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At a glance

Chamber presents annual meeting

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting will be 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.

Reservations are required. Admission is \$15 per person. Call 231-582-6222 or visit www.boyne-chamber.com for reservations.

Sno-Blast

East Jordan's 28th annual Sno-Blast Winter Festival is on Jan. 16-18.

Events include chili supper, crowning of the Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight, Antique Snowmobile Club of America, snowmobile drags, frozen pancake toss, brewing Finnish ale workshop, fingerweaving a sash workshop, movie "Snow Buddies," dessert and auction, snowsculpture contest, kids fishing contest along with kids coloring contest, and much more. Schedules are located around town and in the chamber's brochure rack or online at www.ejchamber.org.

Public input meeting

You are invited and encouraged to participate in the process of determining the future of the Old City Park area by attending a public input session on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., at the Boyne City Hall Auditorium, 319 North Lake Street. Information and ideas gathered at this meeting will be critical in refining the vision

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WEATHER

Wednesday, Jan. 14
Hi: 9 Lo: -3
Condition: Snow

Thursday, Jan. 15
Hi: 4 Lo: 0
Condition: Snow Showers

Friday, Jan. 16
Hi: 11 Lo: 7
Condition: Few Snow Showers

Saturday, Jan. 17
Hi: 15 Lo: 12
Condition: Snow Showers

Sunday, Jan. 18
Hi: 18 Lo: 17
Condition: Few Snow Showers

Monday, Jan. 19
Hi: 19 Lo: 13
Condition: Snow Showers

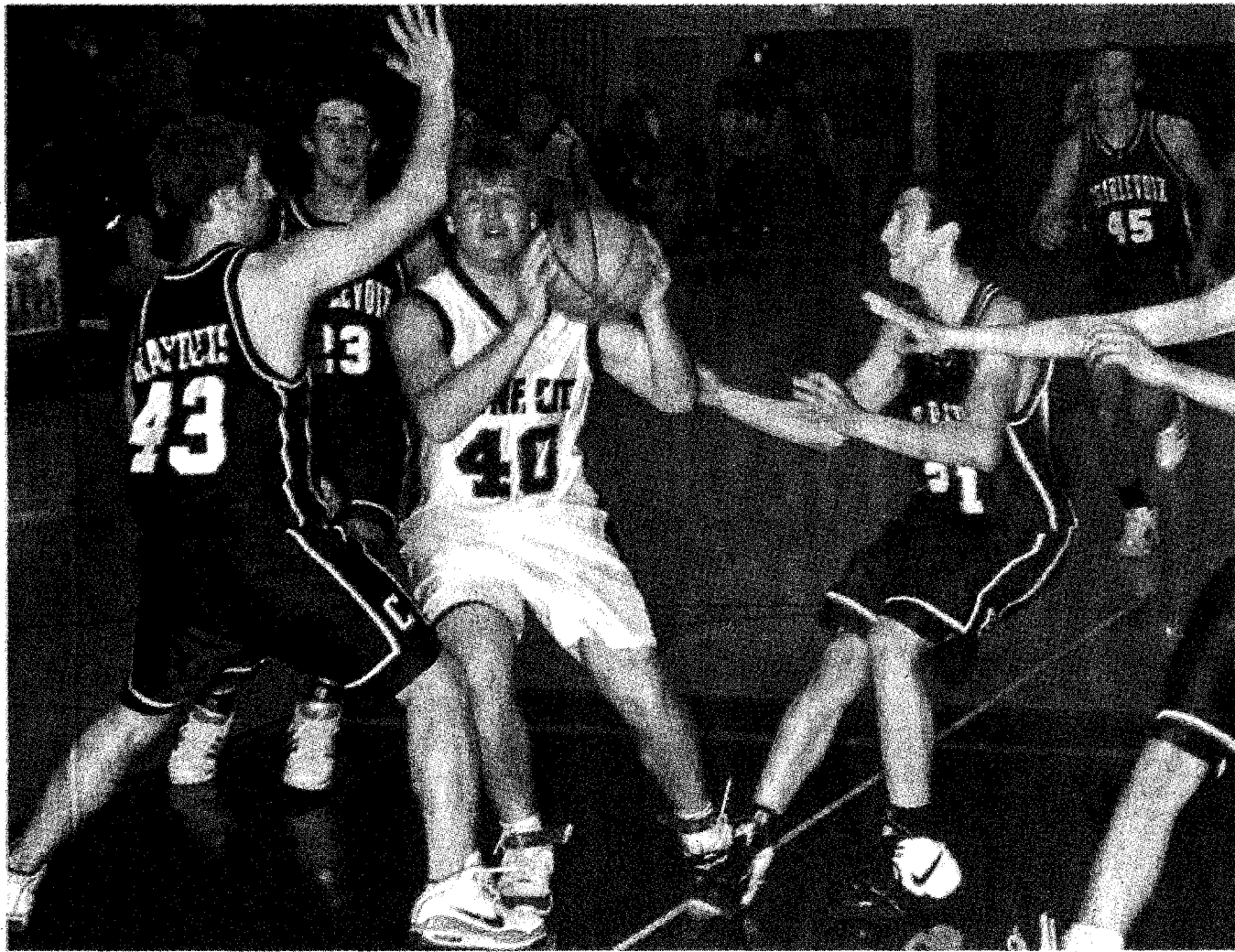
Tuesday, Jan. 20
Hi: 22 Lo: 16
Condition: Few Snow Showers

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Surrounded



Boyne City's Ryan Musser looks for an opening beneath the basket Thursday night as a field of Charlevoix defenders close in. For complete coverage of Boyne City basketball, see Sports.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

City increases rates at park

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — Vacationers will see rates up at the city's Tourist Park this year, but still lower than other area campgrounds, city officials say.

The increase for utility hook-up and other services is \$1 for each service. Monthly campers with full hook-up at their sites will pay \$765 with seasonal rates at \$2,880. Tent sites are \$18 per night. Rental of the community log building is \$100.

Parks director Tom Cannon said that because of increasing utility costs, major upgrades and miscellaneous projects, the city may need to continue increases in rates at Tourist Park in future years. The city auditor, Douglas Wholberg, recommends the increase, Cannon said.

The city's harbor marina rates are set by the state's Waterways Commission. There is no increase for boat slips this year because of the poor economy and the low number of boats last season.

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State invests in Main Street Program

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — The State Historic Preservation Office has partnered with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and its Michigan Main Street Center to provide Cultural Economic Development plans to four Michigan Main Street Communities: Boyne City, Calumet, Marshall and Niles.

These plans are designed to assist the communities' ongoing activities to revitalize their traditional downtown districts by strengthening and strategically employing local cultural assets to create jobs, bring investment into the community, and enhance the quality of life.

"We will have information about the impact arts and cultural activities have on our community and what we can do to utilize those assets to enhance economic opportunity in our town," Boyne City Main Street Manager Hugh Conklin said. "When completed, the process will produce a cul-

tural economic development plan that will include an inventory of Boyne City arts, cultural and heritage resources and an assessment of our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats."

Conklin also said the Cultural Economic Development plan will document strategies and specific action steps that will expand the economic base by leveraging cultural assets and strengthening partnerships among civic, cultural, business and economic development organizations.

State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway said, "The plan will demonstrate the economic value of arts and culture to our community and will offer models for other communities to follow."

The Boyne City Main Street Program is a grassroots, volunteer driven program dedicated towards the historic preservation and economic development of Boyne City's downtown. The program follows the national "Main Street

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As part of the Cultural Economic Development Plan, Boyne City will be able to better understand the positive economic impact of its many festivals and events, like Stroll the Streets from this past summer.

Courtesy of photo

County sets goals for 2009

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CHARLEVOIX — At the first Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meeting on Jan. 5, the board members elected Chris Christensen chairman for a second term.

Shirley Roloff was again elected vice chairwoman. Christensen, Roloff and the other four board of commission members were appointed to various committees. Along with the chair and vice chair, the board members are: Shirlene Tripp, Ronald Reinhardt, Joel Evans and Bob Drebenstedt.

Chairman Christensen outlined some of the year's priorities as meeting with the county planning commission to discuss oversight of the planning department, and to work on a direction for the county commission on aging.

Christensen requested that the county look at collection of the road millage funds this summer instead of the year 2010. Prosecutor and civil counsel John Jarema said he would confer with the road commis-

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sion's attorney on the collection time frame.

Issues to be addressed by commissioners include the stormwater ordinance, the building department deficit, liens against the county, the animal control ordinance and possible conflicts of interest with the health department.

The Board of Commissioners meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, and at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The meetings are held at the county building.

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Students at East Jordan take over the stage

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — For students at East Jordan High School, the opportunity to wholly produce, direct and perform a one-act play, *Paper or Plastic*, by Werner Trieschmann, was too good to pass up.

The show, directed by junior Kaitlin Keane, 16, is a comedy about a teen's first job at a grocery store where she experiences mean customers, unsupportive co-workers and most importantly, no one answering the all important question, paper or plastic.

Paper or Plastic is a relatively new one-act show with only 22 other schools having produced this play. Dramatic Publishing Co. gave permission to do the show, which lasts about 45 minutes. This is the first student-led show to come from East Jordan High School and includes students from ninth to twelfth grade.

Keane decided to direct the show after going to an acting camp in Wolverine over the summer.

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EAST JORDAN SNOWBLAST

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday January 16

4:30-7:00pm: Chili Supper (sponsored by EJ Rotary) - EJ Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse -
4:30pm: Belle of the Blizzard/Winter Knight Crowning Ceremonies - 4:30p.m. at EJ Sno-Mobile Club -
7:00pm: Comic Play PAPER OR PLASTIC - EJHS Comm. Auditorium

Saturday January 17

8:00am: Concessions - EJ Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse until 5:00pm
9:00am: Antique Snowmobile Club of America-Sno-Mobile Clubhouse until 4:00pm - for more information call Don Massey 231-536-2944
Drag Racing Registration - EJ Sno-Mobilers - Call Renny Graham at 231-536-0452 or Gerry Argetsinger at 231-582-7970 to enter.
11:00am: Snowmobile Drags - EJ Sno-Mobilers until 3:00p.m. (Saturday ONLY)-snow or no snow, it's a GO. Drivers must be 18 years of age or older. Trophies awarded.
Frozen Pancake Toss - EJ Sno-Mobilers
Weaving Birchback Workshop - The Wagbo Peace Center - Learn the art of weaving from the tree of light perfected by ancient Scandinavians. \$5 Fee. Register 231-536-0003.
12:00pm: Roller Skating - Harvest Barn Church on M-66 until 3:00pm - \$4 per person includes skate rental, or bring your own. Stay and enter the Snowman Contest at 3:00pm!
1:00pm: Softball in the Snow - Softball Field off M-66 - Team entry fee \$10. Out-of-town teams encouraged to enter! Call Debbie Bennett for information 231-536-3400 - sponsored by Main Stree Hair Cottage.
Free Refreshments - Softball Field of M-66 - Free hot chocolate and coffee help keep you toasty. Sponsored by Save-A-Lot!
1:30pm: Brewing Finnish Ale Workshop - The Wagbo Peace Center - Learn how to brew Sahti, a primitive Finnish ale over a warm fire using traditional ingredients. \$15 Fee. Register 231-536-0003.
2:00pm: Build A Snowman Contest - Harvest Barn Church on M-66 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded! Put your creative skills to use! For information call 536-2870.
4:00pm: Fingerweaving A Sash Workshop - The Wagbo Peace Center - Learn a rural folk practice of Scandinavian peasants; hands-on weaving of a festive sash or hatband. \$10 Fee. Register 231-536-0333.
6:00pm: Dinner on the Town - After spending the day out and about, who wants to cook? Eat out at one of our many excellent restaurants!
6:30pm: Hiking With Vikings - The Wagbo Peace Center - Enjoy a torchlit nature hike through forest and field focused on our Northern European ancestors rich folk traditions. Mulled cider. Register 231-536-0003.
7:00pm: Dessert and Auction - East Jordan Elementary School Cafeteria - After dinner, come on over for tea, dessert, coffee and an auction fundraiser with terrific themed baskets ready to be bid on. Free babysitting! For information call 231-536-0053 ext5168 or Julie at 231-536-0353. Sponsored by EJ Cooperative Nursery.

Sunday January 18

7:00am- Noon: Sno-Lovers Breakfast - Pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes, eggs, the works! Adults \$5. children 5 to 10 \$3. children under 4 free. Sponsored by the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club
1:00pm: "Workshop Redux" - Jordan River Arts Council - Until 4:00p.m. Join us for opening day of this exhibit featuring the works of local clay artisans. Two related workshops will also be held at North Central Michigan college January 19 and 26. for more information 231-582-9373.
1:30pm: Movie "Snow Buddies" - Rated G-87 minutes - Library Community Room - Free admission but Donations appreciated - Low cost snacks available!

Schedule subject to change. For up to the minute details please visit www.ejchamber.org



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Instructor: Kathie Albring
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Bay Harbor Ice & Spice Festival

Celebrate the winter season at the 9th annual Bay Harbor Ice & Spice Festival. The event is scheduled to take place Jan. 16 and 17 and will feature live ice carving exhibitions, the ever-popular "Ice & Spice" Chili Cook-Off, fun winter games in the Village, along with a tasty s'mores station. The Dream Catcher Kennel Sled Dogs will also be visiting Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to give rides to the kids. The Outfitter of Harbor Springs will be on hand for snowshoe demos, along with extras that patrons can try out on the property. Be sure to stop in to the Village boutiques and sign up for your chance to win great prizes including charter fishing trips and private lessons at the Bay Harbor Equestrian Club. Guess the amount of frozen pennies in the Odawa Ca-

sino Resort sculpture for your chance to win a casino prize package. Don't forget to pay a visit to the ice bar out front of KNOT Just A Bar for a chilling cocktail. Carving exhibitions will take place on both Friday and Saturday, with the winter activities on Main Street taking place on Saturday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

World-Champion Ice Carver Ted Wakar will return this year with his partner J.R. Lorenz to turn ice into breathtaking works of art. Wakar is a first-class ice sculptor who has competed in over 50 events around the world. Everyone is invited to come to the Village at Bay Harbor and watch as Ted Wakar carves the beautiful sculptures that will be on display throughout the weekend. The 2009 Ice Festival is sponsored

in part by Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau, Bay Harbor Properties, Lamar Construction, Odawa Casino, Mitchell Graphics, Holiday Inn Express, Birchwood Construction, North Central Michigan College, Northwestern Bank, McBride Construction, KNOT Just A Bar, Fox Motors, Vidosh Landscape Centres and Alexander V. Bogaerts & Associates. Special thanks to The Bacigalupi Family for sponsoring the Dream Catcher Sled Dogs.

Bay Harbor will also be adding a little spice to your winter with the 9th Annual Ice & Spice Chili Cook Off. This event will run from 1 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 17. Beat those winter blues by stopping by the Bay Harbor Conference Center and sampling chili, which features the crowd pleasing concoctions of Chef

Karen from Galley Gourmet, along with at least ten other local chefs. Vote for your favorites as first place winner will be awarded \$500, second prize will be \$200 and the prize for best costume is \$200. The admission fee is \$5, children 8 and under free. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Bay Harbor Foundation, which supports local non-profits in the Little Traverse Bay Region. Pack up the family and get ready to enjoy samples of some very amazing chili. For more information on the Chili Cook Off, please contact Candy with the Bay Harbor Foundation at 231-439-2700.

To learn more about the Bay Harbor Ice & Spice Festival please call 231-439-2000 or visit the news and events page at bayharbor.com.

DCPD REPORT

Boyer City Police Department Weekly Report
Dec. 26, 2008 - Jan. 8, 2009

Assault	1
Animal Complaint	1
Parole Violation	1
Parking Violations	3
Obstructing Justice	1
Disturbing the Peace	1
Fraud	1
Larceny	4
Trespass	1
Littering	1
Driving Complaint	1
Vehicle Unlocks	10
Alarms-False	2
Suspicious Situations	1
Civil Dispute	1
Traffic Violations	8
Lost/Found Property	3
Assist other Agency	2
Health & Safety	8
General Assistance	10
Traffic Accident	5
Non Traffic Accident	7
Car Deer Accident	1

CCSO REPORT

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Activity
Jan. 2, 2009 - Jan. 8, 2009

Traffic Stop	64
Verbal Warning	33
Citations Issued	9
Assist Motorist	5
Vehicle In Ditch	1
Property Damage Accident	11
Personal Injury Accident	1
Car Deer Accident	12
Assist Other Agency	18
Civil Complaint	1
911 Hang up Check	9
Larceny	2
Paper Service	17
Keys Locked in Vehicle	7
Health and Safety	1
Juvenile Complaint	1
Suspicious Vehicle	7
Breaking and Entering	3
Warrant Service Attempt	7
Panic/Intrusion Alarm	5
Attempt to locate	2
Snowmobile Accident	1
Road Hazard	6
Animal Complaint	13
Driving Violation	2
Threats	1
Domestic Situation	2
Trespass	1
Annoying/Harassing	1
Noise Complaint	1
Intoxicated Subject	1
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol	5
Open Door	1
Found Property	1
Assault	3
Fraud	2
Mental Subject	1
Standby/Keep the Peace	1
Bad Checks	1
Abandoned Vehicle	6
Attempted Suicide/Suicide	1

Northern Michigan Chorale begins rehearsals

Registration and rehearsals for the twenty-seventh Spring Concert of the Northern Michigan Chorale will be held on Monday, Jan. 19, at the Parr Memorial Church, at the corner of Waukazoo and Michigan Streets, in Petoskey. Rehearsals are from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. and will continue on Jan. 26.

The Northern Michigan Chorale is

a community chorus, with members ranging in age from high school students through adults. As a member, singers become a part of a 90-plus voice choral group. Auditions are not necessary to join.

Peter D. Sims continues to direct and accompany the chorale. Audiences will enjoy the chorale as they perform music on the lighter

side, titled, "With Our Voices Singing."

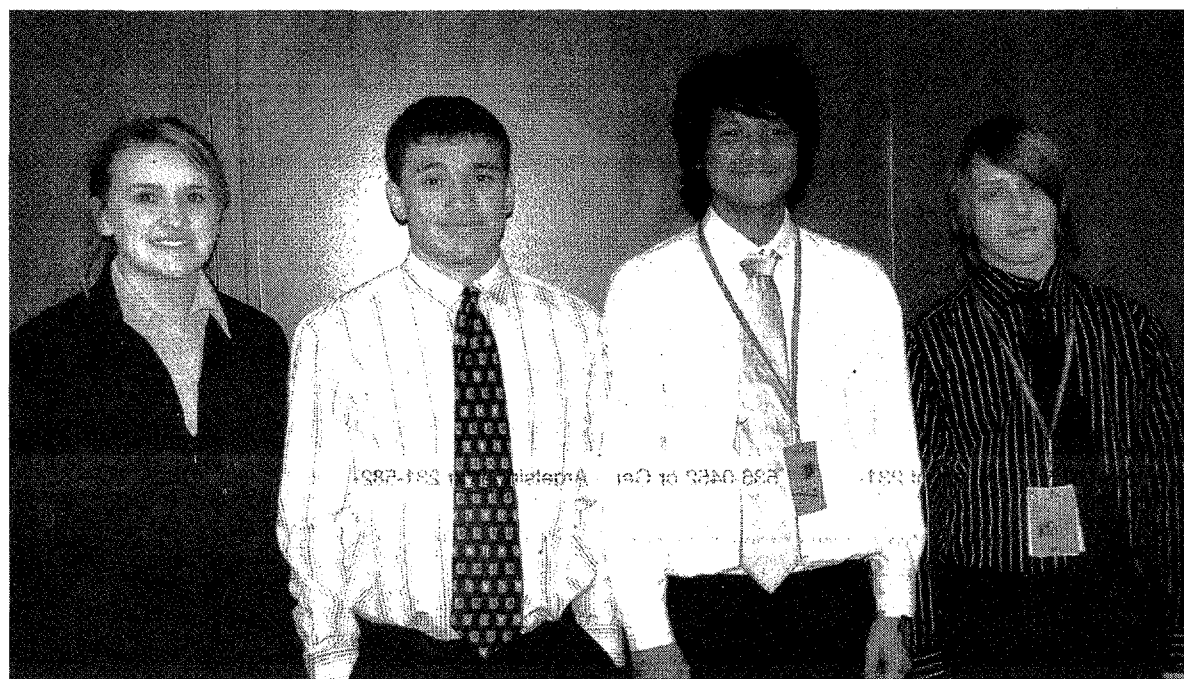
Concert dates and times are as follows: April 17, 7:30 p.m., and April 18, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. The April 19 performance will be at 3 p.m., at the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center.

A membership fee for members is

\$20, and family is \$35. A music fee of \$10 is also collected from new members. Students pay the music fee only. College credit, as Music 101, Chorale I, can be earned by contacting Judith King at North Central Michigan College. For further information, please call Janada Chingwa at 231-347-1618 or Kathy Hart at 231-330-0154.

DECA students

East Jordan High School DECA students competed at the DECA District II Conference on Wednesday, Jan. 7. The event was held at Ferris State University in Big Rapids. Five students from East Jordan competed in individual series events. Adrian Pulley, a senior, competed in Business Services Marketing; Brandon Ibarra, a junior, competed in Hotel and Lodging; Hannah David, a junior, competed in Food Marketing; Shaina Peters, a junior, competed in Retail Marketing; and Ram Widyowicaksono, a foreign exchange student, competed in Sports and Entertainment Marketing. Each completed a 100 question occupational test online in December, and a role-play scenario at Ferris. Hannah qualified as a state finalist and will compete in Dearborn in March. DECA is an association of marketing students who learn marketing concepts, skills, and leadership through conferences and competitions. DECA has both high school and college chapters throughout the world.



East Jordan students (l-r) Hannah David, Brandon Ibarra, Rama Widyowicaksono, and Adrian Pulley recently competed in the DECA District II Conference. Not pictured: Shaina Peters.

COUNTY RECORDS

District Court

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

Corey James Scott, 22, Reed City. Domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and to serve three days in jail with credit for three days.

Jonathan Michael Nelson, 33, East Jordan. Sex offender--failure to comply with reporting. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs.

Alan Dale Queen II, 26, East Jordan. Violation of restricted license. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Deborah Annette Newcomb, 17, Walloon Lake. Driving without a license. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Tiffany Lyn Dankert, 27, St. Charles. Disorderly and drunk. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Lois Johnson Lam-

bert, 58, Livonia. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$980 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; six months on probation.

Elsie Jean Stutzman, 65, Boyne City. Retail fraud. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs.

Nathan Ronald Kentala, 48, Dollar Bay. Weapons-possession under influence. Sentenced to pay \$850 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 26 days; serve 34 days.

Roger L. Garcia-Figueroa, 23, Allentown, PA. Disturbing the peace. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and to serve two days in jail with credit for two days.

Pamela Lou Tipton, 46, East Jordan. Non-sufficient funds check.

Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs and \$42 in restitution.

Raymundo Lee Garcia, 35, Lansing. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$800 in fines and costs.

Curtis James Galvas, 27, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$830 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.

Douglas Jefferey Hamburger, 45, Franklin. Driving with no license on person. Sentenced to pay \$260 in fines and costs.

Kurt Alan Danforth, 35, Harbor Springs. Driving with no license on person and unlawful use of license plate. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs.

Kimberly Renee Vos, 47, Petoskey. Driving

while intoxicated and use of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$1,530 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days on work release, 30 days on electronic monitor, 37 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Jeremy John Moses, 30, Charlevoix. Driving while intoxicated. Sen-

tenced to pay \$1,130 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 334 days held in abeyance, 30 days of community service work; two years on probation.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office for an assumed name

for doing business: JEM, Enterprises, 03212 Old Mackinaw Trail, Boyne Falls, by Harold Jensen and Mary Macionski.

EM2 Electric, 309 Prospect St., Charlevoix, by Mark R. Willett.

Marriage Licenses
The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County

Clerk's Office:
Matthew Jon Britton, 26, East Jordan and Betsy Marie Weber, 23, East Jordan.

William H. Stanley, 71, Boyne City and Gail L. Steck, 62, Boyne City.

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WEEKLY Health Tips



Brisk Walks & Weight Loss

Taking regular brisk walks can help weight loss and trim overall body fat, including dangerous belly fat. A recent study found that women and men who boosted their activity by an additional 3500 steps a day lost 5 lbs. or 8.5 lbs. respectively over the course of a year. Those who walked 60 minutes a day, 5 days a week, reduced their belly fat by 10-20%. They also took off 10-15% of overall body fat, without losing muscle mass. Brisk walking also reduces stress, anxiety and depression and improves bone health, sex drive, memory and sleep.

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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

EDITORIAL

Take action to protect your home

January is National Radon Action Month and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is working in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in a nationwide campaign to educate citizens about the danger of radon exposure.

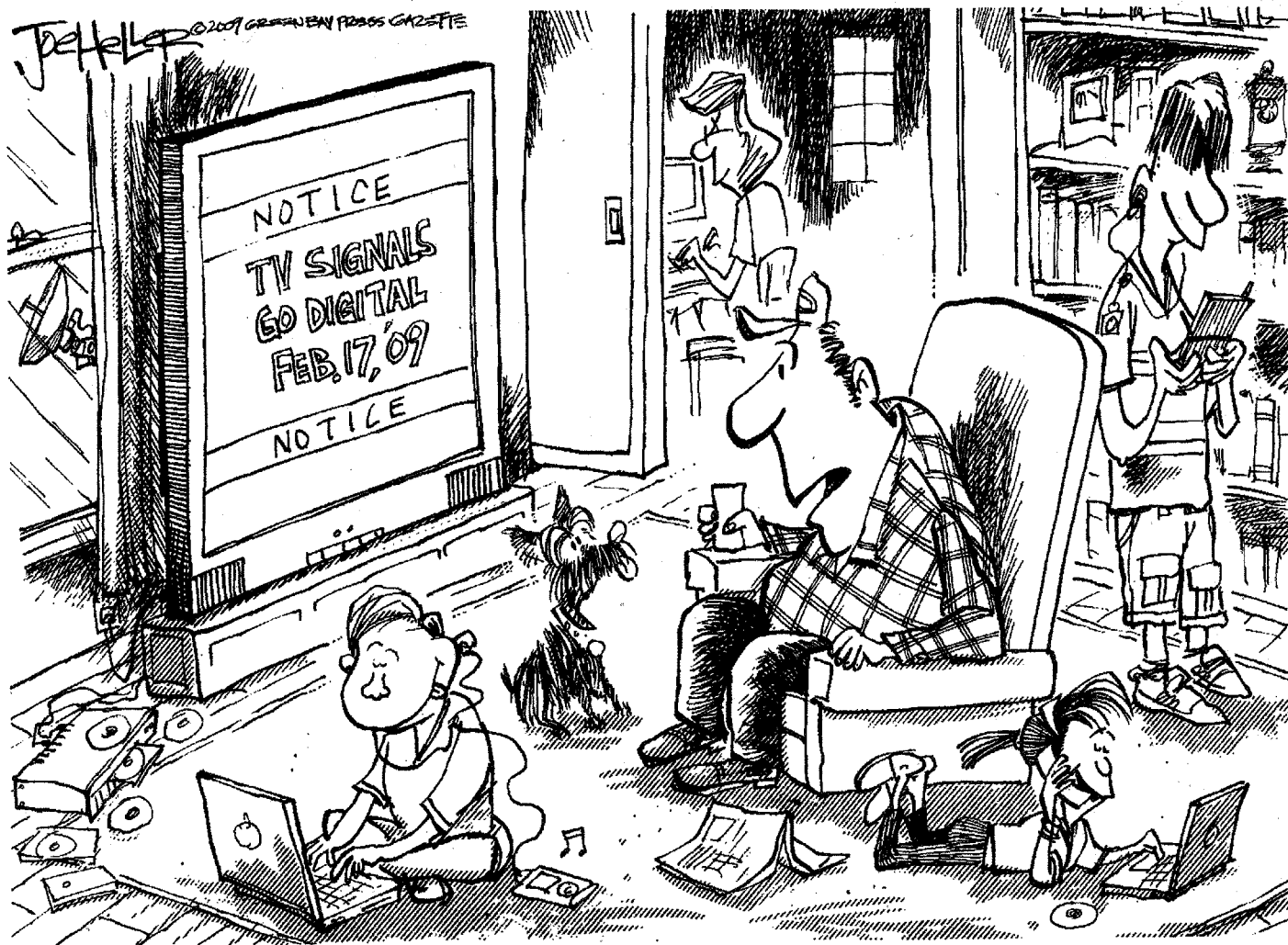
Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible, odorless, tasteless gas that is dispersed in outdoor air, but can reach harmful levels when trapped in buildings. This has long been a concern of scientists, but now there is an abundance of evidence that exposure to elevated levels of radon causes lung cancer.

Both organizations are encouraging Americans to take action to protect your homes and families from this potentially harmful gas. According to public health officials, radon was present at elevated levels in about 21.4 percent of the 2000 plus homes that were tested with radon kits from 1993 through 2007. Several maps covering Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties are posted on the Health Department web site that discovered "action levels" in these areas.

The only way to know if your home and family is at risk is to test radon levels. Fortunately, this is an easy and inexpensive process with kits available for purchase at hardware or home improvement stores, as well as at Health Department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey/Harbor Springs, and Gaylord. If you find a problem in your home, contact a Health Department Environmental staff member and they can help you find a solution.

The EPA said that radon is responsible for over 20,000 lung cancer deaths per year and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. after smoking. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness for the residents of our county. This month their cause is simple, to provide the citizens a way to protect themselves from radon. Kits are available for \$15 at Health Department offices and you can contact staff members for more information.

Testing your home for radon is not only important for your home, but the safety of your family. Take time during this month to find out if radon is a problem in your area.



"THE PROBLEM IS, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO WATCHES TV ANYMORE AND THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT 'GOING DIGITAL' MEANS!"

NEIGHBORS

A small going-away party was held for Cindy Clavier at the Old State Roadhouse on Saturday, Jan. 3. Cindy will be moving to Florida and a group of friends wanted to wish her farewell. Old State Roadhouse served the group with flair as the group wished Cindy good luck on her adventure.

More holiday news came in from Boyne City's Harold and Lucy Price. They enjoyed having their daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Mark Petruskey, and grandson Ryan Petruskey and wife Allison, all of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, here as their house-guests. There were many festive events, including skiing at Boyne Mountain, and snow-shoeing at Young State Park. Brian and Pam Price and sons Tyler and Trevor hosted a gourmet Christmas dinner. Son Hal Price also attended the great family time.

Bill and Jeanette Avery and her sister, Donna, attended, the Capital One Bowl, in Orlando, Fla., on New Years Day. The game was between Michigan State University and the University of Georgia. It was a first time for all of them to attend a bowl game. Even though MSU lost the game, it was a beautiful, fun day. The pre-game and half-time shows, which included the MSU march-

ing band and others, was spectacular. Dr. Donna Fisher is an alumna of Michigan State University; she currently lives near Savannah, Ga., where she is a professor at Georgia Southern.



By Nancy Northup

Jean Limron of Boyne City has returned to her home and is doing well after having spent a week in Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

Logan Felton, grandson of Jim and Linda Felton of Boyne City, was honored with a family party on Sunday, his 8th birthday.

The lucky winner of the gift basket at the Boyne Area Senior Center was Bill German. Terri Powers says the center will have a pizza party with soup, salad and a goody table on Jan. 30 to say goodbye to January. Don Judd will be our entrainment

for dancing and listening pleasure. Heartfelt sympathy goes out to the friends and families of Mike Nelson, 46, of East Jordan, and New Port Richey, Fla. who passed away December 30, and Ole Ellstrom, 62, of Boyne City, who passed away the last week of December, and also Nancy Amesbury 70, of Boyne City, who passed away on Jan. 3.

John McGeorge of Columbus, Ohio, spent a few days of the Christmas season in Boyne with his grandmother, Jessie Willson and other relatives.

A belated "Happy Wedding Anniversary" goes out to my dear brother and sister-in-law, Nels and Louisa Northup, who celebrated their 10th anniversary on Jan. 8th. May they be blessed with many more years together.

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

YOUR VOICE

Recognition

To the Editor: On behalf of the Boyne Falls Public School, I would like to recognize the efforts of Blarney Castle Oil Company and managers, Ms. Michelle Mertes and Mr. Jeff Blanchard, of Boyne Falls EZ-Mart, for securing a \$500 ExxonMobil Educational Alliance grant. The grant funds will be used to provide character education assemblies for our K-12 students. Funded by the Exxon Mobil Corporation, the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Mobil retailers like Blarney Castle Oil Company and Boyne Falls EZ-Mart with an opportunity to invest in the future of their community through educational grants to their local school.

Blarney Castle Oil Company, Boyne Falls EZ-Mart, and managers, Ms. Michelle Mertes and Mr. Jeff Blanchard met stringent eligibility criteria before applying for and being awarded this grant, including having a commitment to provide a superior buying experience for their customers. It is with great appreciation that we received this grant and our thanks go out to Blarney Castle Oil Company, Ms. Michelle Mertes, and Mr. Jeff Blanchard for their continued support of the Boyne Falls Public School.

Gary Urman
Superintendent, Boyne Falls Public School

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Arrested dishevelment

If you ever assume that you have evolved by leaps and bounds since the day that you clutched that high school diploma in one hand and skipped off into the big wide world, think again. The years may have provided a few life lessons that would caution against combining hallucinogens with family reunions, or the happily-never-aftermath of online dating, but who we are at 18 is pretty much the picture for life. If you doubt that this is true, just attend your next high school reunion.

"No way," my friend Barb, another Northern alum, responded to my plea to accompany me to the soiree. "Unh-uh, no thank you."

"Come on - Think of how much fun this could be," I wheedled. "Maybe Therese Purehell will be there. You know she's got to be a train wreck by now."

Not even the possibility of the class beauty/bully rendered frowsy and toothless would change her mind. But I was curious and I was going.

The popular "girls" got together a day before the festivities for a pajama party. The way that I found out about this was the same way that I had always been made aware of their plans when we were teenagers. They called late in the throes of their celebration to berate me.

"Chris. Get your ass over here right now." Hysterical hooting reverberated in the background when Jill said "ass."

"I'm coming to the reunion tomorrow and I didn't know about your party," I explained. "I'm in Boyne City."

"Boyne City?!" (More inexplicably uproarious laughter.)

"What are you doing there?" The amazing thing about this seemingly innocuous exchange was that I immediately felt the same foreboding that I remembered from so long ago. It's what I imagine a rabbit feels when it sees a carrot under a box propped up by a stick that's tied to a string.

"Can't make it - Sorry. You'll just have to torture each other tonight."

"What?" "I said, 'I'll look forward to seeing you all tomorrow night.' Bye-bye."

Arriving at the cinderblock venue for what promised to be an elegant evening, I was greeted by the sight of my peers in prom attire. One really cute guy that I didn't recognize was actually wearing a tuxedo. Feeling a bit underdressed, I resolved to wear sunglasses for the entire evening and keep my back to the wall.

"Oh my God! You cut your hair!" Marty Snubs squealed when

she saw my nametag. "Well, yea. It's been 30 years. It would have been unmanageable if I hadn't."

Marty's face went blank for a moment. This was exactly the sort of comment that had made me such a butt among the hierarchy of NHS.

"You haven't changed one bit, have you? Come with me. Everybody's over here."

Everybody turned out to be everybody from the pajama party and their patently bored husbands.

"Aren't you married? Where's your husband?" "I've got one, I just didn't know that I was supposed to bring him," I answered truthfully. "He's cute, too." (Also true.)

After a quick trip to the cash bar, we adjourned to the ladies room to check out DeeDee Richman's post-divorce present to herself - augmented breasts. Giving them the thumbs up, we returned to find the place in an uproar.

"You people never even knew that I was alive," a man was screeching while clinging drunkenly to the two young women who propped him up on either side. His head rolled randomly above the collar of his disco shirt. His mini-skirted companions appeared to be... professionals. "Well, look at me now, you losers! You'll remember me now!"

The trio circled the room for several minutes while he espoused more of the same. The act had a certain dangerous appeal, made all the more enigmatic due to the fact that no one had the foggiest idea as to the man's identity.

The Mystery Man and his entourage exited unsteadily into the night before anyone had the opportunity to catch his name, and for a while - just as he'd predicted - he was uppermost in our thoughts.

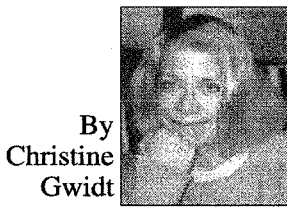
Until DeeDee returned from the parking lot with her hairdo askew and her dress unbuttoned. She had been reacquainting herself with Cute Tuxedo Guy, who turned out to be that skinny kid from second period art class who had caused such a stir with his nude sculptures. DeeDee's best friend, Ellen, turned back the clock and delivered an epic girlfriend lambasting, decrying Dee's lack of judgment, and raining down several synonyms for a woman of loose morals.

All in all, it was a magical evening. As I was leaving, Jill handed me a slip of paper with her e-mail address.

"You'd better write," she commanded. "Oh, don't worry," I promised. "I will."

Christine Gwidt welcomes reader's comments. E-mail her at moreorlesschristine@gmail.com.

MORE OR LESS



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Winter workshops scheduled by JRAC

A variety of workshops have been scheduled by the Jordan River Arts Council at a reasonable price. All levels of experience are encouraged to participate. Students will have the opportunity to exhibit their creations in the Redux II exhibit, April 12 - May 8. All of the workshops will be held at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan except for the quilting workshop. Registration will be with each instructor.

Recycled Jewelry

Instructor: Laura Barber
Saturday, Jan. 24, 12:30 to 3 p.m.
 Learn to make your own "green" jewelry reusing rubber inner tubes. Participants will have the opportunity to create and take home a unique jewelry piece, or make elements to take and finish at home. No jewelry experience needed, just a willingness to play with a different material in a new way. Participants should bring their own sharp scissors, super glue and a bottle of rubber cement. To register or for information phone: 231-649-9550 or e-mail: lbofmetal@yahoo.com. Cost: \$25.

Barber has an MFA in jewelry and metal-smithing from University of Wisconsin and has taught numerous classes including Eastern Michigan University.

Introduction to Shibori, a tied resist method of dyeing fabric

Instructor: Nancy Carey
Saturday, Jan. 31, 12:30 to 4 p.m.
 No, tie-dyeing was not invented in the 60s. It is actually based on ages-old techniques, used by many cultures, to create unique decorative patterns on material. Participants will experiment with different basting methods on cotton and silk. They will then learn to use two different dye processes to complete their fabric pieces. Participants should wear old clothing or a coverall. To register or for more information phone: 231 536 7812 or e-mail: ncarey@charter.net. Cost is \$18.

Carey majored in art at GVSU and MSU. She has taught workshops in photography and silk painting in Michigan and Florida.

Introduction to Basketry

Instructor: Kathie Albring
Saturday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Class size is limited. A small basket will be made. The fee includes all materials. To register or for further information; call 231-536-1440. Cost: \$40.

Albring makes beautiful reed baskets in a variety of styles and shapes, some of which has been displayed at the Members Art for Sales Exhibit.

Issue, Design, Find the time: An art therapy quilting process

Instructor: Sylvia Walworth
Friday, Feb. 13, 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 In the workshop, participants will make nine quilt squares using nine designs. The designs provide direction and artistic pleasure. The fabrics used focus on a therapeutic goal. The goal or issue can remain the quilter's secret. Fun, creative, surprising and enlightening. Bring a sewing machine, cutting mat, rotary cutter, scissors, and thread. Size and type of fabric, batting, wonder fusable, and backing fabric provided after registration. Location: 1715 San Marino Trail, Eastport, Mich. To register or for information, call Sylvia at 231-599-3065 or e-mail: sylwalworth@torchlake.com. Cost: \$75.

Walworth is a Board Certified Art Therapist, Licensed Professional Counselor who created magnificent quilts and other fiber works.

A celebration of winter in the Scandinavian tradition

In the area once known as "Little Norway," the Wagbo Peace Center is hosting a Winter Festival with a Scandinavian theme in conjunction with East Jordan's Snoblast. Join us at Wagbo Jan. 16 and 17 to learn once common and simple Scandinavian folk crafts, skills and legend lost to many of their modern descendants. Come for all or part of the festivities and understand what the Norwegians mean in their proverb: "What is good is often forgotten."

Events will kick off Friday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m., with a film showing of "Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring" (rated PG-13), the first of the trilogy which borrowed many of its themes from ancient Scandinavian and Northern European texts. The movie will be shown in the Wagbo community center and light refreshments will be served. Donations accepted.

On Saturday, join us for a day of "skillshares" as well as sledding and snowshoeing on the Wagbo hills overlooking the beautiful Jordan River Valley. The skillshares feature traditional Scandinavian Crafts and are hands-on in nature. Take home a piece of hand-made jewelry and a

new skill: "Weaving a Birchbark Ring" starts the day Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Appropriate for older children. Suggested instructor donation and materials fee \$5.

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., learn (and taste) "Brewing Ancient Finnish Ale" over an open fire with ingredients that can be harvested wild in Finland as well as Michigan. Suggested instructor donation \$15, includes Finnish Rye bread and Ale samples.

Next, try your hand at "Fingerweaving a Traditional Sash" from wool yarn from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Learn this popular rural practice of off-loom weaving that requires no specialized or expensive equipment. Suggested instructor donation and materials fee \$10.

After dusk, a torch-lit nature hike will be led, focusing on the Norsemen's tree folklore. Meet at 6:30 p.m., the hike will last approximately one hour. Appropriate for older children. Bring your own lantern if you have one - several will be available for use. Donations accepted.

Complimentary hot beverages will be served and Scandinavian-style food (soup and snacks)

will be sold all day. Some sleds will be available for the young and young-at-heart for use on the hills.

Cross country ski lessons with Aspen Grove XC Center at the Wagbo Peace Center will be available on Saturday at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. The new Nordic center, owned and operated by Lou Awodey, boasts northwest Lower Michigan's newest and finest groomed trails, plus ski and snowshoe rental. Check out Lou's website at www.skinordic.org/aspengrove. Call 231-620-5679(cell) or 231-536-9860 or email awodey@twin-valley.net for fees and more information regarding Snoblast weekend Nordic events.

All events held at the Wagbo Peace Center, 5745 North M-66, 3 miles south of East Jordan. Pre-registration is encouraged; class size is limited for the weaving classes. For more detailed information or to reserve your space, call Wagbo at 231-536-0333 or email us at wagbo@torchlake.com. For general Snoblast information, call the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351.

CHURCH EVENTS

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

Church of the Nativity
 Reverend Peggy Nattermann will be celebrant for the 10 a.m. Eucharist service on Jan. 18 at Episcopal Church of the Nativity. A potluck luncheon will be served in the church basement immediately after the service, followed by the congregation's annual meeting.

The "soup, sandwich and study" sessions, featuring Dr. Gerald Mann's audio taped sermons, will be held on Thursday evenings in the church basement with a start time of 5:30 p.m. This program is free, and open to the public.

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

First Presbyterian Church
 We would love to welcome you to worship at First Presbyter-

ian Church of East Jordan. Our service is at 9:30 a.m. Children are always warmly welcomed in worship. Childcare is available for young children. A time of fellowship with refreshments is held immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall. The building is accessible through the elevator located to the right of the front doors. We are located at 207 Williams in East Jordan, at the corner of Third and Williams Streets. Should you have any questions the phone number is 231-536-2941.

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

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

Walloon Lake Community Church
 Thursday, Jan. 15, Men's Fraternity will meet at 6 a.m. and MOPS will meet at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 18, Word and Worship start at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Children Groups will meet at 9 and 10:45

a.m. Infant and toddler nursery is available. High school groups meet in various locations in the evening. Please contact Pastor Jason for more information, 231-535-2288.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, a Women's Bible Study will start at 9:15 a.m. in the Discipleship Building. The study will be on "Esther."

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

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

First Presbyterian Church
 "Too Wonderful for Me!" is the mystery ex-

plored this Sunday, Jan. 18, by Pastor Jonathan Mays, based on Scripture readings from 1 Samuel 3, Psalm 139, 1 Corinthians 6, and John 1.

First Presbyterian Church, 401 South Park Street, Boyne City also offers two "come as you are" services every Sunday, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., with nursery provided and coffee fellowship following each service. Youth and adult classes meet between services from 10:10 to 10:55 a.m.

The 9 a.m. contemporary service features praise and worship songs led by Dave Baragrey, communion, and a quiet activity bag to engage children as they worship with their families.

The 11 a.m. traditional service features hymns with accompanist, Mrs. Artie Jones, and special music by the choir. Following the Children's Message, during this service, 4 to 11 year olds are dismissed for KidsOwn Worship, an interactive worship experience led by teens and adults.

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.

Christ Lutheran Church
 Sunday services start at 8 a.m. for early service, and late service starts at 10:30 a.m., with a Bible school for all ages at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Men's Breakfast for Jan. 17 has been moved to the Jan. 24 at 8 a.m.

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

Thursdays, a Bible Study on the Gospels starts at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 231-582-9301 or email to christluther-anboyne@gmail.com.

Check us out on the web, www.christluther-anboyne.org.

Community of Christ
 The theme for this week's service is SEE - Racial Justice Day. It will be a contemporary service with unique and traditional music as well as an intergenerational message. A potluck will follow and we encourage all to stay.

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.

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

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

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Tuesday, February 3, 2009
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 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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Spelling bee to benefit NCMC-East Jordan students

North Central Michigan College is presenting a Spelling Bee-nefit, Tuesday, Feb. 3, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at East Jordan High School, 240 N. Maple. The event is a fundraiser for scholarships for East Jordan students attending NCMC classes at the East Jordan Lake Street Center.

The benefit will include local teams ranging from middle school-age to adults. Teams may consist of up to four members,

and there is no limit on the number of teams to compete. Teams must fill out an entry form, available at East Jordan High School, the East Jordan Lake Street Center and the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce. Entry forms must be completed and returned to Susan Cannon at North Central - East Jordan Lake Street Center, 115 South Lake Street in East Jordan by Jan. 30. An entry fee of \$100 should be returned with the form.

Checks may be made payable to the NCMC Foundation. The Spelling Bee will begin with a one-hour preliminary round in which all teams compete. Misspelled words do not disqualify a team. After an hour of play, the teams with the most correctly spelled words will continue to a championship round during which a winner will be declared. The winning team will receive a traveling trophy. Prior to the start of

the bee, team supporters can also bet on their favorite team. The most popular team will receive a consolation prize of a jar of honey. All money raised at the event and through team registration will go toward scholarships for NCMC-East Jordan students.

For more information about The Spelling Bee-nefit, contact Susan Cannon, NCMC-East Jordan, at 231-536-9702. Businesses, churches, government

and all others are encouraged to form a team, enjoy a night of fun and laughter, and support the education of East Jordan's students.

The mission of the North Central Michigan College Foundation is to initiate philanthropy in partnership with North Central Michigan College and the community in order to provide financial support for the mission and goals of the college.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

The Veteran of the Month for January 2009 is Ceibert Gillespie. Born on Oct. 16, 1922, in Boyne City, Gillespie left school after completing the eighth grade, going to work to help his father support their family during the Great Depression. After working numerous jobs, in both the upper and lower peninsulas of Michigan, he had gone to River Rouge and was working as a pipe-fitters helper when he was inducted into the Army on Dec. 28, 1942, entering into active service in Detroit.



Following basic training, Gillespie attended specialty schools, graduating as an Athletic Instructor and Demolition Expert. On Feb. 5, 1944, he departed the United States, arriving in the Pacific Theater of Operations on Mar. 17, 1944. He was assigned to the 22nd Special Service Company. Gillespie participated in battles and campaigns on the Philippine Island of Luzon and in the Northern Solomon Islands. Returning to Boyne City, he went to work at

Top O'Michigan Rural Electrical Cooperative as an equipment operator and ground-man on a construction crew building distribution power lines. On Mar. 31, 1951, Gillespie married Norma Ellajean Simons in Boyne City, and in the late 1960s founded and operated Boyne Land Refuse. On Oct. 16, 1984, he retired from Top O'Michigan Rural Electrical Cooperative and enjoyed hunting, bowling, playing cards, dancing and spending quality time with his family and friends. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1999, Gillespie answered the final call and is being honored by his children Cathy, Darryl, Linda and Kelly.

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

Grant



The East Jordan Ministerial Association received a grant for \$5,000 from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to be used to assist families with emergency home heating needs this winter in the East Jordan area. Accepting the check are (l-r) Bart Adams, Lighthouse Missionary Church, Sarah Allen, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Kurt Jensen, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jennifer Saad, First Presbyterian Church, and Barb Smith, Saint Joseph Catholic Church. Bart Adams, treasurer of the EJMA Benevolence Fund said, "I have received numerous requests for assistance with utility and fuel bills. This grant will really help keep families warm and in their own homes this winter." For more information, contact 231-536-2128.

Will work for syrup?

That sweet season is coming around again and the Friends of the Wagbo Sugar Bush are getting fired up for collectin' sap and makin' maple syrup. This all-volunteer group has been rinning the 1600-plus tap maple syrup operations at Wagbo for two years now, producing maple syrup for sale to support the nonprofit programming of the center. The FWSB also

offers seasonal educational tours and field trips and an Annual Maple Syrup Festival (last Saturday of March). The FWSB is always looking for new friends and supporters. If you have an interest in maple syrup (making and/or eating), like to be outdoors in winter (and/or in front of a roaring fire), enjoy working with others toward a common goal and can spare some

time between now and April, we have the perfect opportunity for you. Training is provided and no matter your prior experience, there is a way for you to help out and support this historic, cultural, agricultural, and economic venture at the farm. Activities may include but are not limited to: tubing system maintenance and firewood collection, boiling sap and

bottling syrup, education and special events, record-keeping and marketing. We are also looking for folks with experience running an evaporator. Families are welcome. Day and evening hours, plus the chance to earn syrup through a greater time commitment are available. If you would like to help out by volunteering or financial support of this program, let us know

by phone or e-mail and we'll add you to our Friends of the Wagbo Sugar Bush notification list. While you're at it, let us know what your area of interest and availability might be - we'll try to find a good fit. For information on the FWSB, the Maple Syrup Festival or to schedule your group for a field trip, call 231-536-0333 or e-mail wagbo@torchlake.com.

HAPPENINGS

Boyne Arts Collective

Boyne Arts Collective will meet Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m., at 120 Water Street, across the street from Bali living imports. Refreshments will be served. Jeremy Kuhn, a photographer from the Petoskey News Review, will present a program on his works and career. Dues will be accepted and newsletters available. For more information, contact Diane at 231-582-5877 or website www.boynearts.org.

Nursery auction

The East Jordan Cooperative Nursery is hosting their fifth annual Fundraising Auction during the East Jordan Sno Blast Festival on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the East Jordan Elementary School. Complimentary desserts, beverages and babysitting. There are items for everyone from golf certificates to child-themed baskets. Hope to see you there.

Back Porch Coffeehouse

The Back Porch Coffeehouse at the Front Porch Café returns Saturday, Jan. 17, featuring Robin Lee Berry and Michael Anne Erlwine.

"Earthy, soulful, spirited music from two multi-dimensional and dynamic women who are deeply rooted in our great mitten bring their songs and friendship to the new and warm stage of the Back Porch Coffeehouse."

Scheduled performers begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by open mike/session time. Suggested donations are \$5 individual, \$10 family. Light refreshments are available. Smoke- and alcohol-free, family atmosphere.

The Front Porch Café is located at 9235 Main St., Ellsworth. Contact: 231-544-2305.

Business class offered

Thinking about starting your own business? A great place to begin is at the "How To Start a Business" class, being held Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Boyne District Library in Boyne City. The session, presented by Wendy Wieland, NLEA/SBTD Business Consultant will acquaint participants with the process and the tools needed to begin developing a new business. Sessions are held monthly.

The class fee is \$20 and registration is required. Please contact Sara at NLEA, 231-582-6482 or e-mail

sara@northern-lakes.net.

Free Clinic reopens

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

Sunday breakfast

The East Jordan Snowmobile 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.

Dr. McMillian's Mental Health Corner



Life Time Disease

During one hour of television viewing, there aired three weight loss strategies. The programs attempt to strike a cord with lite soup but hardy, new technology for easier personal recording of weight loss, and a system that targets mainly food. Unfortunately, these multimillion dollar programs fail to tell the consumer that obesity is a lifetime disease that will not go away even for the best dieter. The promotion of diet programs are the best evidence that obesity cannot be solved by special diet programs, gimmicks, or weight loss pills. Each year individuals are back again seeking that magical change using the same programs hoping for different results. Addressing obesity is a life style change not a waste line change. Our country has lost the ability to eat without disorder. The book "Food Addiction - The Body Knows" by Kay Sheppard remains a tool that helps you restore ordered eating and address obesity. The partner to ordered eating is getting off the tail end and on your feet. Then one can begin to collaborate with obesity, a lifetime disease. Dr. McMillian 582-0553

OBITUARY

Ole W. Ellstrom Jr.

Ole W. Ellstrom Jr., age 62 of Boyne City, died early Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, surrounded by his loving family.

Ole was born on Feb. 15, 1946, in Detroit, the son of Olof W. Sr. and Mary (Finley) Ellstrom.

He grew up in Dearborn, Mich. On Dec. 19, 1974, he married Pam Marshall in Dearborn.

Ole is survived by his wife, Pam; children, Kristin (Jeff) Smith and Anthony (Wendy) Price; six grandchildren; mother, Mary Louise Ellstrom; sister, Carol Ellstrom; brother, Richard (Karen) Ellstrom and several nieces and one nephew; and mother-in-law Bert Marshall.

He is preceded in death by his father, Olof W. Ellstrom Sr.,

and his father-in-law, Dale Marshall.

In honoring Ole's Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

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IRS tips for tax season 2009

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service kicked off the 2009 tax-filing season by announcing a number of new steps to help financially distressed taxpayers maximize their refunds and speed payments while providing additional help to people struggling to meet their tax obligations.

IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman encouraged taxpayers to take advantage of several new tax credits and deductions this filing season and announced a major enhancement to the Free File program that will allow nearly all taxpayers to e-file for free and accelerate their refunds.

"With so many people facing financial difficulties, we want taxpayers to get all the tax credits they're entitled to as quickly as they can," Shulman said. "In addition, we are creating new protections to help people trying to meet their tax obligations. The IRS will do everything it can to help during these tough times."

Help for People Who Owe Taxes

With many people facing additional financial difficulties, the IRS is taking several additional steps to help people who owe back taxes.

"We need to ensure that we balance our responsibility to enforce the law with the economic realities facing many American citizens today," Shulman said. "We want to go the extra mile to help taxpayers, especially those who've done the right thing in the past and are facing unusual hardships."

On a wide range of situations, IRS employees have flexibility to work with struggling taxpayers to assist them with their situation. Depending on the circumstances, taxpayers in hardship situations may be able to adjust payments for back taxes, avoid defaulting on payment agreements or possibly defer collection action.

The IRS reminds taxpayers who are behind on tax payments and need assistance to contact the phone numbers listed on their IRS correspondence. There could be additional help available for these

taxpayers facing unusual hardship situations. Among the areas where the IRS can provide assistance:

Postponement of Collection Actions: IRS employees will have greater authority to suspend collection actions in certain hardship cases where taxpayers are unable to pay. This includes instances when the taxpayer has recently lost a job, is relying solely on Social Security or welfare income or is facing devastating illness or significant medical bills. If an individual has recently encountered this type of financial problem, IRS assistants may be able to suspend collection without documentation to minimize burden on the taxpayer.

Added Flexibility for Missed Payments: The IRS is allowing more flexibility for previously compliant individuals in existing Installment Agreements who have difficulty making payments because of a job loss or other financial hardship. The IRS may allow a skipped payment or a reduced monthly payment amount without automatically suspending the Installment Agreement. Taxpayers in a difficult financial situation should contact the IRS.

Additional Review for Offers in Compromise on Home Values: An Offer in Compromise, an agreement between a taxpayer and the IRS that settles the taxpayer's tax debt for less than the full amount owed, may be a viable option for taxpayers experiencing economic difficulties. However, the equity taxpayers have in real property can be a barrier to an OIC being accepted. With the uncertainty in the housing market, the IRS recognizes that the real-estate valuations used to assess ability to pay may not be accurate. So in instances where the accuracy of local real-estate valuations is in question or other unusual hardships exist, the IRS is creating a new second review of the information to determine if accepting an offer is appropriate.

Prevention of Offer in Compromise Defaults: Taxpayers who are unable to meet the periodic pay-

ment terms of an accepted OIC will be able to contact the IRS office handling the offer for available options to help them avoid default.

Expedited Levy Releases: The IRS will speed the delivery of levy releases by easing requirements on taxpayers who request expedited levy releases for hardship reasons. Taxpayers seeking expedited releases for levies to an employer or bank should contact the IRS number shown on the notice of levy to discuss available options. When calling, taxpayers requesting a levy release due to hardship should be prepared to provide the IRS with the fax number of the bank or employer processing the levy.

Taxpayers with financial problems who discover they can't pay when they file their 2008 tax returns also have options available. IRS.gov has a list of "What If?" scenarios that deal with payment and other financial problems. These scenarios, in question-and-answer format, provide information on specific actions taxpayers can take. Taxpayers unable to pay in full can likewise contact the IRS to discuss additional options to pay.

Maximizing Refunds and Speeding Refund Delivery

This filing season, there are several steps taxpayers can take to maximize their refunds and speed the delivery of money from the IRS.

Taxpayers should look into the numerous tax breaks available and take every credit, deduction and exclusion for which they qualify. People who had less income in 2008 could find they qualify for credits for which they previously did not qualify. And there are several new benefits this year:

First-Time Homebuyer Credit: Those who bought a principal residence recently or are considering buying one should take note. This unique credit of up to \$7,500 works much like a 15-year interest-free loan. IRS.gov has more details and answers to common questions.

The Recovery Rebate Credit: This credit is figured like last year's Economic Stimulus Payment except that Recovery Re-

bate Credit amounts are based on tax year 2008 instead of 2007. Most people already received their full benefit in the form of the Economic Stimulus Payment. However, a taxpayer may qualify for the Recovery Rebate Credit, if, for example, he or she did not get an Economic Stimulus Payment, had a child in 2008 or had a change in income level. If you receive this credit, it will be included in your refund and will not be issued as a separate payment. See the Form 1040 Instructions, Fact Sheet 2009-3 or the information center on IRS.gov for details.

Standard Deduction for Real Estate Taxes: Taxpayers can claim an additional standard deduction, based on the state or local real estate taxes paid in 2008. The maximum deduction is \$500, or \$1,000 for joint filers.

Mortgage Workouts and Foreclosures: For most homeowners, these are now tax-free. Eligible homeowners can exclude debt forgiven on their principal residence if the balance of the loan was less than \$2 million. The limit is \$1 million for a married person filing a separate return. See Form 982 and its instructions for details.

E-File, E-Pay and Direct Deposit

This year, electronic filing options will speed the payment of refunds to millions of taxpayers. Taxpayers who e-file and choose direct deposit for their refunds, for example, will get their refunds in as few as 10 days. That compares to approximately six weeks for people who file a paper return and get a traditional paper check.

This year, taxpayers can begin filing electronically on Jan. 16.

The IRS in 2009 is again offering free tax preparation and filing through the Free File program. Anyone with an adjusted gross income up to \$56,000 can use the standard Free File options this year — that is approximately 98 million

Americans. The program also has usability improvements, including a standardized set of electronic forms that are most frequently used by Free File-eligible taxpayers.

This year the IRS and its partners are offering a new option, Free File Fillable Tax Forms, that opens up Free File to virtually everyone, even those whose incomes exceed \$56,000.

Free File Fillable Tax Forms allows taxpayers to fill out and file their tax forms electronically, just as they would on paper. This option does not include an "interview" process like the other Free File offerings, but it does allow taxpayers to enter their tax data, perform basic math calculations, sign electronically, print their returns for record-keeping and e-file their returns. It may be just right for those who are comfortable with the tax law or those who use electronic software to prepare their returns but file using paper forms.

Both the fillable-forms option and the previously available Free File offerings are available only through the IRS.gov Web site. More information will be available in mid-January.

1040 Central and Taxpayer-Friendly Features

When they visit the IRS.gov Web site this filing season, taxpayers may notice the new "rotating spotlight" feature on the homepage. The spotlights, which change every few seconds, give the taxpayer public direct access to most of the IRS Web site's vast amount of content.

Also on the homepage, taxpayers can click on 1040 Central to find help preparing and filing their tax returns. Like last year, this popular section of IRS.gov has a wide range of offerings that address taxpayer needs.

Finally, the IRS is producing a number of podcasts this filing season that will be available on IRS.gov. In addition to Tax Tips, Fact Sheets and News Releases, these short audio interviews cover a wide range of topics and are a way for the IRS to reach out to a new generation of taxpayers.

BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER

At the Boyne Area Senior Center on Wednesday, Jan. 14, spaghetti with meat sauce, asparagus, beans and fruited ambrosia will be served for lunch. Line dancing will begin the day at 11 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15, Roger will be setting up his keyboard at 11 a.m. for an hour of easy listening music. It is also birthday day at the senior center. On the menu for lunch is garlic chicken, baked beans, potatoes and tropical fruit. Make sure you try a homemade bowl of soup today at the center. Bingo will follow lunch on Thursday. Maybe it will be your turn to win the fruit basket.

Friday, Jan. 16, plan to arrive at 11 a.m. to enjoy the Tag-a-Longs for music until lunchtime. Cheesy meatballs, hash browns, mixed vegetables and apple salad are planned for lunch. Prior to lunch a drawing will be held for a fruit basket.

Sunday, Jan. 18, make plans to be at the East Jordan Senior Center for Sunday dinner. Turkey and all the trimmings will be ready for you at 11:30 a.m. Dinner will be served until 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 19, veggie lasagna, broccoli, stewed tomatoes, cottage cheese with fruit will be served at noon. Bingo follows lunch on Mondays and a fruit basket will be one of the bingo prizes. Remember everyone wins at bingo. Come join the fun.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, arrive by 11 a.m. to join with Don Judd for an hour of music. Taco bake, corn, tossed salad and pineapple are on the menu. Homemade soup will also be ready and warm today. Computer class will begin at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, apple BBQ chicken, parsley potatoes, asparagus and mixed berries will be served. Line dancing will start the day at 11 a.m.

The suggested donation for lunch is \$2 if you are age 60 or over; \$4 if you are under age 60. Coffee, milk and bread is served with each lunch. For information regarding the senior center call 231-582-6682. To contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, call 231-237-0103.

EAST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER

Come and join your friends at the East Jordan Senior Center for lunch.

Thursday, Jan. 15, lunch will be garlic chicken, baked beans, potatoes, and tropical fruit. There will also be a meal certificate drawing.

Friday, Jan. 16, the Cousins Music Group begins playing at 11 a.m. Cheesy meatballs, hash browns, mixed veggies and apple salad are on the menu for lunch. Bingo follows lunch.

Sunday, Jan. 18, will be Sunday dinner at the center, serving turkey and all the trimmings, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please join us.

Monday, Jan. 19, the menu is veggie lasagna, broccoli salad, stewed tomatoes, and cottage cheese with fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, the day begins with line dancing at 10:30 a.m., with the soup and salad bar at 11:30 a.m. Bingo follows lunch and the paint class starts at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, apple BBQ chicken, parsley potatoes, asparagus, and mixed berries will be served.

Thursday, Jan. 22, lunch will be cook's choice.

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.

For classified rates and information call the Citizen Journal at 231-582-6761

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan High School
NAME: Renae Miller
PARENTS: Cathy and Harold Miller
GRADE: 10th



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Sports
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Art and Biology
FUTURE PLANS: Veterinarian Assistant
STAFF COMMENTS: "Renae is so upbeat and energetic, it is a joy having her in class. She is always thinking and challenging herself. She is a leader and is bound to do well in life!" Mrs. Zell

"She is a pleasure to have in class, she works real hard, and is willing to do extras to improve herself." Karl Redmer

"It is always a pleasure to see Renae walk through the door. She is always cheerful, polite

and helpful to other students." Mr. Cross
"Renae is a real pleasure to have in class. She works extremely hard in Geometry. She continuously asks questions when she doesn't understand. I enjoy Renae's positive contributions to the class."

Mrs. Russell
"Renae has a contagious smile. Congratulations." Mr. Essenberg

Boyne City High School
NAME: Jory Stanley
PARENTS: Paula Stanley and Jeremy McWatters
GRADE: 12th

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band, jazz band, marching band, tennis, and composing
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Music, computers, video games, composing music, playing guitar, and learning new musical styles

FUTURE PLANS: To be a professional guitarist/singer and a professional composer.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Music is everything. There is a song for every instance; every

emotion. Let it flow and life is easy.

STAFF COMMENTS: "Jory had the idea to create a special gift from the senior class to BCHS that involved having seniors sign a new electric guitar which will be used by the band program for many years to come. What a talented, caring individual." Cindi Place, Media Center Specialist

"Jory is doing some exceptional work in music this year. He is in his fourth year working

on composing music through our class and independent studies. Jory is completing a number of original pieces and arrangements that will be performed by a wide variety of ensembles at each of the high school band's concerts this year. A very talented individual." Brandon Ivie, Band Director





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Me first

I've recently returned from a short journey of discovery through the seemingly limitless world inside this computer, a brief trek through the Internet where I searched rather half-heartedly for a definition of the "Me-first" generation.

Although the effort to nail down a definitive meaning was fruitless, I have discovered that the generational label of Me-first functions like a parasite. It seems to slither in and attach itself to a variety of age brackets, including the infamous Generation X, which precedes Generation Y (i.e., The Net Generation, Millennials, Echo Boomers, iGeneration, Google Generation).

The term has even found room to wiggle among Baby Boomers, suggesting that every generation since the dawn of man can find room under the Me-first umbrella.

My curiosity was sparked Sunday evening as the Pittsburgh Steelers were spanking

San Diego, a team that deserved to be humiliated on national television for knocking the Indianapolis Colts out of the playoffs the week before.

Play-by-play announcer Jim Nantz, whose voice box has been the sole property of the CBS Television Network since 1985 when Nantz signed away the rights, was calling the playoff game and doing a good job of it before dancing down a rabbit trail about Plaxico Burress.

The New York Giant and defending Superbowl Champion ended his season in late November by putting a bullet into his own leg, which seemingly shot down the team's chances of returning to the Superbowl this year as New York sputtered throughout the month of December and finished the season limping like a wounded dog.

Doing what he's paid so well to do — string words and metaphors together throughout an entire broadcast without breathing a whole lot — Nantz dropped the words, "Typical to the Me-first generation," holding Burress fully responsible for the Giants' poor season and labeling him selfish as America tuned in.

The short Burress tangent ended abruptly as Nantz was rescued by the next play on the field, and his mouth continued to roll on about another topic, turning his degrading comments about Burress into ancient history.

He wasn't the first to associate the receiver's poor aim with New York's disappointing season performance.

"The Giants' possibilities, which looked so wonderful in October and early November, sank in the early hours of Nov. 29," William Rhoden wrote in the New York Times. "That was when Plaxico Burress, the Giants' star receiver and, as it turned out, the pillar of this team, accidentally shot himself in the thigh at a Manhattan nightclub."

As I sit typing, criticizing Nantz for criticizing Burress, whose choice to carry a loaded, unregistered handgun into a nightclub may indeed warrant criticism, I wonder where the ripples of criticism stop.

And I wonder if a definition for the Me-first generation could be any group of individuals concerned more with their own voice, opinions, images, and reputations than the life of the person standing next to them.

Plaxico "The Untouchable" Burress was probably more concerned with maintaining the image of what he perceives a man to be, Nantz was probably wrapped up in some "I am the wise man of social responsibility and the voice of truth ringing through Sunday night football" delusion, and I am probably a sports editor anxious to spout my mind while hiding behind the fact that Burress and Nantz will never read this column.

Me-first is not a generation at all, but a catchy term for what has plagued humankind since Adam and Eve's moment of selfish stupidity.

When football stars drop the ball and show their ugly sides on or off the field, perhaps Nantz would be better off saying, "Typical to the human condition..."

When student-athletes, coaches, parents, sports editors and the rest of humanity experience their own moments of stupidity and selfishness, perhaps we could extend empathy to each other and spark a new term in the history books. The Me-last generation.

Contact Chris Tredway at ctredway@michigannewspapers.com.

RHYME OR REASON



By Chris Tredway

The sweetest victory

East Jordan girls leave everything on the court in first win

By CHRIS TREDWAY
 SPORTS EDITOR

GRAYLING — The streak ended in unlikely fashion Friday evening, with the East Jordan roster down to seven and Grayling holding home court advantage, but the Lady Red Devils went hunting and hit the target for 19 points in the fourth quarter to capture their first win of the season, 46-32.

East Jordan entered the road game with a discouraging record of 0-6 following a sizeable loss to Petoskey two days prior, but managed to control the tempo against Grayling and stride out to an early lead. The scoreboard ran close through three quarters before the Red Devils turned on the burners.

"The girls really worked hard through a difficult week and it paid off for them," East Jordan coach Sean Ferguson said. "We ran the floor extremely well, and had numerous opportunities. We didn't always make the right decision, but we kept at it and made enough at the right times."

The right times came heavy in the fourth quarter as East Jordan accelerated their effort with the first win of the season only eight minutes away.

Their 27-22 lead going into the final round came after a first quarter score of 12-10, and a nailbiting 22-

21 lead at the half. The Lady Red Devils nearly doubled Grayling's point production in the fourth, outscoring their opponent 19-10 and leaving the court with nothing left but smiles.

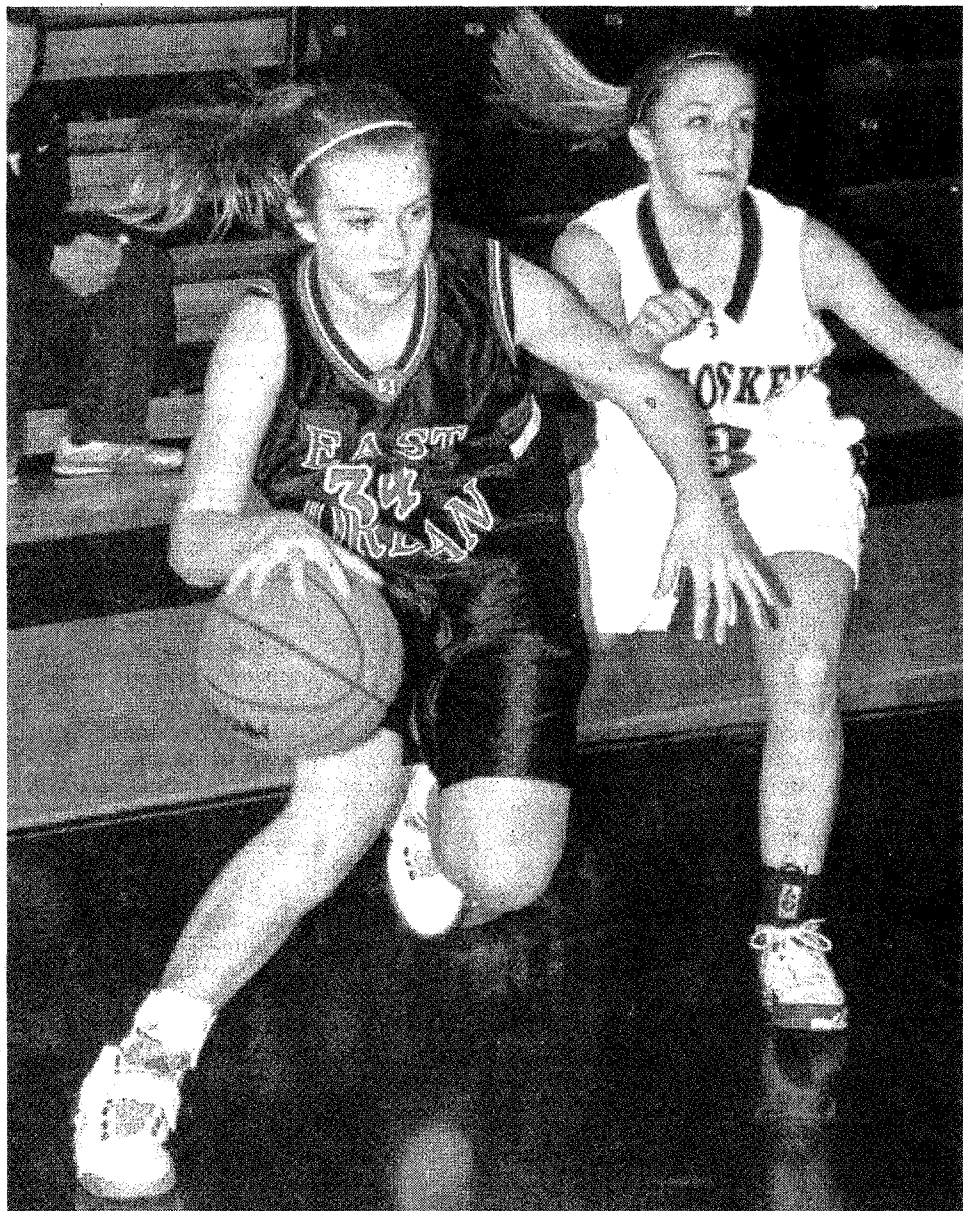
"With only seven players, it was obviously a total team effort," Ferguson said. "We had to gamble by forcing an up-tempo game with only seven girls. They were exhausted, but felt great with the win."

"We pressed wire-to-wire, which made Grayling very uncomfortable," Ferguson said. "Tanner (McCune), Maribeth (Poindexter), Andi (Chew), Shaina (Peters), Grace (Howes), Steph (Holm), and Emily (Crick) were everywhere, and rotated well all night. We had trouble when we had to set up versus their zone because of their size, so we scored mostly in transition."

McCune lit up the scoreboard with 22 points on the night, adding nine rebounds and eight steals to lead East Jordan.

Poindexter finished the game with eight points, 10 rebounds and four steals, Peters contributed seven points, and Howes pulled down 10 boards with six points and four steals.

Grayling was led by 6-foot, 5-inch Laura Boylan, who put up 10 points in the

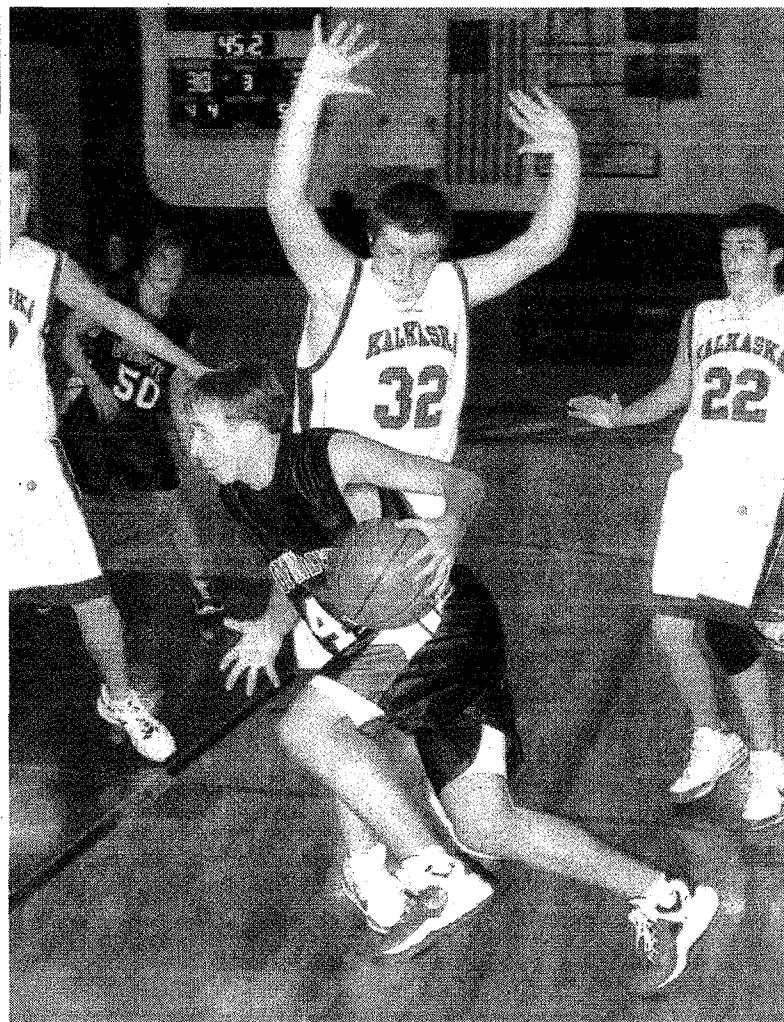


East Jordan's Grace Howes leaves a Petoskey defender in the dust last Wednesday night. The Lady Red Devils lost to Petoskey before beating Grayling on Friday.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

See DEVILS, page 9

Ramblers cool after hot start
Lose to Kalkaska, Charlevoix to stand 2-3



By GREG GIELCZYK
 SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Boyne City got off to a slow start against Charlevoix at home Thursday, Jan. 8 and never really recovered.

The Ramblers trailed the Red Raiders, 15-5 at the end of the first quarter and had to play the rest of the game in catch-up mode.

Charlevoix decided the issue with a 23-15 third quarter after leading 29-16 at the half and rolled to a 66-43 victory.

It was the second straight loss last week for the Ramblers, who were defeated at Kalkaska, 67-56 on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The Raiders were red hot after coming off a win over Traverse City St. Francis Tuesday.

Boyer City found it difficult to slow them down after that sluggish first quarter.

"We had a game plan in place, and unfortunately Charlevoix, being the good team they are, didn't let us get into it," coach John Hertel said.

"Our patience wasn't as good as we wanted it to be in terms of hold-

ing the ball, and executing the things we wanted to do. We weren't as sharp as I would have liked to see in this game.

"Part of that is you have to give credit to Charlevoix. It wasn't just us. For the most part it was a pretty well-played defensive game on both sides."

Charlevoix's ability to score close to the basket was the difference in the game, according to Hertel.

Each team went to the free throw line 25 times. Charlevoix also owned a 31-24 advantage on the boards.

With both teams applying defensive pressure, the Ramblers had 17 turnovers while the Raiders made 13 floor errors.

Field goal shooting was a major difference.

Boyer City shot only 28 percent from the field, while the Raiders made 24-of-57 for 42 percent.

Charlevoix also converted 15-of-25 free throw attempts to Boyne City's 8-of-25.

Ryan Musser led the Ramblers in scoring with 12 points and also had eight rebounds. Tyler Urman finished with nine points, and Trevor Krugel had seven points and six rebounds.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

Boyer City's Dalton Looze drives through the Kalkaska defense, heading toward the basket Tuesday, Jan. 6.

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BF falls to Lady Swordsmen

Pick up second season win against Alanson, 46-35

By PHIL TROMBLEY
 SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE FALLS — A strong and physical Harbor Light Christian team dominated the play on both ends of the floor when the Lady Swordsmen handed the Boyne Falls girls varsity a 65-20 loss at home Friday, Jan. 9.

Harbor Light had three players that hit for double figures on offense, and on defense, the visitors held the home squad under 10 points in all four quarters to gain a one-sided Northern Lakes Conference victory.

Kaylee Hewitt tossed in 15 points for the Lady Swordsmen, Erica Schutte added 14 points and Beth Pauloski hit

for 13 points to pace Harbor Light.

The Lady Loggers were led by Kristen Matelski, who had six points, three rebounds and four steals; Roslyn Fiel, who contributed with five points and five rebounds, and Sharnai Wheaton, who pulled in six rebounds.

"We didn't come out as strong as we would have liked," Boyne Falls coach Chris Fiel said. "We tried to force our passing too much and we had 33 turnovers. Our help defense was a little slow or not there."

The slow start put the Lady Loggers down by 16 points early in the game and had the hosts trailing by a score of 7-23 after one quarter and 13-38 at the end of the first half.

The Lady Swordsmen continued to put on the pressure after the halftime break when they proceeded to outscore the Lady Loggers 19-2 in the third quarter. Harbor Light entered the final stanza leading the contest 57-15.

Melody Harmon scored seven points to lead the Lady Loggers in the junior varsity game, but Harbor Light defeated Boyne Falls by a 45-13 score.

"They were tall and they were a good team," Boyne Falls JV coach Al Gasco said. "Our inexperience shows sometimes, but the effort is there."

In last Wednesday's varsity action, Ali Bearss scored 18 points, grabbed eight boards and recorded three steals to lead Boyne Falls to a 46-35 confer-

ence win at Alanson.

The game was a close contest through three quarters of play until a late game surge by the Lady Loggers turned the tide.

Alanson held a 17-16 lead at the end of the first half and took a 30-25 advantage going into the fourth quarter before Boyne Falls scored 21 points going down the stretch to pull away for the win.

"At the start of the fourth we fell behind by eight or nine points when we called a time out and we went full-court man and created a few turnovers," Fiel said. "We took some high percentage shots, with good looks at the basket, and it turned out to be the

best five or eight minutes we have played all year."

Matelski contributed to the effort as she scored nine points, took down nine rebounds, had four assists and five steals, while Fiel chipped in with eight points and five boards. Kaitlin Deming scored five points.

Katie Biang (17 points) and Jade Klogima (14 points) led the Alanson offense.

Boyer Falls (2-8 overall, 2-4 NLC) will travel to Vanderbilt on Wednesday, Jan. 14, and travel to Alba Friday, Jan. 16.

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Red Devils deliver blow to ER

By CHRIS TREDWAY
SPORTS EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — It was too much for Elk Rapids to recover from, a disastrous opening-round combo delivered by the Red Devils in defense of their home court last Thursday evening.

East Jordan stunned the Elks on defense, holding them to only six points in the first quarter — a sharp jab to the nose — and punished the Elks on offense with 15 points before the buzzer — a solid right cross that Elk Rapids would never fully recover from.

Although composing themselves enough to outscore the Devils, 15-11, in the second quarter, the visiting team was doomed from the beginning as East Jordan posted 14 points in both the third and fourth quarters to retain the upper hand and move to a 2-1 record in the Lake Michigan Conference as the final score went down, 54-47. Elk Rapids was retired after scoring 11 in the third quarter and a futile 15 in the fourth.

“When we went to play Grayling (last Tuesday) I sent a parent to tape the Elk Rapids game against Harbor Springs, so we watched it on Wednesday,” East Jordan

coach Darrin Weber said. “They run a half-court man-to-man. My kids are more comfortable with man-to-man. We lost a freshman they had at one point, they made a run in the third quarter and he hit four 3s on the right side of the floor.”

The fruitless run in the third was too little too late for the Elks, who could not constrain East Jordan offensively, as Michael Hines hit for 17 points and Teddy Snowden contributed 12. The Devils nearly sent three players into double digits as Matt Werner put up nine points on the night. Hines also had five steals and two blocks, while Werner grabbed five steals.

As a team, East Jordan held a rebound advantage over the Elks of 34-23, and forced Elk Rapids to turn the ball over 22 times.

The number 22 wasn't so sweet against Grayling earlier in the week, as East Jordan turned the ball over that many times in a loss on the road last Tuesday night, 44-62.

“We had 22 turnovers, 10 in the first quarter,” Weber said. “They ran a half-court trap and we had trouble with it...I watched them (Grayling) play Charlevoix and Charlevoix dismantled them. They came out and played really well and we didn't execute.”

“I have a half-trap breaker so it should not have caused such a problem, but out timing was off,” Weber said. “The weakness of that defense is the middle and we didn't have kids flashing to the middle.”

The first half was crippling to East Jordan, which went outscored 10-16 in the first quarter and 7-17 in the second.

“We knew what they were doing, just couldn't make adjustments live,” Weber said.

The Red Devils played even with Grayling in the second half, as either team scored 27 points to finish the game.

But, combined with only a pinch of East Jordan points in the first half, hitting 10-of-24 from the free throw line and 16 of 44 from the floor is what Weber calls a “recipe for disaster.”

Trent Larm led Grayling with 16, while Michael Becker led the Devils with nine points.

East Jordan hosted Cheboygan Tuesday evening, a game that did not disappoint fans last season as the Devils won in double overtime.

Harbor Springs welcomes East Jordan tomorrow night (Thursday).

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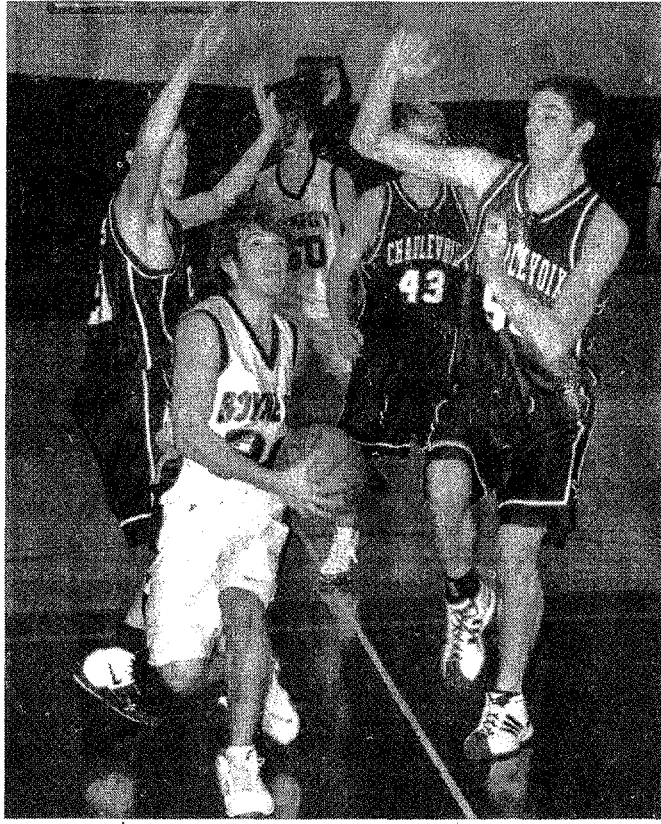


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Boayne City's Aaron Anzell slips past three Charlevoix defenders last Thursday, Jan. 8.

Ramblers

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At Kalkaska, the Ramblers trailed the Blazers 15-9 at the end of the first quarter, but trimmed the deficit to one, 23-22 at the half with a 13-8 advantage in the second period.

Each team scored 17 points in the third period, leaving the Ramblers still behind by one, 40-39 entering the fourth quarter.

Kalkaska outscored the Ramblers in the fourth period, 22-18 to spread the margin out.

Leading the way for the Ramblers was Tyler Urman with 15 points, Tyler Krusel had 14 and Ryan Musser contributed nine.

Krusel also led the Ramblers with 13 rebounds and Musser pulled down eight cars.

Travis Schuba fired in a game-high 29 points for the Blazers, while John Kasza had 10.

“Musser, who has been a key player for us this year, got

in foul trouble early on,” Hertel said, “and really didn't play a whole lot in the first half.”

“Other guys really stepped up well for us. We had Patrick Welch and Dalton Looze, especially, pick up a lot of slack.”

“I thought we played a good game, unfortunately not quite good enough to win.”

Boayne City outrebounded the Blazers, 33-26 and made seven 3-point baskets.

Turnovers weren't really a factor, with the Ramblers committing 11 and Kalkaska just six.

“You have to give them a lot of credit,” Hertel said. “I think overall we played pretty well.”

Boayne City is now 2-3 overall and 1-2 in the Lake Michigan Conference. The Ramblers are at St. Francis Thursday, and at Gaylord on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

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Devils

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first half before being hushed in the second with only two.

Friday's win carried a hint of retaliation after a loss to Petoskey Wednesday night on the road.

Both teams exploded out of the gate with their highest point productions coming in the first quarter, which left the Lady Devils trailing, 11-18.

The home team put up 16 in the second quarter, while East Jordan managed only nine to enter the locker room trailing, 20-34.

East Jordan finished the night with six points in the third quarter and seven in the fourth, giving Petoskey (12 points in the third, eight in the fourth) a clear road to victory, 55-33.

“We were hoping to put on a better show, but the kids did play hard,” Ferguson said.

“Petoskey is very good and well-coached and we knew they could bring defensive pressure, which they did. They are smart, athletic, and relentless. We gave up 31 turnovers, and only had five offensive boards. Not a great combination to have.”

Peters, who managed three steals Wednesday night, led her team in points with 14.

Hoves finished with six points and a pair of assists, Chew (three assists) and McCune (one blocked shot) both had five rebounds, while Holm managed to block a shot.

East Jordan, now 1-6, carries their win over Grayling into this week at practice. The Lady Devils do not play again until this Friday, on the road against Harbor Springs.

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BC wrestling smacks Goliath

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — It wasn't a pure David vs. Goliath matchup. But one could be forgiven for comparing the Boayne City wrestling team's league showdown with Grayling to that great biblical confrontation.

Grayling, a perennial conference big dog, played the role of Goliath while upstart Boayne City accepted David's part, if not willing.

That's just how it is. Despite entering

the match with a 4-0 conference record, its best start since the sport was reinstated four years ago, Boayne City knew it was the proverbial underdog in this one.

Which was familiar territory for the Ramblers, who are still considered a dark horse candidate for league honors with a team still battling to make its mark.

So no one was shocked when the Vikings won, 53-9. But the final score wasn't a true reflection of the Ramblers' effort.

Neither were the number of pins the Ramblers surrendered to the Vikings.

Just ask coach Don Nohel.

“Our kids showed some grit against the good competition,” Nohel said. “Most of the matches were a lot closer than the final score indicates.”

“There was some real battling going on, and that was good to see.”

Drew Nohel had one of the wins for the Ramblers, pinning Zach Wolcott in 5:21 at 160 pounds.

Marc Calo decisioned Shane Grove by an 8-1 score in the 171-pound match in

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BC blazed in second half

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

KALKASKA — Boayne City's girls basketball team hadn't played a real game in almost three weeks, and as far as coach Jim Brown was concerned the Ramblers looked it.

After holding serve against the undefeated and 10th-ranked Kalkaska Blazers in the first half, leading by one, 27-26, the Ramblers stumbled in the second.

Breaking the vaunted Kalkaska pressure with relative ease, and capitalizing on turnovers created by its own defense, Boayne had the Blazers confused and rattled.

The Ramblers refused to buckle in the first quarter, answering each Kalkaska basket and eventually emerging with a 16-13 advantage at the buzzer.

Keeping the usually explosive Blazers' offense shuttered in the second quarter, the Ramblers used a late spurt to take a 27-26 lead at the half.

But the Blazers used the halftime intermission to regroup, altered their press in the second half and settled down on offense enough to rally for a 46-39 victory.

Despite finishing the game with 24 turnovers, Kalkaska pestered the Ramblers into committing 32 miscues and came away with its sixth straight win.

“Kalkaska adjusted its pressure in the second half, and we panicked,” Boayne City coach Jim Brown said.

“We turned the ball over 18 times in the second half.”

“When you have almost as many turn-

overs as you do points it's hard to beat a team like Kalkaska.

“They are a good team, and we look forward to playing them again. The three-week layoff from competition really hurt us.”

Especially in the second half, when the Blazers' defensive pressure began to take its toll on the Ramblers.

Although the Ramblers maintained a 35-33 lead after three quarters, Kalkaska had grabbed the momentum on defense and Boayne City couldn't stop the tide.

Maddie Moeke paced the Ramblers with 15 points. Rachel Butler contributed nine points and hauled down 15 rebounds.

Chelsea Matley, a sophomore guard, led the Blazers with 14 points and senior guard Kara Ponstein finished with 13.

Brown felt that the Ramblers had just started to play with confidence when the break came.

“We will get it (confidence) back soon and start playing better ball,” Brown said.

Shelby Mittig hurt her knee in the Kalkaska game, and missed Tuesday night's home game with Petoskey.

“I am not sure when we will get her back,” Brown said. “Other girls will pick up the scoring slack and handling the ball, but we need her leadership on the court.”

The Ramblers junior varsity defeated Kalkaska, 44-28 for its fifth straight win. Jessica Webster scored 12 points, Kaley Aown added nine, Ketrin Hooguard eight and Veronica Sisson six.

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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-AF1 by assignment.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Six 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 venue, at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse 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
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 248-502-1400
 File No. 362.5026
 ASAP# 2962941

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by THEODORE M. GREEN, AN UNMARRIED MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2005, and recorded on July 25, 2005, in Liber 694, on Page 322, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars and Eight Cents (\$77,860.08), including interest at 7.750% 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 County, Michigan at 11:00 o'clock, on February 13, 2009.

Said premises are located in Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as: LOT NO. 2 OF RIVERSIDE SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN. TAX ID NO. 15-015-050-002-00

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: January 8, 2009

THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK
 Mortgagee/Assignee
 Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
 23100 Providence Drive,
 Suite 450
 Southfield, MI 48075

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
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MILITARY DUTY.

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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 3.62% per annum.

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

For more information, please call:
 FC D 248.593.1309
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
 File #237205F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Sheridan and Belinda Sheridan, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 18, 2006, and recorded on February 1, 2006 in Liber 729 on Page 64, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven And 80/100 Dollars (\$174,837.80), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on February 13, 2009.

(now City of East Jordan), also the alley vacated as recorded in Liber 353, Page 667. 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: January 14, 2009

For more information, please call:
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 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
 File #234486F01

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Helene L. Valade, unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 24, 2004, and recorded on December 14, 2004 in Liber 656 on Page 304, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Eleven And 37/100 Dollars (\$132,611.37), including interest at 5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on February 13, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at East quarter corner of Section 35, Township 32 North, Range 6 West, thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 20 seconds West along quarter line 1327.16; thence South 3 degrees 00 minutes West 73.13 feet for a place of beginning; thence South 80 degrees 56 minutes West 816.35 feet; thence North 16 degrees 16 minutes 55 seconds West 119.2 feet; thence North 4 degrees 19 minutes 05 seconds West 448.48 feet; thence North 29 degrees 15 minutes 15 seconds West 282.70 feet; thence South 71 degrees 18 minutes 25 seconds East 217.82 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 50 seconds East 263.30 feet; thence South 52 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds East 328.28 feet; thence South 33 degrees 42 minutes 15 seconds East 235.32 feet; thence South 35 degrees 16 minutes 25 seconds East 262.02 feet to the place of beginning; being a part of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter and a part of the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 32 North, Range 6 West.

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

Dated: January 14, 2009

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of
 Royal H. Watkins,
 deceased
 Date of Birth:
 August 31, 1926

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Royal H. Watkins, who lived at 1829 Anderson Road, Boyne City, Michigan, died November 23, 2008. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donna Sventko, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 8, 2009

Donna Sventko
 952 Lynn Street
 Boyne City, MI 49712
 (231) 582-9045

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

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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 venue at the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney

fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: That part of the Northwest fractional quarter of fractional section 8, being a part of Government Lot 1 - Township 33 North, Range 7 West, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: commencing at a 1" iron pipe at the Northwest corner of fractional section 8, also being the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 35 seconds East (recorded as South 0 degrees 03 minutes 54 seconds West) section line a distance of 245.76 feet to a "iron rod at the true point of beginning of the land herein described; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 46 seconds East 548.84 feet to a "iron rod meander point on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence South 24 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East (recorded as South 24 degrees 45 minutes 36 seconds East) on a meander line along said shore a distance of 74.92 feet to a concrete monument meander point; thence South 0 degrees 37 minutes 43 seconds East on a meander line along said shore 58.24 feet (recorded as South 0 degrees 26 minutes 36 seconds East 58.30 feet) to a concrete monument meander point; thence leaving said shore South 88 degrees 34 minutes 56 seconds West (recorded as West and South 88 degrees 32 minutes 10 seconds West) a distance of 580.72 feet to a "iron rod on the West line of said fractional section 8; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 35 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 03 minutes 54 seconds East) on 122.88 feet to the point of beginning. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: January 7, 2009
 Orlans Associates, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 248-502-1400
 File No. 200.1076

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by James L. Wilson and Joy Anne Wilson, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Washington Mutual Bank n/k/a JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as purchaser of the loans and other assets of Washington Mutual Bank, formerly known as Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of February, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 2003 in Liber 519 of Charlevoix County Records, page 238, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Six Hundred Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Five & 69/100 (\$681,905.69), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of February, 2009 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.088% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney

fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: That part of the Northwest fractional quarter of fractional section 8, being a part of Government Lot 1 - Township 33 North, Range 7 West, Eveline Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: commencing at a 1" iron pipe at the Northwest corner of fractional section 8, also being the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 35 seconds East (recorded as South 0 degrees 03 minutes 54 seconds West) section line a distance of 245.76 feet to a "iron rod at the true point of beginning of the land herein described; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 46 seconds East 548.84 feet to a "iron rod meander point on the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence South 24 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East (recorded as South 24 degrees 45 minutes 36 seconds East) on a meander line along said shore a distance of 74.92 feet to a concrete monument meander point; thence South 0 degrees 37 minutes 43 seconds East on a meander line along said shore 58.24 feet (recorded as South 0 degrees 26 minutes 36 seconds East 58.30 feet) to a concrete monument meander point; thence leaving said shore South 88 degrees 34 minutes 56 seconds West (recorded as West and South 88 degrees 32 minutes 10 seconds West) a distance of 580.72 feet to a "iron rod on the West line of said fractional section 8; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 35 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 03 minutes 54 seconds East) on 122.88 feet to the point of beginning. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 1/14/2009

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as purchaser of the loans and other assets of Washington Mutual Bank, formerly known as Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
 Attorney for JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as purchaser of the loans and other assets of Washington Mutual Bank, formerly known as Washington Mutual Bank, FA

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BAY TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF MEETING

The Bay Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the Bay Township Hall located at 05045 Boyne City Road. The purpose of the meeting is to hear a request from Patrick Leavy for a variance regarding Article 6.5 b Greenbelt Buffers of the Bay Township Zoning Ordinance. The applicant is proposing constructing a 22 foot x 26 foot beach in the greenbelt buffer at 08750 Curtis Lane, property tax number 15-001-500-004-01. A copy of the application may be inspected by contacting Zoning Administrator Jonathan Scheel at 231-342-9025 or email jszoning@charter.net. You may send your comments to the Zoning Board of Appeal Chairman at the township address above.

Jonathan Scheel
 Zoning Administrator

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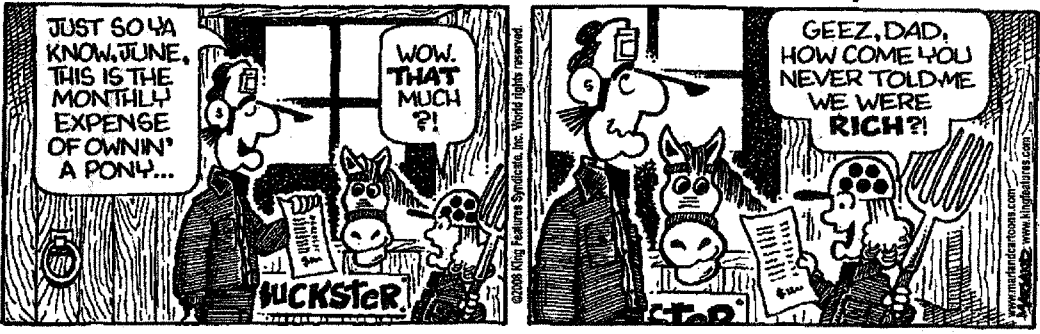
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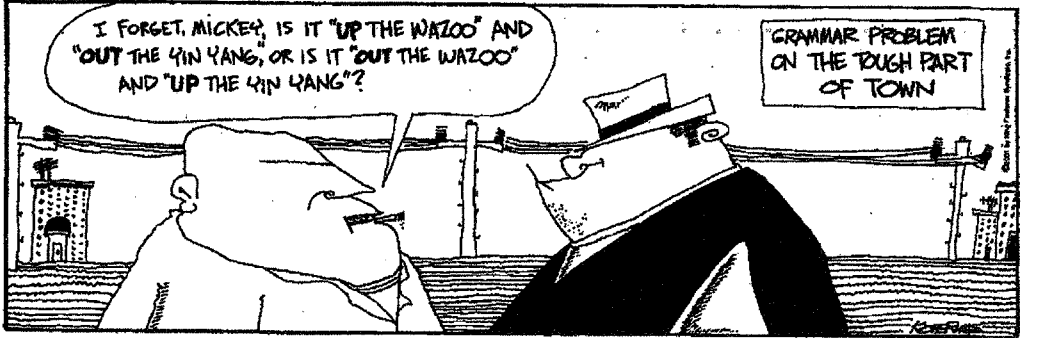
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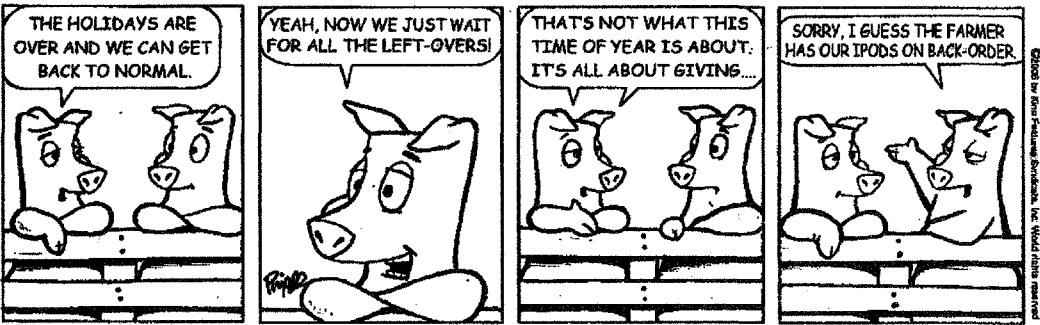
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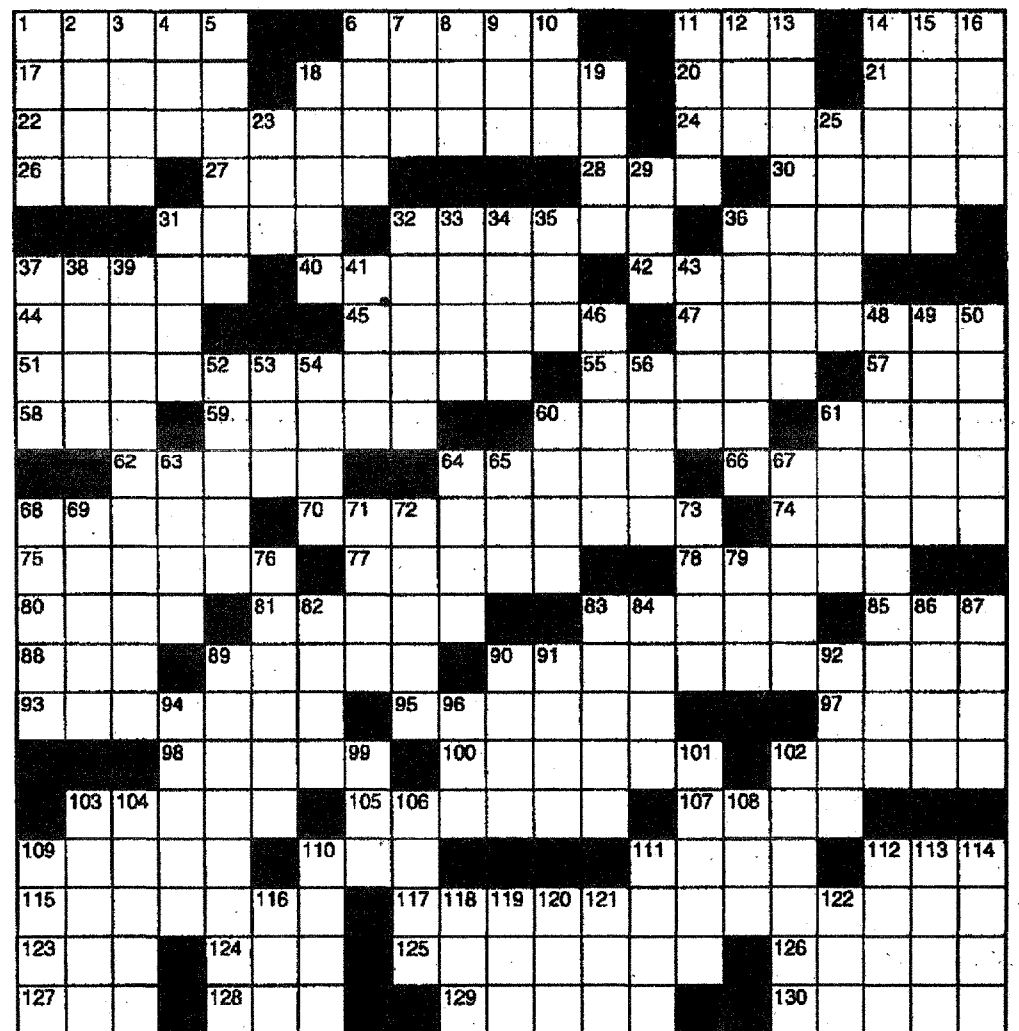
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 - 18 In a perfect world
 - 20 Slangy suffix
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 - 22 Start of a remark by 117 Across
 - 24 Northwest-ern capital
 - 26 "— Day Now" ('62 hit)
 - 27 Stallion's son
 - 28 Porn's perch
 - 30 — laugh
 - 31 Hound's handle
 - 32 Torah, e.g.
 - 36 '92 US Open champ
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 - 75 Is useful
 - 77 Author Potok
 - 78 Column style
 - 80 Claim
 - 81 Problem for Pauline
 - 83 Fernando or Lorenzo
 - 85 Rocker Nugent
 - 88 Herriot title start
 - 89 "Odyssey" anticler
 - 90 End of remark
 - 93 17 Across' title
 - 95 "The — Kid" ('84 film)
 - 97 Orthodox image
 - 98 Pants measurement
 - 102 Slick one's neck out
 - 103 Sports-caster Musberger
 - 105 Classical hunk?
 - 107 Shopper's delight
 - 109 — in (tipped off)
 - 110 Shuffle-board stick
 - 111 TV's "— Living"
 - 112 Hum bug?
 - 115 More eminent
 - 117 Speaker of remark
 - 123 Hosp. area
 - 124 Erwin or Gilliam
 - 125 She handed Theseus a line
 - 126 Break off
 - 127 Endorses
 - 128 Cast a spell
 - 129 Trepidation
 - 130 Neighbor of Oman
 - 8 Baseball's Ripken
 - 9 Ransom — Olds
 - 10 Brownie, for one
 - 11 Former surgeon general
 - 12 Unwell
 - 13 Andy's area
 - 14 Tell's target
 - 15 They get hit on their heads
 - 16 Hors d'oeuvre holder
 - 18 Northern hemisphere?
 - 19 Scream
 - 23 Start to snooze
 - 25 Free-for-all
 - 29 "The Greatest"
 - 31 Munich Mrs.
 - 32 Iowa, e.g.
 - 33 "The Man in Black"
 - 34 Formal ceremony
 - 35 Like-minded
 - 36 Forester or Outback
 - 37 Rain hard?
 - 38 Lohengrin's love
 - 39 Priced right
 - 41 Leonine
 - 43 Highflying agcy.
 - 46 Show one's feelings
 - 48 Penguins' place
 - 49 Newfoundland's nose
 - 50 Fractional amount
 - 52 Actor Bruce
 - 53 To and —
 - 54 Galley features
 - 56 — terrier
 - 60 Pharmacy measure
 - 61 Jai —
 - 63 Spring flower
 - 64 Twofold
 - 65 Paul's "Exodus" role
 - 67 The Brainy Bunch?
 - 68 Lady of the house
 - 69 Spanish city
 - 71 Farm measure
 - 72 Use one's noodle
 - 73 Tiny coin
 - 76 Elan
 - 79 LummoX
 - 82 Desire defied
 - 83 Yoga position
 - 84 Pub orders
 - 86 North Carolina campus
 - 87 Unit of force
 - 89 Plymouth leader
 - 90 Small songbird
 - 91 Mata —
 - 92 Swampland
 - 94 Like Sauternes
 - 96 Mil. address
 - 99 Sweater letter
 - 101 Cosmetician
 - 102 "Patriot Games" author
 - 103 Thwart a blitz
 - 104 Sewell of 'A Knight's Tale'
 - 106 — vu
 - 108 "Do — say, not..."
 - 109 Commercial award
 - 110 Pivotal point
 - 111 Ain't right?
 - 112 Put on a happy face
 - 113 In addition
 - 114 Genesis setting
 - 116 When the French fry
 - 118 Significant years
 - 119 — Tin Tin
 - 120 "— Doll" ('64 hit)
 - 121 Fabric amts.
 - 122 Charge



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you're getting kudos and other positive reactions to your suggestions, don't let the cheers drown out some valid criticisms. Better to deal with them now than later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Following your keen Bovine intuition pays off, as you not only reassess the suggestions some people are putting in front of you, but also their agendas for doing so.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You continue on a high-enthusiasm cycle as that new project you've assumed takes shape. You're also buoyed by the anticipation of receiving some good news about a personal matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your eagerness to immerse yourself in your new assignment is understandable. But be careful that you don't forget to take care of that pressing personal situation as well.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to learn a new skill that could give a clever Cat an edge in the upcoming competition for workplace opportunities. Enjoy the arts this weekend with someone special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You could risk creating an impasse if you insist on expecting more from others than they're prepared to give. Showing flexibility in what you'll accept could prevent a stalemate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you can weigh all factors of a dispute to find an agreeable solution for others, you might need the skilled input of someone you trust to help you deal with an ongoing situation of your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your brief period of self-doubt turns into a positive "I can do anything" attitude. The better news is that you'll soon be able to prove it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time for Sagittarians to start making travel plans while you can still select from a wide menu of choices and deals, and not be forced to settle for leftovers.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Like your zodiacal sign, the sure-footed Goat, you won't allow obstacles in your path to keep you from reaching your goal. Don't be surprised by who asks to go along with you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Let your head dominate your heart as you consider the risks that might be involved in agreeing to be a friend's co-signer or otherwise act as his or her backup in a financial matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Prioritize: Resolve to close the door and let your voice mail take your phone calls while you finish up a task before the end-of-week deadline. Then go out and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your capacity for care and compassion helps to bring comfort to others.



- Top 10 Video Rentals**
1. The Dark Knight(PG-13) Christian Bale (Warner)
 2. Wanted(R) James McAvoy (Universal)
 3. Step Brothers(R) Will Ferrell (Sony)
 4. Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!(G) animated (20th Century Fox)
 5. Hancock(PG-13) Will Smith (Sony)
 6. The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian(PG) Ben Barnes (Walt Disney)
 7. X-Files: I Want to Believe(PG-13) David Duchovny (20th Century Fox)
 8. Tropic Thunder(R) Robert Downey Jr. (DreamWorks)
 9. Fred Claus(PG) Vince Vaughn (Warner)
 10. Wall-E(G) animated (Walt Disney/Pixar)
- Top 10 DVD Sales**
1. The Dark Knight(PG-13) (Warner)
 2. Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!(G) (20th Century Fox)
 3. The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian(PG) (Walt Disney)
 4. Wall-E(G) (Walt Disney/Pixar)
 5. Wanted(R) (Universal)
 6. Step Brothers(R) (Sony)
 7. Kung Fu Panda(PG) (DreamWorks)
 8. Hancock(PG-13) (Sony)
 9. Lost: The Complete Fourth Season: The Expanded Experience ..(NR) (ABC Studios)
 10. Iron Man(PG-13) (Marvel)



THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On Jan. 25, 1905, at the Premier Mine near Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered during a routine inspection by the mine's superintendent. Weighing 1.33 pounds and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.
- On Jan. 22, 1912, Florida East Coast Railroad opened, running between Key West and the mainland. The railroad closed in 1935. Three years later, the roadway was paved, bringing automotive traffic to the Florida Keys for the first time.
- On Jan. 23, 1922, at Toronto General Hospital, 14-year-old Canadian Leonard Thompson becomes the first person to receive an insulin injection as treatment for diabetes. The teenager improved dramatically, and the University of Toronto immediately gave pharmaceutical companies license to produce insulin, free of royalties.
- Jan. 24, 1935, canned beer makes its debut. The Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company delivered 2,000 cans of Krueger's Finest Beer and Krueger's Cream Ale to Richmond, Va. Ninety-one percent of the drinkers approved of the beer, driving Krueger to give the green light to further production.
- On Jan. 20, 1945, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the only president to be elected to three terms in office, is inaugurated to his fourth term. In 1947, the 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed, limiting future



1. Marley and Me(PG) Owen Wilson, Jennifer Aniston
2. Bedtime Stories(PG) Courteney Cox Arquette, Keri Russell
3. The Curious Case of Benjamin Button(PG-13) Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett
4. Valkyrie(PG-13) Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh
5. Yes Man(PG-13) Jim Carrey, Zoey Deschanel
6. Seven Pounds(PG-13) Will Smith, Rosario Dawson
7. The Tale of Despereaux(G) animated
8. The Day the Earth Stood Still(PG-13) Keanu Reeves, Jennifer Connelly
9. The Spirit(PG-13) Jaime King, Gabriel Macht
10. Doubt(PG-13) Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman



Sudoku Answers:

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5	7	1	3	6	4	2	9	8
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Super Crossword Answers

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(l-r): Director Kaitlin Keane and lead character, Kallie Tyree of *Paper or Plastic*, smile for a picture as they get ready for the play which is a one-act comedy that is student-produced at East Jordan High School.

Students

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"The director at the camp said that he thought I should try to better myself further as an actress by directing my own show since there are limited theatre opportunities in our small town in regards to community theatre," Keane said. "I brought the idea to my principal over the summer and she was extremely enthusiastic about it. I have gotten similar responses from most people that I have talked to about the show and so many people have offered their help which has been much appreciated."

about dissecting characters and interacting and teaching others. She went on to say her communication skills and overall thinking in regards to characters and method acting have vastly improved. The lead character, Kallie Tyree said, "I have learned a lot about how to create my own character and have in addition used experiences from my own life. Eighteen students from ninth to twelfth have also related they have learned much in overall acting skills and how to create a character. The warm-ups are especially helpful."

students deserve all the credit." Keane said when she first came up with the idea her friends and the high school staff were very helpful with getting the play up and running. "It was nice to have that support because I was very tentative at the outset to direct my own show, because I had no idea how it would go," Keane added. "Now, however, I realize that I have learned a lot through the process of getting to the performance, and I will look back on the show with no regrets no matter how the performance goes."

thing she would like to have as a lifelong hobby. Her career goals include finding a job she loves that provides a challenge where she can continue to learn. Kaitlin's father, Kevin, said his daughter loves acting and she has attended an acting camp at Camp Wolverine the past couple of summers. "The acting director at the camp has been very persuasive in pushing Kaitlin toward a career in acting. He encouraged her to try her hand in directing and offered to help her in any way possible," Kevin said. "This was really the genesis of Kaitlin's desire to put on this play. With the idea planted in her head she took the thought

and ran with it. She has done everything without any of our involvement." The sole performance will be Friday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m., at the East Jordan High School Community Auditorium. The play is for all ages and is free to the public. Jeff Bergren can be reached at jbergren@michigannews-papers.com or by calling 231-582-6761.

Goliath

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the only other win for the Ramblers. Steven Robinson lost, 6-3 to Matt Townsend at 215 pounds while Adam Brown dropped a 7-1 match to Joe White at 125. Nate Haley, Chris Bersona, Jon Calo, Cody Wilmot and Chris Kirkby all lost by pins. Bersona went 5:06 in the 140-pound match, and Haley was on the mat for 3:53 before losing by a fall. The Ramblers voided five weight classes. The Ramblers bounced back to handle Cheboygan easily, 42-19 in a non-league match. "We matched up fairly well

with Cheboygan," Nohel said. "Drew, Marc and Steve 'sealed the deal' for us by pinning their opponents." "Marc Calo wrestled as well as he has all year and picked up some valuable points for us." "Drew bumped up a weight class against Cheboygan and beat a tough opponent. Cody Wilmot lost a couple of tough, close matches but wrestled well and showed some toughness." Drew Nohel pinned Tim Lytle in 2:55, Marc Calo pinned Erik Remus in 3:05 and Robinson pinned Dave Charboneau in 2:30. Wilnot lost a 10-9 decision

to Cody Jarvis at 152, and Bersona was decisioned 10-1 by Devin Weiderski at 140. On Saturday, Jan. 10, the Ramblers competed in the Gaylord junior varsity tournament. Kirkby went undefeated on the day to take first place. All four of his wins were by pin. Jon Calo also took a first place in his weight division by finishing 3-1. Boyne City is at Traverse City St. Francis today for a match with the Gladiators and Charevoix. Contact Greg Gielczyk at gielczyk@jackpine.com.

ups and a few walleye were taken after dark. Hamlin Lake - Word has it limit catches of bluegill are possible when the bite is good. Try the North, Middle and South Bayous. Look for big crappie at the Narrows.

DNR WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

Northwest Peninsula - Burt Lake - Catch rates have picked up for walleye and perch. The occasional trout has also been caught. Traverse City - Both the East Bay and the West Bay still have open water as strong winds prevent the freezing process. Long Lake - Ice anglers are taking walleye however some of the fish are running small. Some nice perch have also been caught. Cedar Lake - In Leelanau County is producing some

smelt. Try minnows, spikes or wax worms. North Lake Leelanau - Is starting to produce some walleye. South Lake Leelanau - A few walleye and some rock bass have been caught. For big bluegills, try the south end of the lake. Spider Lake - Is good for pike when using tip-ups with sucker minnows. The lake can offer up some nice bluegills this time of year. Manistee Lake - In Kalkaska County had light fishing pressure. Some walleye and pike were caught on

the southeast end of the lake. Manistee River - Higher water levels should have pushed the steelhead out of the deeper holes and put them on the move. Tippy Dam would be a good place to start looking for fish. Lake Cadillac - Has been good for pike and panfish, with a few walleye showing up as well. The perch are running small. Lake Mitchell - Those fishing the coves have caught some nice big bluegills. Some pike have been caught on tip-

Main Street

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Four-Point Approach" to revitalization developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The four points focus on the design, economic restructuring, organization, and promotion of the downtown. The consulting firm of Dreeszen and Associates of Boston, Mass., has been hired to complete the plan and the first meeting with the consultants is Feb. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room, according to Conklin. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. "The opportunity was made available to the accredited Michi-

gan Main Street communities. We applied and were accepted along with Calumet, Niles and Marshall," Conklin explained. "The state is using these four communities in this pilot program to create a model for other communities to use. The program is grant funded and there is no cost to Boyne City." The project is also part of a broader initiative within the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. In Dec. 2007, the department developed a 2010 Cultural Economic Development Action Strategy incorporating cultural economic development into the overall Michigan Main Street program and the technical

assistance services it provides to participating communities. "Our program is successful but there is always room for improvement. These are challenging days for our community and communities across the state and country," Conklin said. "As one of the leadership organizations in Boyne City we are always trying to find the tools to help our community. We are hopeful that by participating in the cultural economic development planning process we will be able to better serve Boyne City." Jeff Bergren can be reached at jbergren@michigannews-papers.com or by calling 231-582-6761.

Park

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Cannon said. The city commissioners will look at a rate increase for rental of the Civic Center. Cannon reported that in 2008, the Civic Center hosted 14 single use events. Fees were waived on 10 of those events and commissioners agreed that a new policy is needed for rental of the

center. In response to the possibility of federal funds coming this year for infrastructure improvements, city administrator David White compiled a list and presented it to commissioners at a December 2008 meeting. The list includes reconstruction of Vance and Pine streets with new water and sewer and storm sewer, and exten-

sion of water and sewer on Maple Street from State Street to the city limits. Mayor Mark Postma requested that Mill Street be added to road projects, and commissioner Dan Bennett said Huron Street should be added for a storm sewer. B. J. Heiler may be contacted at 231-622-2645 or at reporterbjh@charter.net.

Glance

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for how this area should look and function. Areas under review include Old City Park, nearby River and Park Streets as well as the abutting city-owned "Fochtman

building" site. A map of the study area is available on the City's website at www.boynecity.com. The results of the Master Plan will guide the city in implementing MSHDA grants received for this

area later in the year. For more information, or if you are unable to attend this meeting, please share your thoughts by contacting Barb Brooks at 231-582-0336 or bbrooks@boynecity.com.

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