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Boyne City

Lady Ramblers to use athletic ability to their advantage

By Chris Fiel

BOYNE CITY – The Lady Ramblers know one thing for sure, they're not going to be bigger than most, if any teams that they face this season, but on another note, they do know that they have an athletic bunch that will leave it on the floor each night.

Returning to the helm for his second season is veteran coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick led the Ramblers to a 7-15 record last season as the team improved from a single victory the prior year.

"Were vertically challenged, but what we do have is athletic ability, some experience, and more depth than last season," Fitzpatrick said.

That experience comes in the form of seniors Mary Myers and Jessica Selissen and junior Rainy McCune. Each found time in the starting line-up last season at one time or another and the trio have

been selected to captain Boyne this season and have done a good job in leading the team so far this preseason according to the coach.

Also returning to the roster are Jenny Selissen, Latiesha Bell, Taylor Baker and Halee Boughton, where each of them had the opportunity to contribute significant minutes last season.

Joining the team are newcomers; Heather Nichols, Mallory Karaszewki, Alison Burnell and Courtney Weldon, along with transfers Lexi Provo and Andrea Reynolds.

The coach noted that with the success of the volleyball team this season and other school activity conflicts, combined with a few early injuries, things got off to a slow start.

"After everyone was available and healthy, things are going well," Fitzpatrick noted. "We also know that everyone never seems ready for that first game, but when it arrives, things seem to



BOYNE CITY VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front (L-R) Taylor Baker, Halee Boughton, Mary Myers, Rainy McCune, Jessica Selissen, Latiesha Bell. Back (L-R) Coach Kevin Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Selissen, Alison Burnell, Courtney Weldon, Lexi Provo, Andrea Reynolds, Heather Nichols, Mallory Karaszewki and assistant coach Luke Reinhardt. (PHOTO BY CINDA SHUMAKER)

work out."

The Ramblers are also looking to get after it this season with some full court play, switching up their defensive looks before returning to their tough half-court defense.

"We are going to use our ath-

letic ability to our advantage, give teams a few different full court looks and hopefully create some easy offense for ourselves," he added. "Offensively, we have bits and pieces to the puzzle, we just have to learn to share the ball and take advantage of the

different ways we can score."

Boyne City opened play on November 27 at Gaylord St. Mary, and will to Kingsley on December 1 to play Mesik at noon.

Boyne Falls

Loggers looking for balanced attack, tough defense

By Chris Fiel

BOYNE FALLS – The Loggers return a strong nucleus with a core of juniors, including their top scorer from a season ago in Emily Matelski. Emily averaged over 15 points and nearly 10 rebounds per contest last year as Boyne Falls finished 11-10.

Joining Emily are fellow experienced juniors Kendra Berreth, Calsey Matelski and Kathryn Miller.

Berreth and Calsey Matelski are expected to help with rebounding and have the ability to take opposing post players off the dribble. Miller returns to the back-court and is expected to help with the scoring.

"We return eight from last seasons squad, but we only have nine

on the roster," Loggers coach Lyndel Ingalls-Sage said. "However, we should be more versatile and play more team oriented ball."

Raegan Pedigo will hold her own in the post and will score as well as go to the glass. Melody Harmon, Kaylee Wilson, Char Bearss and Kiersten Bielas round out the team.

Boyne Falls will have more depth on the roster this year and

"We will definitely be tougher on the glass, and we are looking to pick it up on the defensive end, and that starts with taking on the cut and getting after loose balls," Sage added.

The second year coach also noted that some of the key players put in some much needed work during the off-season and it is showing in practice.



BOYNE FALLS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front row (L-R) Kathryn Miller, Melody Harmon, Char Bearss and Kendra Berreth. Back row (L-R) Kaylee Wilson, Calsey Matelski, Raegan Pedigo, Emily Matelski and coach Lyndel Ingalls-Sage. Not pictured: Kiersten Bielas. (PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL)

"Were definitely looking to step it up this season," she said. The Loggers will be looking to

run the court when the opportunity presents itself, and work the offense in the half-court to grind it

out for a good look at the basket. Boyne Falls opened up November 28 hosting Atlanta.

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Charlevoix

Rayders looking to play uptempo; Carlson, Boss to lead team

By Chris Fiel

CHARLEVOIX – New year, new, yet familiar coach. Liz Shaw takes over as the Lady Rayders varsity basketball, after previously coaching at the junior varsity level under then head coach, Kieth Haske, compiling a record of 60-0 in three seasons. Shaw brings a get after the ball type of defense, that transfers into creating scoring opportunities for her squad. “Were quick, very athletic, and were going to go hard at teams and force them into turning the ball over,” Shaw said. “We have a good bunch, but not a lot of game experience.” With that lack of game experience and the “leave it on the floor” hustle that is expected of her players, Shaw said the opportunity for playing time is avail-

able, the girls just have to go and take it. Returning to the Charlevoix line-up from last seasons district finalist, is senior All-Area selection Sydney Carlson. Carlson along with sophomore Madeline Boss are the top two returnees for the Rayders and will be looked at to lead the team. Shaw also noted that practice up to this point is going good and for a young team, the girls are starting to grasp the new system better each day, and have displayed shining moments in practice that they can build upon. “It’s a work in progress, very exciting so far for both myself and the team,” the coach added. “It has been a positive experience.” The coach also said that the team is excited for the season to begin, they are ready to compete at a high level and are having



CHARLEVOIX VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front (L-R) Sydney Carlson, Kourtney Putman, Karley Pearsall, Madeline Boss, Kelsey Engstrom, Paige Ager. Back Row(L-R) Head Coach Liz Shaw, Gabby Grey, Katie Hinkley, Maggie Hamilton, Katie Hybl, Jennifer Archey, Team Manager Cassidy Peebles. PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS

fun in the process by making each other better everyday by competing in practice.

“I think they’re on the right track,” Shaw said. Charlevoix played host to

Ellsworth in their opener on November 27.

East Jordan

East Jordan lacks experience, returns solid core and tough newcomers

By Chris Fiel

EAST JORDAN – The 2012-13 East Jordan Lady Red Devils will have a different look to the team this season as four players off of last season’s 13-8 have been lost to graduation, so the Red Devils will be young and a little inexperienced. However, veteran coach Steve Hines does return a key element with experience in fourth year point guard Valerie Peters. Peters averaged 13.7 points per game last season while shooting 70 percent from the charity stripe. “Valerie has improved as a player every season, and I don’t see this season being any different,” coach Hines said. Also back are seniors Brianna Newberry, Allie Sutton, Jessica Peck and Jasmine Steinhoff. Newberry will man the backcourt along with Peters, Sutton

will give EJ a strong inside presence and is off to a solid preseason so far. Peck will use her speed and experience to help solidify the guard positions and Steinhoff will help in the post as she continues to improve with her off-season work. Joining the team are juniors Holley Carson, Paige Poindexter, Ellen Brandell, Tori Goodrich, Tiffany Pollaski and Colette Tuck. Hines credits the hard work of the juniors this preseason in making the transition from the JV level. “After two good weeks of practice, I think they will do fine,” Hines noted. Carson, a guard/forward, displays a work ethic that’s hard to find at any level and will see plenty of floor time, Poindexter brings all facets of the game as she can shoot, play defense, rebound and read the court. Brandell and Goodrich will see time at the forward positions, while Pollaski and Tuck provide more depth to the back-court. “Although we are a younger team, we are a much bigger team and we hope that will help the re-



EAST JORDAN VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front (L-R) Tori Goodrich, Tiffany Pollaski, Valerie Peters, Brianna Newberry, Colette Tuck and Jessica Peck.. Back (L-R) Jasmine Steinhoff, Ellen Brandell, Paige Poindexter, Allie Sutton, Holley Carson and coach Steve Hines. (PHOTO BY SCOTT RICHARDS)

bounding portion of our game,” Hines added. “I think the league will be very balanced this year and should provide for some very interesting nights of basketball, we expect to play hard every game and improve as a

team as the season progresses.” East Jordan opened play November 28 at Central Lake.

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Ellsworth

Lady Lancers looking for new identity; Aggressiveness, team play key to success

By Chris Fiel

ELLSWORTH – This season, for the first time in many, the Ellsworth Lancers will not have a 6-2 center in the middle of both ends. What they will have is a team that is more aggressive and willing to work as a cohesive unit to get the job done.

Brenda Stevens returns for her second year on the Lancer bench and is excited to get the season going.

“Things have been going really good so far this preseason, the girls are jelling pretty good and we are looking forward to get the season going, this has been an enjoyable couple of weeks so far.”

Ellsworth still returns some key elements off last seasons district champions as Tara Esenberg, Kari Steenwyk, Elizabeth Sowers and Kendra Warner.

“Tara will be switching positions for us this season, so were excited to see what we can do with her talents to help the team,” the coach added. “Were a smart team, very intellectual, the girls know what should happen when their on the floor.”

Other key players for the Lancers will be Ashley Drenth and Whitney Heard.

“As a group, were pretty aggressive, we just have to harness the ups and downs,” Stevens said. “Were looking to get contributions from everyone this year



ELLSWORTH VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL: Brenda Stevens, Kari Steenwyk, Katy Lambert, Ashley Drenth, Elizabeth Sowers, Crissa Karavas. Not pictured Kenda Warner. (PHOTO BY JODELL DANBERT)

and also challenge for the conference, we think teams will overlook us due to last seasons

graduates, that's ok though, we plan on competing and surprising a few people.”

The Lady Lancers opened play November 27 against Charlevoix.

Boyne Highlands Open for Skiing and Snowboarding

LOWER MICHIGAN'S FIRST SKI AREA OPENS

Harbor Springs – Boyne Highlands Resort of Harbor Springs, Michigan's largest ski area, opened Tuesday, November 27. The resort is the first ski area in Lower Michigan to open terrain for the 2012-13 season. Boyne Highlands opened the Heather slope with lift service on the high-speed Heather Express quad.

Several nights of cold weather have allowed Boyne Highlands to take full advantage of its powerful snowmaking system led by the proprietary Boyne Low-E fan guns. The resort has been making snow around the clock, 68 consecutive hours, in preparation for Tuesday's opening day.

“The efficiency, quantity and quality of snow that our Boyne Low-E fan guns produce is what enables us to open early each season,” said Brad Keen, president and general manager of Boyne Highlands Resort. “We're always eager and excited to

welcome guests back to the slopes as soon as possible and with the best conditions.”

On Wednesday, November 28 and Thursday, November 29, lift hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lift tickets on Wednesday and Thursday are \$25 for ages nine and above, free for ages eight and under and seniors 70+. The Heather trail and Heather Express chairlift remain open on Wednesday and Thursday, with the opening of expanded terrain by Friday.

Boyne Highlands has been recognized by the readers of OnTheSnow.com as “Midwest's Favorite Downhill Terrain” and named “Best Ski Resort in Michigan” by The Oakland Press.

For the 2012-13 season, Boyne Highlands added another 40 of the high-efficiency, low-energy Boyne Low-E fan guns. This technology has led Boyne Highlands to be the first resort in northern Lower Michigan to open for the ski season the past four years. Also this season, Boyne Highlands, along with Boyne Mountain, are

the first resorts in northern Michigan to introduce Burton Riglet Parks with specially designed features to introduce children ages 3 to 6 to snowboarding. A new spa facility is available to guests this winter offering massage, body treatments, facials and seasonal treatments. Additionally, the Main Lodge at Boyne Highlands, offering ski-in/ski-out accommodations, has undergone renovations and a number of guest rooms include new carpet, fixtures, fresh paint, new drapes and decorative features.

Sister resort, Boyne Mountain located in Boyne Falls, is expected to open on Friday, November 30 at 9 a.m. More details about Boyne Mountain's opening day terrain can be found at www.boyne.com.

For updates and reports on snow conditions, a look at live web cams, event information, as well as packages, please visit www.boyne.com for more information, call 800.GO.BOYNE (462-6963).

All-State Volleyball selections

By Chris Fiel

BOYNE CITY – Add another post-season award to the list of Boyne City's Kylie Hicks.

Hicks was recently named to the Class C All-State (MIVCA) Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association first-team.

The a 5-11 junior, middle hitter in her third season on the varsity led the

Ramblers with 468 kills, 123 blocks, 413 digs, finished with 492 serve receptions and served at a 93 percent rate, through the regular season.

Also, making third-team All-State, was Boyne City junior setter Heather Nichols and Charlevoix sophomore outside-hitter Madeline Boss.

Nichols, also in her third season on the Boyne varsity, ran the Rambler

offense with 959 assists, 344 digs, 156 aces and served at a 93 percent rating from her setter position.

Boss, a full rotation outside-hitter, helped the Rayders with 358 kills, 263 digs, 20 blocks, and added 62 aces while serving at 95 percent.

Snowmobile Training Classes

BOYNE FALLS:

Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Schneider is announcing a Snowmobile training class for those citizens who need to comply with the Michigan State law.

Training will take place at the Boyne Falls Fire department December 8, 2012 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

State law requires those who do not have a valid Michigan driver's license, to complete and pass the

above approved training program. With successful completion of the course, each student will be provided a certificate of training allowing them to operate under the Michigan State Law.

To attend this free training, you must go to the Charlevoix County web page:

www.charlevoixcounty.org and go to the “Sheriff's” link to fill out the application and forward the type-written application to the

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Automotive Review



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2013 Acadia comes armed for an army of elbows

Hundreds of engineering hours lead to comfort and flexibility

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stationary buck, further testing continues out on the road," said Hertely. "We took countless drives with Acadias, paying close attention to how each armrest feels on both elbows and forearms, because people rest their arms differently. And the cupholder integration was new, so we had to ensure a level of comfort with the holders in use."

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Parcel Identification Numbers of Proposed District

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2. The Norwood Township Planning Commission, at the address indicated above; or
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Real Estate Corner

Do You Have Buyer's Paralysis?

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Fear of the future
Fear takes the fun out of a lot of things, but there is reasonable fear and unreasonable fear. Unreasonable fears have no basis in reality, so there is little you can do beyond getting professional help for your anxiety. Reasonable fears you can handle on your own with a little common sense.

Fear can be tamed by looking at the worst case scenarios compared to the best case scenarios. So examine the questions that are really bothering you.

What if we can't make our payments? This question can be balanced by a best case. What if we manage our money so well that we can make double payments? So the fear here is manageable - it comes down to how confident you are

about managing your money. If you aren't sure of yourself, get help. Ask someone whose money management style you admire for advice on how to manage your money better. Then stick with it.

What if the value of our home goes down in value? Would you feel as fearful if you asked yourself whether your property will go up in value? Property can go up or down, but all property requires maintenance or it surely will deteriorate in value. This can be easily prevented by having enough budgeted or in your reserves to perform scheduled and unscheduled maintenance. Look at the properties surrounding the home you are considering. Are they maintained with pride? Are they being updated? Then your chances are good that the neighborhood and your home will retain its value. Rest assured that there will always be a buyer for an attractive, well-maintained property.

Because it is not a liquid asset,

real estate is not as volatile as you think. It goes down slowly and rises comparatively slowly. And home values even when depressed may get a resuscitation after a few years. Your best hedge against the future is to keep your property in desirable condition.

You can't predict the future. The only thing you can do is prepare yourself to handle what may happen.

So money isn't the root of all evil, but it is the root of indecision - at least when you are paralyzed about buying a home. Thinking through the money issues can help you get moving one direction or the other. For some of you, just reading this article will put your jitters to rest. For others, you may realize that a home isn't in the cards for you right now, and that's OK. Wait a few days or weeks if you need to. Use the time to regroup. It is far better for you to work through a few obstacles than to jump into the largest investment of your life without confi-

dence. If you can work through your fears, get your finances in tip top shape and proceed, you'll find buying a home doesn't have to be a paralyzing decision. In fact, it can be one of the most exhilarating things you'll ever do.

If you are worried about cash flow, then making disproportionately large house payments will tarnish the joy of home ownership, unless you can find ways to cut down the other pie pieces. Work to improve your cash flow. Accelerate your credit card pay -offs Don't incur new debt. Re-budget your expenses and eliminate unnecessary expenditures. Make compromises - vow to cut down if you can't cut something out. Be willing to move timelines for meeting your goals. Don't be influenced by others to live beyond your means. Set your sights on an affordable home, and you may find your dream home will appear right before your very eyes.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.; Mayor Peck presiding with all members of Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$203,674.90.

Further Commission Action: Acknowledged receipt of Monthly Public Safety reports for EMS for October 2012; awarded commendation to Cliff Sutton; awarded 320 State Street bid to Karen Brennan in the amount of \$50,000.00; adopted Resolution #120-2012; approved Grant Agreement with Waterways and Resolution #121-2012; approved Resolution #123-2012; and approved Resolution #122-2012.

Copies of the minutes of the above meeting are posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

Cheltzi M. Wilson, CMC
City Clerk

Featured Property

Nature's splendor abounds with this Jordan Valley get-away retreat

By Jim Akans

Situated in the gorgeous Jordan Valley, this get-away retreat is embraced by nature's splendor all year long.

With approximately 800 square feet of living space, this two-bedroom home could serve as either a northern Michigan cabin or a full-time home. The interior of the main living area is finished in beautiful tongue and groove wood, the home has both LP gas and a wood stove for heating, and the kitchen comes complete with refrigerator and gas stove.

Outdoors, approximately 10 acres of gently rolling property surround the home. The grounds also feature a handy storage shed. This home also has a durable metal roof.

Located at 4680 Stanek Road near East Jordan, this home and property are also a great value, listed at just \$59,900. For a more information or to arrange a tour, call Lynda Christensen or Bill Christensen at Lynda's Real Estate Service in Boyne City at 231-582-9555 or email at Lynda@lyndas-realestateservice.com or Bill@lyndas-realestateservice.com



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Very cute, very clean and well maintained home in town, close to everything! Cozy gas fireplace for those cold winter nights. Great deck with a large back yard for room to roam or a garden. The pole barn has plenty of room for 2 cars and a workshop or a hobby room, plus all your toys! Come take a look for yourself! MLS 434463. Ask for Jennifer Burr-Cutler. \$84,900



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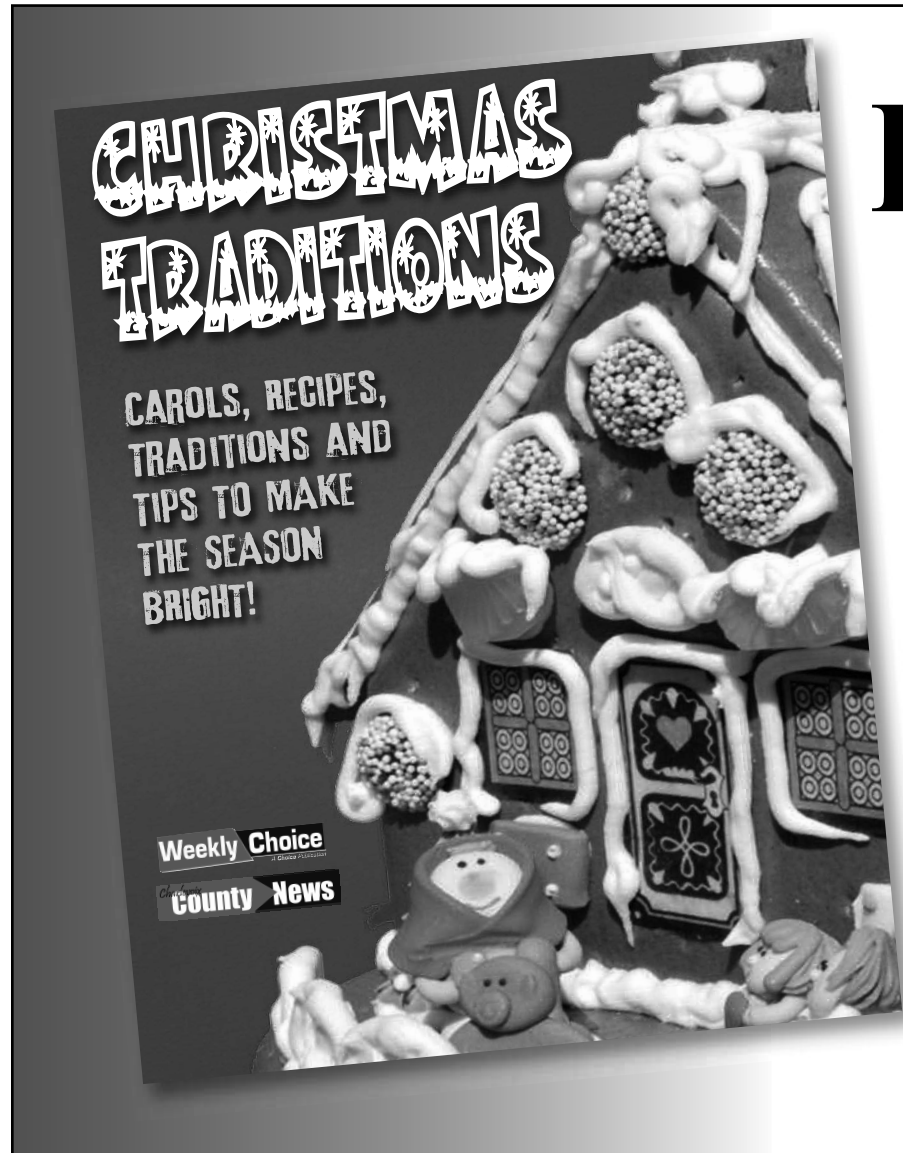
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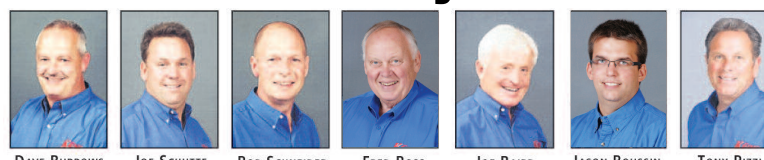
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