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At a glance

Half day

Boyne City Public Schools will be holding a Teacher Inservice in the afternoon on Friday, Jan. 16. There will be a half-day of school for students and all students will be dismissed at 11:13 a.m. Breakfast will be available for all students.

Avalanche warming house hours

The Avalanche Mountain warming house is open from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Weekend hours will also be observed on other holidays throughout the winter when school is not in session.

Skating and sledding are allowed any time until the park closes at 10:30 p.m., however there is no supervision outside of the regular hours of the warming house. The ice-skating rink activity is weather dependent. Free loaner skates (limited size selection) are available in the warming house. New and used skate donations are welcome at anytime.

Stroll the Streets seeks community input

Boyne City has come alive Friday evenings with music as people of all ages enjoy Stroll the Streets. Organizers want to make the event even better and are asking the community for input at a meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, at 5 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room. Organized by the Boyne City Main Street Program, Stroll the Streets is primarily supported by Boyne City businesses. The event is held Friday evening beginning the last weekend in June and continuing through Labor Day. For information contact the Main Street office at 231-582-9009 or email Mainstreet@boynecity.com.

WEATHER

Wednesday, Jan. 7
Hi: 28 Lo: 16
Condition: Snow

Thursday, Jan. 8
Hi: 19 Lo: 15
Condition: Snow Showers

Friday, Jan. 9
Hi: 21 Lo: 19
Condition: Few Snow Showers

Saturday, Jan. 10
Hi: 21 Lo: 11
Condition: Snow Showers

Sunday, Jan. 11
Hi: 13 Lo: 12
Condition: Few Snow Showers

Monday, Jan. 12
Hi: 16 Lo: 14
Condition: Snow Showers

Tuesday, Jan. 13
Hi: 22 Lo: 17
Condition: Cloudy

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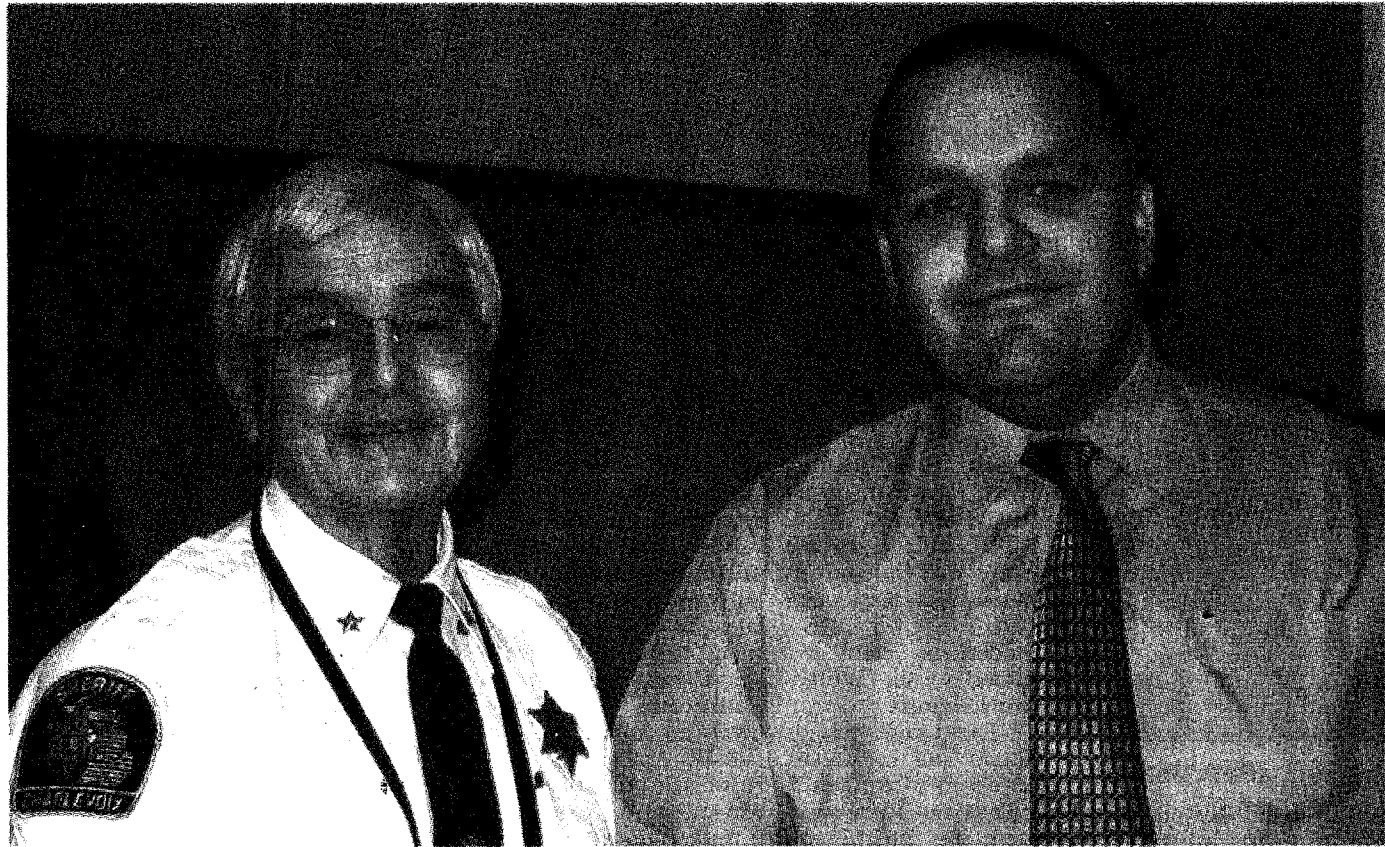


Photo by B. J. Hetler

Don Schneider (l-r) and Chuck Vondra were sworn in as Charlevoix County Sheriff and Undersheriff, respectively, at the circuit court in Charlevoix on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008. The two have been with the Sheriff's Office for some time, but Schneider was Undersheriff and Vondra was a detective. Judge Richard M. Pajtas performed the ceremony. Vondra is also a city commissioner for the city of Boyne City.

Festival blasts into East Jordan

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — With the turn of the calendar and winter in full swing, residents of East Jordan and surrounding communities can now start preparing for the annual Sno-Blast Winter Festival. Now in its 28th year, this popular event has many new surprises in store starting on Jan. 16 through the 18 sponsored and coordinated by the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce.

The theme this winter is "USA's Treasured Landmarks" with events including Comic Play "Paper or Plastic", Chili Supper, Crowning of the Belle of the Blizzard & Winter Knight, Antique Snowmobile Club of America, Snowmobile Drags, Frozen Pancake Toss, Brewing Finnish Ale Workshop, Build a Snowman Contest and many more.

"The event means a lot to the business community in the middle of winter economically and it offers residents and visitors alike to escape cabin fever and get outside and play in the fresh air and snow," Mary Faculak, President of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce said. "The festival has had many memorable happenings; I have been involved with the festival for the past 19 years and have helped the committee to develop a schedule of activities throughout the town that showcases East Jordan and its many amenities in the nature based and cultural venues."

Faculak remembers bringing back the Belle of the Blizzard contest 50 years after crowning its Belle Eva Dennis Healey and seeing her crown her successor 50 years later. These memorable moments are what make Faculak enjoy the festival so much.

"I still laugh when I think of when a group of our Chamber ambassadors and I dressed in various winter themed costumes and marched down Main Street in 5 degree temperatures," Faculak explained. Some other popular events have been the drag races sponsored by the East Jordan Snowmobilers at their club grounds on Mt. Bliss Road, which has attracted snowmobile enthusiasts

and up for sale and in today's economic climate who knows for how long. But, the Wolverine Dilworth is a patient old inn that awaits the next adventure.

A hotel for all times

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — History buff or not, when climbing the steps onto the roomy veranda of the Wolverine Dilworth Inn it's easy to wonder who may have walked there before today's visitors.

In 1912 when the hotel was built, men in dress boots, work boots and oxford shoes, and women in practical and fashion pumps walked up the steps, onto the veranda and through the wood and glass doors into the hotel lobby.

Throughout the years the Wolverine Dilworth hotel has stood on the east end of downtown Water Street and welcomed businessmen, lumber workers, and "summer people" from Detroit, Chicago, Cincinnati and other locales. Its walls rang with greetings, chatter and laughter from those who gathered there.

Today, silence pervades the grand lobby, the pub and the guest and banquet rooms. Boyne City's hotel is closed

and up for sale and in today's economic climate who knows for how long. But, the Wolverine Dilworth is a patient old inn that awaits the next adventure.

Wes Dilworth is the grandson of F. W. and Kathryn Dilworth who owned the hotel for six

years from 1935 until 1941. Wes has a penchant for historic buildings, but said he has no interest in owning the hotel. He is the broker and owner of Dilworth Yacht Brokers in an office just down the street and is satisfied to focus on yachts.

"I understand yachts. I don't

understand hotels," he said recently.

But, Wes has fond memories of his grandmother Kathryn who took an active role in running the hotel. Wes describes her as a "perfectionist," "snappy," and great at hospitality.

"She was a strong woman,



Courtesy photo

Old man winter poses for a picture during last year's annual Sno-Blast Winter Festival.

City prevails in Appeals Court

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The Michigan Court of Appeals issued an opinion recently that affirms a circuit court decision in favor of the city of Boyne City.

Devlon Properties, Inc. filed its case with the Court of Appeals on July 9, 2007, following the lower court's ruling that granted the city's request for dismissal of Devlon's complaint. Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas granted the city's motion for summary disposition on June 21, 2007, ruling that there was no cause of action against the city.

Devlon Properties, Inc. is the developer of the proposed Boyne Beach Club on lakefront property located at 475 N. Lake St., across from the Glen's shopping plaza. Plans for the project include a hotel, restaurant, private beach and pool and a marina with approximately

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Chamber presents annual meeting

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting is Thursday, Jan. 15, at Boyne Mountain. The event kicks off at 5:30 p.m. with a no-host social hour and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

The Presenting Sponsor of this year's event is Korthase-Flinn Insurance and Financial Services. Gold Sponsors are Boyne Area Medical Center, Boyne City Booster Foundation and Great Lakes Energy.

Business awards will be presented and live and silent auctions are among the activities for the audience of business and civic leaders.

Two new directors recently elected to the chamber board will be introduced at the event. They are Ed Grice, general manager of Boyne Mountain Resort, and Tim McAndrew, owner of Boyne Co-op True Value.

Grice served on the Boyne City Planning Commission and on the Friends of the Boyne board. He grew up in Boyne City and has spent most of his adult life working

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Photo by B.J. Hetler

she was a tough one," he said.

Wes and Boyne City natives who knew Kathryn say she was an excellent cook and known for her tomato pudding, among other dishes.

The Dilworths sold the hotel to Henry Marshall who immediately recruited his son-in-law, Don Sheets, and his daughter, Ruth Sheets, to run it. Ruth still lives in Boyne City. She remembers when her father decided to buy the hotel.

"I was with my parents and they headed into Boyne City where we had ice cream. My father saw the hotel and found out it was for sale and decided to buy it," Ruth said.

Her husband had attended Michigan State University (College at that time) and taken hotel administration classes. Don had worked for Statler Hotel in Detroit, the Roosevelt and Porter Hotels in Lansing and the Ramona Park Hotel in Harbor Springs. It wasn't long before Ruth arrived in Boyne City with the couple's sixth-month-old baby to help run the

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Photo by B.J. Heiler

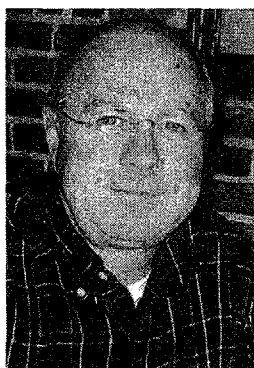
Built in 1912, the Wolverine Dilworth Inn has closed and is up for sale.

Dilworth

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hotel. She was 24-years-old. "That first spring it was very, very busy. The hotel hosted the Smeltania feast," Ruth said. It was the season for the small fish known as smelt and nearly everyone participated in the feast.

Don and Ruth lived in the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel until 1945, when their last child was born and then they lived in a house on Pearl Street. All three children, Marshall,



Wes Dilworth



Ruth Sheets

Tom and Bonnie worked in the hotel. The business employed a lot of young people, Ruth said, and

to this day, one of them will occasionally reminisce with her. One of the enjoyments of owning the

hotel was the guests. "It was a pleasure getting to know our guests and making friends with them for life," Ruth said.

A couple from the country of Holland explored the area around Boyne City for accommodations, then returned to the Wolverine Dilworth.

"They said 'this is home,' and they stayed all summer," Ruth said. Don and Ruth operated the hotel until 1965, a span of 24 years.

"It was a warm,

country, small town inn," Ruth said. "It was a gentle time, a gracious time."

Mark Kowalske, the agent listing the Wolverine Dilworth Inn, said the inn has been totally restored. The 20 guest rooms and four suites complement the Neo-Classical Revival architecture of the hotel. For more information contact Mark Kowalske at 231-582-6554.

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Sno-blast

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from throughout the area and state. The members of the Antique Snowmobile Club of America have also seen interest in their sleds each year when they travel to the festival.

"The snow sculpture contest is always popular and can be a bit challenging with the weather conditions. I recall one year the Jordan River Sportsmen's Club created a magnificent canoe with passengers inside at the Sportsman's Park," Faculak said. "They finished on a Thursday night just prior to a major all-night downpour, yet we had snow the next night in time for Saturday's events. Over the past few years, we have added snow-

shoeing and an evening snow hike, along with other events such as the Ice Fishing Contest for children.

"This year sponsors have added the Kids Coloring Contest, hoping to get our children interested in fishing and learning what types of fish they would catch this time of year in our lakes."

Some other twists include a new event, which will result in selecting a People's Choice winner with proceeds to benefit the Jenny Kenney Fish Pond in Sportsmen's Park. Also new is a huge addition of events at Wagbo Peace Center on M-66 with a Little Touch of Norway and a Scandinavian Festival with workshops and events all

weekend. "Participating merchants will be holding special Indoor Sidewalk Sales throughout the weekend and the Jordan River Arts Council will open a new exhibit on Sunday afternoon," Faculak added. "The Annual Rotary Chili Supper at Sno-Mobilers Club house will take place on Friday evening and at the start of the supper, the new Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight will be crowned."

For a complete schedule of events, times and locations, visit the Chamber's website at www.e.j.chamber.org or call 231-536-7351. Jeff Bergren can be reached at jbergren@michigannews-papers.com or by calling 231-582-6761.

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for Boyne USA Resorts, the past four years as general manager of Boyne Mountain Resort.

"I have long been an advocate of local businesses, both in my business dealings and also in our personal life," Grice said. "My wife Cindy and I firmly believe in shopping locally. Boyne Mountain brings thousands of visitors to our area each year. We provide world-class amenities and service to each of these guests, however without a strong local economy and business structure, our guests would not have nearly the experience they currently do."

Grice said he feels that "serving on the Chamber board can help facilitate stronger ties between Boyne Mountain and the local business community."

New board director Tim McAndrew is the owner of Boyne Co-op True Value and is active in Boyne City Rotary. He was raised and educated in Southeast Michigan. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Walsh College and an MBA from Detroit Mercy College. Before buying the Co-op, McAndrew spent 30-plus years working for automotive suppliers (including Bendix/Ally/Honeywell and United Technologies

Automotive/Lear). "I would like to be able to serve the small businesses in Boyne and help the area thrive," McAndrew said.

Reelected to the Chamber board recently are Lynn Amato of Boyne City Public Schools, and Larry Glasgow, owner of Water Street Café.

Grice, McAndrew, Amato and Glasgow begin their three-year terms at the annual meeting. Reservations for the Jan. 15 event are required. Admission is \$15 per person. Call 231-582-6222 or visit www.boyne-chamber.com for reservations.

Intuitive watercolor painting workshop

Learn the art of intuitive watercolor painting with veteran artist and teacher, Betty Bea Washburn, on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, from 10 to 4 p.m. Intuitive watercolor teaches seductive and flowing strokes which allow the water and paint to mingle and form trees, grass, waterways, etc.

Pouring natural light glazes onto the paper results in a glowing, atmospheric watercolor. Washburn has a Master of Arts Education from Western Michigan University and has taught art education to children and adults for over 30 years. She is intrigued by watercolor relationships:

the harmony between the physical properties of the medium, the effect of atmosphere on the subject matter, and the use of color as a means of creating an internal glow. Betty Bea states, "My goal is to infuse the paintings with energy that remains within the work long after the brush has

been lifted from the paper." The daylong workshop is appropriate for beginner to advanced watercolor artists. The \$75 registration fee (materials not included) is due by Jan. 4, 2009. Checks should be made out to Charlevoix Circle of Arts and noted as "Watercolor" and

mailed to P.O. Box 617, Charlevoix, MI 49720. For more information call 231-547-2333. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is a nonprofit organization promoting the Charlevoix area as a cultural arts hub by providing community enrichment and support of the arts. Visit www.circle-of-arts.org.

COUNTY RECORDS

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:
Adrian Jeffrey Smith, 18, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs and to perform 60 hours of community service work.
Christopher Millen Grice, 23, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$260 in fines and costs.
Travis Dean Stuebing, 27, Traverse City. Driving without operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$650

in fines and costs.
Candy Lynne Strickland, 37, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,230 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work; six months on probation.
Carl Edward Pollaski, 38, Harbor Springs. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.
Brandon JG Walker, 23, Charlevoix. Disorderly and drunk. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs.
Herbert Leigh Wat-

kins, 54, East Jordan. Assault/assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for seven days, 83 days held in abeyance; six months on probation.
Joseph Thomas Matelski II, 31, Gaylord. Driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to pay \$1,185 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 30 days on elec-

tronic monitor, 67 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work; one year on probation.
Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office for an assumed name for doing business:
Lottie's Bagels, 604 Bridget St., Charlevoix, by Laurie Hughes.
House Calls Property Care, 101 Woodland

Dr., East Jordan, by Lee Symonds.
Pine Lake Bio Mass, 07595 Ferry Road, East Jordan, by Stephen Allan Janeczek.
Charlie's Root Fusion, 09190 Burgess Road, Charlevoix, by Charlie Witthoef.
CEG Maintenance, 02511 Lalone Road, by Clifford Morris Gregware Jr.
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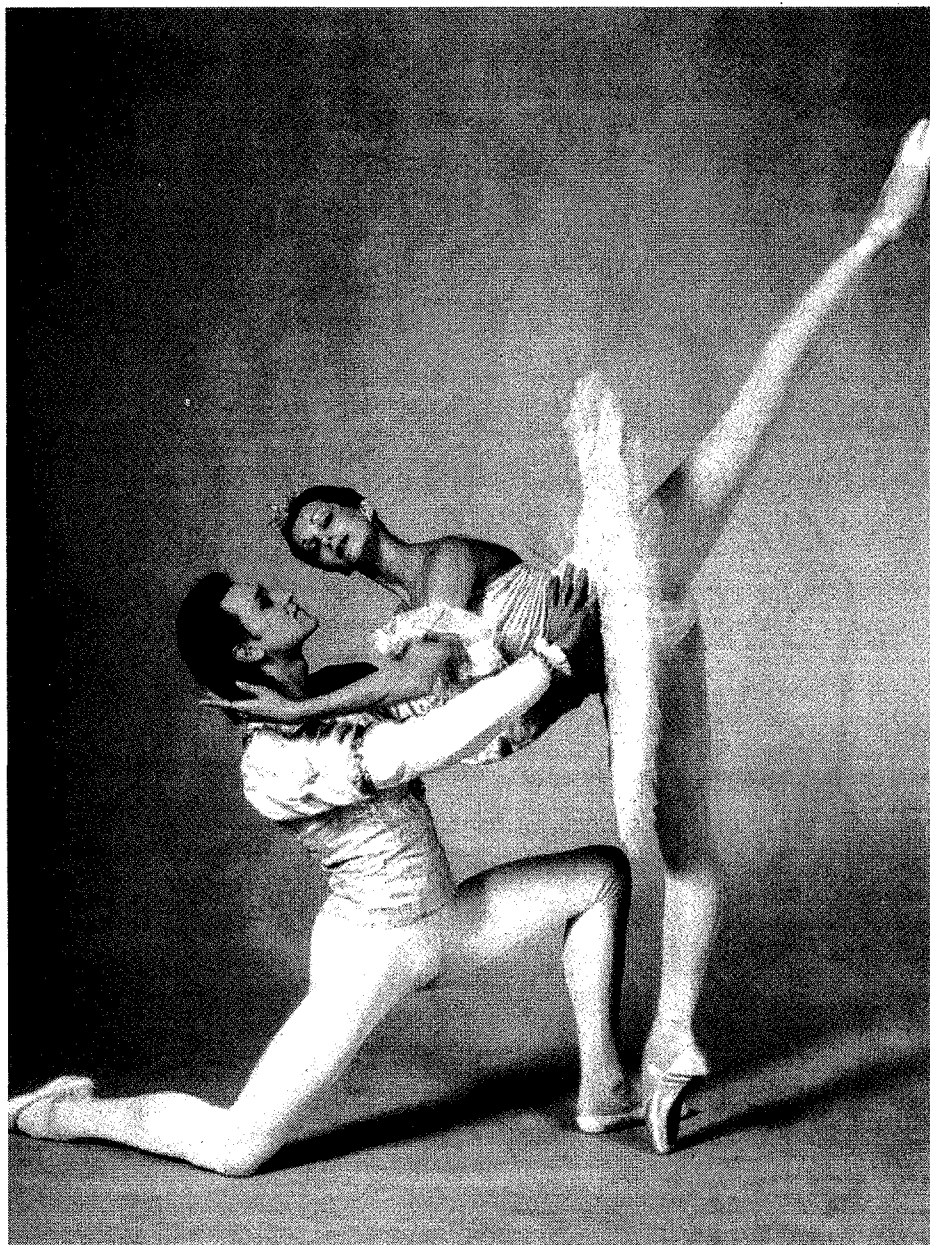
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Crooked Tree presents "Sleeping Beauty"

Crooked Tree Arts Center's Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series is pleased to present the National Russian Ballet Theatre performing the classic ballet, *The Sleeping Beauty*, on Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center. This full-length ballet in three acts features music by Tchaikovsky, choreography by Petipa, libretto by Petipa and Vsevolozhky, sets by Solodovnikov and costumes by Simon Virsaladze. The Ballet's visit to northern Michigan is part of a worldwide tour and includes stops in Europe and North America.

The *Sleeping Beauty* is a grandiose and refined blending of the traditional mime, expressive pas d'action and spectacular diversissements in a lavish theatrical setting. A baby princess, condemned at her christening by an evil fairy to prick her finger and die on her 16th birthday, is saved by the gift of the good Lilac Fairy, who declares the princess will only sleep until awakened by the kiss of a prince. The fairy tale replete with a king and queen, fairies both good and evil, a beautiful princess and dream prince, magical stage effects, and courtly splendor, lent itself perfectly to the full evening ballet that was Petipa's pride.

Visit www.crookedtree.org to purchase tickets for this opportunity to see live ballet close to home. Tickets are \$5/students; Adult Members, \$20; Adult Non-Members \$25; Patron Seating/\$50. Buy tickets at www.crookedtree.org, 231-347-4337 and at Crooked Tree.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



East Jordan High School

NAME: Jeri Brooks
PARENTS: Jeff Brooks and Jackie Hall, Jackie and Allan Shepard
GRADE: 11th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Yearbook, Band, Historical Review, Spring Musical, Paper or Plastic Cast
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Yearbook and Spanish
FUTURE PLANS: Definitely college
STAFF COMMENTS: "Jeri Brooks is a quiet, studious student with excellent follow through. She is someone who steps right up and can be in charge yet is fine with being a worker and a good

support. She is a team player and yet she is a quiet leader and a pleasure to work with. She has many talents and many gifts." Mrs. Tinney
 "Jeri is an awesome math student. Math seems to come naturally to her. I enjoy Jeri's pleasant personality and the effort she puts into her work." Mrs. Russell
 "Jeri has the most beautiful smile and the attitude to match. I have been blessed to watch her grow in EDP and she has done wonderfully. She is kind, respectful and always ready to give help. Congrats Jeri." Mrs. Zell
 "Jeri has an interest in learning and a passion for life that makes her a joy to teach." Mr. Essenberg

HAPPENINGS

Business After Hours at Camp Daggett

Mark your calendar for a special three-chamber Business After Hours from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at Camp Daggett on Walloon Lake. The Chambers of Commerce from Boyne City, Charlevoix and Petoskey are joining together to sponsor this event. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Admission will include great food, soft drinks, hot cider, camaraderie, campfires and more. This is a good opportunity to promote your business while meeting fellow chamber members from the surrounding area. Tables will be set up where business people can display brochures, coupons, and business cards. Camp Daggett is located at 3001 Church Road, Petoskey.

Pizza and a Program

Boyne Country Books will bring a variety of authors, local celebrities and guest speakers to the store. Fred Gray, author of "That's Outrageous," will be speaking about his book on Saturday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Grab a slice of pizza and enjoy the evening.

Give the gift of life
 There will be a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, Jan. 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., at the city hall in Boyne City.

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

Free Clinic re-opens

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.

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. Inquiries welcome.

Overeaters Anonymous meet

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

Food pantry hours

Boyne City Sev-

enth-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.

Dr. McMillian's Mental Health Corner



Obsessive-Compulsive Personality (OCPD) Pattern
 OCPD affects 2-3% of the population, without gender predominance although thought to have biological origins along with learned behaviors. OCPD sufferers keep a passive style, focusing on doing without creating controversy with anyone on the team. These individuals are experienced as stiff, aloof, unemotional, and they are lost in the details without seeing the big picture. Internationally, sufferers are pervasively rigid, unforgiving, stubborn, and inflexible when dealing with conflict. Ambivalence hinders the individual's performance because they will accept responsibility for a task, spend excessive mental perseverance constructing and reconstructing the task, yet procrastination rules. Ambivalence links the person's fear with making mistakes while ruled by deep self-criticism. Central beliefs describe OCPD sufferers with disorganized and disoriented thoughts, combined with a great need for order and rules to survive. OCPD is treatable gaining more interest from neurobiology. Psychotherapy challenges cognitive constructions helping to create alternative ideas and loosening compartmental thinking.
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EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER

Everyone is welcome for lunch at the East Jordan Senior Center. Wednesday, Jan. 7, pasties with gravy, bean salad, cauliflower and applesauce are planned for lunch. Thursday, Jan. 8, Polish sausage with sauerkraut, potatoes and baked apples are on the menu. Friday, Jan. 9, music with Roger on the keyboard begins at 11 a.m. Lunch will be pork chops, parsley potatoes, carrots and cherry pie. Bingo will start after lunch. Monday, Jan. 12, the Merry Musicals start the day at 11 a.m. Swiss steak, German potatoes, broccoli and peaches will be served. Tuesday, Jan. 13, line dancing starts at 10:30 a.m., with the soup and salad bar beginning at 11:30. Bingo follows lunch, and the paint

class begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, for lunch we will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, asparagus, beans and fruited ambrosia. Sunday, Jan. 18, is Sunday dinner at the center. Turkey and all of the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please join us. Enjoy lunch for a \$2 donation if you are age 60 or over; \$4 if you are under the age of 60. The menu is subject to change so please feel free to call the center at 231-536-7831 with any questions. The Adult Day Center, located at the East Jordan Senior Center, is open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by appointment. The Charlevoix Commission on Aging can be reached at 231-237-0103 or toll free at 1-866-428-5185.

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER

Join your friends and neighbors at the Boyne Area Senior Center for lunch Monday through Friday and daily activities. Wednesday, Jan. 7, pasties with gravy, bean salad, cauliflower and applesauce are planned for lunch. The Advisory Board for the BASC will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. Line dancing will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, Polish sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes and baked apples will be served at noon. Enjoy homemade soup on Thursday along with your lunch. Bingo will follow lunch on Thursday. A fresh fruit basket will be one of the many bingo prizes given away during bingo. Everyone wins. Come and enjoy the fun. Friday, Jan. 9, pork chops, parsley potato, carrots and cherry pie are on the menu. Plan to arrive at the center by 11 a.m. to enjoy an hour of music with the Jordan Valley Duo. There will be a drawing for a fruit basket just before lunch. Monday, Jan. 12, enjoy Swiss steak, German potatoes, broccoli

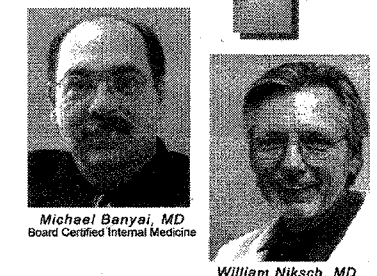
and peaches. Bingo will again follow lunch. Another fresh fruit basket will be given away. Tuesday, Jan. 13, cod amandine, au gratin potatoes, peas and a fruit cup will be served. Arrive a little early and enjoy homemade soup. Computer class will begin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, spaghetti with meat sauce, asparagus, beans and fruited ambrosia are planned for lunch. There will be a foot clinic at the senior center on Wednesday, Jan. 14. You must have an appointment for this service. Call the senior center to make an appointment. The suggested donation for lunch is \$2 if you are age 60 or over; \$4 if you are under age 60. Mark your calendar for Sunday, Jan. 18, for Sunday dinner at the East Jordan Senior Center. Enjoy turkey and all the trimmings from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To contact the senior center, call 231-582-6682. The contact number for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is 231-237-0103. The toll free number is 1-866-428-5185.

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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

EDITORIAL

2009 will be fine

With every New Year we get a chance to start all over. In 2009 we have no choice but to take an optimistic approach after seeing our country go through hard times in 2008. Let's start fresh this year and hope both our country and the economy will start to improve.

We are starting with many new changes and none more meaningful than a new president to take the reigns this month. We all have resolutions this year and let's hope our new president does as well. This historic change should be a signal to all of us that we can accomplish anything as long as we work hard and never stop trying to achieve whatever we put our minds to.

That is why this year breeds a new optimism that in years past may not have been as prevalent. We have hope this New Year and we need to embrace all these changes and start trusting our country again.

Most important is the resolve we should all have and look at the glass as half full instead of half empty. It will take this type of approach to get our country back on track as well as the economy.

The truly inspiring thought we as Americans should feel is embarking on a time when we can not just hope to achieve something, but know anything is in our reach. No matter how tough times have become, as long as we believe in ourselves and our country, we can do anything, from getting that new job to keeping our resolutions for bettering ourselves this year.

There are so many examples we can feed off of, and the biggest should be hope. Your perception determines your reality and what better time to take an optimistic approach than right now.

Americans are known for their resolve and ability to bounce back from anything. We bond when times are tough and we saw that play out in 2008. Now that we start 2009 with a fresh slate, it's time to believe in change for the better.

So, when you start to assess your resolutions this year, no matter what it is, remember, we as a nation can do anything and if one thing rings loud this year its change. Let's hope 2009 is truly fine.

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Help wanted

Dear prospective business partner:

I am a frequent traveler and after the poor, make that inexcusable customer service I received from my last business partner, I have decided to change airlines. This decision was not reached easily; I had at least 14 hours of cancellations, delays and miserable customer service representatives pushing me off to ponder my choices.

During this time I was able to realize that from an airlines perspective I am quite the catch. I travel all the time, pay hundreds and hundreds of dollars each month and basically don't complain while in flight or ask for seconds of the tiny bag of peanuts I am served. I am relatively easy to handle on the plane and rarely if ever ask for assistance from the, how do I say this, less than hospitable crew members.

My demands are simple. When I contract you for business please have the flight take off at least two hours of when you say it will. Also, if there is a delay or you know the flight will be cancelled, please let me know in advance of the seven hours I have waited around for information. Please let me know if a flight crew is actually available for our flight and if the plane will be able to dock with the jet way to gain access to the terminal. If there happens to be a cancellation that is mechanical, I expect my hotel to be paid for and in that regard, please don't lie about weather conditions to save money on my room and board-

BERGREN'S BUZZ

By Jeff Bergren



ing. In fact weather is the issue I would be more than happy to pay my own way but I would expect at least a \$25 voucher to buy myself a soda and nacho while waiting in the wonderful hotel bar. Another request is to be notified before I leave for the airport only to arrive and see my flight is cancelled yet again.

Oh, and lastly, please don't have me run across an airport when you say you have contacted my gate to hold the plane after the jet way breaks down and we sit on the runway for an hour and a half. After this marathon run from one terminal to the next, I found there was no call made to hold the plane nor any resolution on how I will get home. Again, not a big request, I consider it more common courtesy.

One more thing, honesty is always the best policy and for business practices is usually the best bet. I am after all the customer and it is the job of your airline to try and provide me the service that I paid (lots of money) for. For instance, overbooking a flight, or packing us like cattle onto the plane only to wait two hours to take off is usually not the best way to "take care" of your clients.

Please read over my demands carefully before submitting a request that I fly your airline. I have been reduced to expecting the very least and if I could attain one flight that is short on lies, and high on traveling that would be wonderful. I can even handle one hour on the runway prior to takeoff or wait in the terminal for two hours knowing I will miss my connection to wait another two hours. I'm okay with that, I'm willing to work with you on our new business endeavor, hey nobody's perfect. I will accept mediocrity at its best as long as you accept the same from me.

If you have any further questions please call my customer service number, you will only be on hold for two hours. Thank you.

2009 - Better than ever

Every year I struggle with the idea that I should be making at least one New Year's resolution. There is certainly no lack of room for improvement. In fact, it may be the stultifying surplus of shortcomings and bad behavior that cause me to run around when I ponder exactly where I would most benefit from a pledge of abstinence. And it's daunting to winnow the list down to a select few that I could live without. For while I do harbor perhaps more than my share of, if not deadly, then at least irritating, sins, they are mostly sins of which I am rather fond.

If this were not so, they would have made the cut long ago. I have negotiated the demise of scores of defects through past New Year promises. All of the easy ones have already been sacrificed on the altar of self-improvement and I'm tempted at this point to proclaim that I'm done.

Of course I'm not. And I don't know if I've actually made any real progress or if I've just acclimated to the chilly waters of imperfection. But for whatever reason, I'm not overly anxious to rattle the status quo. It seems unnecessary. Especially since, as I mentioned, the leftover transgressions are hardly worth shaking a finger at.

Certainly any remnants of the Big Seven - greed, lust, sloth, envy, gluttony, anger and pride - have been ground into dust under the ruthless boot heels of experience. But maybe I should review the basics, just to be sure that I haven't lapsed.

Greed: It hardly seems worth the effort, considering that there isn't enough to worry about. The bank and I have an uneasy truce when it comes to my finances. For my part, I am sure that they consistently make horrible mathematical errors and they, in turn, write me little notes requesting contributions to my account. We are wary of each other, but ultimately apathetic, as we both have bigger fish to fry.

MORE OR LESS

By Christine Gwidt



Lust: Ha! Unless I count Ben and Jerry, which brings me to: Gluttony: Here is where I stumble, but I do fall short of debilitating excess. Once in a while, I will succumb to tub of something or other. I also think that the word "pastry" has a lilting and musical sound, and I would love to see it gain favor as the next celebrity baby name.

Sloth: If I manage to shed my pajamas by noon, I feel that I'm keeping pace.

Envy: I do envy Angelina Jolie, but who doesn't?

Anger: Now that Sarah Palin has returned to Alaska, I'm pretty cheerful.

Pride: Everything that once may have afforded me a platform from where I could have oozed arrogance has flattened, fallen or flopped. I start all over again on a weekly basis. To be more humble and unassuming, I would have to wrap myself in barbed wire and sprinkle broken glass in my shoes.

So the Seven Deadly don't seem to be a problem. I am left to focus upon the Thousand Irritating. And it is from this wellspring that I will cull my 2009 resolution(s). The candidates are:

1. Write it down - I continue to believe that I will remember things without bothering to take notes. I am wrong.
2. Develop an age-appropriate taste for tea.
3. Waterproof my boots. Really, why don't I ever do this?
4. Stop letting vegetables rot in the crisper. Henceforth, I will eat or mulch the broccoli before it liquefies.
5. Be nicer to the pious. Although it is a knee-jerk reaction to be a tad short when uninvited strangers knock on my door to tell me about their religious doctrine, I should be more polite. I should invite them in and reciprocate to their information by reading aloud from my diary or initiating a game of charades. Everyone has their own beliefs, and mine include the conviction that if someone drops in unannounced and doesn't even bring a plate of cookies, I get to choose the entertainment.
6. Stop smoking - Okay, it's either this or #5. There's no way that I can be nicer to the pious without a cigarette.

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

NEIGHBORS

Joe, Lisa, and Jesse flew out to Mesa, Ariz., to spend Christmas with their daughter and sister Lea Howie. All of them drove to Mexico and spent their Christmas there. They were lucky to fly back on Saturday when the weather was so nice.

On Christmas Eve Bill Howie, Kim, Stewart and Stephen had their Christmas with Bill's parents, Carlton and Shirley Howie.

There were 80 attending the annual Bricker-Person Christmas. This year's dinner event was held at the Elmira Fire Hall. All enjoyed a great meal, the family togetherness, gift exchanging, games and a raffle.

'Tis the season for sending and receiving touching messages, and that was the way it was for Mrs. Florine Davis, who loves corresponding with her friends and son Jerry's friends. Among a few of the special messages that came in were from former BCHS class of '57, Gary Coon and wife Judy, of Florida, who had missed it last year, due to moving their daughter to Las Vegas.

While there, they ran into Jim Camburn and his wife. Another one came in from former Boyne student and family friend, Marylee Tucker Milshap of Calif. Nice it is, knowing where one-time Boyne City people are now.

On Monday, residents aplenty of Deer Meadows honored Darlene Totton with a surprise birthday gathering as well as a thank you for all she does around here. She was surely surprised at the balloons and beautifully decorated tables and an extravaganza of hors d'oeuvres, as were most of those attending what was thought to be a card shower and soup lunch, with a birthday cake. What a cake. It was a great after-Christmas event.

Hearing the birthday song twice was also a real heart warmer for Darlene, who said, "At ___ years old, this is the first birthday party I've ever had - thank you all!"

A warm welcome neighbor at Deer Meadows goes out to Donna Mosley who moved in this past week.

Ed and Irene Hennessey have returned to Boyne after having spent 10 or 12 days of the Christmas holidays in Merrill, Mich., with their daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Larry Dreashois and family. Especially nice it was, being with great grandsons, Cole, 6, and Andrew, whose 5th birthday was celebrated with a party, Dec. 30.

A belated happy birthday goes out to Marilyn Bouters for her special day of Jan. 6. Marilyn is now residing in Grandvue.

Krista Planck, daughter of Willis Planck, from Chandler, Ariz., was home for the Christmas holidays. She visited family and friends in the area. Christmas Day dinner was busy at the Planck residence in Walloon Lake. Visitors included Willis, Glenn, Pamela, Krista, Kim and Glenda Planck, Barbara and Wesley Laughbaum, Dolores Barnhart and Wilma Socia.

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Hair care



Shelly Young of Self Indulgence cut 10" of Theresa Hecker's hair to be donated to Locks of Love. Donated hair is used to make wigs for cancer patients. If you would like more information about Locks of Love contact Shelly at Self Indulgence in Boyne City at 231-582-3280.

Neighbors

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Deanna Avery of Boyne City has returned after having spent eight days in Kansas City, Mo., visiting her sister Paula and her brother Wayne Avery.

Among the many fun things they enjoyed was a tour of the Truman Museum.

Even though it has been a very snow-covered Boyne City in the last few weeks, with rain, snow, fog, wind and even a peek at the sun at times, the faithful

of the BCHS class of '47 had a great time at their December lunch meeting at BC Pizza. The gift exchange was fun for everyone and each one had also brought a donation for the Community Christmas Baskets.

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to friends and family of 51-year-old Jacquelyn Kaye Smith of Boyne City, who passed away this past week.

On New Year's Eve there was a good turnout of Litzenburger

Place residents gathering in the community room to watch TV, visit, and eat pizza while waiting for the ball to drop in New York and cheering along with them, bringing in 2009.

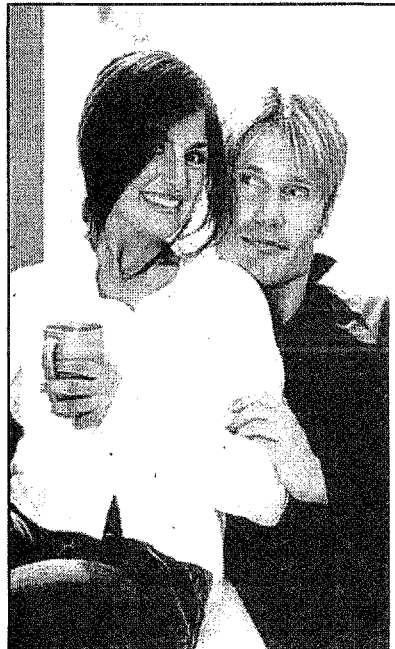
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You can increase the odds of your information making it into print by following these guidelines:

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- Pictures need to be saved in "JPEG" and attached to an e-mail.
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The community is invited to Bible Study, 9 a.m. Tuesdays, in the Hill House and to Prayer and Fellowship (bring a lunch), noon Wednesdays, in Faulman Hall. On the first Sunday of each month, the church celebrates communion at the 11 a.m. service and shares potluck or Soup Café at noon. Call the church for information, at 231-582-7983.

Community of Christ
The theme for this week's service is "Believe!" and will be presented by Elder Lee Ecker.

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, Jan. 18, will be a contemporary worship service. Come and enjoy the experience.

For more information on our activities and upcoming retreats and the Park of the Pines visit www.BoyneCityCofChrist.com. We look forward to seeing you soon, at 777 Vogel Street, Boyne City.

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WEEKLY Health Tips
By Steve Czerkes, Pharmacist

Good News For Popcorn Lovers!

This filling, low-calorie snack vaunts toward the recommended three servings a day of whole grains. A one ounce serving (3 to 4 cups popped) of air popped, butter free popcorn has 4 grams of fiber, 1 gram of fat and only 110 calories. If you get microwavable popcorn, look for low-fat, low-salt versions without trans fats. Also, a new study confirmed that popcorn and nuts do not increase the risk of diverticulitis. In fact, those who ate popcorn at least twice a week reduced their risk by 30% over those who ate it once a month.

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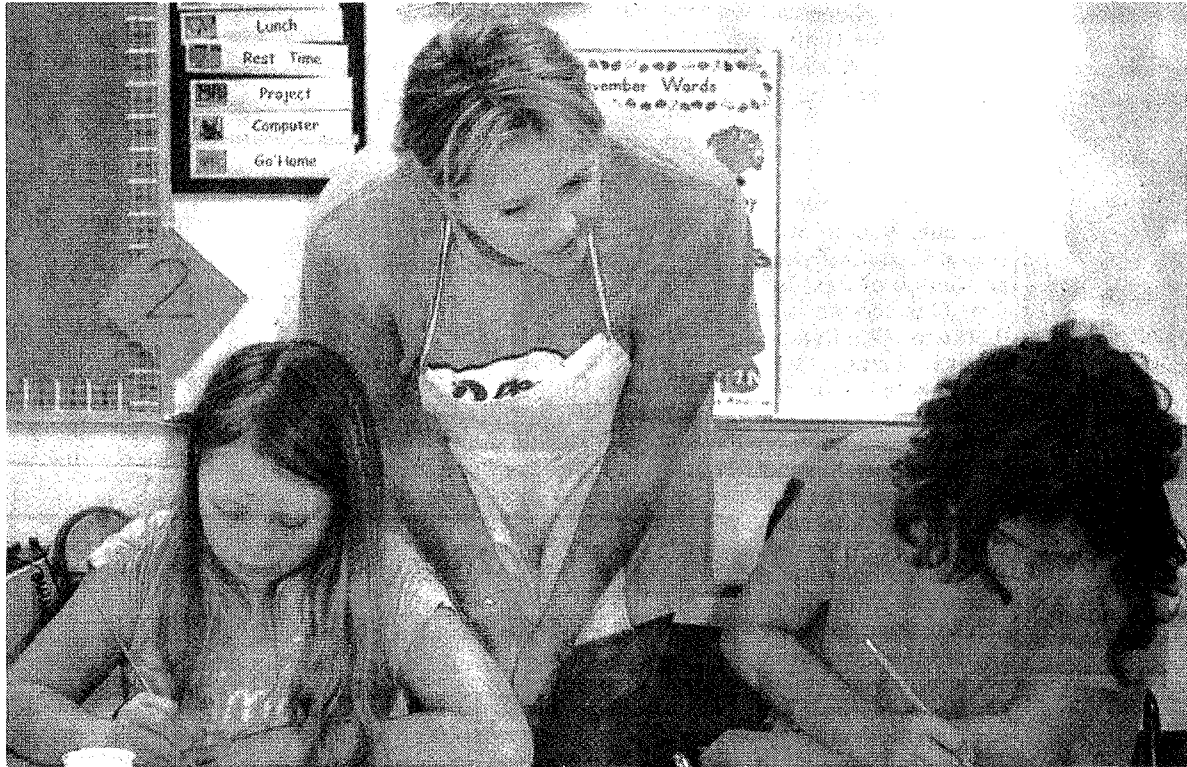
Art program at East Jordan Elementary

Crooked Tree Arts Center, in partnership with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District's 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant, is bringing classes in the arts to students in after school programs. East Jordan, Pellston, Alanson, Ellsworth, and Boyne City schools qualified and are participating in the program. During the fall, East Jordan's middle and upper elementary students had the opportunity to explore their artistic talents by attending Sara Vrondran's "The Artist in Me" classes. The classes ended recently and students' art was showcased at the end of the session in a "Gallery Night." Lower elementary students were able to move creatively in the "Let's Move," class taught by Becky Palmiter, a local music instructor.



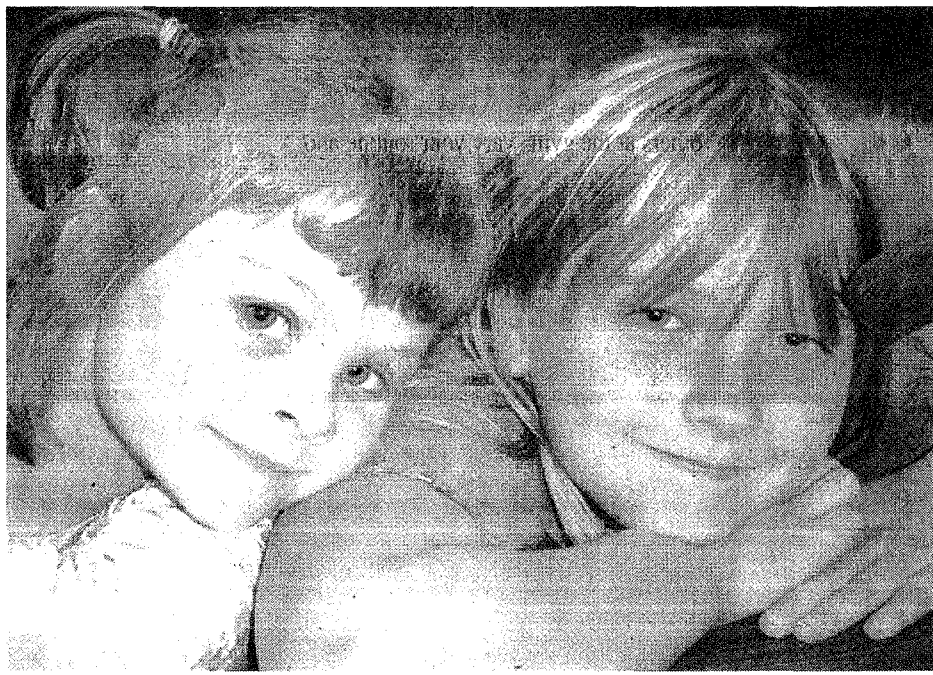
Julia Sherman, Keegan Malpass and Abigail Dakoske work on painting letter tiles for their typographic project.

Jennifer Haf, East Jordan School's coordinator for the 21st Century Grant is currently organizing classes and programs for winter session. The Crooked Tree arts programs will begin in late January and continue for eight weeks. There will be more art class offerings, GreenART taught by Vrondran, and a puppet-theater class offered by Christina Evens of Wild Ginger Children's Art. "Through the 21st Century program, we are able to provide a unique opportunity for artisans to share their expertise and enthusiasm with kids. It's good for the kids, the artist and the community," stated Marty Samson, Crooked Tree Arts Center's 21st Century Grant coordinator.



Above, Students Emily Alward (l-r) and Caitlyn Baugh discuss their projects with instructor, Sara Vrondran (center).

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant is a multifaceted program designed to strengthen and provide greater opportunities in after school programming for participating schools. As well as the arts courses provided by Crooked Tree Arts Council, other grant partners and staff provide programming that includes homework help and tutorial services, academic enrichment in literature, math and science, character development programs and counseling. "It's a program that looks to serve the 'whole child'," says Marty Samson.



Left, Creative Movement students Tia Bennett (l-r) and Kelsey Winters take a rest after the "Let's Move" class.

For further information about the 21st Century Learning Centers Grant arts program, contact Marty Samson at Crooked Tree Arts Council, 231-347-4337 or www.crookedtree.org.

Make a New Year's resolution to get organized

With tax season set to begin next week, the Internal Revenue Service is encouraging Michiganders to make a New Year's resolution to get organized and get their money quicker. Most Michigan tax returns have a refund due and once a taxpayer receives all their required filing documents there is no reason to wait.

"Having your tax information all in one place is usually the key to getting started. Disorganization equals procrastination," said Luis D. Garcia, IRS spokesperson for Michigan. "Today's sophisticated software does all the hard work for you. Add the fact that most people can get the software for free from IRS.GOV beginning in mid January, there really is no excuse to wait."

Get Organized

Nearly two out of every five taxpayers in Michigan wait until April to file their tax return even though most are due a refund. A major reason for many is disorganization. They wait until the deadline approaches to hunt documents down and prepare their tax return. By simply having one place - shoebox, envelope, or special drawer - for all their tax information most people would clear the single biggest hurdle to filing their taxes early. Donation receipts, mileage logs, medical bills, property tax records and other tax paperwork should have one home all year long, not just at tax season.

Get It Right

Filing electronically using e-file with the IRS ensures that a tax return is processed quickly, se-

curely and most of all, accurately. While paper tax returns have an error rate of 20%, e-filed returns have errors less than 1% of the time. IRS.GOV has many resources apart from e-file to help with tax preparation. Publication 17, the tax encyclopedia, has all the latest tax changes including information on the Recovery Rebate Credit and the First-Time Home Buyer's Credit.

Get It Free

Free File, available at IRS.GOV, allows 70% of all taxpayers to use income tax preparation software and electronic filing for free. It was developed through a partnership between the IRS and a group of private-sector tax software companies. Free File is available to taxpayers who have a 2008 adjusted gross income of \$56,000 or less. The key for free software and free filing is to go through the IRS.GOV website first, then choose a software provider.

Get Your Money Quicker

For most taxpayers early filing means getting their money sooner. While 83% of taxpayers in Michigan receive a refund, 39% wait until the final two weeks of the filing season to submit their tax return to the IRS. When using electronic filing coupled with direct deposit most taxpayers get their refunds in two weeks or less. For those who owe tax, filing early doesn't mean paying early. Taxpayers can file their return as soon as they are able, but arrange for payment anytime before April 15.

Geographic Information Systems course offered in Gaylord

North Central Michigan College is offering a new course in geographic information systems at the University Center at Gaylord. The course, Introduction to Geographic Information Systems I, will begin in January. North Central plans to offer advanced GIS courses in subsequent semesters.

A growing number of careers require GIS skills. Careers exist in environmental science, mining, urban planning, commercial businesses and national defense, for example. According to the US Department of Labor, many jobs exist across the country where workers with GIS training are needed to fill positions as cartographic designers, computer programmers, database administrators, project managers and system administrators. They also

encompass business development, managerial and administrative roles. The GIS class will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:50 p.m. from Jan. 19 through May 15. Students will learn the concept of GIS and its applications, including basic mapping concepts, coordinate systems, georeferencing spatial data, vector and raster data models, and the use of on-line digital spatial concepts.

Questions regarding the GIS course can be directed to Michele Andrews, NCMC's director of off-campus programming at 989-705-3775. To register for the course, students must first be enrolled at NCMC. Enrollment and registration can be completed online at www.ncmich.edu. Registration deadline is Jan. 15.

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Department of Environmental Quality Director Steven E. Chester reminded Michigan homeowners today to start the new year off right by testing their home for radon. Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has proclaimed January to be Radon Action Month in Michigan, noting that radon is believed to be the second leading cause of lung cancer and the leading cause among non-smokers. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in almost any kind of soil or rock. It travels through the ground, and is quickly diluted when re-

leased to the atmosphere, however when it seeps into homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls, it can build up to unhealthy levels. "Radon is tasteless, odorless, and colorless, which too often makes it easy to ignore," said Director Chester. "The reality is that nearly one in eight Michigan homes could have an indoor radon problem and the only way to know if your family is at risk is to test your home."

The DEQ is partnering with local health departments to ensure a source of low-cost test kits in

every county this year. Most local health departments offer the kits for \$15 or less, and many will be selling them at discounted prices during the month of January. Kits obtained from the local health departments include the postage to mail the device to an out-of-state laboratory, the fees for having the device analyzed, and a report sent back to the user.

For those who cannot get to their local health department during normal business hours, kits can be obtained online at <http://mi.radon.com>. Like the local health department

kits, these kits include postage and lab fees in the price.

Test kits may also be available from some hardware stores or home improvement centers, but not all include postage and analysis, so citizens are urged to read the packaging before making their purchase.

The National Academy of Sciences estimates that about 15,000 Americans die annually from radon-related lung cancer, and a Michigan Public Health Institute report estimates more than 600 new lung cancer cases in Michigan are attributable to indoor

radon each year.

Radon tests should be done in the lowest livable level of the home during the cooler months of the year, when windows and doors are normally kept closed. If the test indicates an elevated radon level, more testing should be done to confirm the problem and appropriate actions taken to reduce the levels when needed.

To find out more about radon, visit the DEQ Web site at www.michigan.gov/degradon or call the DEQ Radon Program at 1-800-RADON-GAS (1-800-723-6642) for a free packet of information.



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The Curtiss Extension Group, (l-r) Anne Weeter, Virginia Ash, Janet Kennedy, Joyce Roe, Laura Weingartz and Marjo Scardino, has for the past ten years been making and donating quilts to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. This year the group donated 32 quilts and other handmade items to the WRC Safe Home.

OBITUARY

Rodger Steckler

Rodger Steckler, 34, of Charlevoix, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Dec. 29, 2008, after living with a degenerative neuro-muscular disease all of his life.

Rodger was born May 2, 1974, and graduated from Spring Lake High School in 1993.

Rodger lived in Charlevoix with his parents since early



1999. Rodger enjoyed even the simplest things in life and

never took a single thing for granted; Scott and Ryann N. Scott. Rodger was always ready to give you a smile.

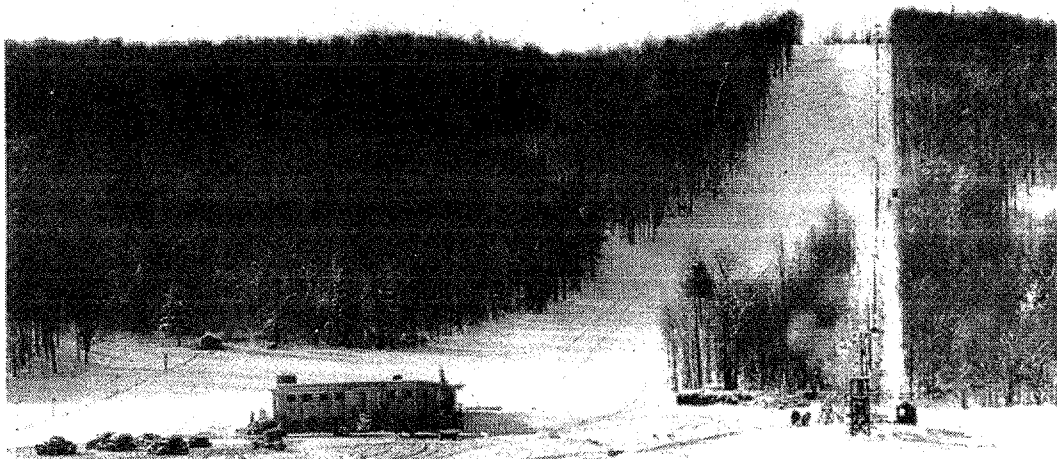
Rodger is survived by his parents, Rodger A. and Gretel Steckler, grandmother, Irmgard Bergmann, sister and brother-in-law, Gwen and Douglas Scott, who reside in Grand Haven Mich., and nephew and niece, Eric A.

Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be donated to Paws with a Cause in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Hospice of the Straits.

Year in Review



East Jordan Iron Works commemorated its 125th year in business on Nov. 3. Accepting a certificate of appreciation for its many years of benefits to the East Jordan area community are vice president Tad Malpass (far left), president Fred Malpass (second from right), and vice president Tracy Malpass (far right). Michigan state Sen. Jason Allen and state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer honored the company.



This photo from 1949 shows the early day ski lodge at Boyne Mountain, as well as the chairlift and runs. Boyne installed the first chairlift in the Midwest - actually the first chairlift in the world designed and built to transport skiers uphill - which Everett Kirchner purchased from Sun Valley. The 60-year anniversary will be celebrated Jan. 9 - 11.

Scott MacKenzie, the Executive Director of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, left his post Friday, March 21, after six years of service, to join eChamberConnect as the Vice President of Development for the state of Michigan.

The new executive director of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, Jim Baumann, began with the chamber on July 1.

Baumann lived and worked in the Boyne City area previously, beginning at the Charlevoix County Press as a reporter in 1975. Before he moved to California in 1981, he had moved into the posi-



Scott MacKenzie



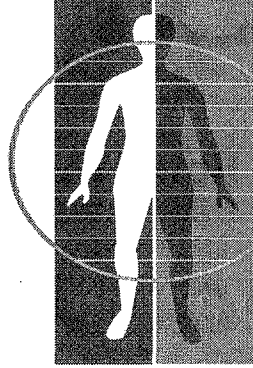
Jim Baumann

tions of general manager and editor. "I have a match of skills between newspaper work and chamber work," Baumann said.

He and Jamie never lost touch with Boyne City throughout the years. They frequently traveled from California to vacation in the area.

"We had it in our minds that we'd move back here all along," Baumann said.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS HIGHLIGHT

Boredom Busters

By Tresa Erickson

It happens to you every time. You resolve to get fit at the start of the New Year, you work out regularly and then you lose steam. You revert to old habits, exercising whenever you feel like it. The primary cause of your behavior: not a lack of self-discipline but plain old boredom. You get tired of exercising and plop down in front of the TV instead.

Exercise boredom is not uncommon. Many people, including die-hard fitness buffs, experience it from time to time. Fortunately, there are several ways to combat it. First, you need to review your workout routine and pinpoint exactly what it is that bores you. Are you tired of doing the same old exercises at the same old time in the same old place day in and day out? Yeah? Well then, it's time to make some changes. Run in the morning on some days around your neighborhood and swim in the evening on others at the gym. Vary your routine and keep boredom at bay.

To ensure your workouts are interesting, incorporate gadgets and entertainment into them. Get a heart-rate monitor and use it during your workouts to make sure you are reaching your potential. Watch some TV or listen to some music to make your workouts fun.

Small changes in your exercise routine, whether in activity, timing, location and even frequency and duration, can do wonders for combating boredom. None of it, however, may be enough. You may need to make bigger changes, like trying an adventurous sport, participating in a team sport or finding an exercise buddy. Often people become bored with exercise because they do it alone. Time flies much faster when you have someone to talk to while you are exercising. A partner can also keep you motivated. Failing to show up for a workout is a lot harder when someone is waiting for you.

Even with all of these changes in your exercise routine, you may still suffer some boredom from time to time. To keep yourself motivated, find something to shoot for. Think about what it is that you want to get from exercising and set some long-term goals. Perhaps you want to lose 10 pounds or run three miles. These are goals you can work up to a little at a time. You can run a quarter of a mile one week,



Fighting exercise boredom is not easy. It can be done, however. Change is key, and to stay motivated, you need to set some long-term goals and focus on all of the rewards you reap from exercising.

a half of a mile the next two weeks, a mile the next four weeks, and so forth, until you reach your three-mile goal. Once you reach your long-term goals, make sure you find new ones to keep the momentum going.

In addition to setting long-term goals, focus on the rewards you get from exercising. Use the weight you have lost, the muscle tone you have gained or the overall sense of satisfaction you have received from exercising to stay motivated. Perhaps you feel better after you work out or have more stamina and energy to get through the day. All of these are benefits you can turn to whenever you get bored to stay motivated.

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

Ramblers ready to execute

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — After a two-week layoff for the holidays, Boyne City's boys basketball team is anxious to get back to work.

The Ramblers jumped right back into it, too, with a Lake Michigan Conference road trip to Kalkaska Tuesday night against a team that is on a two-game winning streak after winning its own holiday tournament last week.

"We're excited to get back into the season," coach John Hertel said. "We've had a long break, a longer Christmas vacation than most years just because of the way the calendar falls.

"Like I say, we're excited to get back into action."

Boyne City follows up the Kalkaska game with a match with the Charlevoix Red Rayders Thursday at home.

Hertel was pleased with the attendance at the practices he called over the break, as well as the scrimmage with Pellston and Ellsworth.

"We tried to just kind of get better at the things that we do, and I think that we did," Hertel said.

"Pellston and Ellsworth are a couple of good teams, and they play hard. It was a good scrimmage for us, to see some things that we haven't seen yet this year.

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A downhill story

The lights of three cities were visible far off to the east, thick puddles of orange and white glittering on the high plains, linked by faint streams of suburbia and illuminated stretches of interstate. And the Toyota climbed higher still, winding through switchbacks and hugging the mountainside in its painful ascent to the top of the world.

Deprived of oxygen, the four-cylinder engine groaned and sputtered as the driver downshifted and demanded more speed, the roadway snaking its way across the alpine tundra. I watched the city lights in the distance from an open window at the rear of the enclosed truck bed, trying to grasp how many people were living in those electric puddles, wondering if all those lights were

RHYME OR REASON



By Chris Tredway

really necessary and if the headlamp strapped to my head would be enough for what was about to go down.

The truck came to a halt in an empty parking lot outside the Alpine Visitor Center in Rocky Mountain National Park a little after 1 a.m., the tired engine coughing and wheezing at 11,796 feet.

The wind was a wild animal, howling as it whipped through nearby rock formations and causing our clothes to flap so hard they hurt. There were four of us that night atop the Continental Divide, pulling our mountain bikes from the bed of the truck and carefully assembling them while glancing at one another in search of confirmation that yes, this was happening.

Rolling in single file by the light of headlamps, we reached the end of the parking lot and clutched our brakes as the pavement turned to dirt and Old Fall River Road dropped into the darkness.

It was the first road to cross the Rocky Mountains in northern Colorado, a 14-foot wide dirt track with 16 switchbacks over nine miles, cut into the mountainside and completed in 1920. It has since been delegated a one-way scenic route from the town of Estes Park at 7,522 feet above sea level to heights of Fall

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Red Devils bring the heat

Return to action after hot 3-1 start

By CHRIS TREDWAY
SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — Throughout the weeks delegated for spending time with their families, members of the East Jordan boys basketball program managed to slip in six practices and two scrimmages, making steps over the holidays towards playing basketball as a family.

"We've just got an unselfish group of kids," East Jordan coach Darrin Weber said Sunday evening. "Like I said, there's not that one standout player. I think from top to bottom I've got a group of hard working kids."

The hard working clan of Red Devils handed out losses like Christmas presents before the break, wrapping up a sizzling 3-1 start overall and averaging 61 points per game.

"That's not bad," Weber said. "But I'd like it to be in the mid-to-upper 60s. With fouls the games have slowed down...we're too foul-prone. Teams have shot upwards of 20 free throws on us."

The benchmark of East Jordan's tendency to accumulate fouls came against Ellsworth earlier this season, as the Lancers went to the line for 39 attempts. Unalarmed by first four games being a bit foul-heavy, Weber said the problem can be fixed as his players learn that they "just have to get a piece of the ball, not swat it into the bleachers."

The physical style of play, once controlled, may vault the Devils into an impressive league record in the hard-nosed Lake Michigan Conference.

"Our wins aren't going to be very pretty but we've got the ability," Weber said. "I anticipate having a lot more balance this year."

Working fundamentals in practice over break, East Jordan kept up their competitive edge in scrimmages against Inland Lakes and Cedarville, as well as a squad of Red Devil alumni.

"We were real competitive against both teams," Weber said of the scrimmage against Inland Lakes and Cedarville. "I think Cedarville is ranked second in the state for Class D and we played really well against them top to bottom."

At the top defensively for East Jordan so far this season, Michael Hines is leading the team in steals with 16. The senior is also one of the leading scorers, handing in a 31-point effort against Leland.

"I think Michael Hines has been real solid for us...He's impressed me more so on the defensive end," Weber said. "I give out an award, the defensive player of the week jersey, and (Hines) had it for two weeks in a row. He's been a pleasant surprise on defense."

Teddy Snowden, the team's starting point guard



File photo by Vic Ruggles
Left, East Jordan senior Michael Hines puts up a shot against Kalkaska earlier this season. Hines returns to the floor following the holiday break leading the Red Devils in steals.

File photo by Chris Tredway

Below, Hines throws up a shot from beyond the arc against Ellsworth.

is averaging 10 points a game so far, and has drawn attention with a plus-eight ratio on assists to turnovers, another bright light as East Jordan returns to action this week.

At center, third-year varsity player James Brown looks to continue being a menace to opposing shooters after averaging around three blocked shots per game, and collecting upwards of eight rebounds to lead his team beneath the basket.

Among other sources of talent that balance the East Jordan roster, Matt Werner comes out of break as the Red Devils' defensive stopper, according to his coach, who has Werner shooting at 45 percent from the floor thus far.

"He's got real quick hands," Weber said. "He's our defensive stopper. We always try to put him on the other team's best player."

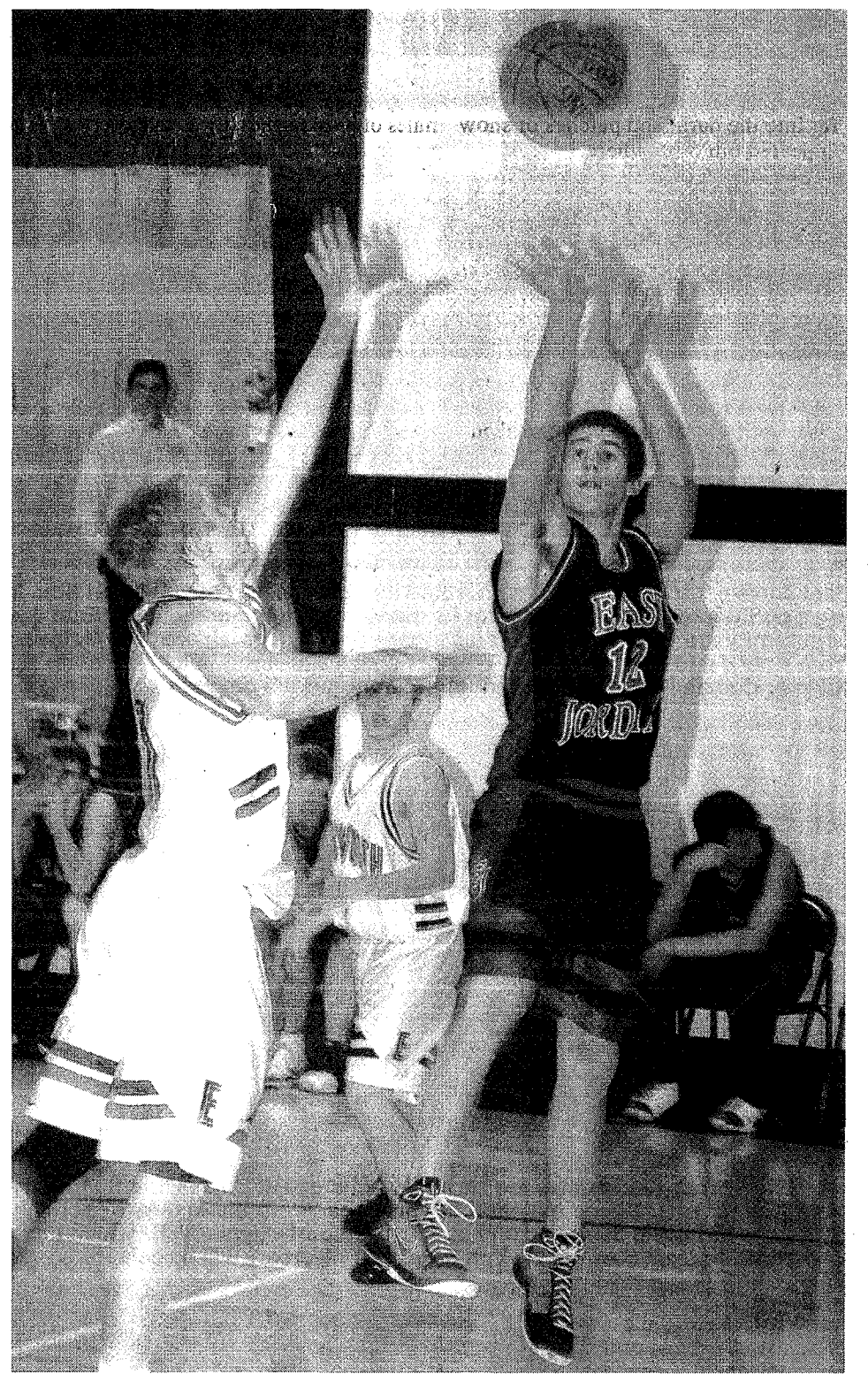
As a team, East Jordan is draining 38 percent of shots from behind the arc, and has accumulated 42 offensive rebounds in four nights.

The Devils returned against Grayling on the road Tuesday, which is consistently a difficult atmosphere to play in, Weber said.

"I think it's a winnable game for us," he said. "(Rich Moffit) is a great coach and those kids will be ready. It's tough anytime you go on the road in this league."

East Jordan stays on the road to end the week in Elk Rapids Thursday, against an Elks team that has size and athleticism but is reportedly down from recent years.

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Boyne Falls vs Vanderbilt 6 p.m.
East Jordan vs Elk Rapids 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13
Boyne Falls vs Alba 6 p.m.
East Jordan vs Cheboygan 6 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Tuesday, Jan. 13
Boyne City vs Petoskey 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
Boyne Falls vs Harbor Light 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Thursday, Jan. 8
Boyne City vs Grayling, Cheboygan 6 p.m.

Round two

BC wrestlers return refreshed, seek sixth straight win

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY —

They've been idle now for about three weeks, and Boyne City wrestling coach Don Nohel is hoping that's not going to put a layer of rust on the Ramblers.

Off to their best start since the sport was reinstated by the school

four years ago, the Ramblers haven't done much the last two weeks other than practice.

And even that was spotty with so many athletes away with their families on vacation over the long, two-week break.

The lack of numbers, however, was a blessing in one way. It gave

Nohel and his assistants an opportunity for more one-on-one work with the athletes who were at practice.

Boyne City jumps right back into the league coming off the break, hosting a tri-meet with Grayling and Cheboygan.

Despite the lack of work over the break, with no competitions

scheduled, the Ramblers aren't expected to miss a beat when they come back.

Not after the preparation they put into the pre-season, and the focus they showed in getting off to their fast start.

"We've had an advantage in numbers against the teams we've wrestled," Nohel said

during the break. "As a result, we've been able to fill more weight classes, and get some big points."

"You never like to take a break in the middle of a winning streak like we've had, but it's just the way the holidays fell on the calendar this year."

Boyne City hopes it

can pick up where it left off before Christmas, and stretch its winning streak to six straight matches.

It would put the Ramblers firmly in the driver's seat in the league race, and give them more confidence.

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A new beginning

Lady Devils start fresh at 0-5, hunt for first win

By CHRIS TREDWAY
SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — Petoskey looms on the horizon for the Lady Red Devils tonight, offering a chance at what many would see as an epic upset in league play should East Jordan girls basketball pick up their first win of the season on the road against the talent-rich Lady Northmen.

But epic upsets are not uncommon in high school basketball, and whether it take place tonight (Wednesday) in Petoskey, Friday evening at Graying or somewhere deeper in the schedule, the 2008-09 Lady Red Devils seem to have what it takes to topple a prominent program on any

given night.

"We're still playing hard and hustling," head coach Sean Ferguson said over the weekend. "And attitudes are great."

Coming back from a long holiday break in which Ferguson granted seven straight days without practice, the Lady Devils have re-loaded this week in preparation for the second part of the season. The first did not go as well as they had hoped, walking out to frustrating 0-5 record overall.

"I've been happy with our effort," Ferguson said. "I feel we're close; I feel we need something real positive to happen soon. We've been knocking on the door, we just have to

figure out how to get over that when it's crunch time. But it's not going to happen if we quit playing hard. We have to keep playing hard, believing and keep working."

One thing working in their favor against Petoskey — East Jordan has enjoyed a three-game winning streak in recent history against the team to the north.

Also encouraging for East Jordan is the undisputable balance in scoring, which was put on display during the first five games this season as a different player led the team in points each night.

Holding a stat book that speaks little of any one standout player, Ferguson felt unable to

lift any particular name up for praise other than East Jordan basketball.

"I've just been pleased with all of them," Ferguson said. "I think some good things are going to happen soon. I talked to the kids before the year, and some of them were flustered with the low numbers (eight players)."

"I told them I've always believed things happen for a reason. I think some good life lessons for all of us are going to come out of this season," he said. "There's worse things out there than being 0-5."

In the works for East Jordan, Ferguson plans to incorporate a little more press defensively, and to push an up-tempo style on offense in order

to deal with the sheer size of some opponents.

The coach remains positive despite the winless start, crediting the team with remaining motivated in practice, usually a character trait that foreshadows success.

"We're playing the hand we were dealt and so far I think we're playing it right," Ferguson said.

Quoting the former head coach of the winless Detroit Lions, Rod Marinelli, Ferguson dropped a line that rings true in the world of sports.

"The worst team quits," he said.

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Ready to return



File photo by Vic Ruggles

Boyer City's Hilary Urman protects the ball from East Jordan's Ashley Skrocki (22) earlier this season. Boyne City returns to action Friday on the road, standing toe-to-toe with a short, spry and undefeated Kalkaska program.

East Jordan hits the floor tonight (Wednesday) in Petoskey, while Boyne Falls pays a visit to Alanson.

Ramblers

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"Any time we didn't have somebody there, it was legitimate reason in terms of a family thing."

"I felt that the kids that were there were focused on what we were doing. I think our group this year is really good about that."

"They like to have a good time, and they

have fun with what they're doing. But they stay focused on the task at hand."

Kalkaska definitely presented a test for the Ramblers.

So will Charlevoix.

But the Ramblers certainly feel they've prepared well over the break.

"We put our feet right back to the fire," Hertel said. "That's what competition is all about. You have to be ready."

"In terms of preparation, hopefully going on the road for our scrimmage kept the flow sharp in terms of competing in somebody else's gym."

"Now it's just about going out and executing. When you hit the floor you have to be in the moment and you got to be ready to execute."

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Rhyme

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River Pass, an elevation gain of more than 4,200 grueling feet. And not a single guardrail.

The four-person downhill expedition took place at night to avoid being fined by national park rangers, as the seasonal road was closed due to snow and we were headed in the wrong direction.

Speed became an interesting problem as the route hit grades of 16 percent, our headlamps only reached so far into the dark, and patches of snow appeared out of nowhere.

The sound of sliding tires and squealing brake pads came with less frequency as adrenaline levels plateaued and we learned to slide through each turn with control.

I was just beginning to feel hypnotized by the view of blurred rock wall on my left, black abyss on my right, and the illuminated patch of road ahead of me when the sound of flying gravel came from beyond the reach of my headlamp.

The air filled with dust as I closed on the rider out in front, who was sliding

down the road on his back with one foot still clipped into the bike pedal. He came to a stop as I went sliding past, breaks locked and looking over my shoulder to see if he was okay.

"There was a porcupine, man!" Zack cried out, laying on his back and laughing between breaths. "I tried to jump over it but I think my back tire hit it. Bike got all squirrely and I went down. I swear it was a porcupine!"

The wreck sent Zack to the rear of the group where he eventually, after a few miles of breaking heavily, around every corner, found his nerve again and was rolling in second place as the dirt turned to pavement nearly an hour later. The road emptied out into the sprawling green fields of Endovalley, and shouts erupted into the night air as the realization of what we had just done began to sink in.

At the end of the valley, the grade dropped once more and the yellow dashes in the center of the road blurred into one line as we tucked low and picked up as much speed as gravity and drag would allow.

The four of us whipped past rock for-

mations like the wind, tires humming and eye watering as we sped toward Estes Park, still yelling with excitement and full of energy after two in the morning.

A glowing yellow eye came flying out of the darkness, reflecting the light from my headlamp as my brain struggled to understand what my eyes were seeing. It became quite clear as the golden eye zipped past and I saw the immense body of a bull elk attached to it.

I screamed out a warning for the others coming fast behind me and hit the brakes as an entire herd of panicking elk shot across the roadway. Before my bike came to a stop I had nearly smashed into two cows and been trampled by another bull.

Rolling into town a few minutes later, we leaned our bikes up against a grove of pine trees and stretched out on the grass at a small park off the main drag, completely exhausted and extremely hungry.

"You've got to be kidding," Zack said suddenly, reaching towards my left arm. "Chris, I think that's an elk hair... we're never doing that again."

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Climbing on clouds



Photo by Chris Tredway

Discovering a fun way of staying on top of this year's constant snowfall, northern Michigan native Emily Nooney climbs a local hill in a pair of snowshoes over the weekend.

BIWEEKLY FISHING REPORT

Northwest Lower Peninsula

Crooked Lake - Ice fishing has started and should only get better by the weekend.

Traverse City - Both the East Bay and the West Bay still have open water.

North Lake Leelanau - Anglers have started to take some walleye.

South Lake Leelanau - Has fair to good walleye,

bluegill and rock bass action.

Little Glen Lake - Ice anglers are taking perch and pike along the weedbeds.

Spider Lake - Panfish are hitting on wax worms.

Skegemog Lake - Perch were hitting on minnows and wigglers but the bite is slow.

Fife Lake - Those seeking pike have managed to take fish with spears or tip-ups. A few perch were also caught.

Lake Missaukee - Look

for walleye along the weedbeds on the east side of lake while the bluegills and crappie tend to congregate in the west half of the lake.

Lake Cadillac - Ice fishing is the game and the lake is giving up some decent catches of pike and panfish. Crappie fishing has been good in the evening on the west side of the lake near the causeway. Pike are hitting on tip-ups. For walleye, try jig-

ging rapalas in the early morning or late evening.

Lake Mitchell - Those fishing the coves have caught some nice big bluegills however the numbers are not there yet. Crappie were also caught. Pike are hitting on tip-ups and walleye on rapalas in the early morning or late evening.

Pere Marquette River - Is unfishable due to high water levels.

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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 2004-0PT 4 Trust, ABFC Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-0PT4, 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.

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

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, 12 and the North 1/2 of Lot 13, Block 3, Nettleton's Addition to the Village of South-Arm, (Now City of East Jordan), according to the recorded plat, also the East 1/2 of the vacated alley adjacent thereto to the 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 G 248.593.1310
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE - (CHARLEVOIX COUNTY)

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in

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

Said premises are situated in the City of Boyne, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and is described as follows: Unit No. 83, THE HARBORAGE MARINA, according to the Amended and Consolidating Master Deed recorded in Liber 391, Pages 674 through 722, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Subdivision Plan No. 22. Together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Parcel Identification No. 051-496-083-00

Commonly Known as: Unit 83 Boat Slip, The Harborage Marina. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Dec. 3, 2008.

First State Bank of East Detroit
24300 Little Mack St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan S. Dupuis and Mark Dupuis, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 24, 2006 and recorded March 7, 2006 in Liber 734, Page 202, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Hsbc Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for MLMI Series 2006-AP1 by assignment.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five and 69/100 Dollars (\$300,625.69) including interest at 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 6, 2009.

Said premises are located in the Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit Number 17, Charlevoix Country Club Condominium, according to the Master Deed as recorded in Liber 335,

Pages 47 through 104, Charlevoix County Records, and as amended by First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 339, Pages 290 through 297, and Second Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 347, Pages 158 through 174, and Third Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 356, Page 540, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Subdivision Plan Number 62. 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 7, 2009

Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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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 Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 AM, on January 23, 2009.

Said premises are located in Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 25, EMPEY'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH LAKE AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 92, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, ALSO THE EAST 8 FEET OF ALLEY VACATED IN LIBER 345, PAGES 720 AND 721, ABUTING SAID LOT.

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

GMAC MORTGAGE LLC FKA GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee/Assignee

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23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
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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 vendue, 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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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 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 vendue, 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, 275.08 feet to said highway line; thence continuing 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

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Dated: Dec. 17, 2008

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Shirley McIntire, A Single Person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated March 17, 2006, and recorded on April 25, 2006 in Liber 742 on Page 741, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Seventy-Seven And 05/100 Dollars (\$108,077.05), including interest at 3.82% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on January 30, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City,

Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Chapman and Addis Addition to 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. 31, 2008

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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 vendue, 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.

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Dated: Dec. 17, 2008

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

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry D. Waggner, 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 Nine Hundred 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 vendue, 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.

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Dated: Dec. 17, 2008

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tendered at sale, plus interest.

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 C o n t i m o r t g a g e 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 vendue, 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.

Dated: Dec. 17, 2008

For more information, please call: FC L 248.593.1312
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File #071045F03

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ray Whitley and Virginia Whitley, husband and wife and Ray C. Whitley, Jr., a married man, to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated July 15, 1995 and recorded July 21, 1995 in Liber 287, Page 350, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Six and 60/100 Dollars (\$51,636.60) including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on FEBRUARY 6, 2009.

Said premises are located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 227 of Upright and Hurlbut's Addition, according to the plat thereof in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 29 and 30; 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: January 7, 2009

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met December 16, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.; Mayor Postma presiding with all members of Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$139,258.71 and \$259,677.80.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of the Funds on Hand Report, November 2008; acknowledged receipt of the Monthly Zoning Activity Report, November 2008; approved an Elm Pointe Rental request; approved Civic Center Rental requests; rejected all bids received for the 2008 Ford F450 XLT Super duty 4X4 Ambulance and requested a re-bid be done; authorized East Jordan Boy Scout Troop #17 to hold a "Polar Bear" campout in GAR Park and approved the use of the City Hall restrooms; approved DPW Union's request to change the holidays for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve; approved Tourist Park rate increases; approved Civic Center rate increases; authorized the closing of City Offices two (2) hours early on Christmas Eve; cancelled January 6, 2009 meeting; authorized City Attorney to draft an Irrevocable Agreement between Mary Yettaw and John M. Dionne and the City of East Jordan; and approved appointments recommended by the Appointments Committee.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

Chetlitz M. Wilson, City Clerk

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Year in Review



Work nears completion on the new Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park. With the installation of the flagpoles, the annual Veterans Day observance took place Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. The stonework will be completed in the spring. The WW II gun is completely restored and in place and the Civil War canon will be restored next.



East Jordan's Main Street Center received a listing in the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. National Park Service in July. Mayor Dan Bennett and Charlevoix State Bank branch manager Jamie Fischer stand in front of the main entrance of the renovated building. The project was a partnership between Charlevoix State Bank and Floyd and Todd Wright Builders.

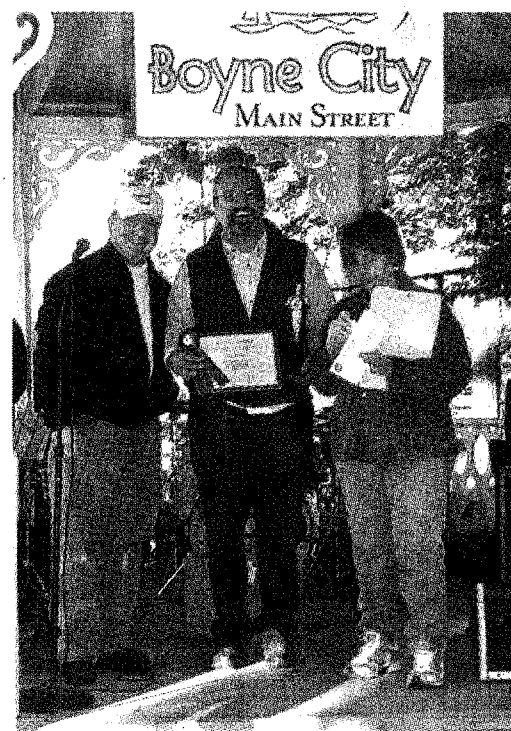


Boyne City celebrated its "first annual" Irish Heritage Fest, just in time for St. Patrick's Day. The flag of Ireland, displayed by Marie Schmittdei (r), who donated the flag, and Linn Williams of the Boyne City Main Street Program, was a part of the Boyne Irish Heritage Fest on Sunday, March 16. Irish cuisine was prepared by the Boyne City High School Hospitality students. Entertainment included Irish tunes played and sung, traditional dancers and story-tellers.

Dr. John Richter, president of Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, received the "Volunteer Environmentalist of the Year" award at the 20th Northern Michigan Environmental Council's Environmentalist Awards, for his leadership role in protecting the Jordan River Watershed and Lake Charlevoix Watershed through grassroots education and community action. Most recently, Friends of the Jordan have allied with Star Township and Antrim County to challenge construction of an injection well at Alba, headwaters of



Lake Charlevoix and other major river watersheds. CMS Energy plans to transport 135,000 gallons of toxic leachate a day, emanating from kiln dust under the Bay Harbor Golf Course, to Alba.



Petoskey resident Tom Monley (center) was announced as the winner of the Boyne City song-writing contest on Thursday, June 19. Presenting the award are Mark Kowalske (l) and Karen Guznick. His song, titled "Our Hometown," along with 14 other songs written about Boyne City, has been produced on a CD.



What to do with the 1910 Water Works building at Park and Division streets was the focus of much discussion at Boyne City commission meetings. The 1,000-square-foot building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built as a pump station for the city water works and is the oldest structure owned by the city. It is historically significant as a part of the original infrastructure of Boyne City, according to information from city records. The 1910 building's ultimate fate remains in question, but city commissioners approved using a budgeted expenditure to stabilize the building for the winter.



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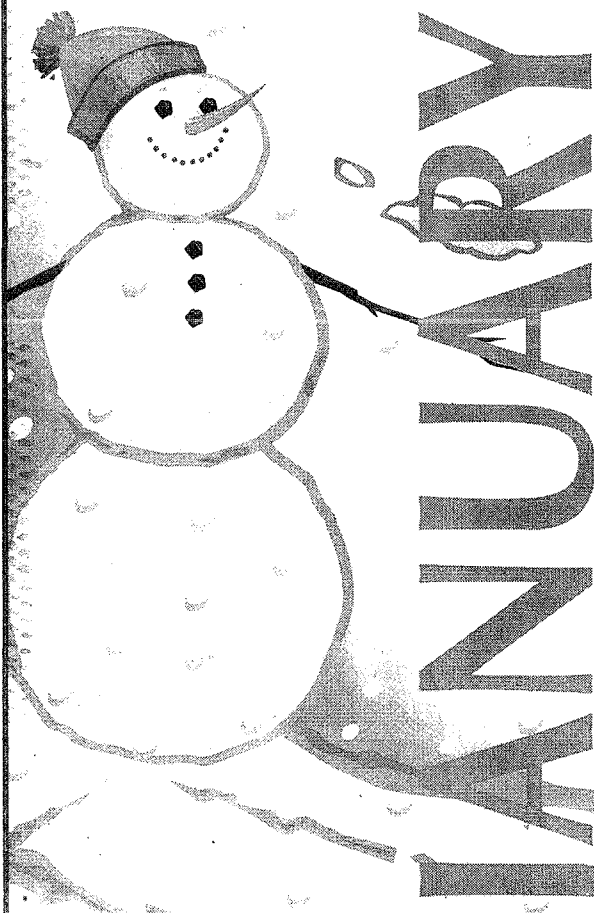
Jan. 8 - Business After Hours at Camp Daggett with Boyne City, Charlevoix & Petoskey Chambers

Jan. 15 - Chamber's Annual Meeting, Boyne Mountain, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 14-16 - WinterFest & Chocolate Covered Boyne Festival

Feb. 19 - Business After Hours, Boyne City Quick Care, 5:30 p.m.

March 19 - Business After Hours, Schraw & Associates, 116 Water St., 5:30 p.m.



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