

Boyne City, Boyne Falls take District Championships

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Boyne City basketball players gathered at center court to congratulate themselves after taking their second District Tournament victory in as many years. The team was quickly surrounded by gracious fans who wanted part of the celebration.



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Boyne City unveils \$3.7 million budget

Saying Boyne City continues to be a progressive, exciting "Community of Excellence" and he was optimistic toward the future of the community, City Manager Randy Frykberg unveiled the 1991-92 fiscal year budget to the City Commissioners at the Tuesday evening meeting.

The budget calls for the city to spend \$3,702,523 this coming year, once the inter-fund transfers are subtracted from the expenditures. The budget request will reduce the total city operation millage rate to 15.65 mills for property owners living within the city.

The city property taxes will only raise \$1,434,721 or a total of

20.38 mills for the entire city operation including debt retirement for the infrastructure and city hall bonds. The rest of the money the city will be using for the budget will come from state and federal funds, user fees, and grants.

This coming year the city intends to complete several major improvements for which they have committed funds already. Those include the Park Street Bridge replacement, the rebuilding of Boyne Avenue, sidewalk and pedestrian walkway at the mouth of the Boyne River, public restrooms near the river mouth, other sidewalk replacement, sewer

main work on South Park, the replacement of two fire trucks and the installation of restrooms at the minor league fields. They will also complete the repaving of North Lake Street.

On the expenditure side of the budget, the general fund will see expenditures of \$1,944,859 and include city departments of public safety (police, fire, and ambulance), general services, parks and recreation, public buildings, cemetery, contingency, street lighting insurance, legal fees, and transfers to other funds.

The Park Street Bridge replacement will account for the lions share of the street funds, \$357,936, while the state is granting \$305,000 toward that cost. Local and major street repair, maintenance and construction account for \$804,333.

The library fund is set at \$49,220 and includes \$18,500 from penal fines, \$3,600 in state aid, and the remaining funds coming from miscellaneous sources. The city's general fund will be putting \$20,000 into the operation of the library which serves the area.

The debt service fund is budgeted at \$40,409 for principal, interest and audit fees for the payoff of the city hall. Another \$190,892 will be programmed to pay off wastewater/water infrastructure bonds while \$109,574 will be spent for street debt.

The city through savings realized from infrastructure improvements is not projecting any increase in costs for the water/wastewater rates for the year, but are proposing a slight increase in the amount people will have to pay to get water service to connect to the water lines.

The motor pool funds of \$191,200 will come from billings to various departments within the city.

According to Frykberg, the total city budget works out to about \$444.28 per year for the average city household figured at \$43,800.

Frykberg said the city's challenge was to come up with a budget that is adaptable to decreasing federal and state financial aid and the public's need to have the local millage rates reduced.

He said that can be done by sound management and thorough exploration of other, more equitable revenue sources.

He thinks the city is developing a new plateau of prosperity which will support additional growth and new directions for municipal services, programs and capital projects.

He added that this is the time to look ahead, think creatively and to tap unused resources, not to dwell on the cutbacks. He said the city will have to look at old problems in new ways and apply creative solutions.

In presenting the budget, Frykberg thanked the commissioners, members of his staff for the work they provided in putting the budget together.

Frykberg added that no new members are expected to be hired to the city staff, only replacements when needed and no new major

equipment is expected to be purchased other than the two fire engines.

He concluded that although the inflation rate was over five percent, property tax collections for operations for the year will only increase 3.4 percent from the present year.

For the next several weeks, the commissioners will review portions of the budget each week at their Tuesday noon meetings and adopt the budget April 9, at the evening meeting. The fiscal year starts on May 1.

Radio thefts delay school Monday

Boyne City Schools were on a two hour delay Monday morning after it was discovered that radios were stolen over the weekend, according to school authorities.

The radios, four two channel 35 watt Johnson Mobiles were taken from the busses, and a Johnson two channel base station was taken sometime over the weekend said Boyne City Police Chief Randy Howard. He said entry to the bus garage was made through the service door.

Howard said that the department has no suspects at this time but the investigation is still continuing and the department has hopes of determining who took the items.

UHF band radios were just installed by the school system and were valued at about \$2,000.

If anyone has any information concerning this theft, they are asked to call the Boyne City Police Department at 582-6611.

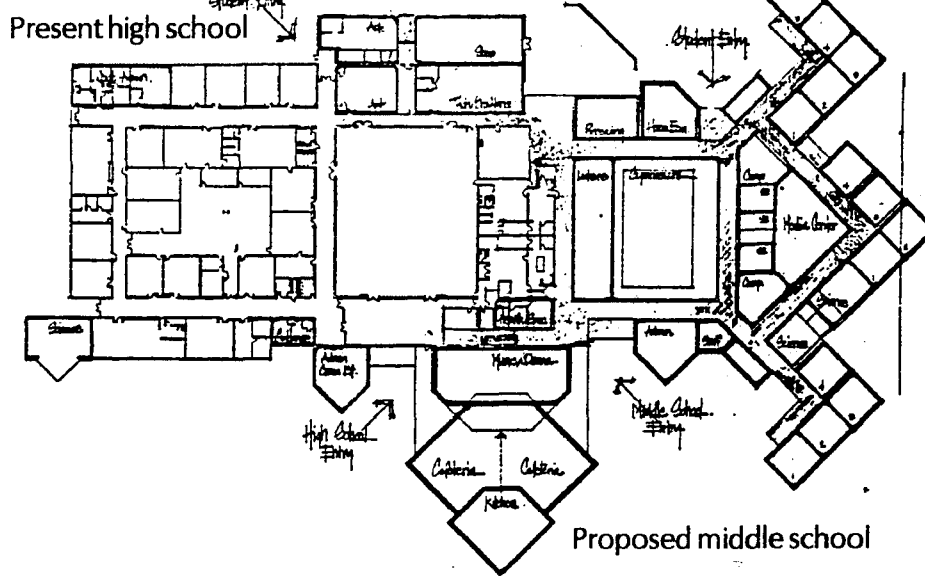
News Briefs

Lottery players in Charlevoix County won a total of \$536,948 according to State Lottery Bureau records. The winners included 342 Daily 3 ticket winners, 60 Daily 4 winners, 1,096 Lotto winners, 4,576 KENO winners, 935 Zinger winners and instant game winners.

Tickets for a fun evening are still available at the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce and at other merchants for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at One Water Street to help the Fisherman's Dock become a reality. The event will take place this Sunday, March 17, starting at 4:30 p.m. and include prizes as well as fun.

Since the snow is starting to leave, some people are already thinking about morels. A special forum on hunting them will be taking place in Lansing next Monday, starting at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln Room of the Kellogg Center on the MSU campus. John Trestrail III will be the featured speaker.

Boyne City Middle School students had some top placings in the annual Odyssey of the Minds tournaments held last week, when a team from the sixth grade came in first and two teams finished with special creative awards. The winners will be going to Central Michigan for the finals of the event.



This was the proposed floor plan of a new middle school that Boyne City voters will be asked to approve April 9 in a special election. The plan will probably be changed much over what is shown as changes and refinements are made.

BC board okays concept

Boyne City School Board members took another step in the long process of trying to determine what a new middle school floor plan would look like if the voters approve bonding the system at the April 9th election when architects and designers from the system's firm Kingscott Associates showed some preliminary conceptual drawings at the monthly school board meeting held Monday night.

The designers showed two possible plans and a potential site plan as to where and how the new building would fit into the school property on Boyne Avenue. They said each drawing had some merits and wanted board approval before going any further with drawing plans.

The site plan showed the school system getting a new bus entryway with the buses coming in off of Brockway to load and unload students. The plan also modifies the present entryway and allows student parking to be in the area between the high school and Brockway.

The two conceptual floor plans presented showed the additional school connected using square buildings rotated to appear as triangles when seen from above.

One plan is a little more spread out, but allows for more separation

of classes within the proposed school. That is the plan the board though had the most promise and told the firm to continue working on that design.

The firm hopes to have conceptual drawings completed in time to be placed around the community for residents to view.

The plan, while not final, will give someone an idea about what the school will contain and shows the traffic flow within the school for the students who will be changing classes. The sixth grade will be in one wing, while the seventh and eighth are also in separate wings.

The classrooms revolve around a media center, computer rooms and special education rooms.

The plan also shows a new cafeteria/auditorium complex that would project off the front of the building to provide two separate entries for each school.

Other additions to the high school include the building of a science room, some art and technical educational rooms and a home economics room.

The central part of the building holds a gymnasium for the middle school students that is not as big as the present gym at the high school.

Halls would connect the two buildings in only two locations to

keep the high school students from disturbing classes in the middle school.

According to the designers, the plan was based on the program needs that were worked out by the F.U.S. Committee some time ago, when they came up with the idea of building a new middle school.

The designer worked through several plans before presenting the two to the board for their review. They said that the plans were conceptual at this point and could see many changes as they are refined and reviewed.

The firm has not done any structural designs yet, hoping to have those ideas to present to the board before the upcoming election.

After reviewing both plans, Renate Smith told the board members that she likes the idea of having the separate pods of classrooms for the students, an idea that was concurred with by several teachers who were in attendance at the board meeting.

In other action, the board approved a new social skills teaching curriculum that has been developed during the past several months for the elementary school.

The concepts explained in the new curriculum involve teaching

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Letters

Needs help compiling records

Editor:
Recently I have been involved in an independent research project which entails the gathering and compilation of B.C.H.S. athletic awards, championships, records, All-State honors, etc.
Through records, yearbooks, etc. I have gathered the following material with as much accuracy as research items will allow. If your readers know of any deletions, corrections, additions, that they would care to share with me to

update my list it would be greatly appreciated.
Anyone with valid information should contact Eric Smith at Boyne City High School, 1025 Boyne Ave., Boyne City, MI., or call the high school (562-6587).
This information needs to be gathered by May 8, 1991 in order to meet a publishing deadline. The goal of this project is to produce a pamphlet which will contain these assorted records, etc.

Eric Smith

Dust settling? Bill collector coming to get his share

Editor:
When the dust has settled and the hysterical glorification of the war in the Gulf has quieted and the flags furled and the ribbons gone from the scene, just what can we expect from our Great White Father in Washington? Well - I'll tell you what you good, loyal, red blooded all-American Bushites can expect. You can expect that old friend the bill-collector to come tapping on your door.
Your share of the bill amounts to about \$1,000.00 for each and every wage earner in the country. We can't let George pick up the tab can we, even if it was his own war. It could be much higher if our good buddies in the Gulf decide to renege.
Now I wonder just how many of you enthusiastic supporters are going to enthusiastically come up with a thousand bucks without a

whimper. Tell you what, let's start a club of devoted war lovers with an entry fee of \$1,000 and have the dues high enough to cover the costs of replenishing our depleted arsenals and paying for the veterans' benefits that are so sure to come along soon. Just make your check payable to the U.S. Treasury and send it on to me. I'll see to it that you get the proper recognition for it and I will personally kiss George Bush' backside on the White House steps at high-noon, the good Lord and George willing, for every valid check I receive. We could have nice red, white and blue ribbons that make a symbolic statement that says we made the supreme sacrifice and paid for our share of the war.

Everett K. Sayles
Boyne City

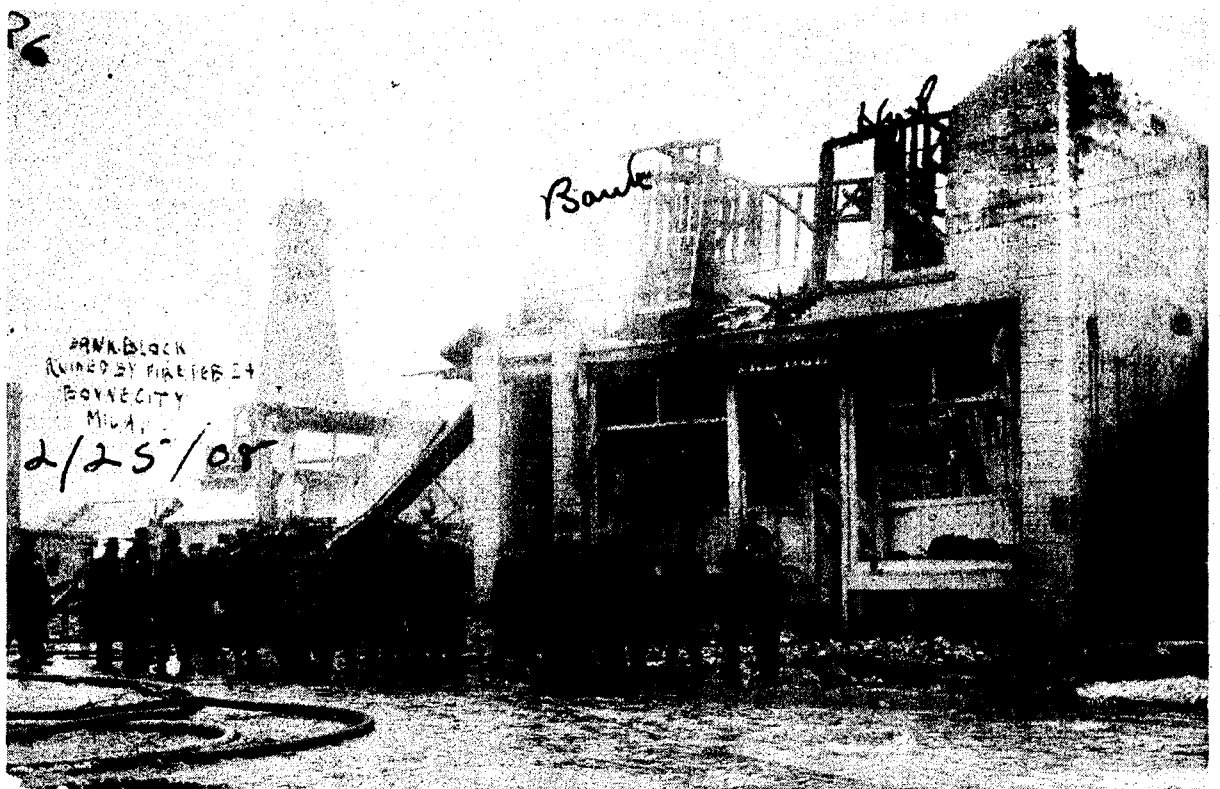
Hospice thanks Eta Nu for Lights of Love

Editor:
The Charlevoix County Hospice would like to take this opportunity to thank Eta Nu Sorority, Beta Sigma Phi of Boyne City, for their very generous check of \$1825.00. For the past four years Eta Nu has sponsored the Lights of Love. Individuals purchase lights or a Heart Ornament that are on a beautiful tree in front of Stafford's One Water Street Restaurant in Boyne City. These are purchased in Memory Of, or To Honor.
There are some very dedicated people who work hard each year to make this work and we want to give them very SPECIAL THANKS!! First Jim Rowley who found the beautiful tree, cut it and then put it up in front of One Water Street. Special thanks to the folks who put the lights, bows and ornaments on the tree - Pat

and Andy Poineau, Liz and Mike Huff, Jill and Jim Rowley, and Sheri Rhoades. Thanks to Lynn Osterbeck who did the calligraphy on the Heart Ornaments.
A Very Special Thanks to One Water Street for again having the tree in front of their beautiful restaurant; the Memory Board in the Lobby; and keeping the tree lit for December and part of January.
Special thanks to Lillian Holm and Pat Poineau who addressed all the thank you cards to those who purchased lights and ornaments.
And THANKS to all who purchased lights and ornaments. We do pray you received great comfort each time you saw the lighted tree!

Margaret E. Lasater
Executive Director
Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc.

Remembrances



Fires were common back in the early days of Boyne City. This picture shows the aftermath of a fire which destroyed a bank and several other stores on the corner where the Ben Franklin store is

located today. This was years before Boyne City Fire Department purchased their first fire engine and pump, which might have changed the landscape of the city by saving many of the structures.

Jottings

WITH JIM SILBAR

Now that the war is over and the troops are starting to return home, I am wondering not what will be done to ensure the peace of the territory, or how they are going to contain Saddam or any of that stuff.
I figure that I can't do anything about them, other than watch the television and write letters to my congressman. They will have to make the final decision about what the United Nations can or should do, not a lowly writer for a weekly newspaper in northern Michigan.
No, what I am wondering about is this...
With John Wayne now dead, and him being the All-American Hero of many war movies, like Vietnam, Grenada, Korea, World War II and the like, and with him portraying Red Adair who probably has been hired to put out some of the oil well fires, who is going to replace him as a movie time hero?

I asked that question to several over the last week and this is what they said.
"This war story should be portrayed by Tom Cruise, after all, he starred in "Top Gun" and the real story of this war is the air force and all that they did," said one casual observer.

Another jumped in and said Arnold Swartzenegger should do it, as he has made a lot of action type of movies with lots of shooting and such. Another said that the movie moguls should bring Rambo out of retirement and send him on a mission to save the world from the threat of Saddam.

Several other people were named, but they were all lesser lights and I can't remember who they are.

But taking each one at a time, I wonder if Cruise could do it. Sure, he flew a mean plane and probably is cocky enough to be able to pull something like a movie hero off, but what would be the real story line of the movie? Just flying around and blowing up tanks doesn't mean much to the average person who is against seeing gore and violence.

Rambo could possibly play the role of the General Swartzkoff, but even he is too much into violence, shooting off his weapons at random without aiming.

Swartzkoff was a thinking man and as such, he played out the war in his mind and gave the orders for much of the action on the ground. He probably hasn't shot a rifle sin-

ce he last had to qualify to wear a medal.

So Rambo is out.
One person suggested a Charles Bronson type, another said Clint Eastwood would be the man.

But I wonder about all of them.
This was a funny war for Hollywood to come up with some game plan. Oh, I am sure they will and it will be on the wide screen maybe as early as this summer, while the war is still fresh in everybody's mind.

In fact, I would just bet my last nickle some Hollywood type is trying to write a script right now.

The only problem is, he is going to write about some journalist who made the mistake of getting involved when he should have been out of harms way.

He will be the hero and he could have almost anyone in Hollywood

portray his problem, along with the other three men.

And what could be done about a leading lady? With the rules of the Muslim World, as I understand it, the women are almost like second class citizens and probably would not be able to show any of their

skin, including the face.

So a love interest would be out of the flick, too.

That probably leaves very little for the writers to write about and maybe that is the best idea of all.

After all, reliving the war is not fun for anything, not even a movie.



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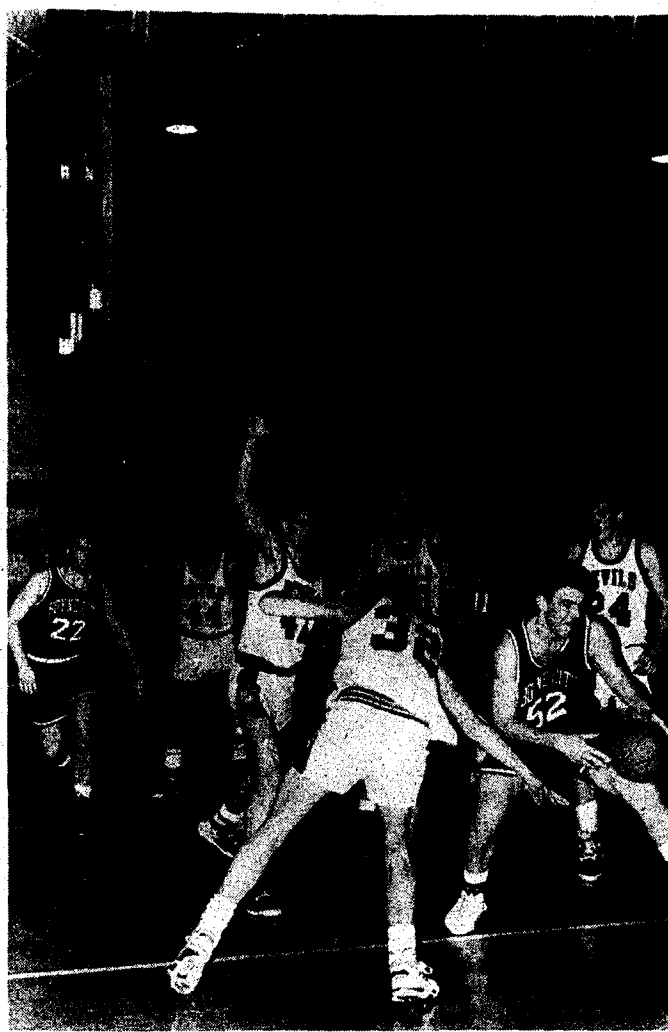
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Boyne boys take second District victory



Boyne's Jason Joles gathers in a loose ball during the game against the East Jordan Red Devils. Joles played a great game to help the team win by causing turnovers and steals.

"It's two more than I ever had before," said Boyne City Rambler basketball coach Rob Neu as he went down the row of players on the team congratulating them for their outstanding efforts of the season so far.

The congratulations were short lived though as the team is still in tournament play after beating East Jordan last Friday, to take a District title 59-54. Next Wednesday, the team will travel to Grayling for their first game of the regional tournament play against Rogers City.

The game started with Boyne

working up a 14-8 point lead in the first quarter, a lead the team never relinquished through the whole game. East Jordan had a terrible time hitting the basket in the first quarter, only getting two of 14 attempts at the basket. The defensive play of the Ramblers, tournament veterans now, caused the Devils to change their defensive tactics back to a zone type.

Mike Mont was probably the cause of the change as he hit for eight straight points in the first quarter.

But if there was one outside influence that helped create the flow

of the game, it was the tournament experience of the Ramblers left over from last year.

The team headed off rally attempts by the Devils several times, as they maintained the lead throughout the game, only allowing the Devils to come within three points.

The play of the Smith boys and others kept the team alive as they worked together to keep control of the game.

A cold fourth quarter was the only part of the Boyne play that was not up to par, as the team hit for six of 17 in shooting.

But two three point shots by Eric Smith put the game on ice in the closing seconds and Kevin

Smith pulled down a rebound to keep the ball for Boyne.

Eric Smith was held to only eight points in the first half of play, but added 11 more in the second half, including two 3-pointers. He ended up putting 19 more points in the scoring book by the end of the game.

Smith was followed by his brother Kevin, who hit for 14, while Mont had 12 and Joe Jankowski had 10. Other scoring included Mattson with three and Jason Joles with three.

For East Jordan, Ross Miller hit for 12, Andy Malpass with 10, Pete Inman with eight, Chris Ciszewski with seven, Steve Poole with four, Kris Snyder had five.

Loggers take first win in 10 years

It was run, run, run and finally run the opposition over, as Boyne Falls took their first District Championship in 10 years last Friday, after defeating Vanderbilt 78-69.

The week started with a Logger win when they just slipped by Gaylord St. Marys by one point to make it to the final in district play. The team then watched Vanderbilt take their win to set up the match.

The observation must have helped with the game plan as the scrambling type of play just tired out Vandy in the fourth quarter and allowed the Loggers to clinch the title.

Vandy started out taking a five point lead, but that was the most

they could get for the evening as the well balanced attack of the Loggers started working against the Yellowjackets. The quick pace of the game caused the Loggers to work up a quick six points to bring the game close and the two traded baskets for the next five minutes of the quarter.

They were tied at 17-17 when Doug Bearss hit for two points and the lead.

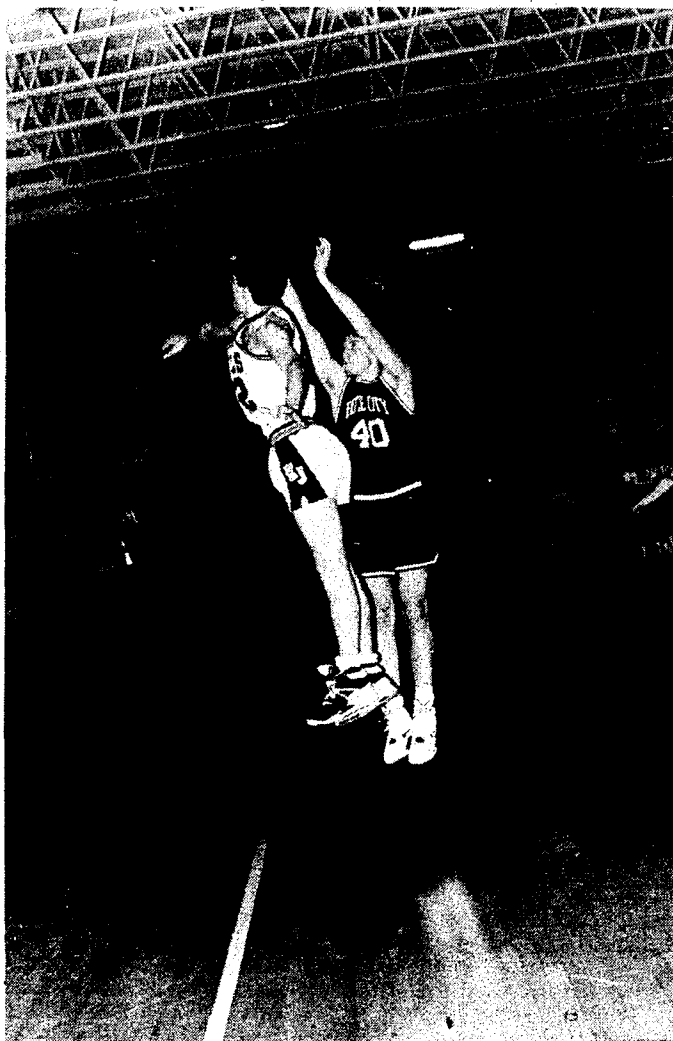
In the second quarter, the Loggers extended the lead to 10 points with good scoring efforts by Chad Hanes and Jim Matelski.

A short run by Vandy in the third quarter tried to close the gap but continual scoring by the Loggers kept the team on top.

The fourth period was the downfall for the Yellowjackets as they just plain ran out of gas and couldn't keep up with the Logger attack. The final score ended up with the Loggers taking 11 more points than Vandy.

Scoring honors were balanced throughout the team with both Joe Westbrook and Chad Hanes hitting for 14 points, Mike Matelski 15, and Bearss 15.

The next game for the Loggers will be at Cheboygan, where they will be facing Pickford tonight. Game time is 6:30 p.m.



Eric Smith takes a shot over a defending East Jordan player in the final game of the Districts. Boyne went on to win 59-54 thanks to this three point effort.

BC team makes good on coach's promise against Charlevoix

It took a promise by the coach, and impressive play in overtime, but the Boyne City Ramblers took the third game they have played against Charlevoix last Wednesday, with a 79-73 overtime win to put the team into the finals of district action.

That, and a 41 point effort by senior Eric Smith, that is.

Smith hit the last several of those points in the closing minutes of the game, including a dunk to let the Ramblers take control after playing comeback ball for most of the game.

Charlevoix jumped out in front from the starting toss-up and it took a while for the Ramblers to find the mark on the basket rim. They overcame a 13 point deficit in the last 12 minutes of play before a large crowd of fans who cheered them on.

Smith's play during the game was excellent as he created a lot of his scores by causing the other team to make mistakes. In this case, Smith put those Charlevoix fouls on the Boyne scoreboard as he converted 11 of 12 free throw attempts.

It looked like the Rayders were going to win after they dominated play for the first three quarters of the game, but foul troubles caused the match-up to become even and eventually, all owed Boyne to make up the deficit to take the lead.

But Charlevoix made several attempts to keep the score even as the final buzzer sounded.

In the overtime, Smith took control after missing a couple of attempts. He then thundered in for a rare dunk to allow the team to

take the lead. That effort was followed up by brother Kevin Smith, who drove in for a bucket. Eric Smith then drew a foul on an offensive rebound and sank two free throws. Boyne then dominated the boards and did not allow the Rayders to score, pulling away from the line with additional free throws.

Smith led the field with his 41 points for the Rambler to lead them into the district finals against East Jordan.

East Jordan takes Harbor for first win

It was almost a first. In fact, it was the first time since East Jordan turned into a class C size school that they reached a spot in the finals of district tournament play last Tuesday, when they defeated Harbor Springs by a single point 54-53 to earn a spot in the finals on Friday.

It was the defensive effort of the team that put them there, Coach Kurt Lundgren said after the game. The team has been playing good defensive ball for the last few games of the regular season and it improved their tournament chances.

Harbor had several chances to take the lead and the win, but was confronted by that strong defense and thwarted each time in the closing seconds of the match-up.

The two teams played hard throughout the game and the lead was never more than a spread of seven points during the closely fought game.

Making the most of the game, Pete Inman scored 20 points, most from the baseline to lead the scoring for the Devils, followed by Ross Miller with nine, Steve Poole and Chris Ciszewski each with eight.

Last concert set for Cheboygan Opera House

The Cheboygan Area Arts Council is pleased to announce the last concert of the 1990-91 Concert Series. On Saturday, March 16, 1990 the Arts Council will present West Side Winds in concert at The Opera House at 8 p.m.

BC based chefs heading to Sun Valley after Grand Marnier wins

Several Boyne City based chefs who can ski did very well over the weekend, and will be going out west to race again in the finals of the Grand Marnier Chefs Ski races that were held last Sunday at Boyne Highlands.

Taking a first place in the men's 23 to 35 year-old bracket, was John Battiste, of the Station House in Boyne City, while a first place in the men's 46-55 year-old bracket went to Fred Lehto, skiing for Lena's Wine Cellar in Boyne City.

In the women's races, Bethany

Reyoir, skiing for the Station House took the 21 to 30 year-old division.

The races, held yearly for the past several years, are designed to

get the skiing chefs out of their kitchens for a fun day of skiing. As part of the program, over \$5,000 was raised to benefit Michigan Chefs Against Hunger.



East Jordan's Pete Inman adds to his 20 points in the win against Harbor Springs to start off the first win for the team in tournament play in years.

EJ takes last regular season game with win

BY JENNIFER BURR

East Jordan hosted Gaylord St. Mary's on Tuesday for their last home game of the season, and came out with a victory of 53-51.

The Devils began the game a little weak, trailing in the first quarter 12-10, and in the second quarter 36-26.

Coming back after the half East Jordan gave the Snowbirds a run for their money. They only trailed by one point with a score of 42-41.

During the fourth quarter, it was a flip-flop game, a basket for the Snowbirds, a basket for the Devils, a basket for the Snowbirds, it kept you hanging on.

Leading scorer for the victorious Red Devils was Dave Patton with nine, followed closely by Kris Snyder, Pete Inman, and Chris Ciszewski, all with eight. Steve Poole lead the team with four assists.

Top rebounders for East Jordan was Inman with nine.

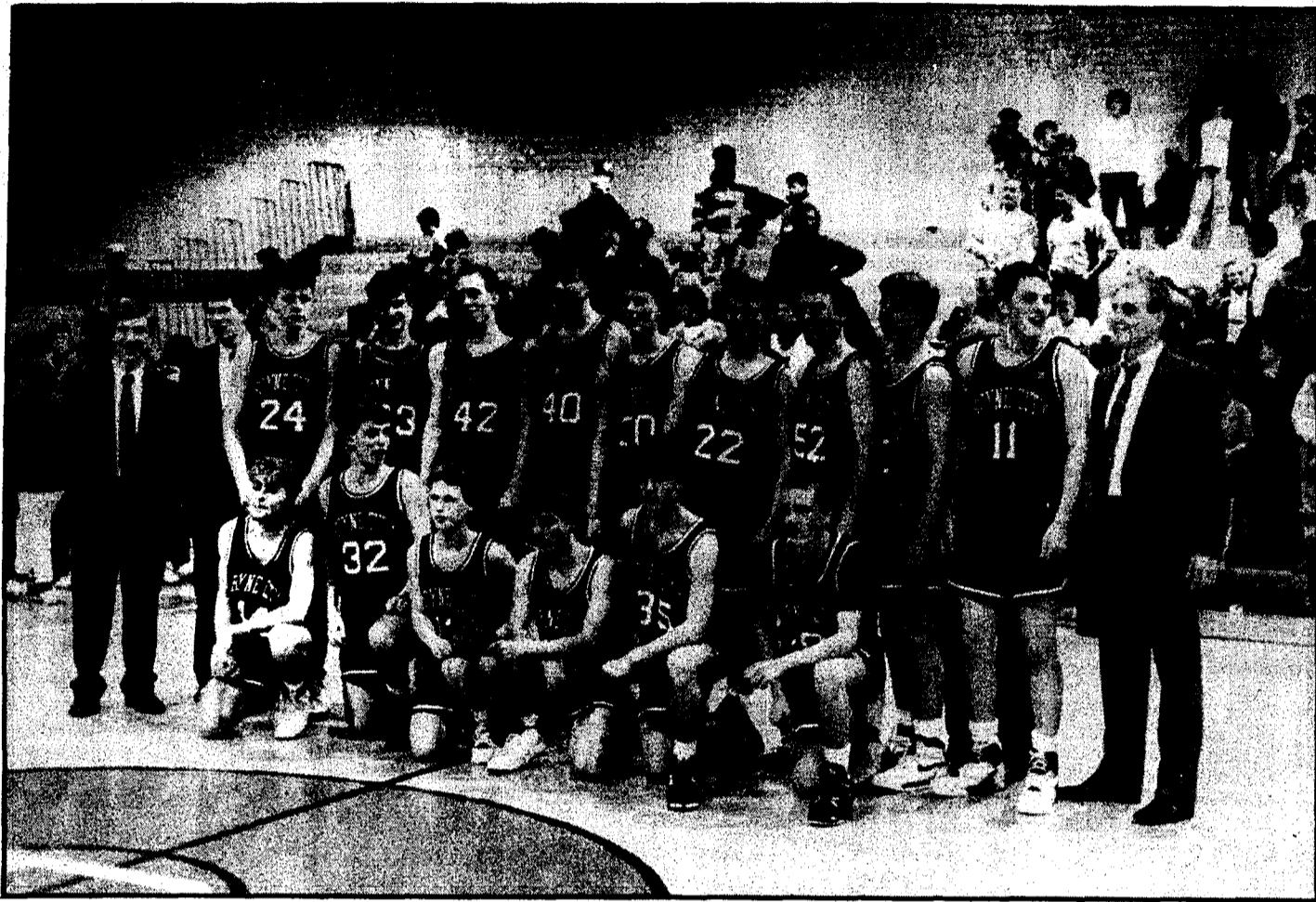
East Jordan connected on 22 baskets, including one three-pointer, made 13 fouls, and were eight for 12 from the free throw line.



Smith hit for 41 points against Charlevoix in the first game the Boyne City Ramblers played in the District tourney, shooting over Charlevoix's Dan Torryberry (41) as Boyne City's Joe Jankowski gets into position for the rebound.

BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS

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 The Station House

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