

An appetite for business

Chamber gearing up for first-ever Business Expo and Taste of Boyne event
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BOYNE CITY — In a time when people are hungering for some good economic news, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce is working to cook up a feast for the senses and the financial reports.

From 3-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will host its first-ever Business Expo and Taste of Boyne event at the former Carter's store located at 1315 Boyne Ave.

Just like many business expos, the event will include booths from more than 40 area businesses and nonprofit organizations, which will have representatives on hand to provide information for visitors.

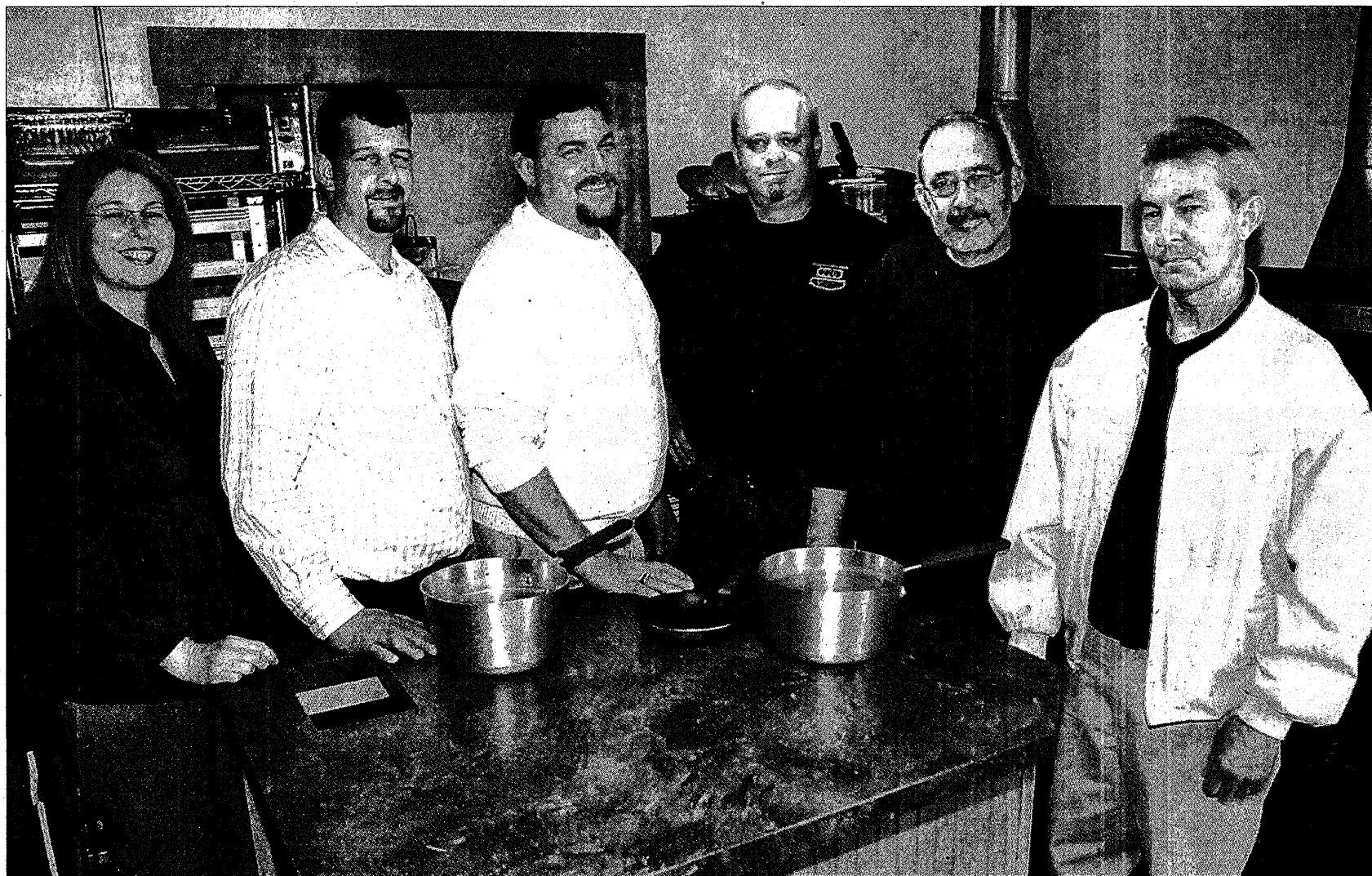
Among the organizations that will be represented at the expo is the Boyne Arts Collective. Like the other participants, members of the year-old group of area artists will be there to provide information on their organization, but they're also bringing a whole gallery's worth of their members' art to display. They'll also be creating a new work of art during the event.

Collective member and Boyne City artist Jerry Douglas said he and fellow artist Martina Hahn will be painting a 9-foot by 18-foot mural depicting a scene from downtown Boyne City during the expo. Several other demonstrations, such as weaving, will also take place, Douglas said.

"We're very excited about the expo," Douglas said. "For us it's an opportunity to network with the public and with business people to let them get to know who we are and what we do. In some ways the expo is just like us: We are an organization about creating economic opportunities for artists of all type."

Added Douglas: "It should be very entertaining for people. It's a whole new flair to an event like this."

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Jim Baumann, said adding the artists to the event is a perfect com-



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Pausing for a publicity photo in the kitchen at the Water Street Cafe recently are representatives from five of the eight restaurants and markets who will be offering food at the Taste of Boyne portion of the April 30 event. They are (from left) Trischa Foltz and Jeff Foltz from Foltz's Country Store; Joseph Krumholz from the Jordan Inn; Nathan Bates from 220 Lake St., Chris Meyer from the Lake Street Market; and Larry Glasgow from the Water Street Cafe.

pliment to current efforts by several organizations to help draw more arts to the area.

"I offered the arts collective a large space for the expo because the Carter's building is very large, and this will help us fill it up with something that will be visually exciting," Baumann said. "I also think it is an important time to support our local arts community right now. This group is really starting to do big things, like opening a gallery, and the city has received a grant to assist us with cultural economic development. All of this emphasis on the arts is paying off, because there are two other parties that are hoping to open galleries in Boyne City by summer."

And as visitors feast their eyes on the booths and art exhibits, they'll also have the opportunity to sample food offerings from eight area restaurants and markets through the "Taste of Boyne" portion of the event. "Taste of Boyne" participants include: Lake Street Market, 220 Lake Street Restaurant, Water Street

Café, The Jordan Inn, Subway, Boyne Country Provisions, Foltz's Country Store, and Sammich 'N' Sudz, a new sandwich shop planning to open in May.

Although admission to the event is free, the cost for sampling the food offerings is \$5 per person. However, a two-for-one coupon is available at the expo Web site, www.boyneexpo.com.

Baumann said he got the idea for the event from other similar events he's organized at chambers of commerce where he's previously worked.

"(The expos) ended up being our most popular events," Baumann said. "They are fun and exciting because there are a lot of booths and food and people to meet, and the exhibitors always got many business leads. It's also a great networking opportunity if you don't have a booth, and it's a way for residents to find out more about our local businesses and what they offer."

Gold sponsors for the event include the Petoskey News-Review, Taylor

Rental and Charlevoix Area Hospital, Boyne Area Medical Clinic and the Boyne Rehab Center.

Petoskey News-Review publisher Doug Caldwell said he believes the event will provide businesses with an excellent opportunity to showcase their products.

"The News Review and Boyne/East Jordan Area Observer belong there to provide folks the opportunity to share their thoughts about our newest project," Caldwell said. "We're proud to be a gold sponsor and we wanted to make that commitment as the informational source of Northern Michigan. I would encourage everyone to go out and visit the expo. You'll find great op-

portunities."

The event will also include a "no-host" cash bar and a drawing for the final drawing for the Buy in to Boyne program, with \$3,000 in cash to be

given away.

The deadline for exhibitors to apply to participate is April 26. Applications are available on the event's Web site, www.boyneexpo.com.

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Library hosting American Girl tea *Dance to benefit cancer patients*

EAST JORDAN — The Jordan Valley Library Friends will host the third annual American Girl Doll Tea at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, at the East Jordan High School.

The event will include tea, punch and a variety of delicious desserts (bring your own cup.)

Admission to the tea is \$2 per person. Organizers will offer door prize drawings for small doll quilts and a raffle for a chance to win Chrissa, the 2009 Girl of the Year doll and assorted American Girl books. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and you must be present to win.

Girls attending the event can remember the day by decorating a picture frame for their special doll tea photo.

At 2:30 p.m., following the tea, the movie "Kit Kittredge - An American Girl" will be shown in the community auditorium.



Winners from last year's Spring Fling Tea pose for a photo with their prizes

Admission to the movie is free. Organizers will conduct a drawing following the movie for matching Kit T-shirts for one lucky girl and her doll.

BOYNE CITY — The Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders will host a 50s-themed dance party "Rock Around the Clock for Cancer" from 6 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, April 25, at the Boyne City Fraternal Order of Eagles hall.

Proceeds from the event will help support the organization's efforts to help area families cope with the impact of cancer.

Music for the event will be provided by the band "TNT" and Experience Electronica DJ Service.

The party will include a twist contest, cash bar, a silent and ticket auction,

prizes, and special guest appearances by Elvis, the Blues Brothers, Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash.

Among the many items up for bids in the auctions are an autographed Detroit Lions football, a state of Michigan flag from Sen. Jason Allen, gift baskets, gift certificates, a rustic cedar double bed, framed pictures, CDs by local artists and more.

Admission is \$6 per person. Those coming dressed as a 50s or 60s personality will also receive a prize.

For more information about the event, call Gail Farley at 582-2424 or Lisa Roback at 222-2113.

Red Cross blood drive

The American Red Cross is conducting a Monday blood drives in Boyne City on April 27.

The Boyne City Rotary Club is sponsoring the

blood drive from noon to 5:45, April 27 at Christ Lutheran Church, 1250 Boyne Avenue. For an appointment, call the Red Cross at 347-5984, ext. 109.



Members of the East Jordan Ambulance team stand beside some of the new equipment that they presented to the East Jordan City Council on April 7. The Ambulance Association spent \$4,922.44 on new equipment.



East Jordan Lions Club members (from left) Bob Nol, Steve Poole and Ward Cook inflate balloons for one of the games that took place during the organization's annual Easter egg hunt at East Jordan High School on April 11. Club members said 251 children participated in the two-hour event which included prize awards and entertainment by Tommy Tropic.



The Boyne City Elementary School cafeteria staff, Cathy Notestine, Nancy Hosmer and Carol Juszczak put on a Pennies for Pets fundraiser recently. The students were to bring in pennies for the Charlevoix County Humane Society for two weeks as well as bring in pictures of their pets to be displayed around the school. The school raised \$1003.51. Second-grade teacher, Regina Crandell's Campers raised the most at \$115.53 and therefore got the honor of presenting the Humane Society with the check.

Volunteers sought for Buff Up Boyne

BOYNE CITY — Buff Up Boyne, Boyne City's annual community-wide spring cleanup is scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 2.

The Boyne City Main Street Program, which is organizing the event, is calling all residents, civic organizations, and schools to lend their shovels, rakes, and brooms to give Boyne City a shine during the annual cleanup. Volunteers will be sweeping, picking up trash and raking up debris from the city's sidewalks, parks, alleys, and

along the waterfront.

Organizers are asking volunteers to meet at Sunset Park in downtown Boyne City next to the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce to sign in, get instructions on what areas need to be cleaned, and receive trash bags and safety vests. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning as well as lunch beginning at noon.

For more information, contact the Boyne City Main Street office at 582-9009, or email mainstreet@boynecity.com.

Book sale to benefit library

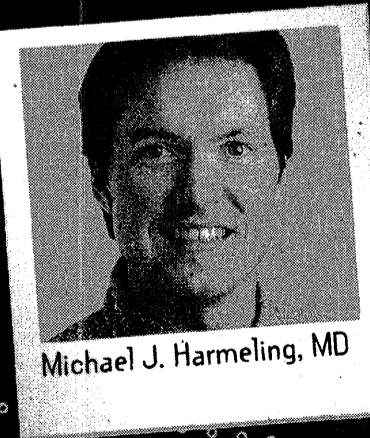
BOYNE CITY — Friends of the Boyne District Library, in Boyne City, will sponsor a used book sale in conjunction with the Mushroom Festival from 9

a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, May 15, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 16, in the community room of the library. Proceeds from the sale will be used for library programs.

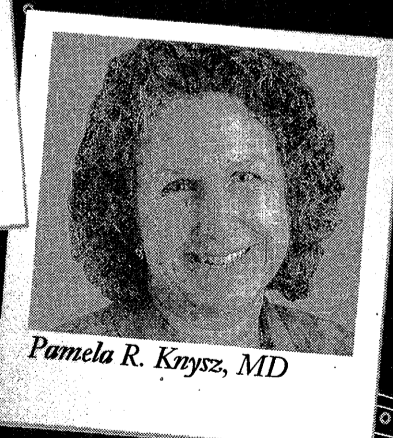
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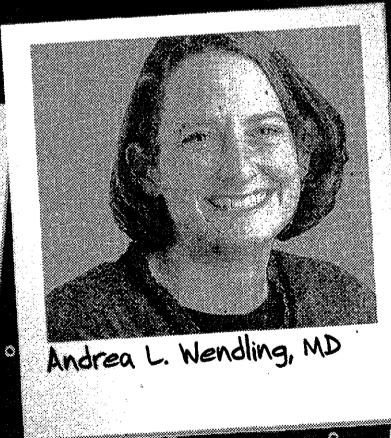
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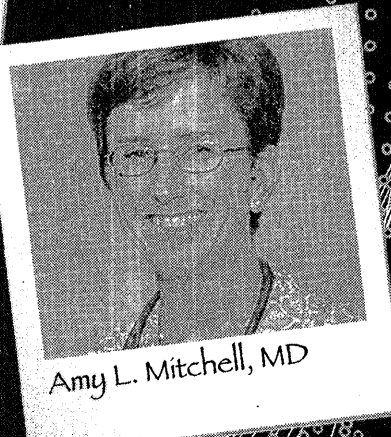
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Boyer City-based Challenge Mountain is challenging its supporters and participants to raise \$10 for programming. Organizers chose \$10 because they believed it is a goal anyone can reach. This ski season alone Challenge Mountain served 2,375 people with physical disabilities, emotional impairments, and developmental disabilities. Pictured above, Boyne Area Kiwanis Club treasurer Mike Webster (left) and president Scott MacKenzie (right) present a check for \$200 to Challenge Mountain director Sue Moody to help offset mailing costs for the \$10 challenge program. For more information, contact Moody at 582-2141.

Boyer City leaf pickup still in effect

Boyer City leaf pickup continues Monday through Friday through May 15.

After the scheduled date, citizens will be responsible for their own leaves. Set bagged leaves curbside in the morning of the first day of pick up, in clearly marked biodegradable bags.

City crews will pick up bags as time allows. If your bags have been out for an extended period of time and have not been collected, notify city hall at 582-6597.

Biodegradable paper bags are available at City

Hall, Glen's Market and Ace Hardware. The cost at city hall is \$2.70 for a package of five.

Only leaves should be put in the bags, which are not strong enough to hold sticks, sand, or stones, and will tear upon lifting. Brush will not be picked up curbside, but may be brought to the North Boyne Compost Site.

You may also haul your own leaves, either bagged in biodegradable bags or unbagged, to the compost site on Robinson Street, open seven days a week.

The City will also be of-

fering free tree seedlings during an Arbor Day celebration open house from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 24, at Boyne City Hall, 319 N. Lake St. Call 582-0338 for more information.

And the Boyne City Water Department will be flushing hydrants from now through April 30. If your water becomes discolored, city officials recommend that you open a cold water faucet that does not have a screen, and let the water run until it's clear. For questions call City Hall at 582-6597.



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Boyer City senior Hilary Urman goes step for step with a Harbor Springs player in the Rambler's soccer loss to the Rams on April 13.

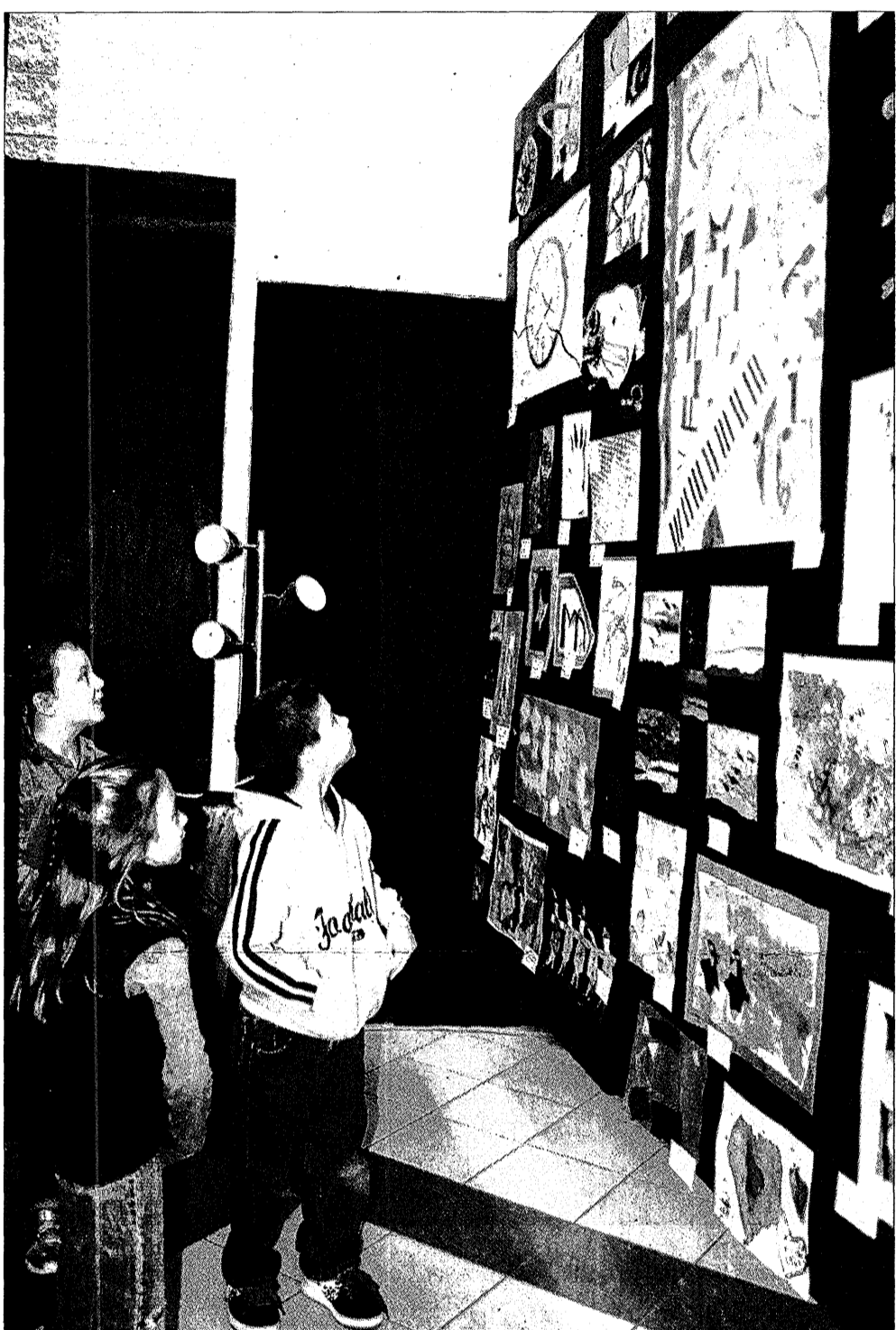


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First-graders, (from left) Ryleigh Richardson, Laurel Book and Kevin DeNise look at the art work on display at the Boyne Falls Public School.

Boyer Falls Public School 'Celebration of the Arts'

The Boyne Falls Public School had its first annual Celebration of the Arts on March 19.

The "Celebration of the Arts" substituted for the traditional Spring Play, and featured an art show, along with the Boyne Falls Public School Band and Strings, Odyssey of the Mind performances and a talent show put on by the school's parent teacher organization.

The art featured was all of the students' best works from throughout the current school year from elementary, middle school and high school. The art show was organized and operated by the school's art teachers, Melissa Baker and Heidi Hinkley. They came up with the idea of how the art work would be displayed where the audience would be able to look at every piece.

"We're very pleased with the success of the overall outcome of the Celebration of the Arts and look forward to future art shows. The students have tremendous talent and it is wonderful to have their hard work and skills recognized," said Baker.

Hinkley added, "The students in our school are very talented and we feel lucky to have the opportunity to showcase their talents in this forum."

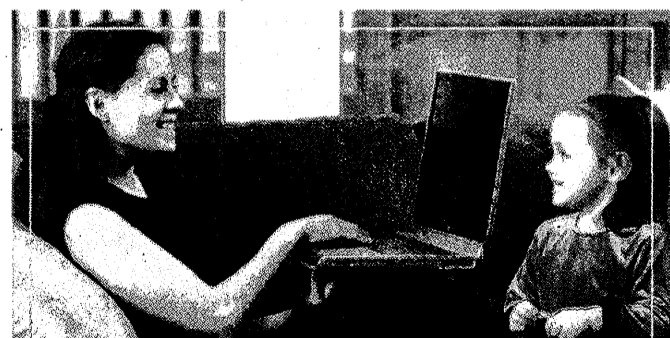
Local professional watercolor artist, June Storm, who has been volunteering at the school for the past five

years and her student, Kathleen Sheean, for four years, agreed to judge for the art show.

The categories and their winners are listed as follows: Art Room Hot Shot: Kristen Matelski, Bill Curtis, Roslyn Fiel, Nick Grandmason, Devin Simon, Kaitlyn Phillips, Emily Matelski, Kyle Byrne, Greg Evans, Keegan Whisker, Ethan Book and Zachary Buckmeier. Honorable Mention for Middle School: Miriah Hausler, Kaylee Herman, Kevin Lange, Becky Grabowski, Kaitlyn Matelski and Clay Whitley;

Most Creative for Middle School: Charlene Bearss; Best Use of Design for Middle School: Kiersten Bielas; Most Outstanding for Middle School: Johanna Oswald. Honorable Mention for High School: Roslyn Fiel, Alex Amman, Jesse Hardin and Magda Wasylewski; Most Creative for High School: Amber Simon; Best Use of Design for High School: Alex Amman; Best in Show: Alex Rivette.

The art work will be displayed in the annex of the school for the rest of the month of April.



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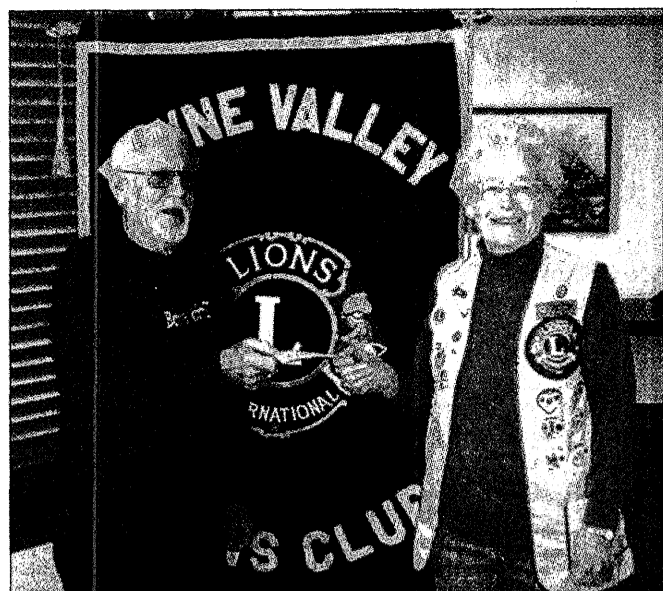
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KHQ is giving a chance to win a Wii gaming system stop in and meet the DJ between 6-7pm.

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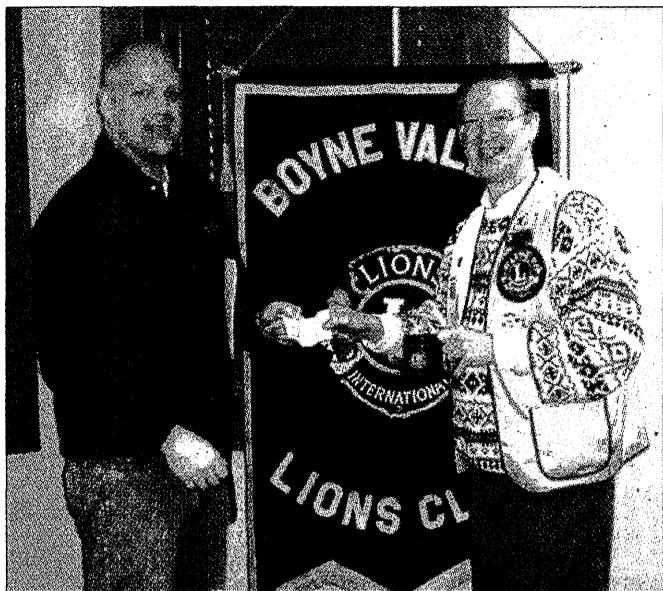
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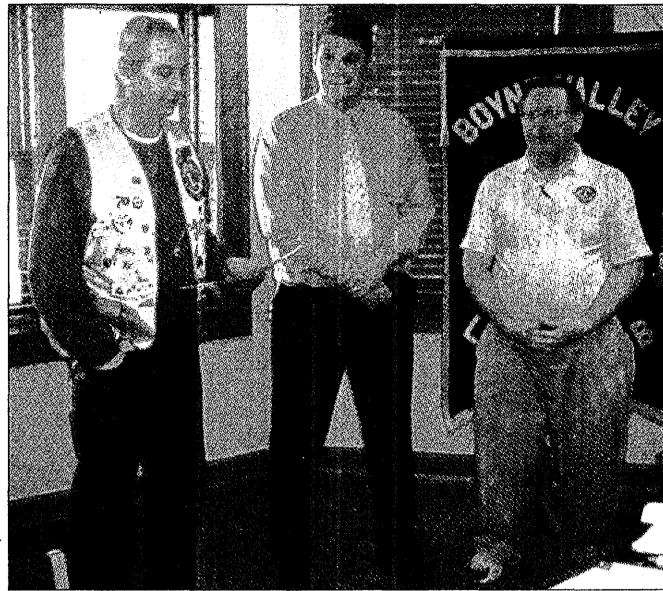
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Lion Louisa Northup of the Boyne Valley Lions presents a \$500 check to **Scott Mathers** the president of the Charlevoix County Humane Society.



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Lion first vice president Mike Cain (right) presents Boyne City football coach **David Hills** a \$500 check for updated football computer software.



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Mike Brown, president of the Boyne Valley Lions (from left) swears in new member **Dave Peck** with his sponsor, **Jack Dunlop**, recently.

Automation has revolutionized communication

E-mail. I love it. It has revolutionized the practice of communication, hasn't it?



Jane Booze

For instance, when you were in high school, in say, the late '70s, and you had a crush on a boy in your class, and you lay in bed thinking about him until finally you got up and wrote him a really enlightening letter (on pages and pages of college ruled paper), you could still rethink the wisdom of giving it to him in biology class and just rip it up and burn it quickly in the fireplace before you even caught the bus. That was the '70s.

Now if you're in high school you go ahead and e-mail it in the middle of the night. Then in the morning, you have to convince your mom you're too sick to go to school, because the truth is, some things never change.

I didn't say the revolution was wholly good.

Here's another example. My sister was in Papua New Guinea in the Peace Corps when my kids were little. She saved stacks of letters from me. I was a prolific writer — we were close in age, she was a globetrotter, I was a stay-at-home mom — I loved to live vicariously through her. She in turn loved getting to know her nieces and nephews through those letters. So we wrote often. I learned that the pidgin word for fan sounds like "wingo na-roun, na-roun," which (if you will read it aloud) is about right. She learned that Sam's first

truly creative endeavor involved soft butter.

Best of all, she gave those letters back to me, so I know what my kids were doing when they were just tiny, and when I was young enough not to interfere.

I have letters written in my Grandma Petrie's strong, sweet handwriting. Her handwriting would tell you something about her. It was old-fashioned, and firm, and it had beautiful, careful, soft lines.

And my other grandma, whose writing was squarish and small and very hard to read, but still determined and unchanging. You bent over Grandma Shaw's letters, asking each other, "What is that word?" because you knew every word was worth reading. All these years later, they still are.

Another sister once said she always expected a bou-

quet of spring letters from me. Isn't that a pleasing word picture?

I have notes from my lonely brother when he had finished the Great Lakes Maritime Academy and was sailing for some months. He didn't love being ship-bound, and didn't end up making the Great Lakes his career, but I do have some funny, wonderful letters in my keeping as a result. Blackmail fodder, too, should the need arise.

In spite of the loss of these keepsakes, e-mail is a daily delight. A part of my morning ritual, it varies from dashing off prayer requests to my sisters, to keeping in close touch with a friend in Iraq, to sending myself reminders at work.

It is a source of entertainment and enterprise (and has a handy delete feature for the latter). It is impetuous and instant and a sign of the times.

It is often silly (forwards, which I do not mind in the least, are, however, silly — and/or erroneous — oftener than not), but occasionally profound.

I have a photo of the Sangre de Cristo mountains haloed in clouds at the exact moment when, my son describes, "Big, fat bubbling clouds have replaced the white-out snow-storm that enveloped Taos today. Nothing stuck down here, but the ski hill surely got fresh powder."

I see what his eyes are seeing almost as soon as they are seeing it. I hear his voice in those words. I know that when he looked at those bubbling clouds, my son thought of me — and took a minute to share them. The minute may have passed if he had had to hunt down paper, pen, envelope, my address, and a stamp.

Yes, surely the moment

would have passed.

And consider this: One morning I received an e-mail from a friend in Nigeria. From his bathroom, he could hear a gathering of native female workers in the kitchen adjoining his quarters. Each morning they would gather as he completed his ablutions (in incomplete privacy), and he would hear them prepare for work with prayer and song.

So he e-mailed me a recording which he had pirated right through the bathroom vent. It was the most soul-cleansing, lyrical, harmonious singing unto God I have ever heard.

It broke my heart. Those rich a cappella voices reached across nations, across oceans, across cities and vast countryside, across cultures, across language barriers and broke my heart.

Try packing that in an envelope.

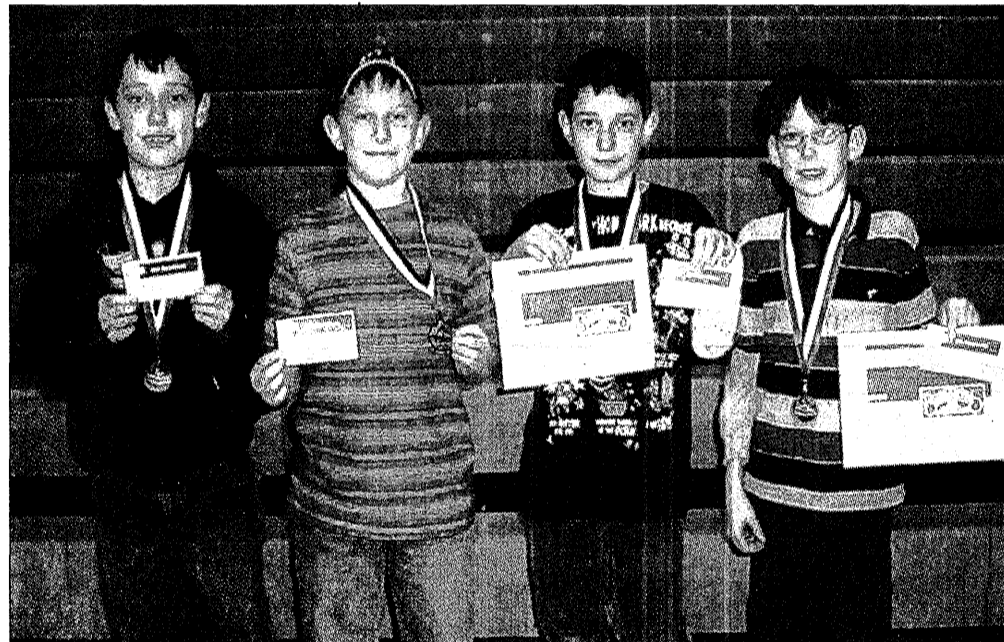


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Boyne City Eagles Support Boyne Area Free Clinic

The Boyne Area Free Clinic recently received a check from a fundraiser and fish dinner by the Boyne City Eagles Club. The event on Friday, March 6, raised \$1,459 to help people who have no health care insurance or are under-insured in our communities.

Pictured are (from left), Pat DeGraeve, Eagles auxiliary member, Annie Witham Boyne Area Free Clinic board member, Dr. Richard Mansfield, Boyne Area Free Clinic physician, George Lasater, Boyne Area Free Clinic board member, and Eagles president, Celia McGeorge.



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1st Place winners from left to right: **Jacob Brewer**, **Cody Crain**, **Forrest Kerr** and **Eli Korthase**.

Battle of the Books

The Boyne City Middle School Battle of the Books reading program was a success again this year.

More than 60 Boyne City Middle School students participated in this year's "battle."

Since December, interested students have formed reading teams, divided the books on their reading list, and read as many of these books as possible.

On March 5, teams participated in a computer quiz competition for bonus points in the final battle. Then on March 12, the teams met to compete in a quiz bowl style competition, to see which teams would know the most about the books on their reading list. The winning teams for this year are:

First place: The Avengers — Jacob Brewer, Cody

Crain, Forrest Kerr and Eli Emma Shumaker;

Korthase; Third place: We Read As One — Zach Napont, Andrew Stevens, Max Ferguson and Hailey Judkins-Ladd and Trevor Day.

Boyne City varsity softball coach **Sandy Clausen** offers some words of encouragement to pitcher **Cheyenne Shumaker** between innings during the Rambler's 9-8 victory over Grayling on April 14.



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