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# Girls Ski Team takes conference championship

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## Boyne delays bonding proposal until next week

After much discussion concerning a proposed bonding issue that would allow the Boyne City Schools to expand classroom and support space, board member

Judy Follette asked the many questions that she says the board wants answers to before asking the voters to approve an almost \$9 million issue.

She said there are too many questions that many voters want to know the answers to before they go to the polls. With that remark, she caused the school board to schedule another meeting next Monday at 6:30 p.m. to get additional information before the board can make a decision about the proposal.

down some basic beliefs, the needs of students. He said the staff, committee and others involved came up with a middle school concept for an educational setting with a kindergarten through fifth grade, a sixth through eighth grade and a normal high school.

Because of those basic beliefs, the concept was drawn up that was first presented to the voters last fall.

Mel Howard, asked the board if the voters again say no, is the board going to come back again and again trying to shove this con-

cept down the throats of the voters? His question went unanswered by the board.

At that point, Steve Voice told the board that at some point, they are going to have to draw the line

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## BC board ratify teacher, support staff contracts

Boyne City teachers and the educational support staff will be getting a raise in their next week's pay after the school board ratified their side of the agreement between the Boyne City Education Association and the schools.

The new contract calls for a 5.42 percent raise for both unions along with other changes in the contractual language of the contracts between the two parties.

The contract will cover the school years of 1990-91, 91-92 and 92-93 and will include a 5.42 percent increase each year. It will be retroactive to the first day of school last fall.

The contract means a beginning teacher in Boyne City with no ex-

perience could begin this year with a salary of \$22,765, a beginning teacher in 1991-92 will get \$23,999 and in 1992-93 will start at \$25,300.

The other end of the step scale for teachers with over 25 years of teaching experience and a masters degree could earn as much as \$46,552 in 1992-93.

The contract for the teachers was ratified last month while the support staff ratified the agreement recently according to spokespeople at the school board.

The board traditionally ratifies the agreement after the teachers' union agrees to the terms. School officials said they have all of the information on hand to process retroactive checks as well as begin the pay schedules this week.

The issue has been hotly debated before the board for the last several meetings with the board first asking that the same proposal turned down by the voters last fall be back on the ballot. That called for about \$123 million which would have constructed a new middle school connected to the high school, added additional support rooms and classrooms to the other school buildings in the district and constructed a new athletic facility and auditorium.

The board has since reduced the plan to about \$9 million by thinking it could eliminate the athletic auditorium and some other changes.

But disagreements between the board have delayed the final decision as to what will be asked of voters to approve.

In the discussion Monday night at the regular monthly board meeting, Lee Stadt, a member of Facilities Utilization Study (FUS) committee that originally came up with the proposal, gave a history of what the committee went through to come up with what they thought was needed. He added that a lot has happened since the study, like the recession and the war, but said the plan was based not on what the teachers and administration wanted, but rather on what the children needed to succeed in life.

He urged the board not to succumb to a "Band-aid" approach to the school's problems, and said the board has to resolve some basic questions and the proposal as presented by the FUS committee addresses those basics.

Jim Everest then told the board "What the FUS committee wants and presented doesn't give the board any options; it is an all or nothing proposal."

He added that it appears the board would be spending more money on support facilities than on classrooms for the students.

Board member Dave Guzniczak then told the large audience that the present proposal is about the same as one presented five years ago that the board changed and watered down. The voters did not approve of that issue, he said.

Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny did not approve of that issue, he said. FUS committee first set



It always takes a major issue to bring out crowds to the Boyne City School Board meetings like this one last Monday night, where about 100 people showed up to learn if the board was going to finally decide what action they were going to try to get voters to approve. This time the issue is a school building program where a new middle school and improvements to all of the

other school buildings are involved. If the board decides to go with what is being presented to them by the Facilities Utilization Study, it could cost voters about \$9 million over 30 years or about 2 mills extra over what they are presently paying for debt retirement.

## EJ starts looking at building needs

East Jordan may be following Boyne City Schools as they also are trying to figure out what can

be done about increasing enrollments within their school district.

The school has set up a 45 member Facility Review Committee to study the problem and to set timelines as to when a project should be completed. The committee held their initial meeting Monday, February 4 and began to analyze a wealth of information related to the growth of the district.

## Assessments in city up an average 5.79 %

With Boyne City residents getting their assessment notices last week, Charlevoix County Equalization Director Joan Blanchard made her annual trip to Boyne City to explain some of the changes that were made.

She told the commissioners at the noon meeting that the equalization department showed the city had increases of 3.7 percent in commercial properties, 2.3 percent in industrial, and a relatively large 6.45 percent increase in residential valuations based on information gleaned from the 1988-89 information of property transfers and sales.

She said overall the State Equalized Value (SEV) of the community will be showing a 5.79 percent increase average.

Some areas of the city, especially Ward Four, show the greatest amount of increase, in some cases up 2.31 percent factored in to an Economic Condition Factor that is added to everyone's assessment. She said that the community assessment as a whole works out to 49.85 percent of value as possible.

The only residents receiving tax notices are those who had a change

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Among the items discussed was the enrollment history of the elementary, middle and high school, along with projected enrollments up to the year 2,000.

The elementary school was constructed in 1956, the committee learned, with enlargement of five classrooms that were added in 1977. In 1961-82 the school held 425 students while enrollment figures showed increases in 1986-87 of 490 students. In 1990-91, the current school year, enrollment at the school is 612. Projections show a

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## News Briefs

Bring your American flags to Veterans Memorial Park in Boyne City this coming Saturday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m. and join in with the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 519 in their rally to show support for the troops serving in Desert Storm. Everyone is welcome.

The Velasco Project is beginning. For those who may not have known "Reverend Ed" when he was here in Boyne City from Brazil for several weeks helping out at the Presbyterian Church, he is now starting the first home for abandoned children in Anapolis, Brazil and the local church is seeking maximum donations of \$39 per person, family, or individual to help fund the proposed building. All donations are acceptable and may be given to Jean Talboys at Northwestern State Bank in Boyne City. Checks should be made out to Anapolis Girls' Home Project.

Boyne City Firemen are making a survey of every business within the community getting plans in order in case there is a fire at the business location. The firemen are asking questions about what needs to be saved first, what the layout of the building is like and where people work. All of the information will be installed on a computer so when, if a fire starts in a business location, the firemen can call up the information and know a little more about what they might be facing if they have to fight a fire.



# Opinions

## Time to think of new concept?

The Concept. The one thing that will make or break the Boyne City School Board's quest to get a bond issue approved by the voters.

But we think it will not work. We don't think the voters will buy the concept of a strong middle school when it involves spending money to remodel or renovate all of the other schools within the system.

The strong Middle School Concept is the one, and the only one, plan that has been presented to the school board to approve so that voters can disapprove.

Sometimes we don't think the school board listens at all to the voters of the community who are telling them that the concept of a strong middle school or a kindergarten through third grade for a lower elementary, a fourth and fifth for an upper elementary and a sixth, seventh, and eighth grade middle school is absolutely great, could be implemented, and may be the best for the children.

It may be great, but the board isn't listening to the other part of the school system that is crying out trying to be able to afford living in the area due to rising tax loads.

Those who are crying are also saying no to any proposal, although some are saying yes to something in the \$4 million dollar range they think the community would support.

The question is what could be done to eliminate the overcrowding of classrooms many see coming up in the future.

The answer may be to rework the concept to another concept. Like a K through 6 grade concept for elementary, a 7-8 grade concept for middle school and a 9-12 for high school.

If that concept were followed, then an alternative plan could be developed that would only require a new elementary school, where the growth is greatest, and some additional minor remodeling of other buildings.

It may even be able to present a building program to the voters that would cost about \$4 million.

We don't know exactly who presented the idea of the concept the board is thinking of following, but we suspect it came from administrators, not the people on the committee who will have to pay for it.

Sure, it all sounds great, but so does winning the lottery with a single ticket bought last week.

It isn't going to happen unless the board changes the concept.

# Letters

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# Remembrances



Boyne City's old clock tower stood for many years about where the present Co-op is located today. The tower was torn down in the 50s and was stored for many years before it found a place in front of the Northwestern State Bank in Boyne City. The clock is main-

tained frequently by retired police chief John Talboys. This picture was taken by City Clerk Tom Garlock many years ago, when he was working as a cub reporter for the Boyne Citizen, now called the Charlevoix County Press.

# Jottings

WITH JIM SILBAR

It seems like everybody wanted to say something about former police chief John Talboys last Sunday at a special roast given in his honor, but I couldn't think of a thing bad, awful, or irresponsible to say about the man myself.

I just think it's better to be discrete when you are dealing with the police, because they have a way of getting even, even if they are in retirement.

So I thought and thought of something I could do to help the man remember some of the things he has been involved with in the community and even that, I thought it would embarrass him if all of the stuff he did was announced to the 200 or so people attending the event.

Then it hit me, the man likes to repair clocks. It seems an almost perfect hobby for someone who has always had the time to discuss matters over coffee at the round table, or who looked slightly sideways at some of the football pools the group was involved with at the time.

I thought I could just find an old clock, and I might still, take it all apart, and give it to him in a Glen's bag to put back together.

But after looking through all of my stuff gathered through the years, I couldn't find a clock. Sure, I found an old electronic watch that stopped functioning long ago, but if John is a little like me, it is the challenge of seeing something put back together run, that makes life interesting.

Both he and I like something mechanical, not electronic. Me, I like popcorn machines and old engines, even though I don't have any. John likes almost anything

mechanical old or new.

I fully expect to see him someday going around town just fixing up anything that has wheels

and gears and makes noise when it runs. The noise could be anything from a whirr to a bang.

It doesn't really matter to folks

like John, it is the fact that it can be taken apart, put back together and still run that makes the challenge all worth while.

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## County Health Department has radon kits available for residents

Much attention has recently focused on the risk of ionizing radiation exposure from radon that occurs in indoor environments. To allay concerns and to provide assistance to homeowners, the health department has recently obtained radon test kits. The test kits can be purchased at each county office.

Radon is a radioactive gas produced in the natural decay of uranium. Uranium is a mineral which is everywhere in the earth's crust, although irregularly distributed. Most soils and rocks contain uranium, particularly granite, shale, and phosphate.

Radon gas diffuses through the soil and can seep out into the atmosphere. Radon is usually diluted to insignificant levels in outside air; however, the gas can accumulate within an enclosed space, such as a home. Although a solid, thick foundation of concrete can impede the diffusion of radon, it readily enters homes through cracks in concrete floors and walls, dirt floors, cinder blocks, and openings for pipes and drains. Radon gas and its decay products can become trapped in the lungs when inhaled and then irradiate lung tissue. Exposure to elevated levels of radon has been casually linked to the development of lung cancer.

Measurements of radon gas concentration are tested under closed house conditions and reported in picocuries per liter (pCi/L). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recommended that the annual average of radon levels in homes not exceed 4 pCi/L. Some health risk is thought to remain at this level, but reductions below this level may be impossible or at least very difficult to achieve.

Our awareness of high indoor levels of radon from natural deposits of uranium is relatively recent. At present, we are unable to accurately predict which homes have elevated levels. In February 1989, Michigan Department of Public Health report made the recommendations that all homeowners should measure for radon in their homes to determine if a potential problem exists. It is for this reason District Health Department No. 3 is again making available the purchase of radon kits.

Home radon testing is now commercially available. The county health department can provide a list of approved laboratories or a homeowner can purchase a radon test kit from the health department for \$10. A partial listing of laboratories can be found, along with the information on radon testing and control methods, in the July, 1987 Consumer Reports. Health department staff can provide assistance on interpreting a homeowners test results. They also can provide help on methods to reduce radon exposure in a home.

Environmental Protection Agency booklets on radon in homes as a public health concern and methods of radon reduction are available from the health department. The reduction of radon accumulation can be effected by sealing entry points for the gas and improving ventilation in the lower levels of buildings. Air purifiers, or filtering devices, provide little or no benefit in the reduction of radon gas in homes.

Please contact your county health department office at Emmet County (616) 347-6014; Charlevoix County (616) 547-6523; Otsego County (517) 732-1794; and Antrim County (616) 533-8807 if you desire to purchase a radon test kit (\$10). If you have further questions, please contact the county environmental sanitarian.

## EJ volleyball win streak stopped

BY MARGARET WORGESS

The Devils' volleyball streak was stopped at five games when the East Jordan girls ran into a hard working team called Harbor Springs. The Devilettes put up a good fight until the end for the four games that make up a match.

In the first game, the Devils started out close with a two point lead, lengthened it by one until the Harbor girls tied the score up, and from that point on, it was all Rams as they went on to win 15-9.

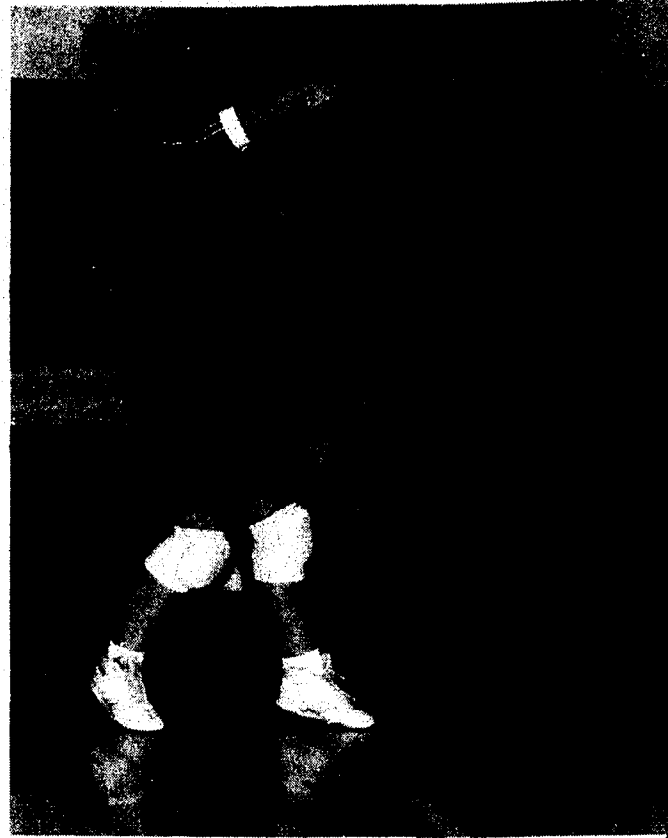
The second game saw a see-saw battle between the two teams, with East Jordan finally coming out on top 16-14.

The third game was even closer with the two teams matching point for point, until Harbor hit for six points in a row to take the win 15-11.

The last game was also close with the scoring again tying many times until Harbor got the ball with the game tied at 11-11 and went on to score four points for the win.

The junior varsity also lost but played an outstanding game with the Rams taking the first game, the Devils the second and the Rams back from the third. Thursday, the team met up with a strong Kalkaska team and lost again. Jen Stark was the top server, Denise Shea was the leader on offense, while Buffy Kooyer led the team on defense.

The first game was the closest of the three as the Devilettes tried to match the strong team, only getting six points to Kalkaska's 15. It was almost the same in the second, winning 15-3 and dominating the third game 15-2 over the Devils. The jayvee team also lost to Kalkaska.



This unidentified volleyball player on the East Jordan team returns a ball cleanly up to the line setting up a perfect spike on the opponents. The team had a five game winning streak come to an end last week against Harbor Springs and Kalkaska. Photo by Margaret Worgess.

## Devilettes get 5th win

BY MARGARET WORGESS

The Lady Devils stretched their winning streak to five in a row after defeating Central Lake last week with the first game being close, 19-17, the second game going to the Lakers and coming back in the third game to take with them a 15-2 win, and finishing out the

match with another win 15-11.

Top setter for the Devilettes was Denise Shea and the top server was Heather Shank. Barbara Lercel led the offense.

The Jayvee team also took a much needed win defeating Central Lake 15-1 for the first game and 15-3 for the second.

## Bowling Scores

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## Bonding proposal

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as to what they want the voters to approve for the students.

In other board action, they approved a Michigan Health Model Curriculum for the fifth and sixth grades, approved the annual non-renewal of contracts for the Community Education Director and the Chapter One Director, and agreed to sell some unused or obsolete

## Taxes

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either up or down, she added.

Businesses and industrial notices are going to be sent out sometime this week she hoped.

Specifically, in Ward One, there was no significant change in the land values, while the ECF went from 1.02 percent to 1.03 percent. In Ward Two, there was also no significant land value change but the ECF factor went from 1.07 to 1.17 percent. In Ward Three, there was no real land value change, while the factor went from 1.11 to 1.14 percent. In Ward Four there was significant change in lakefront properties and this year the ECF factors were split ranging from 1.22 on up to 2.31 percent.

The factors are multiplied with the assessment to determine what the resident will have their taxes based upon.

Blanchard said that fixing up your homestead doesn't necessarily mean you will see an increase in taxes, but recommended residents to file with the department a form, number 4293, which helps keep maintenance and repairs off the tax roles. Those forms will be available at City Hall said Randy Frykberg.

In comparison to the county averages, Blanchard said the commercial properties were set at 5.82 percent, the industrial at 1.45 percent and the residential at 7.69 for a county average of 6.3 percent.

## With the courts

### DISTRICT COURT

Judge Harvey C. Varnum recently heard the following cases in Charlevoix District Court:

Dennis L. Beal, 32, East Jordan, unlawful blood alcohol level. \$490 fine and costs, 180 days' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, nine months' probation, court referral program, and 10 days in county jail with credit for two days served; eight days held in abeyance.

Beth Ann Louise Spearman, 20, Boyne City, writing non-sufficient funds check under \$50. \$105 fine and costs or time on county work program and restitution to injured party.

Brian T. Snyder, 18, Boyne City, larceny under \$100. \$155 fine and costs or 15 days on county work program.

Harold A. Herriman, 22, Charlevoix, operating motor vehicle without insurance. \$305 fine and costs.

Gerald E. Ondrias, 35, Charlevoix, operating motor vehicle without insurance. \$305 fine and costs.

Gordon J. Shomin, 61, Petoskey, being drunk and disorderly person and retail fraud, second degree. Ten days in county jail with credit for five days served.

Shawn M. Norton, 19, East Jordan, larceny under \$100. \$95 fine and costs or three days on county work program and restitution to injured party.

Burt A. Seibold, 27, Dearborn, impaired driving, \$350 fine and costs, 90 days' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, six months' probation, court referral program, and three days in county jail with credit for one day served; two days held in abeyance.

Mary R. Thuss, 34, Charlevoix, impaired driving, \$330 fine and costs, 90 days' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, nine months' probation, court referral program, and three days in county jail with credit for one day served; two days held in abeyance.

John D. Judkins, 21, Boyne City operating motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, three counts. \$590 fine and costs, one year's suspension of driver's license without restricted license, two year's probation, court referral program, and 60 days in county jail with credit for three days served.

Christopher G. Rauszer, 30, Boyne Falls, impaired driving. Driver's license revoked for one year and 365 days in county jail with credit for three days served.

items at the annual school booster auction.

Also approved were purchases of some new computer equipment, a multi-media lab for the high school media center, and the replanting of trees along M-75 as requested by the Michigan Department of Transportation. They also approved the retirement resignation of Vic Ayers effective August 31 and authorized a new mechanic to start June 1 to overlap with summer maintenance of the bus fleet.

They also agreed to join an alternative program for school-age parents with East Jordan heading up the consortium.

The board then ratified teacher and support staff contracts before going into an executive session for other personnel contract negotiations.

## In Service

Navy Seaman Jeffrey D. Waldron, son of David L. Waldron of East Jordan, MI, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During Waldron's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

His studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He is a 1986 graduate of Petoskey High School.

## East Jordan Middle School Honor Roll

### 6th Grade

**SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST**  
Nikki Courser, Thor Leach, Dayle Looze, Larry MacEachern, Kevin McNeil, Tabitha Staley.

### HONOR ROLL

Jeanett Baker, Nick Bolser, Mike Carr, Doug Carter, Kayla Fennell, Miki Ford, Nathan Gagnon, Angela Goebel, Tina

Greenman, Ann Hettig, Matt Ingalls, Debra Jankowski, Nathan Kenny, Kylee Krause, Kurt LaBeau, Steve Lamb, Sara Malpass, Jim Malpass, Jorel McCoy, Sarah Meads, Theresa Moses, Ross Omland, Luke Pennington, Jessica Poss, Melissa Rebec, Rob Reid, Jim Smith, Tabitha Staley, Shane Swan, Kelly Woodard, Kenny Young.

### 7th Grade

**SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST**  
Dawn Meads, Josiah Middaugh.

### HONOR ROLL

Kristi Bennett, Amelia Fleming, Charissa Gulotta, Jason Hillman, Brendan Ingalls, Angie Inman, Mandy McKenzie, Andrew Otis, Johanna Schiemann, Angie Snyder, Lisa Spaulding.

### 8th Grade

**SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST**  
Cathy King

### HONOR ROLL

Angie Allen, Ben Banfield, Kevin Bavers, Cathy Bowerman, Kori Danforth, Matt Dietrich, Bob Donnellan, Jennifer Dunson, Steve Goebel, Jenny Harris, Courtney Kinner, Heather MacNaughton, Angie Massey, Alicia McCoy, Yaro Middaugh, Cathy Mills, Sarah Nyland, Callie Ransom, Karl Redmer, Angie Reid, Mandy Reid, Jake Ryan, Matt Sherman, Deb Staley, Angie Thorman, Solomon Townsend, Julie Wisner, A.O. Wood, Tom Worgess.

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