of doctors and care that they have right now," Holm explained. "So of course I said yes when the CF Foundation approached me about Great Strides. The first thing I did was contact Chip Hansen, Superintendent of East Jordan Schools, about using the football and track field for our walk. Without hesitation he said absolutely. I would like to thank everyone that has helped us with our fundraising endeavors."

With all the awareness the Holm's have raised in the community, Dylan has since gone through a G-Tube placement surgery to help him receive extra nutrition throughout the nighttime. Since October, he has gained eight pounds and grew two inches.

"This surgery was a tough decision for not only Dylan, but Doug (husband) and I as parents. We didn't know if we were making the right decision until his first doctor's appointment with his Cystic Fibrosis Care Center in Grand Rapids," Holm added. "Dr. John Schuen, his CF doctor, walked into the room and said to Dylan, 'you rock dude!' He couldn't believe how well he was doing. The rest of our children are doing fantastic right now and their medications are a huge part of

that." East Jordan will be hosting this first ever annual Great Strides walk in June 2009. Holm is the community recruiter and is trying to form teams. She has looked into several businesses from Petoskey to Mancelona along with corporate sponsors for the walk. Families from Bellaire to Central Lake have children with this condition and Holm is reaching out to other areas like Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Boyne City, and East Jordan for other families that they are not aware of in the surrounding counties.

"We need teams to walk with us during our Great Strides event. We are holding a Community and Corporate Recruitment Brunch on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the East Jordan Lighthouse Missionary Church on Rogers Road in East

Jordan," Holm said. "This is free of charge and only for anyone interested in forming a team for Great Strides. The walk is set to take place on June 13 with registration starting at noon at the East Jordan Football Field. We need volunteers to run booths, food donations, children's entertainment and kids games. This walk isn't just for individuals, we need corporate involvement."

If you are interested in forming a team, please contact Holm before Jan. 10 at 231-222-2045 or respond by mail to 301 Bridge St., East Jordan, MI 49727 or email at holmfamily1992@charter.net.

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

DCPD REPORT

Boyne City Police Department Weekly Report

Dec. 5 - 11

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Noise Complaints.....	1
Traffic Violations.....	4
Lost/Found Property.....	3
Assist other Agency.....	1
Snowmobile Violations.....	1
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CCSO REPORT

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Activity

Dec. 5 - 11

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COUNTY RECORDS

District Court

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

Deber Rosella Schmeltzer, 43, Marquette. No driver's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$150 in fines and costs.
Moises Salazar Jr., 23, Detroit. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs and to serve 20 days in jail.
Stacy Lea Hammond, 36, Boyne City. Assault. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 87 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work; six months on probation.
Craig Allan Wagner, 36, Charlevoix. Driving without a license. Sentenced to pay \$125 in fines and costs.
Marcus Leroy Bundy Jr., 21, East Jordan. Sell/furnish alcohol to minors. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs and to five days in jail with credit for two days, serve three days.

Ashlyn Marie Forman, 18, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession of alcohol, 3rd or subsequent offense. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and to perform 10 days of community service work; nine months on probation.

Kirk Jeffrey Smith, 21, Boyne City. Non-sufficient funds check. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs.
Kirk Jeffrey Smith, 21, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

Hunter Robert Hoaglund, 21, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$980 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service works; nine months on probation.

Assumed Names

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

Boyne View Estate, 3544 Church, Boyne Falls, by Amy Wright, Beth Faughnan, Jill Rodriguez and Barry Wolvin.

J. M. Seal Coating, 297 M-75 North, Boyne City, by Jacob J. Maltby.

Boyne Country Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, 150 Grunow Dr., Boyne City, by Bill J. Ulvund.

Midwest Michigan Maintenance & Management, 17049 Beck Road, Charlevoix, by Bryan Liotta and Daniel Brooks.

Meltech Electric, 7490 Loomis Road, East Jordan, by Melvin L. Dykstra.

Miki's Cleaning, P.O. Box 208, East Jordan, by Miki Lynn Campbell.

Precision Printing & Design, 1667 Deer Lake Road, Boyne City, by Beth Fortune.

Slough Law, 708 West St., Gaylord, by William Paul Slough.

HMRW Services, 07619 Charlevoix View Dr., Charlevoix, by Ray Kokko.

Chandler Hill Artworks, 7696 Chandler Hill Road, Boyne Falls, by Jeff Doublestein.

Marriage Licenses

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

Gary David Arnold, 33, Charlevoix and Amanda Jean Hartley, 27, Charlevoix.

Paul Walter Glotzbober, 24, Port Hope and Katie Sue Way, 23, Charlevoix.

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North Country Community Mental Health Board will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, December 18th at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A. Petoskey, MI 49770. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

NCCMH is an equal opportunity employer/program. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon notifications or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

EDITORIAL

Holiday scams

Even the holiday's are a target for cyber criminals who prey on our pocketbooks during this festive season. The Better Business Bureau has issued a release about scam artists posing as FedEx, UPS, and Wal-Mart employees to trick consumers at Christmastime.

The BBB issued this warning after a new string of phishing emails have popped up this holiday. Here is how it works; hackers and scammers are pretending to be customer service personnel from the above-mentioned companies that are known to do a lot of business this time of year. These predators try to earn your trust by posing in this manner to gain access to computer drives, files and accounts to steal personal information such as your Social Security number, and bank and credit card numbers.

Ken Vander Meeden, CEO of the BBB serving Western Michigan said the cyber criminals are spreading viruses and stealing identities and information by using these email phishing messages to con customers to take advantage of online shopping and shipping of merchandise all across the country.

Here are three of the e-mails that the BBB has spotted. The first is an email that pretends to be from the shipping company claiming that there is a problem with the delivery of your merchandise. Commonly, the email will include a hyperlink for recipients to click that will take them to another web site that might install malware or solicit personal information. A message currently going around has a subject line that looks like "Subject: Tracking Number 13040065504." The body of the email claims that a package couldn't be delivered and advises you "to take your package back you should print the copy of the invoice that is in the added file." Obviously, the attachment is actually a virus that will infect the computer if opened.

The BBB advises consumers to go directly to the shipper's web site instead of clicking the link in the email. You can also contact the company over the phone to confirm if there are any problems. Do not open attachments to unsolicited emails.

Another scam revolves around surveys that offer holiday spending cash. This scam preys on cash-strapped shoppers using an email that pretends to be from Wal-Mart. One message says "this survey has been sent only to a few people from our random generator," and "You have been selected to take part in our quick and easy nine question survey." The rest of the message promises a credit of \$90 to your account for your time. The email asks you to click a link to a web site where the recipient is supposed to take the survey but in fact leads to a phishing site. Never respond to emails that offer money for answering questions.

The last scam reported revolves around e-cards, which are extremely popular and inexpensive to send instead of the usual paper card at Christmas. With a regular e-card, the recipient receives an email with a hyperlink that will take the user to the e-card which is housed on a web site. Unfortunately, by design, this is an extremely easy way for hackers to disguise their phishing emails and direct users to their web sites, which install the viruses and malware.

The BBB warns to think twice before clicking on a link in an e-card as hackers will often use logos from recognized brands and companies. These are difficult to spot but any spelling or grammatical mistakes are a huge warning sign. Also, don't follow the link in an e-card if you don't recognize the name of the sender.

If you receive any suspicious emails you should report them to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

Have a safe and happy holiday season but beware of predators that try to take your money and identities even during this special season.



Gone again

It had been five months between the time that I last saw my husband and the day that he arrived back home for Thanksgiving. And it was a good five months. That is to say, it was most of a summer that slid gracefully into autumn - a superlative time of year.

I don't mean to imply that the reason it was good was because I was separated from my Love Bunny - quite the opposite. Initially, the nostalgic sting at the sight of his abandoned boots or a half-empty bottle of his shampoo under the bathroom sink would send me into a morose spiraling funk. It was sad and difficult to get used to sleeping alone, cooking for one and rattling around in an empty house like a pea in a shoebox.

But as time passed, I acclimated and began to revert to my pre-pitched persona. I became an up-pity wanton with no agenda but my own. I enjoyed the perks of solitude. I stopped sucking in my stomach and I sang loudly and badly at the top of my lungs while I puttered around the house. I ate popcorn for dinner, or nothing at all, if I were so inclined. I spent lazy Sunday afternoons behind an invigorating mineral facial mask watching video rentals and painting my toenails. I conferred with my dogs, and they cosigned all of my ideas and validated my new swinging lifestyle, which had elevated them to numero uno on my roommate roster.

At first I thought that I was just making the best of a bad situation. But I came to realize that either I was really good at turning lemons into lemonade, or I was beginning to enjoy myself. Maybe too much.

I should explain that my husband has been working in Florida. Originally, it was a three-week job that led to other projects down south. And since the phone had stopped ringing here at home, he stayed put. He rented a very nice place within walking distance to the beach. The neighbors fell in love with him (believe me, it's easy), and included him in neighborhood get-togethers, adopting him into their cul-de-sac family.

When I arrived last winter, the neighborhood welcomed me with a combination of curiosity and trepidation. And I can't really

blame them. While my husband had embraced the Floridian lifestyle, donning flip-flops and going native, I was a blatant Yankee. They gave an oyster roast in my honor and I gamely swallowed a few of the luke-warm, gelatinous mollusks that are a local delicacy before rushing back to the house to lie down and fight the nausea. I was horrified by the size, volume and variety of insects that permeated the place. I stood hunched and blinking in the sun like an annoyed, dyspeptic vampire.

To summarize the situation, my husband loves it there. Me? Not so much...

I returned after six months, wracked with conflict. It was wonderful to be home, but I had a bleeding separation wound. Until circumstances dictated this drastic disconnection, we had never spent more than a few days apart since our marriage. And I have pondered divergent theories on this subject. Does absence really make the heart grow fonder? Or is it out of sight, out of mind?

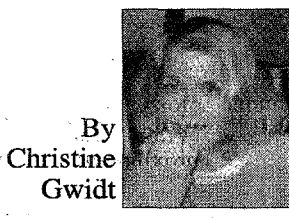
This time when my husband returned to Florida after a two-week visit, I was prepared. During his time here, the scrape of his snow shovel on the deck could bring tears to my eyes, so grateful was I, and appreciative, for all that he does for us. But when he drove away, I was happy to know that he was returning to start another job. Although I wish that we could work and live together, it's just not happening here right now. And I'm glad that he likes the south. I only hope that he doesn't learn to like it more than he likes me.

In the meantime, I sometimes find myself humming a tune when I walk the dogs. Often I will substitute my own lyrics for well-known standards. It's something to do when I'm walking and it amuses me and passes the time. Take for instance "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face" from the seminal musical "My Fair Lady:"

I've grown accustomed to my space,
I choose what time the day begins,
And though it's difficult to bear the fact that he's not there,
I take it on the chin.
I've found a way to reconcile
The separation and the loss
And though I miss his smile - his eyes! I don't have to compromise...

It's really good to be the boss.
Christine Gwidt welcomes reader's comments. Email her at moreorlesschristine@gmail.com

MORE OR LESS



By
Christine
Gwidt

NEIGHBORS

Sunday, Dec. 7, dinner was at the Boyne Area Senior Center and was also a happy 3rd anniversary celebration of the center. The 106 or so attending included a group from Harbor Springs. Third grade Brownie Scouts, Troop #539, dressed as elves, and served all. The Cousin's Music Group entertained dinner guests and did a wonderful job as usual. Everyone enjoyed a great dinner and could hardly believe it has been three years of enjoying their beautiful building and good times there. How time flies when you are having fun.

It's that time of year again for former Boyne/East Jordan resident, Nancy Steuer's fast approaching Iditarod 2009. And I quote her interesting and informative note on the event. "I'm looking forward to all the great experiences of the world of "volunteering" to help with the organizational activities starting Jan. 14, 2009, with the first Volunteer Meeting,



By
Nancy Northup

right on through the March 5 Musers Banquet with between 1,800 and 2,000 people from all over the world. I'm going to be a hostess helping to escort people to their reserved seating and after seating I will try my hand at selling raffle tickets for the drawing to

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LETTER POLICY

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YOUR VOICE

Coat drive

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to this great community for their help with our recent "NEW" Coat Drive, which benefited Boyne City Elementary families. Not only did we receive numerous items purchased from generous donors, the monetary donations exceeded our expectations. With our country in a recession, this was a completely unexpected and pleasant surprise.

Boyne Eta Nu Women's Club helped make this possible. After approaching a few members to see if they would like to participate, this project snowballed and grew incredibly. Not only did they agree to sponsor the drive, these women organized into teams, met with other local organizations to spread the news and spent hours of their time to bring warmth to the many children of Boyne City.

With many parents unable to pick up the items at the Early Childhood building, I distributed them to the children during school hours.

These children were thrilled to get their new winter gear. There was great excitement

with many of the children wearing their items all day.

It was great to be a part of it. Just in time, too.

I would like to thank: Anne VanZandt, Project Chairman and Sue Huston, Vice Chairman, for their great organizational skills and countless hours working to make this drive a success. You can sleep well now.

Mary Anne Newman, treasurer; Without your tireless effort and running tally on donations, none of this could have happened. Pat Johnson, the Clothing Collection Coordinator and her members: Janet Sturza, Mary Abdella, Kathie Beamer, Susan Coyle and Barb Miller. These women drove all over town emptying the collection boxes. Joanie Schumann, the Clothing Storage Coordinator and her members: Helen Truchan, June Storm, Kathleen Sheehan and Sharyn Bean. They were responsible for sorting and numbering all of the items collected, which was an overwhelming task. And, the wonderful teams of shoppers who drove wherever necessary to purchase the remaining clothes. These ladies didn't give up, re-

ceived great deals and went on a wild goose chase for a size 3. We could learn a lot about shopping from these clever women. I doubt you can find a pair of snowpants in any of the surrounding communities. They are: Char Wehner, Mary Anne Newman, Inez Noble, Dory Ferguson, Bedonna Perish, Candy Greene, Kathe Carter and Barb Ellwanger. Also, thanks to Lois Bolan and Linda Uloth.

In addition to the Women of Eta Nu, there were several people working behind the scenes on this project. My thanks to: the Boyne City Elementary staff for helping with getting sizes for all the children and allowing my many interruptions. Debbie Higgins for passing the gear out in time for Thanksgiving break; Sue Hoffman for giving me the information to move forward with this project and her encouragement; Lynn Amato, Pat May and Carla Brazell for their complete support and Fred Sitkins for giving me the opportunity to be a part of Boyne City Elementary.

Kristin Bates
AmeriCorps Member
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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.

East Jordan Methodist Church
 The East Jordan Methodist Church will hold a candlelight Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m., presenting the Christmas Cantata "Hope Has Hands," directed by choir director, Margaret Thomson.

Church of the Nativity
 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
 We would love to welcome you to worship at First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan. Our service at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 21 will feature our Children's Pageant and worship on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. It will be a Service of Lessons, Carols, and Candlelight. Children are always warmly welcomed in worship. Childcare is available for young children. A time of fellowship with refreshments is held immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall. The building is accessible through the elevator located to the right of the front doors. We are located at 207 Williams

in East Jordan, at the corner of Third and Williams Streets. Should you have any questions the phone number is 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.boyne-city-naz.org. The church is located at 225 W. Morgan Street, on the corner of West and Morgan.

Walloon Lake Community Church
 Thursday, Dec. 18, Men's Fraternity will meet at 6 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, Word and Worship start at 9 and 10:45 a.m. The Children's Christmas Program will be at both services followed by a message from Pastor Jeff Ellis. Children Groups will meet at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Infant and toddler nursery is available. At 6 p.m., there will be community caroling in the Village of Walloon. All are invited. Wednesday, Dec. 24, the Christmas Eve service will start at 6 p.m. The church office will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26. Contact the church for more information at 231-535-2288 or visit the Web site 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
 Sunday, Dec. 21, the message is "We Wait in Peace" according to Isaiah 40, II Peter 3, and Mark 1. On this fourth Sunday in Advent, Pastor Jonathan Mays talks about "experiencing peace" 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.

The community is also invited to Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m., and 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.

The children of the congregation would like to invite you to the Advent Soup Supper Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. With the help of their parents and other mentors in the church, they will be providing you with a meal to help raise funds to build their ark. All donations will be matched by Thrivent. Thank you for your support.

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

Community of Christ
 The theme for this week's service is "He Will Be Called The Son of God" and will be presented by High Priest, Eleanor West.

Morning worship and Sunday school classes for adults and children begin at 9:45 a.m. 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.

Sunday, Dec. 21 will be our Community Christmas Program at 6 p.m. Come and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Ring in the New Year with us on Dec. 31, starting at 7 p.m. Bring a snack or game if you like.

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

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

OBITUARY

Frederick Gilmore Leslie

Frederick Gilmore Leslie, 90, of Boyne City, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, at his daughter's home in Charlevoix. He was born Feb. 12, 1918, in Northport, to Quincy Gilmore and Florence Marie (DeLong) Leslie. He moved to Cheboygan at age ten, and continued to summer in Northport and graduated from Cheboygan High School. He made his home in Boyne City in 1947. For the past two years, he has lived at his daughter's home in Charlevoix.

Fred was married to Lorna Secord from 1942 until 1968. He then married Dorothy Munson on Dec. 27, 1970, in Boyne City, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 16, 2000.

Fred had a degree in electrical engineering, and was a licensed real estate agent. He was a regional manager with Consumer's Energy and retired after thirty years. Fred was a long time member of the Boyne City Rotary Club and twice served as its president. He

was a member of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce, and served on the Boyne City Housing Commission. Music was important to him, and he sang in a barbershop quartet. Along with singing, he could play most any instrument "by ear." He loved to travel and meet new people and enjoyed entertaining at home and at his lakeside cottage. He enjoyed being out-of-doors, playing golf, fishing, gardening, boating, building and remodeling homes, and working with anything mechanical. After retiring from Consumer's and real estate, he continued traveling and spending winters in Florida. Fred found time to restore an antique Model T Ford and learned to paint, leaving many beautiful historic and scenic paintings for family and friends. He always enjoyed a good meal, a good story, and a good laugh, and kept a compassionate cheerful spirit to the end.

Fred is survived by his children, Dr.

Fred Lee (Karen) Leslie of Boyne City, and Gulf Port, Fla., Peggy Marie Leslie of Charlevoix, Linda May (Preston) Parker of Glendale, Ariz., Dennis Alan Leslie of Elmira; grandchildren, Nancy Lee Leslie of Gulf Port, Fla., Garret Mark Leslie of Jefferson Ga., Tracy Wayne Meadows of Austin, Tex., Dayveon Maurice Leslie-Meadows of Charlevoix, Alanna Marie Leslie of Charlevoix; great-grandchildren, Marisah Virginia Leslie, and Isaac Matthew Leslie both of Jefferson, Ga.; brother, Quincy (Joyce) Leslie; sister, Athalie Diekman all of Cheboygan.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Arlyn Greenless, and grandson, Mark Anthony Leslie. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Northport Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Battle Stations

Navy Seaman Recruit Kaylee L. Wells, daughter of Patricia L. and Donald E. Wells of Charlevoix, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Wells completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Wells is a 2008 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Neighbors

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be held in Nome at the Musher's Banquet after the race. The tickets are \$100 and there are 20 great prizes, of which four of the items are new 2009 Dodge Ram Pickups. March 7 is the official start of the Iditarod, which begins in downtown Anchorage on 5th Avenue. On March 8 they re-start the race in Willow.

I will be volunteering as a security person along the trail from Willow Lake for approximately 10 miles until the mushers get away from the thousands of people that come to watch the mushers and dogs leave on a 1,000-plus mile odyssey to Nome, which can take anywhere from 8 1/2 days to 15 days to reach that destination, depending on the weather.

"The volunteers come from all corners of the world and number between 1,500 to 2,000 people who are avid musher and dog fans. I've been involved with the Iditarod volunteers since 1984 till present time. I will keep doing so until I cannot go anymore. It is something to look forward to after four months of winter. Right after the Iditarod is over it is not long until the snow starts to go away, the days get longer and it is not long 'til spring. Yippee!!!!"

"Anyone interested in observing the race or looking up the Iditarod Sled Dog Race can go to www.iditarod.com."

Big happy birthday to Cheyenne Shumaker of Deer Lake on her important 18th birthday on Dec. 15. Cheyenne is the daughter of Cinda and Todd Shumaker. And...go, Rambler Lady Basketball Team.

The BCHS '58 class lunch group met at Thick 'N Juicy for lunch on Tuesday. They had a good group in attendance including Rick Casper, Larry Judkins, Rod Spencer, Morrie and Sue Hobbs, Ray and Irene Speltz, Don and Kitty Nessen and Carl and Sue Charon. All the snow didn't keep them from enjoying a great visit over lunch.

The gang at Thick 'N Juicy had a special table with holiday decor set for them. The group has decided to meet on the second Tuesday of every month (during the winter months) at Thick 'N Juicy since tour "leader" Nelda Stanley won't be here to send reminder post cards to everyone.

A warm welcome goes out to Jennifer Lackery of Boyne, as a new hairdresser at Self Indulgence.

The Top of Michigan Annual Christmas Party was held this past Thursday at Boyne Mt. Their Vienna Room. beautifully decorated

for the season, was filled with staff, employees and retirees enjoying gifts, food and fun, a 50-50 drawing and a silent auction.

Collins McGeorge of Westerville, Ohio, was here this week on business and visiting his grandmother, Gen Varnum. His cousin, Paul Hardy of Huntington, Ala., was also here on business and visiting parents, Woody and Penny Hardy.

Both grandsons combined their trips to be here for the Dec. 7 birthday celebration of Grandma Gen. Belated happy birthday, Gen.

It depends on who you talk to, regarding last week's Annual Christmas Bazaars around town. Some reports were that they were attended like usual, with a steady stream of shoppers at the Craft Show, etc. Others report that there was half the amount as it was before the economy slump, and that people are shopping more prudently. All agreed that it was a long day, but great to see the spirit of the season in those who did venture out.

Heartfelt sympathy

Marie Schmittiel enjoyed Thanksgiving in Chicago with sons Andy and Dan Schmittiel but was glad to get back home before the heavy snowfall.

An unintentional overlooked item from last week was that Thanksgiving Day and overnight house guests of the Oral Sutliff's this past week were their nephew, Mark Sutliff and son Alex of Ann Arbor. They all had Thanksgiving Day dinner with Sheri Firzpatrick and family.

Little Alex, who is five, couldn't wait to get here, because he knew Boyne had snow and was going to be able to go sliding with his cousins, Lauren and Brooklyn Fitzpatrick.

Wonderful it was, that 75 pairs of mittens for all ages and 25 hats were donated to the Boyne Area Community Christmas project. Making it even more special was that Sue Schendan, who used

the last of the yarn belonging to Colleen Outerkirk, who passed away last year, knitted them. I understand that the Boyne Area Community Christmas project needs more help this year than ever before, from donations to packing baskets. For more information, please contact the school or e-mail hillbillie@gmail.com.

The Grunch families of Boyne City, Bellaire, and Charlevoix participated in the dedication of two new rooms at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center Nov. 14.

Memorial funds donated to the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation in memory of Randy Grunch were used to equip and outfit the new Sleep Center Rooms.

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

EJ rolls out 2-0 Ramblers maul Bellaire, 60-16

Stand 1-1 after loss to Kinglsey

By CHRIS TREDWAY
 SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — The final outcome was determined early in the game Saturday afternoon as the Red Devils smothered Leland with airtight defense and a blanket of offensive points, cooling the Comets in the first quarter by a score of 23-6.

The bloodletting was slowed in the second quarter, where the East Jordan boys matched Leland's effort with 11 points to leave the score 34-17 at halftime.

The Red Devils put up 11 points in the third quarter as well, while Leland dropped in 10 before being left in the fourth period by a home team that closed like a runaway freight train.

Time ran out on four quarters with the score at 63-34, giving East Jordan their first win of the season at home and second overall after winning their opener on the road.

Crediting a blockade style of defense with the win at home, East Jordan coach Darrin Weber also had senior Michael Hines to thank for a career-high 31 points after shooting 13-for-17 from the floor.

Hines captured five steals on the night, while teammates Teddy Snowden and Josh Williams dished out six assists each. Marshall Page led the team in rebounds with eight in a game where East Jordan outrebounded their guests 28-20 overall.

"I think (Hines) was feeling it and I ran several plays his way," Weber said. "He played outstanding on both ends of the floor...great all-around team win as everyone contributed."

In the season opener Tuesday, Dec. 9, East Jordan got a slow start against Mancelona and led the Ironmen by a slim three points after the first quarter after trailing early.

"We came out a little slow and flat," Weber said. "We were only 6-for-21 shooting inside the paint."

After the rust was shaken loose, the Red Devils distanced themselves from Mancelona to lead 28-14 at halftime, 48-25 going into the fourth quarter and ended the night with a 70-31 blowout victory.

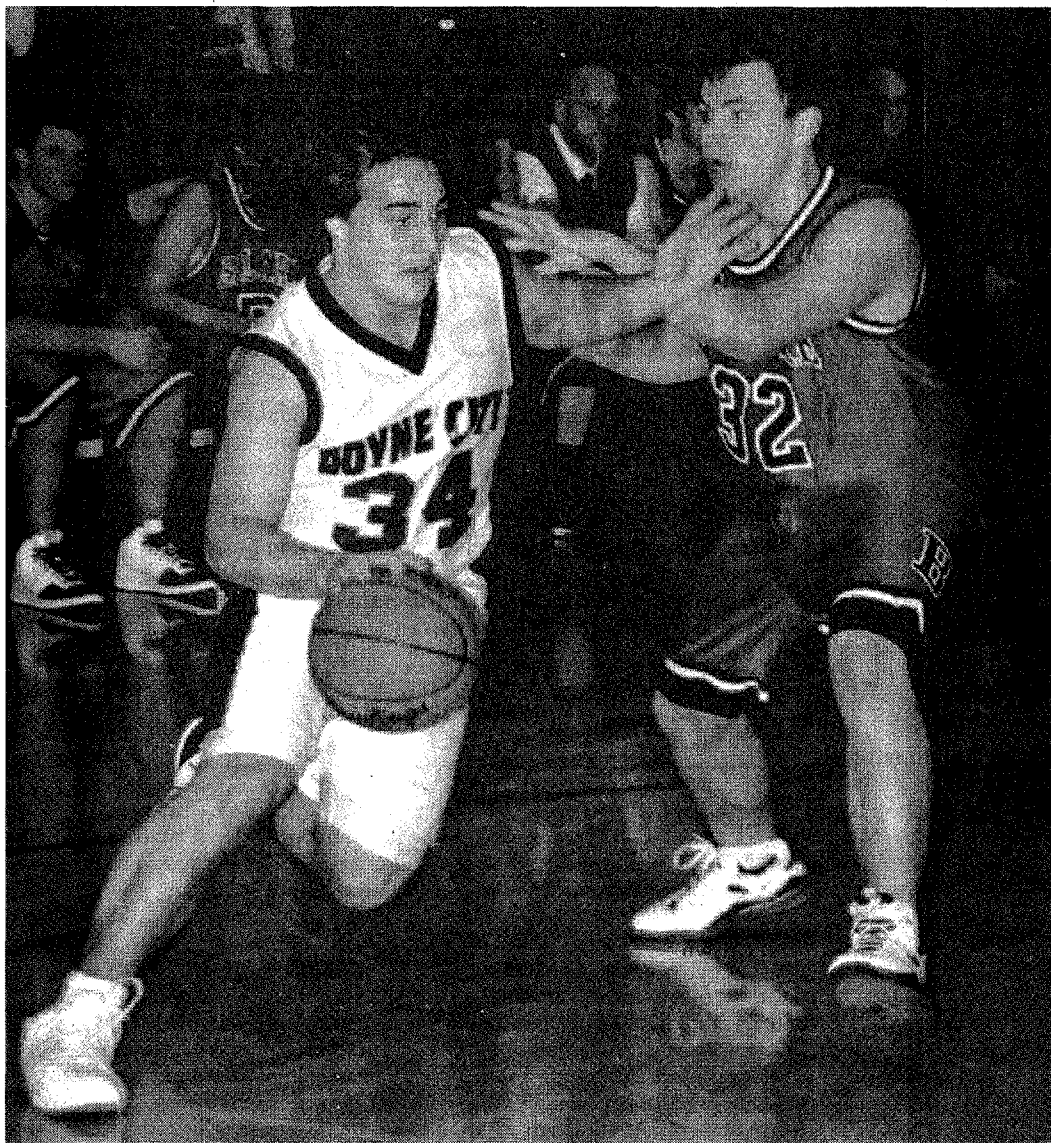
Mancelona senior Greg Blanco led the Ironmen's scoring effort with 19 points.

Snowden led the Red Devils with 17 points and six assists, with Matt Werner scoring 15. East Jordan shot well from the free throw line, going 20-for-31.

Crashing the boards for 11 rebounds apiece was Beau Fuller and Darryl Bingham.

Starting the week with a season record of 2-0, East Jordan traveled to Ellsworth last night (Tuesday) to face a team with an equal record before hosting Kalkaska Thursday, Dec. 18. The Red Devils' junior varsity tips-off against the Blazers at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity at 7:30 p.m.

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Boyne City's Dalton Looze slips past a Bellaire defender Tuesday night at home.

By GREG GIELCZYK
 SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — After crushing Bellaire in a season-opening win Tuesday, Dec. 9, Boyne City spotted Kingsley a big early lead and then saw their ensuing rally fall just short Saturday, Dec. 13.

The Ramblers held the Eagles from obtaining any field goals throughout the first half and danced off the floor with a 60-16 non-conference win at home.

Ryan Musser and Trevor Kruzal combined for 31 points. Musser led the way with 19 points, and Kruzal added 12. Spencer Caverly had nine points.

Musser also had nine rebounds. Tyler Urman

was the top playmaker for the Ramblers with five assists.

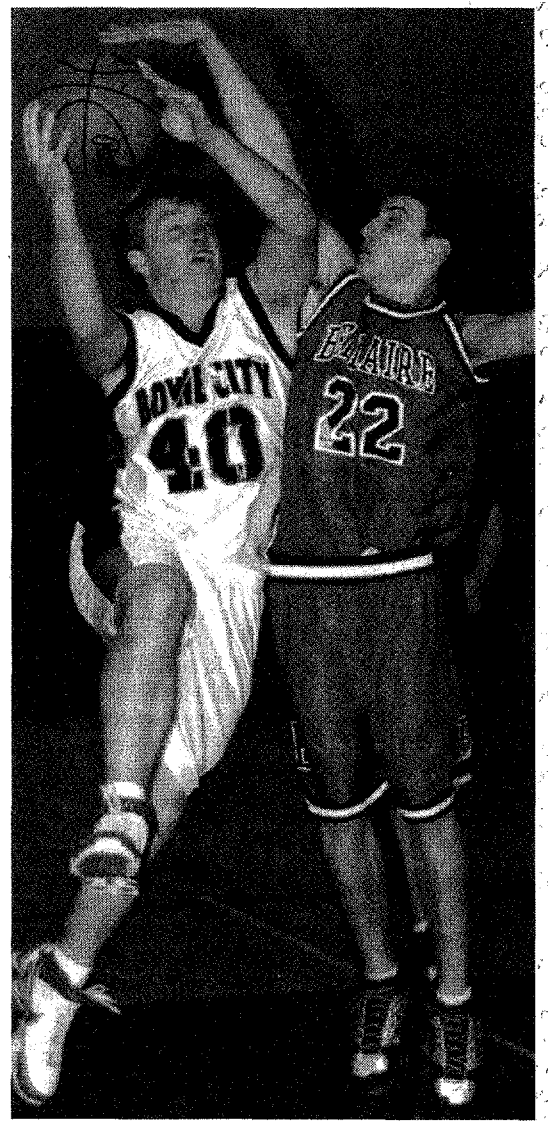
The leading scorer for Bellaire was Brandon Charbonneau, who finished the game with six points.

Boyne City had a 15-1 lead at the end of the first quarter, and outscored the Eagles in the second period, 19-1 to build a 34-2 cushion at the half. The Ramblers led 49-7 after three quarters. Boyne City had an 11-9 edge in the fourth period.

"We played really well, obviously," Boyne City coach John Hertel said. "We've been working really hard on our defense."

"The kids really executed. It was really a heck of an accomplishment to hold Bellaire without a field goal in the first half."

"Our intensity was excellent. All the kids



Boyne City's Ryan Musser explodes from the paint Tuesday, Dec. 9, going for two points against Bellaire.

Photos by Vic Ruggles

played extremely hard. Defense is one of the things that we've really been emphasizing in pre-season practices, and our first couple of scrimmages.

"And obviously, it paid off in our first game. We played about as well defensively as we could."

"I could pick out maybe a play here or play there where we're out of position, or maybe don't get a box-out."

Boyne City got down early against Kingsley at home Saturday, and then charged back to cut the

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Two Wildcats attack Boyne Falls

By PHIL TROMBLEY
 SPORTS WRITER

WOLVERINE — Wolverine held Boyne Falls varsity girls basketball to under 10 points in each of the first three quarters and forged a 27-13 lead going into the fourth when the Lady Wildcats downed the Lady Loggers 33-26 in Wolverine last Friday.

The Lady Loggers outscored Wolverine 13-6 in the final eight minutes, but could not overcome the slow start in their second Northern Lakes Conference game of the season.

"We started very slow in the beginning of both halves. We did not play defense the way we have been practicing," Boyne Falls coach Chris Fiel said. "Offensively we settled for too many outside shots."

Boyne Falls put up just four points in the first period, seven in the second and two in the third as the team struggled to get the offense on track.

Katie Fraser had six points and hauled in eight rebounds, while Kristen Matelski added six points, five boards and five steals to head the Boyne Falls stat sheet.

Ali Bearss chipped in with five points, four rebounds and two steals and Kaitlan Deming had five points, three rebounds and four steals.

Wolverine's Catrice Bunker led all scorers with 12 points and teammate Lunzy Fortune had nine points.

A cold spell in the second quarter of play proved to be all the difference when Alba defeated Boyne Falls 54-38 Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the season's opening

conference game of the year for both teams.

Alba led Boyne Falls 16-15 after the first quarter before the Lady Wildcats put together a 21-3 run in the second and went to the locker room with a 37-18 lead.

"We had a defensive lapse in the second quarter and offensively we couldn't buy a basket," Fiel said. "Overall I continue to see some things I like and we are moving in the right direction."

The host Lady Loggers came out of the intermission facing a large deficit, but fought hard and held their own the rest of the way as they outscored the visitors 20-17 in the second half.

Matelski led Boyne Falls with 14 points, four rebounds and two assists; Fraser contributed with 10 points and two rebounds and Roslyn Fiel added five points, eight boards and two steals.

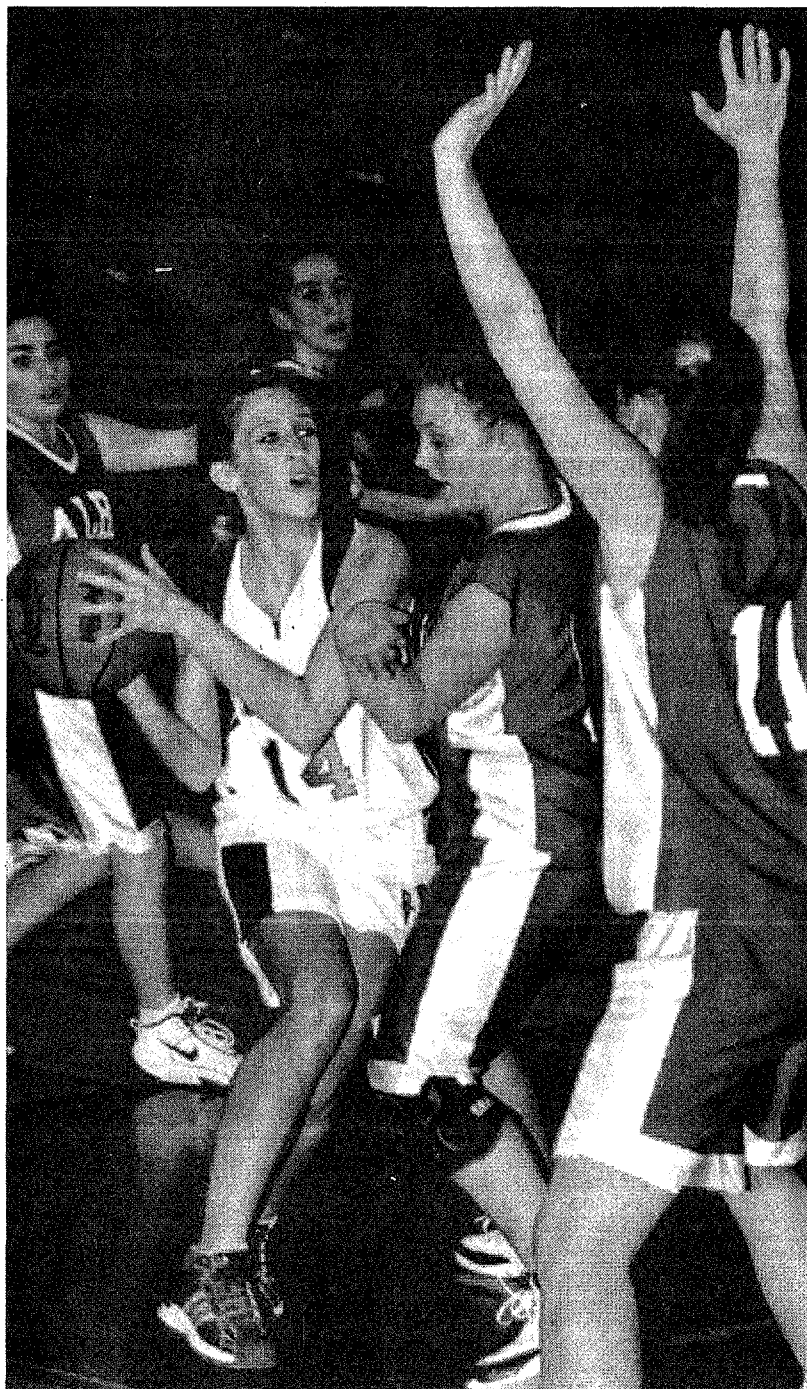
Alba was paced by Chelsey Blasko (14 points) and Beca Hoig (11 points).

Boyne Falls (0-4 overall, 0-2 NLC) will host Mackinaw City Wednesday, Dec. 17, and travel to Ellsworth Friday, Dec. 19.

Alba's junior varsity spoiled Boyne Falls' opener 28-15, with Melody Harmon leading Boyne with six points, while Kiersten Bielas chipped in with four. Kaylee Wilson pulled down eight rebounds and Maria Carpenter hauled in seven.

"I was pleased with how we played overall," Boyne Falls junior varsity coach Al Gasco said. "Even though we lost it was a good start."

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Boyne Falls' Ali Bearss takes on the entire Alba defense at home Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

Close but no cigar

Lady Devils clipped by Stags, Glads

By CHRIS TREDWAY
 SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — Moving down through schedule that has been deemed "murderous" by head coach Sean Ferguson, the Lady Red Devils hosted Kingsley last Wednesday and Traverse City St. Francis Friday, finding themselves within striking distance in either bout but unable to seize the opportunity.

"We talked about being an opportunistic team," Ferguson said. "We've been there three times — that fulcrum where it could go either way."

And each time East Jordan has struggled to find the path that would pull them ahead of the competition. One goal of East Jordan continues to be met, however, giving spectators the treat they came for.

"Our goal is to be competitive, and again, we definitely were," Ferguson said. "Kingsley was never able to pull away, and that is a credit to how hard we kept fighting...I was proud of the girls to fight back (against St. Francis) to bring it to 35-33 in the fourth, but we made some huge mistakes from that point on."

As mistakes are weeded in the weeks ahead, the Lady Devils will have their chance to improve their 0-3 record, starting on the road tonight (Wednesday) at against Boyne City.

In Friday's battle against the Gladiators, East Jordan allowed their guests to start the game with 12 unanswered points, sparking concerns of a blowout.

"It is tough to come back from that deficit," Ferguson said. "But Maribeth (Poindex-

ter) came in and hit some 3's off the bench, she stopped the bleeding and slowly we were able to keep fighting back."

Fighting through solid defensive play by St. Francis, East Jordan moved to within two points of the lead in the fourth quarter but failed to "get over the hump," Ferguson said. The final score of 46-39 came after the Lady Devils outscored St. Francis 15-13 in the last period.

Poindexter (6 rebounds, 4 assists) scored 11 on the night and Grace Howes (5 rebounds, 3 steals) put up 10 points. Ashley Skrocki pulled down seven rebounds for East Jordan and Tanner McCune had three assists and blocked a shot.

Previously, in the game against Kingsley, Skrocki played a great all-around game, according to Ferguson.

"(Skrocki) was assigned the difficult and futile task of trying to contain Ashley Slade," he said.

Slade finished the night with 28 points, but Skrocki held her own with 15 points and eight rebounds, while Howes scored eight points with seven rebounds and McCune had seven points and three assists. Andi Chew generated two assists and stole the ball four times before the game was over. The final score was 55-43.

The junior varsity fell to St. Francis 12-67 and lost to Kingsley 18-57.

Boyne City and East Jordan collide tonight following the junior varsity tip-off at 6 p.m., both varsity teams searching for their first win of the season.

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Ramblers sweep first LMC meet

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Boyne City's wrestling team had cause to celebrate Thursday, Dec. 11. The Ramblers hadn't won a Lake Michigan Conference match since the school reinstated wrestling.

Last week, that streak ended when Boyne City beat Charlevoix, 36-30 and Elk Rapids, 53-0 Thursday at home.

Elk Rapids is struggling with eligibility issues and didn't field a complete team, leaving several weight classes open and thus giving up a flood of points.

Charlevoix was a different story, however, as both teams were forced to void the same weight classes in all but one instance and that effectively put them on even terms.

Boyne City surrendered the 103-pound weight class to Curtis Russell of Charlevoix, and both teams were open at 112 and 119.

Zeke Daman then picked up six points for the Red Rayders when the Ramblers forfeited at 125.

Adam Bown finally broke the scoring draught for the Ramblers when he pinned Ryan Penfold of Charlevoix at 130 pounds in 58 seconds.

The Red Rayders won the next two matches, Alex Waha beating Chris Berson by disqualification at 135 and Max Golovich pinning Jon Calo in 3:08 at 140 pounds.

Following a double void at 145, the Ramblers went on a 5-1 run to close out the match.

Winning by forfeit were Cody Wilmot at 152, Josh McGeorge at 160 and Steve Robinson at 215.

Drew Nohel won by a fall in 26 seconds over Christopher Keje at 171 and Marc Calo pinned Clay Heise in 1:15 at 189 pounds.

Charlevoix won the 285-pound match as Jacob Roach pinned Jack Diener in 3:50.

Adam Brown pinned Elk Rapids' Dave Batorf in 1:35 at 130 pounds, Jon Calo won by a technical fall (18-1) over Zach Perrault at 145 and Chris Kirkby pinned the Elks' Josh Holden in 3:18 at 171 pounds.

Marco Calo, Nohel, Marc Calo, Robinson and Diener all won by forfeit.

"This was our first conference team win since Boyne reinstated wrestling, and we picked up two," coach Don Nohel said.

"Adam Brown did a nice job pinning both of his opponents, leading our seniors who have put a lot of time and effort into the program over the years. It was nice to see their hard work finally pay off."

Four wrestlers medaled at the Manton Invitational Saturday. Noehl and Robinson were second, while Kirkby and Diener both were fourth.

Nohel, wrestling at 160, pinned Tyler Sharp from Grayling in 51 seconds and posted an 8-3 decision over Mark Perry of Manton before losing to Brad Whitney from Kingsley, 10-5 in the finals.

Robinson, at 215 pounds, won by a fall in 17 seconds over Roach of Charlevoix and lost in the finals to Lane Griffith of Kingsley on penalty points.

Kirkby (171) lost by a fall in 3:57 to Grayling's Shane Grove, then pinned Kalkaska's Steve Pope in 2:54 and Kim Martin from Hart in 1:20 before losing to Grove by a pin in 46 seconds.

Diener (285) lost by falls to Stefan Flores of Holt in 1:33 and Scotty Graves of Kingsley in 44 seconds. There were only five wrestlers in his bracket.

"This is always a tough tournament with some quality downstate teams," coach Nohel said. "We saw some real promising things from our kids that we can build on."

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Ramblers

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deficit to just two points in the fourth quarter. The Stags hung on to prevail, 67-58.

Muser scored 16 points and hauled in nine rebounds to lead the Ramblers (1-1). Krusel also had 16 points.

Bryan Conrad had a game-high 21 points for the Stags, while Jordan VanHorn added 15.

Kingsley got off to a hot start, riding four 3-point field goals by Conrad to a 21-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"We knew he was their best shooter," Hertel said of Conrad, "and unfortunately we didn't close as well maybe as we should have, and he was able to get some looks and make them."

"But, we were able to adjust to that after that first quarter. He made one other three, and that was his only

other field goal the rest of the way."

The Ramblers gradually chipped away at the Kingsley lead, closing to within 34-23 at the half and 47-40 after three periods.

Boyne City had the deficit down to two points with about two minutes left in the game, but Kingsley had a 20-18 edge in the fourth quarter.

"We fouled too much against Kingsley, and it hurt us," Hertel said. "They scored a large number of their points at the free throw line."

"I think part of it was a little bit of frustration. We were really trying to play tough defense. I can't fault the kids' effort."

"But, I think when things weren't going our way a little bit we reached too much, and tried to cause too many things on the ball, as opposed to being a little more patient and allowing things to

happen through guys making their rotations off the ball."

"Once we got down a little bit, we were trying to catch up all in one play. When we settled down a little bit and gained composure, and took it one play at a time that's when we were able to whittle the lead down."

"Just unfortunately at the end we just kind of ran out of time, and things didn't go our way the last couple minutes of the game."

It was only the second game of the season, though, and the Ramblers can't afford to linger too long over it.

They have a lot of work left to do.

"We just want to learn from some of the things we made mistakes on," Hertel said. "Some of the things that we're doing strategically a little different than we've done in the past."

"I think we just need to learn how to handle

these situations. Anybody is probably going to make mistakes the first few games. We just need to learn from them, and I think that we will."

Boyne City opens

Lake Michigan Conference play Thursday at Harbor Springs, and then are off for the Christmas break.

Harbor Springs has played the Ramblers tough the last couple of

seasons, and Hertel expects another battle Thursday night.

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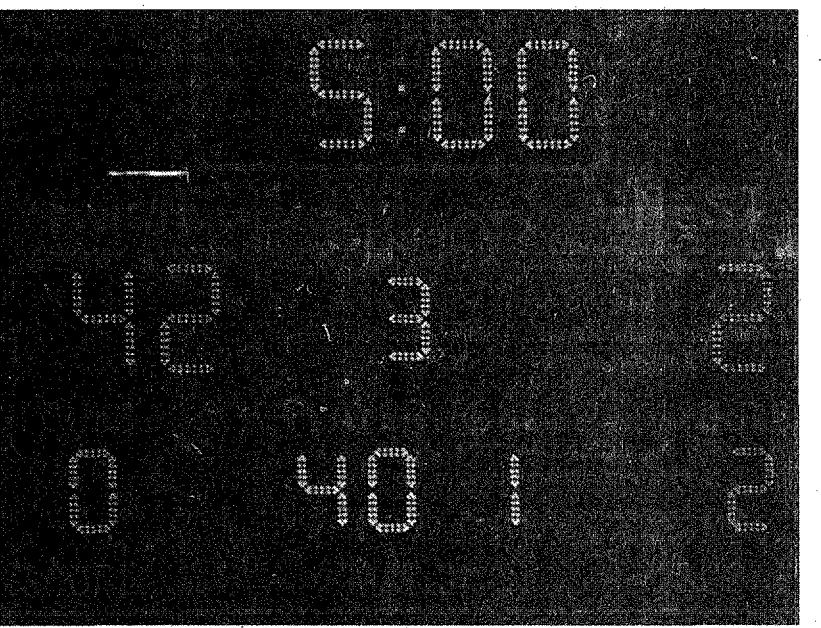


Photo by Vic Ruggles

Boyne City handed Bellaire a devastating loss in the first game of the season, using seamless defense to hold the Eagles to a pair of free throws in the first half.

Lady Ramblers lose by one

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Sometimes, the shots just won't fall.

In a close game, that can be disastrous as the Boyne City girls basketball team learned the hard way last week.

Pitted against a much taller Grayling team in a Lake

Michigan Conference matchup Friday night, the Ramblers took the Vikings down to the wire.

Unfortunately, the Ramblers couldn't get the ball to drop in the hole down the stretch and lost a heartbreaking, 48-47.

"Our trouble this game was scoring," coach Jim Brown said. "Once we figure out why the shots aren't

falling we will be a different team."

Thankfully, it's still early in the season and the Ramblers' shooting troubles are certainly fixable.

Brown will have the girls working on their mechanics in practice, and just taking shots.

Eventually, they'll start falling.

Grayling's size also was a

factor. The Vikings gave the smaller Ramblers fits inside.

"Their size gave us problems," Brown said. "They have two big post players, and we couldn't out-muscle them."

Despite all of that, the Ramblers took an early 13-10 lead. Grayling came back to tie the score at halftime,

20-20. The Vikings led 34-30 at the end of the third.

Sydney Gahn paced the Ramblers with 14 points while Maddie Moeker added nine. Laura Boylan scored 22 for the Vikings.

Boyne City is still looking for its first win of the season as it heads into this week, with games against East Jordan Wednesday and Harbor Springs Friday.

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Loggers pecked by Cardinals

By PHIL TROMBLEY
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BOYNE FALLS — The Loggers opened the 2008 boys varsity basketball season with a loss at home against Johannesburg-Lewis-ton Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Boyne Falls started well against their Ski Valley Conference opponent, seeking to post a victory in their first game for new coach Alan Massey, but in the end Joburg showed its

muscle and came away with a 71-48 win.

The Loggers worked hard in the opening minutes as they worked the ball on offense to get the shots they wanted, and were defensively able to prevent the bigger, stronger Cardinals from getting any easy shots.

The effort was reflected as Boyne Falls went into the halftime break within five points of Joburg, trailing with a 29-24 score.

"We handled their

pressure well in the first half, but we started to lose our intensity in the last couple of minutes (of the half) and that carried over into the third quarter," Massey said.

The Cardinals turned the tide in the second half when they outscored the Loggers 42-24.

"Our defensive intensity was not good in the third quarter," Massey said. "They made a run and we didn't respond. The Cardinals began

to assert their height advantage after the break, while they worked the ball into the paint to score on easy layups and put back buckets off the offensive boards."

Defensively, the Cardinals continued to apply the pressure and keep the Loggers from getting back into their offensive scheme.

Travis Smith led the Boyne Falls scoring with 14 points, while Josh Puroll chipped in with 12.

The Boyne Falls junior varsity dropped its opening game 36-18 against Joburg.

Forest William tossed in 12 points to pace the Boyne Falls offense, while Travis Lange contributed with

a solid defensive game. "All in all I was really happy," Boyne Falls first-year coach Ross Payton said. "We showed a lot of positive play out there."

Boyne Falls will host Alanson Thursday, Dec. 18.

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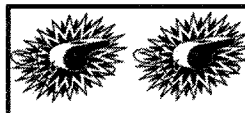
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GRANDVUE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY will be offering a nurse aide training program January 12-28. Classes will run Monday-Friday, 7 am - 3:30 pm. Cost for the program is \$350, due at the time of registration, to cover tuition, books and TB skin test. Students who successfully complete this program will be eligible to take the state licensing tests for CNA certification and begin their medical career. Registration forms will be accepted from December 12 - January 5 or until class is full. Stop by 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, to register or call Jane Korhase with questions at 231-536-2286.

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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 venue at the main lobby of Courthouse 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, by assignment dated August 1, 2007 and recorded August 7, 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 Fifty 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 venue, 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 600.3241a, 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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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert W Anderson and Jean M Anderson aka Jean Anderson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to The Huntington National Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 8, 2003, and recorded on May 29, 2003 in Liber 543 on Page 203, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine And 19/100 Dollars (\$378,749.19), including interest at 4.5% per annum.

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

Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 18, 19 and 20, of Block 6, of Lindsay Park Addition to Charlevoix, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Subject to all easements and restrictions of 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: Nov. 26, 2008

For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #231633F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond D. Argetsinger, married and Melissa A. Argetsinger, married, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 9, 2006, and recorded on February 24, 2006 in Liber 732 on Page 484, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight And 96/100 Dollars (\$101,778.96), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

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

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Dated: Nov. 26, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nathan Bell and Marrietta E Bell, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 12, 1998, and recorded on March 16, 1998 in Liber 333 on Page 482, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seven And 01/100 Dollars (\$67,307.01), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

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

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

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

Dated: Dec. 3, 2008

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which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Four And 14/100 Dollars (\$74,444.14), 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 venue, 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 Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 38, 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.

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael J. Brooks, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to Ross Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 6, 2003, and recorded on March 18, 2003 in Liber 525 on Page 240, and rerecorded on August 6, 2003 in Liber 560 on Page 494, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation 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 Fifty-Five Thousand Six And 37/100 Dollars (\$155,306.37), including interest at 5.125% per annum.

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

Said premises are situated in Village of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 62, Village at Disciples Ridge Condominium, a condominium project according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 381, Pages 034 through 098 and First Amendment to

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 Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 33 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from

Master Deed recorded in Liber 394, Page 338 through 353, Charlevoix County Records, and Restated First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 394, Page 869 et seq., Charlevoix County Records, and Second Restated First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 395, Page 615 et seq., Charlevoix County Records and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 404, Page 935, Charlevoix County Records, and amended in Third Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 411, Page 594, Charlevoix County Records (and Affidavit to correct in Liber 417, Page 389, Charlevoix County Records) and Fourth Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 427, Page 812, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 97, 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.

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.

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

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Dated: Dec. 10, 2008

For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304
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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 venue, 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 Northeast 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

For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Everett L. Combest Jr. and Amanda J. Combest, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2004, and recorded on April 19, 2004 in Liber 603 on Page 757, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for ABFC 2004-OPT 4 Trust, ABFC A s s e t - B a c k e d Certificates, Series 2004-OPT 4, as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety And 15/100 Dollars (\$142,490.15), including interest at 8.4% per annum.

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by EDWARD B. GARDNER, A SINGLE MAN, to THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated May 20, 1998, and recorded on May 21, 1998, in Liber 338, on Page 197, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE LLC FKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$31,456.74), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Dated: Dec. 17, 2008

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File #235968F01

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 venue, 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.

Said premises are situated in the City of Boyne, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and is described as follows: Unit No. 83, THE HARBORFRAGE 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.

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

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by EDWARD B. GARDNER, A SINGLE MAN, to THE HUNTINGTON MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee, dated May 20, 1998, and recorded on May 21, 1998, in Liber 338, on Page 197, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE LLC FKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Seventy-Four Cents (\$31,456.74), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 16, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a concrete monument at the West quarter corner of Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds East 1405.27 feet along the East and West quarter line of said section, as monumented, to a point in the centerline of the Boyne City-East Jordan Road for the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said East and West quarter line South 89 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds East 49.58 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Easterly right-of-way line of said road; thence continuing along said quarter line South 89 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds East 335.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 01 seconds East 199.49 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly right-of-way line of Dietz Road; thence continuing North 00 degrees 23 minutes 01 seconds East 34.27 feet to the centerline of said road; thence along the centerline of said road North 73 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 427.40 feet to the centerline of said Boyne City-East Jordan Road; thence along the centerline of said Boyne City-East Jordan Road on a curve to the right 192.59 feet (radius 1037.73 feet, the delta is 10 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds and the chord bears South 01 degree 42 minutes 04 seconds East 192.31 feet); thence continuing along the centerline of the aforementioned road South 03 degrees 36 minutes 56 seconds West 149.37 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 6 West.

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

Dated: Dec. 17, 2008

For more information, please call: FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #235180F01

GMAC MORTGAGE LLC FKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee/Assignee

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

Said premises are situated in the City of Boyne, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and is described as follows: Unit No. 83, THE HARBORFRAGE 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

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive,
Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

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 Jayson L Goldsmith and Erica C Goldsmith, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 17, 2004, and recorded on January 5, 2005 in Liber 661 on Page 302, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty And 43/100 Dollars (\$71,950.43), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 16, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a concrete monument at the West quarter corner of Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 6 West; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds East 1405.27 feet along the East and West quarter line of said section, as monumented, to a point in the centerline of the Boyne City-East Jordan Road for the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing along said East and West quarter line South 89 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds East 49.58 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Easterly right-of-way line of said road; thence continuing along said quarter line South 89 degrees 36 minutes 59 seconds East 335.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 01 seconds East 199.49 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly right-of-way line of Dietz Road; thence continuing North 00 degrees 23 minutes 01 seconds East 34.27 feet to the centerline of said road; thence along the centerline of said road North 73 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West 427.40 feet to the centerline of said Boyne City-East Jordan Road; thence along the centerline of said Boyne City-East Jordan Road on a curve to the right 192.59 feet (radius 1037.73 feet, the delta is 10 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds and the chord bears South 01 degree 42 minutes 04 seconds East 192.31 feet); thence continuing along the centerline of the aforementioned road South 03 degrees 36 minutes 56 seconds West 149.37 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 1, Township 32 North, Range 6 West.

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

Dated: Dec. 17, 2008

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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #235180F01

GMAC MORTGAGE LLC FKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee/Assignee

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

Said premises are situated in the City of Boyne, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and is described as follows: Unit No. 83, THE HARBORFRAGE 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

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS December 10, 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 21, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.
- Motion approved the appointments of Ward Cook, Joan Blanchard and Nels Northup to the Commission on Aging Board.
- Motion approved the appointment of Keith Ogden to the Road Commission Board. Commissioner Drebenstedt voting No.
- Motion approved the appointment of Peter Gaskin to the Parks Committee. Commissioners Reinhardt and Roloff voting no.
- Motions approved the appointment of Fritz Healey, Marc Seelye and Marc Harmon to the Parks Committee.
- Motions approved the appointment of Larry Levensgood, Joseph Seidel and Michael Buttigieg to the Planning Commission.
- Motion approved the appointment of John Mathers, Jr. to the Veterans Affairs Board.
- Motions approved the appointment of Henry Erber and Frank Hamilton to the Transportation Authority.
- Motions approved Don Voisin and Mike Hansen to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board.
- Motion approved the appointment of Bill Thompson to the Fair Board.
- Motions approved the appointment of Bob Drebenstedt and Edward Evans to the Brownfield Development Authority
- Motion approved Resolution #08-110, Approve County Expenditures.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-111, Marine Grant and authorized the Fiscal Officer to sign it.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-112, Remonumentation Grant and authorized the County Clerk as Grant Administrator to sign said application.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-113, Surveyor Contracts and authorized the Chairman to sign said contracts as soon as notification from the State is received.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-114, Award Flooring Proposal to Whitey's Floor Covering.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-115, Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-116, Create New Fund.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-117, 2009 Subsidiary Fund Budgets.
- Motion approved Resolution #08-118, Sale of Dog Licenses.
- The Organizational meeting will be held January 5, 2009.
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon,
County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICES

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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 venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix 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

Orlans 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 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 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

venue, 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
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #232318F01

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth K. Klintworth and Shari Klintworth, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage North, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005, and recorded on June 27, 2005 in Liber 688 on Page 747, in Charlevoix County records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Securitized Asset Backed Receivables LLC 2006-OP1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OP1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eighty-Three And 34/100 Dollars (\$123,083.34), including interest at 8.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 16, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the South quarter corner of Section 33, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence North 00 Degrees 38 Minutes 18 Seconds East, 886.49 feet along the North and South quarter line of said section to the center line of Old U.S. 31 Highway; thence South 45 Degrees 31 Minutes 56 Seconds West, 152.70 feet along said center line, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said center line South 45 Degrees 31 Minutes 56 Seconds West, 103.25 feet; thence North 44 Degrees 08 Minutes 12 Seconds West, 33.00 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; thence continuing North 44 Degrees 08 Minutes 12 Seconds West, 275.08 feet; thence North 45 Degrees 31 Minutes 56 Seconds East, 103.25 feet; thence South 44 Degrees 08 Minutes 12 Seconds East, 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; being part of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, Town 34 North, Range 8 West.

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

Dated: Dec. 10, 2008

For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
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File #234258F01

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
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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. 17, 2008

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File #235976F01

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 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 venue, 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

For more information, please call:
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File #234258F01

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 Nannette Miller, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 20, 2004, and recorded on October 5, 2004 in Liber 640 on Page 304, in Charlevoix County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Taylor, Bean and

Whitaker Mortgage Corp. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty And 86/100 Dollars (\$113,850.86), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 16, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 4, 5 and the Westerly 4 feet of Lot 3, Block 5, Chapman and Addis Addition to the Village of Spring Harbor (now City of Boyne City), 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. 17, 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 #236012F01

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 Glenn R. Moblo and Kathleen M. Moblo, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 12, 2003, and recorded on September 22, 2003 in Liber 573 on Page 292, in Charlevoix County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Six And 39/100 Dollars (\$235,826.39), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the 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.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is here-

Dated: Nov. 26, 2008

For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #232593F01

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 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 2007-0A4Trust 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 venue, 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
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #224699F02

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by TIMOTHY J. RAINEY and CATHERINE M. RAINEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 10, 2004, and recorded on September 29, 2004, in Liber 639, on Page 345, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Forty-Two Dollars and Forty-Two Cents (\$235,042.42), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is here-

by given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 AM o'clock, on January 23, 2009.

Said premises are located in Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 17, KLOOSTER'S ISLANDVIEW, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS ON PAGE 107, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be 6 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. 11, 2008

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

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive,
Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 venue, 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 16, 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.

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. 3, 2008

For more information, please call:
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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 Larry D. Waggoner, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2005, and recorded on May 20, 2005 in Liber 682 on Page 477, in Charlevoix County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nine Thousand Twenty-Nine And 12/100 Dollars (\$109,929.12), including interest at 3.16% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 16, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, Block A, except the North 90 feet. Assessor's Terrace Addition to the City of Boyne City, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 9, 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. 17, 2008

For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #236105F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charles C. Ward and Dawn Marie Ward husband and wife, as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Continomortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 30, 1999, and recorded on September 10, 1999 in Liber 371 on Page 765, in Charlevoix County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2007-SP1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four And 88/100 Dollars (\$48,464.88), including interest at 8.65% 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 16, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The West half of Government Lot 1, Section 19, Town 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.

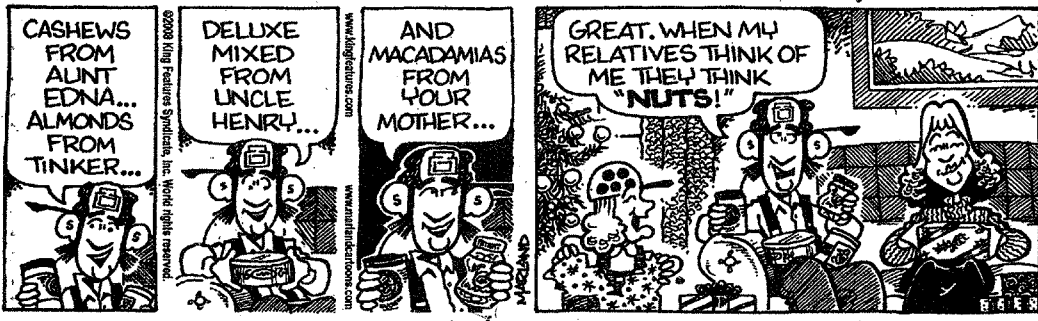
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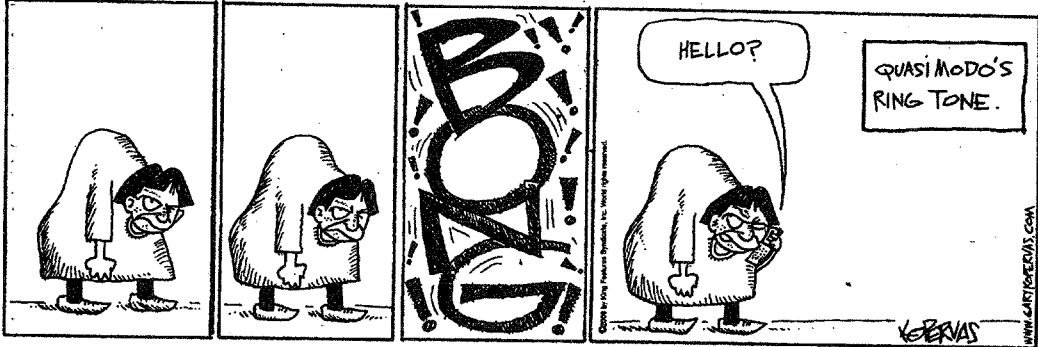
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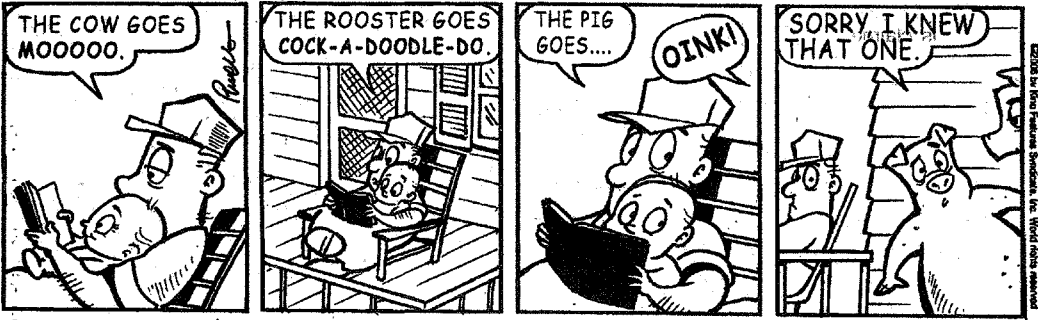
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Super Crossword

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 - 23 Legendary drummer?
 - 26 Boxer Roberto
 - 27 Alpha opposite
 - 28 Use the microwave
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 - 31 Cable channel
 - 32 Vote in
 - 34 Use a dagger
 - 38 Shadowy site?
 - 41 "La Traviata" tenor
 - 44 Musty
 - 45 Family car
 - 46 Dutch painter
 - 47 Spine start
 - 49 Fountain order
 - 51 Shoe measurement
 - 54 "Xanadu" rockers
 - 55 Revolutionary War hero?
 - 59 Nest egg
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 - 84 Sprawl on the sofa
 - 85 Computer image
 - 86 "Winter of Artifice" author
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 - 91 Aspin or Paul
 - 92 "It's Too Late" singer?
 - 98 Letters of credit?
 - 99 Move through mud
 - 101 Part of NB
 - 102 Literary contraction
 - 103 A real Swede guy
 - 104 Nick of "Cannery Row"
 - 107 "The — Man" (72 song)
 - 109 Most laconic
 - 111 Vietnam's — Van Thieu
 - 112 Painter Paul
 - 113 Baker's appliance
 - 114 Taradiddle
 - 115 Fall behind
 - 117 Coup d'—
 - 119 Gary of "The Buddy Holly Story"
 - 123 City on the Mohawk
 - 126 "I Dream of Jeannie" star?
 - 131 Flynn of films
 - 132 Psychedelic Timothy
 - 133 Poorly
 - 134 Sundance's sweetie
 - 135 Stick
 - 136 Violinist Mischa
 - 137 — majesty
 - 138 Groucho's gaze
 - 3 Lie low
 - 4 Hammerstein's partner
 - 5 Seer's gift
 - 6 Arnold or Brutus
 - 7 Influence
 - 8 Clean your ears?
 - 9 Alphabet sequence
 - 10 "Ben—"
 - 11 Furryman
 - 12 Be adjacent to
 - 13 Pocket flowers?
 - 14 Director Browning
 - 15 Hosp. area
 - 16 "Captain Ron" star?
 - 17 Serengeti springer
 - 18 Be bombastic
 - 24 81 Across' alma mater
 - 25 Gnat or brat
 - 30 Comic Louis
 - 33 — St. Vincent Milloy
 - 35 Rpm indicator
 - 36 South African plant
 - 37 Composer Bartok
 - 39 "The Perfect Fool" comic
 - 89 Stocking stuffers?
 - 90 Cousin's mom
 - 93 Canal feature
 - 94 And more of the same
 - 95 Lion's pride
 - 96 Solo performances
 - 97 Essence
 - 100 Old French coin
 - 103 Potsdam pastry
 - 105 — Aviv Davine (98 film)
 - 106 Make feasible
 - 108 Graceful ruminant
 - 110 Melodious McEntire
 - 111 Safe-cracker's tool
 - 113 Syrup source
 - 114 Feed a fire pan
 - 116 Celt
 - 118 Sheep's shaker
 - 120 Location
 - 121 Punta del —
 - 122 1492 or 1776
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top 10 movies

1. **Four Christmases** (PG-13) *Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon*
2. **Bolt** (PG) *animated*
3. **Twilight** (PG-13) *Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson*
4. **Quantum of Solace** (PG-13) *Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko*
5. **Australia** (PG-13) *Hugh Jackman, Nicole Kidman*
5. **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (PG) *animated*
7. **Transporter 3** (PG-13) *Vin Diesel, Jason Statham, Natalya Rudakova*
8. **Role Models** (R) *Seann William Scott, Paul Rudd*
9. **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** (PG-13) *Asa Butterfield, Zac Mattoon O'Brien*
10. **Milk** (R) *Sean Penn, Emile Hirsch*

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TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

- Top 10 Video Rentals**
1. **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (R) *Jeff Kahn (DreamWorks)*
 2. **Kung Fu Panda** (G) *animated (DreamWorks)*
 3. **Smart People** (R) *Dennis Quaid (Miramax)*
 4. **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG-13) *Brendan Fraser (New Line Cinema)*
 5. **The Incredible Hulk** (PG-13) *Edward Norton (Universal)*
 6. **This Christmas** (PG-13) *Delroy Lindo (Sony)*
 7. **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) *Harrison Ford (Paramount)*
 8. **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) *Matt Lanter (Warner Bros.)*
 9. **The Strangers** (R) *Scott Speedman (Universal)*
 10. **Iron Man** (PG-13) *Robert Downey Jr. (Paramount)*
- Top 10 DVD Sales**
1. **Kung Fu Panda** (PG) (DreamWorks)
 2. **Hellboy II: The Golden Army** (R) (Universal)
 3. **Kung Fu Panda/Secrets of the Furious Five** (PG) (DreamWorks)
 4. **Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (PG) (Warner Bros.)
 5. **This Christmas** (PG-13) (Sony)
 6. **Get Smart** (PG-13) (Warner)
 7. **Tinker Bell** (G) (Walt Disney)
 8. **Journey to the Center of the Earth** (PG) (New Line)
 9. **Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (PG-13) (Paramount)
 10. **Iron Man** (PG-13) (Paramount)

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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On Dec. 25, 1884, Mr. Layne Hall of Silver Creek, N.Y., is born. At his death on Nov. 20, 1990, he had a valid driver's license. He was 105 years old, making him the oldest legal driver ever.

On Dec. 28, 1895, the world's first commercial movie screening takes place at the Grand Cafe in Paris. French siblings Louis and Auguste Lumiere screened a series of short scenes from everyday French life, and charged admission.

On Dec. 23, 1912, Keystone Pictures releases its first "Keystone Kops" movie, "Hoffmeyer's Release." The Keystone Kops films were silent, black-and-white movies starring a crew of bumbling policemen who bumped into and fell over each other in a frenetic sequence of slapstick gags.

On Dec. 24, 1923, President Calvin Coolidge touches a button and lights up the first national Christmas tree to grace the White House grounds. The tree was also the first to be decorated with electric lights. The tradition has been repeated with every administration since then.

On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby gorilla named Colo is born at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first-ever gorilla born in captivity. At that time, captive gorillas often never learned parenting skills from their own parents in the wild, so the Columbus Zoo built Colo a nursery, and she was reared by zookeepers. Colo is still alive today.

On Dec. 26, 1966, the first day of the first Kwanzaa is celebrated in Los Angeles. The seven-day holiday, which has strong African roots, was designed as a celebration of African-American family, community and culture.

On Dec. 27, 1979, in an attempt to stabilize the turbulent political situation in Afghanistan, the Soviet Union sends 75,000 troops to enforce the installation of Babrak Karmal as the new leader of the nation. The new government and the Soviet presence, however, had little success. The Soviet intervention cost Russia dearly. The seemingly endless civil war in Afghanistan resulted in thousands of Soviet dead and untold monetary costs.

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Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special New Year's party just for them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do your best, which sometimes causes you to be critical of those who don't live up to your standards.

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HAPPENINGS

Spaghetti dinner

A benefit dinner is being organized to assist Benny Deems, an 11-year-old boy who attended school in Boyne Falls and has been diagnosed with germ cell brain cancer. The spaghetti dinner will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Eagles Hall on Lake Street in Boyne City. The benefit is sponsored by the Presbyterian Men's Club in cooperation with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Benny is the great-grandson of Mike and Carrie Edson, and he is being treated at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis Tenn.

GLCO performs "Messiah"

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform Handel's "Messiah" at St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey, on Dec. 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 Weather-vane 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.

Business after hours

Re/Max Resort Properties will host the Boyne Area Chamber's next Business After Hours at its office located at 111 S. Lake St. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18. Cosponsoring the event are CindiFranco's Cool Stuff and Lake Street Market. No RSVP is needed for this business mixer event.

Live Nativity

The Atwood Christian Reformed Church will perform their 6th Annual Live Nativity on Friday, Dec. 19, and Saturday, Dec. 20, at 7, 7:30, and 8 p.m. on Friday, and at 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Come and experience the story of Christmas as told through live actors, song, animals and choir. Performances are outside at the church with refreshments following in the church Fellowship Hall. The church is located in Atwood on Hwy. 31, 12 miles south of Charlevoix. For more information, contact Pastor Dave Kroon at 231-599-3290.

The JRAC Annual Members Art for Sale

There is still time to shop for gifts at the JRAC Christmas Art For Sale Exhibit at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 East Main St. A wide variety of hand made, one of a kind items are for sale, reasonable prices for holiday giving. The Center is open daily from 1 to 4 p.m. and runs through Dec. 19.

New coffeehouse opens

New to northern Michigan is the Back Porch Coffeehouse at the Front Porch Café, 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 alcohol-free. Donations at the door (suggested \$4 individ-

ual, \$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.

Winter solstice event

Raven Hill Discovery Center will celebrate the "Winter Solstice" on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. Participants can snowshoe or cross country ski an illuminated trail and are asked to bring a goody to roast on the fire and a piece of wood for the fire. Please call to reserve snowshoes and register to participate in the Winter Solstice event, 231-536-3369.

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.

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.

"Boyne Bucks"

The Boyne Area Chamber is selling "Boyne Bucks" gift certificates, just in time for Christmas. The gift certificates can be redeemed at 29 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 are available at the Chamber office in \$10 and \$20 denominations.

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. 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.

Free Clinic reopens

The newly reorganized and incorporated Boyne Area Free Clinic has reopened in its former location at 624 State St. It will operate every Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering primary care for the underinsured or uninsured. Dr. Richard Mansfield will continue to be the clinic's volunteer medical director. Call 231-582-4605 on Fridays for information.

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.

New Year's Eve overnight

Raven Hill Discovery Center will host a New Year's Eve overnight from 6 p.m., Dec. 31, to 9 a.m., Jan. 1, 2009. Register your kids for a fun overnight. Registration is limited, so book your spaces soon by calling 231-536-3369. Cost is \$100 per person for the overnight and includes meals, snacks and activities.

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.

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. Inquirers 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.



No tragedy here! An experienced East Jordan Firefighter helps man the hose as a "Cadet" throws water on the fire from a safe distance. East Jordan conducted a controlled burn at a house on Mill Street Sunday. Controlled burns are a valuable training experience for the fire department and a cost-effective demolition method for the property owner.

Photos by Vic Ruggles

GIVE GIFT CERTIFICATES

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The Boyne Area Chamber is offering "Boyne Bucks" gift certificates, just in time for Christmas. Boyne Bucks can be redeemed at a variety of Boyne area businesses. This makes it easy to give a gift that will truly be appreciated, whether it be a dinner, a book, a sweater or a power tool. Boyne Bucks can be purchased from the Chamber office in \$10 and \$20 denominations. For a list of participating businesses, visit www.boynechamber.com.

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

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