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BOYNE CITY TRIED TO HAVE SCHOOL, BUT THEN CALLED IT OFF

Icy roads too slick for buses

No matter how many correct calls you make, it's the last one everyone remembers.

In the past seven years as transportation supervisor for the Boyne City School District, Joe Howie has made numerous decisions on whether or not roads in the school district were safe for school.

Everyone one of those decisions has been correct. Until Monday morning.

After Sunday night's and Monday morning's rain and snow storm, parents, students and staff were listening to the radio early Monday to see if Boyne City Schools

were open.

Listening to the long list, they heard Boyne Falls, East Jordan, Charlevoix, Petoskey, Concord Academy Boyne — every school in northwestern Michigan except Boyne City — were closed.

Howie's decision to run buses turned out to be a mistake, his first, he said, in seven years.

"It's not an easy decision," Howie said. "We don't take this lightly. It's one bad call in seven years."

Fortunately, there were no injuries to students or bus drivers, or any damage to any of the 13 buses in the

district's fleet.

It wasn't long after buses started to roll Monday around 7 a.m. that they started to encounter problems on the icy back roads in the district.

Despite rumors that upwards of half the district's buses slid off the road, Howie said only three "couldn't move" because of the ice and none of the three had any students riding at the time. "We had no problems on buses with kids on them," he said.

The decision to close school, Howie said, was made between 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. and at that time only 40 stu-

dents had been picked up. "With empty buses we decided now was the time to change our minds."

The decision on whether or not to run the buses is Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny's, but it is Howie who drives the roads to determine if they are safe to travel.

Howie said he leaves about 4:30 a.m. and drives approximately 42 miles during his road check. His route takes him from the bus garage at the elementary school to Hull Street, to Marshall Street, to Wilson Road, to the

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It could be a blast without the snow

By JANE BROCK

There was no school Monday due to freezing rain, but still not much in the way of snow. Die-hard snowmobilers were seen riding in mud last weekend, the whisper of snow that fell having inspired them to get out. The first week of '98 has looked like a November week in Northern Michigan — wet and grey.

Still, the Sno-Blast in East Jordan is gearing up for its big weekend, and the event planners' spirits do not seem to have suffered. If Keith and Lynn Bulmann can parade their winter theme float through festival after festival in the heat of summer, what is going to stop them from Grand Marshaling their favorite parade now? Not a thing.

Starting Friday, Jan. 16, and going through Sunday the 18th, the East Jordan Sno-Blast promises events enough to keep the entire family busy, and to perk up the most seasonally challenged of us all.

Of course every day involves

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That's the question on everyone's mind. The calendar says early January, but you can't tell by the wet, gray days that have dominated the weather the past few weeks. The only place you'll find snow is on the slopes of Boyne Mountain, while the countryside below is brown.

WHERE'S WINTER?



Roast & Toast will leave its doors open until midnight on Fridays as an alternative place for teenagers.

ROAST & TOAST OPENING FRIDAY NIGHTS

Coffee brewing late for area teens

Cafe Latte. Cappuccino. Espresso.

Now area youth can enjoy these European versions of coffee until midnight on Fridays at Roast & Toast, Boyne City's coffee house. The extended hours will give area teens an alternative, late-night hang-out.

Skiing gets expensive. And malls, arcades and dance clubs are inaccessible to most. The only other establishments open late are restaurants and bars.

"We go to Glen's and look at magazines," said 17-year-old Boyne City resident Katie Kujawski, an employee of Roast & Toast. "There's not much to do at night," she said. Her friends agreed, adding that they go to a friend's house, watch movies or just hang out.

"Teenagers want to have fun and be together," said Roast & Toast owner Sandy Duley. She and friend Becky Voice were inspired to organize the late-nights by a similar activity in Petoskey.

"Staying open for the teens on Fridays was the most natural thing to do," said Duley who employs a number of area youth. She will offer discounted beverages to the under-18 crowd.

"Students can already be found at the shop on Sundays doing homework," Voice said. A mother of four, she said her two oldest children didn't have a place like this to go to. She will be assisting Duley with the logistics for the evenings.

Boyne City teens enjoying a cup of java is in keeping with their counterparts in larger metropolitan areas such as Detroit. Down there, hip Royal Oak boasts five coffee houses in a six-block radius. Teens can be spotted in those cafes, without parents or younger siblings hanging around.

Stacy Amesbury, a 17-year old friend and co-worker to Kujawski, said her favorite coffee drink is a turtle mocha, "which is steamed chocolate milk with praline and caramel flavorings and a shot of

espresso." Many teens sip this much-sweeter version of coffee, while the stronger brews such as espresso and cappuccino have a smaller following with the young adults. Scones, biscotti and bagels are standard snacking-fare.

"This is way overdue," said Pat O'Brien, vice president of the Boyne City Boosters and father of two daughters. "It's a much needed community thing for the kids and makes a good statement for the town."

The coffee-house provides a smoke- and alcohol-free environment where kids can just hang-out or even get a little creative. Duley said she will offer 'open-mike' nights and encourages kids to bring in their guitars, to sing and to use their imagination.

"We welcome any suggestions," said Duley, who wants Friday nights at Roast & Toast to be a place where teenagers feel comfortable coming.

Red Devils vs. Ramblers: That says it all

By CHRIS WINKLER

The intense rivalry between East Jordan and Boyne City is no secret, as any northern Michigan high school basketball fan could tell you.

That matchup will take center stage next Tuesday, Jan. 13 as the Red Devils and Ramblers face off in Boyne, in the teams' first meeting of the season.

Rambler coach Kevin Fitzpatrick recalls that over the last three years, the series record has been 5-4, in favor of East Jordan.

"We have met nine times over the last three years," Fitzpatrick said, "and it seems that every other time the game has come down to the last shot."

"This rivalry goes back a long way before

"What we've seen in the last couple of years is two good programs with good players playing hard. And the outcome as we all know has been dramatic."

--Del Ingalls, EJ head coach

Kevin or myself were coaches," said Fitzpatrick's cousin and Red Devil coach Del Ingalls.

"What we've seen in the last couple of years is two good programs with good players playing hard. And the outcome as we all know has been dramatic."

Last season was no exception. In their first match-up, Boyne's Jesse Belford hit a jumper at the final buzzer to win the game. Just a few weeks later, Red Devil Ryan Antaya drilled a buzzer beating shot to pull out a one-point East Jordan win. Boyne City then came out on top in a defense-dominated game in the district final, 50-38.

Both squads return a number of last year's dominant players. Jason Rozycki, Bill Case, Belford, and Matt Johncheck have consistently been putting up big numbers for Boyne. For the Red Devils, Parke Bluhm, Scott Haley, and Matt Shaw

have led the way and will look to do the same against the Ramblers.

"Boyne City has a very balanced attack with many offensive weapons," said Ingalls. "They like to push the ball up and down the floor, and we like to play the same way. It should be a fast-paced game."

Along with turnovers and playing well in the final two minutes, Ingalls says one of the major factors to the game will be rebounding, which would give the advantage to his team. "On paper, we have a little more size underneath, and we feel inside play will be a key to winning this game."

Although Fitzpatrick agrees on the importance of rebounding and turnovers, he says that whoever can stay focused and execute throughout the game

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OPINION

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

From queen to private in less than one year

By HUGH CONKLIN

One year ago, Michelle Sulak was like a lot of high school seniors.

When she looked at the future, she wasn't sure where she was going or what would come following graduation.

Would it be college, a job?

Michelle chose another option. She joined the Army National Guard. She did that after hearing a presentation last January.

"I didn't have a direction," Michelle said. "I didn't know what I wanted to do."

Now if you ask her why she joined the National Guard, her response sounds a lot like the advertisements you see on television.

"It teaches you things," she said. "It teaches you discipline and how to manage yourself."

"I wanted to learn about myself and the world."

Her answers sound far more mature

than her 19 years. (Her birthday is Jan. 1.)

Michelle just recently completed basic training. Her commitment to the national guard is for one weekend a month and two weeks each summer for the next seven years.

In return, she will receive the benefits of the GI Bill — basically a free college education.

There are many young people who choose the military after high school. Not many of them are former homecoming queens, like Michelle. She earned the honor in 1996, her senior year at Boyne City High School.

By joining the National Guard, Michelle said it gave her the direction she was looking for, yet it was not a full time commitment like the Air Force, Navy or Army which means "you can still start your life."

Michelle left for Fort Leonard Wood Base in Missouri last July and returned

home at Thanksgiving after completing five months of basic training. She recently graduated and is now Pvt. Sulak. While she was in good physical shape when she went to training after completing her final year on Boyne City's track team, she's now a lot stronger than she was. Her test included 45 push-ups in two minutes, 60 sit-ups in two minutes, and a two-mile run in 15 minutes.

Michelle is living — and hopes soon to be working — in the Grand Rapids area. She is living with Melody Burris who graduated last spring from Boyne Falls. Melody is attending Kendall School of Art and Michelle hopes to enroll there next fall.

She also will be going to Shepherd Air Force Base in Texas for six more weeks of training somewhere between March and July.

And what kind of training will it be? She's going to learn about plumbing.

One never knows what life will hold.



Queen Michelle



Pvt. Sulak

LETTERS

Decision to hold school Monday was 'a bad call'

TO THE EDITOR:

The decision to close school or keep school open is not an easy one. It is basically a decision based on the ability to safely transport students to and from school. Student safety is of the utmost concern. If conditions are such that students cannot be transported safely then buses do not roll and school is closed.

On Monday, Jan. 5, school district personnel, who drive the roads between 4:30-5:30 a.m. and check road conditions, found the roads to be safe for students transportation. The initial decision to hold school turned out to be a bad call.

As soon as three school buses got stuck on back gravel roads, the decision to pull all school buses off the road and close school was made. Initially, it was believed that the roads were safe; once the roads were found to be otherwise a decision to stop picking up students was made and close school.

The school district apologizes for the inconvenience that the initial decision to hold school may have had on a number of our school families. The initial call was not an easy one. However, the decision to stop transporting students and close school was made quickly based on the road conditions at the time.

Sincerely,
Bob Nakoneczny, Superintendent
Kirk Kujawski, Coordinator of Auxiliary Services
Joe Howie, Transportation Supervisor
Bill Hawkins, Board Member

Scrooge cast looking forward to next year

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for all the wonderful publicity on this year's production of "The Gospel According To Scrooge."

We were stopped everywhere we went by people who had read the article and wanted to congratulate us. As Betsy Blondin interviewed us, it was relaxing and like "talking with an old friend." After the article was published, I called her and thanked her for getting all the facts straight. With as many people chatting at and around her, I was truly amazed.

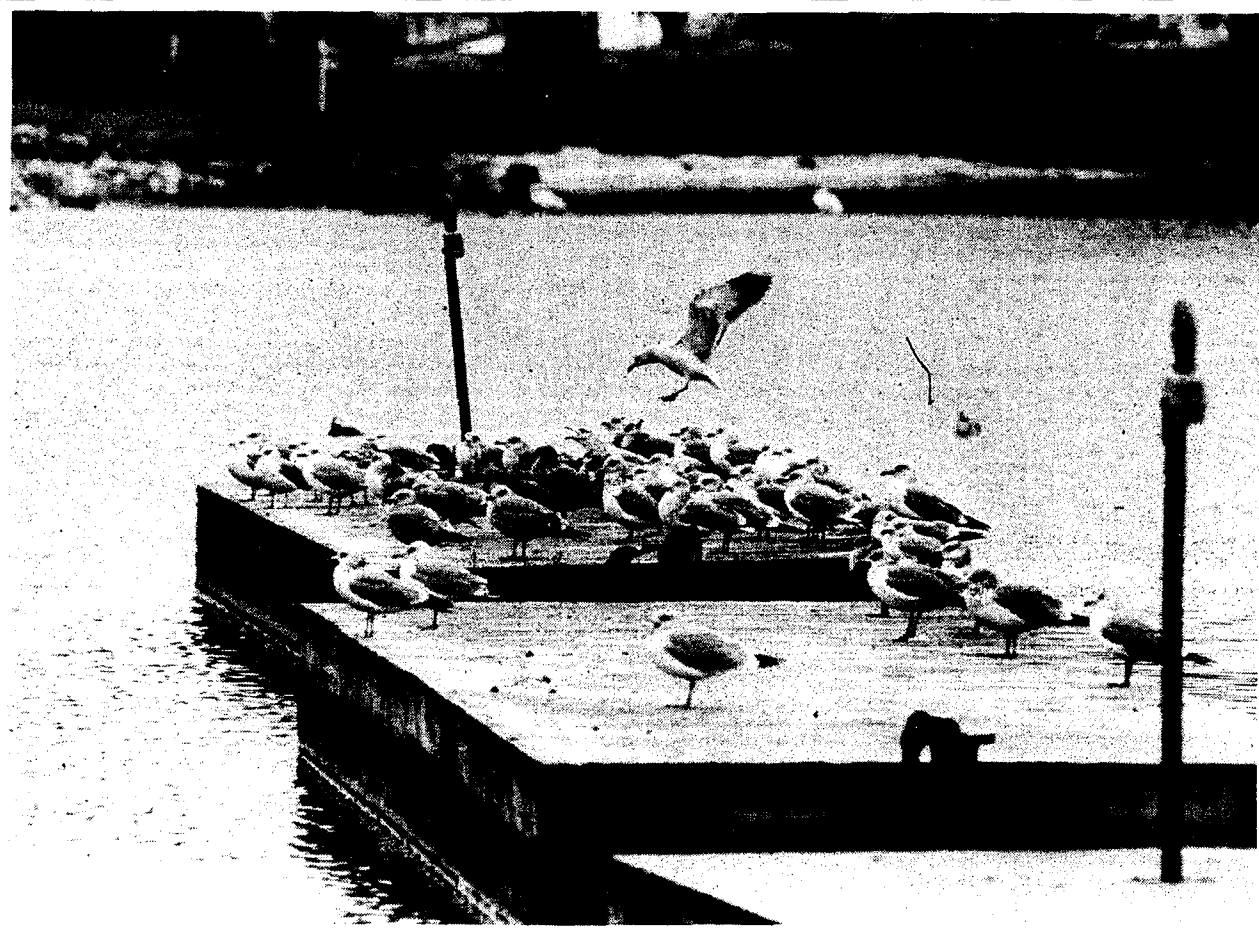
The musical was viewed by over 600 people. I would like to thank the people of Boyne and the surrounding area for their continued support. No matter how hard we work to put on a good production, without the audience, it would be in vain. With 44 actors all from Trinity Fellowship it was a wonderful time for us to have good fun and fellowship.

We really enjoyed doing the production and had fun with it. The comments of people who attended are appreciated but the one thing I love to hear is: "We'll be back next year!" We'll be back too. Spreading a little Christmas cheer to get December off to a good start is our present to Boyne City.

Wishing all a healthy and prosperous New Year. Live each day to the fullest so there will be no regrets when you look back at 1998. Spend time with your family and friends, fall in love, tell your loved ones how much you love them and if you have someone you need to "make things right with" do it now.

I lost my mom in 1995 and my mom-in-law in 1993. I wish I had them here so I could tell them just once more how much I loved and appreciated them and how they influenced me and my life. Make that phone call or write that letter. Don't end up like Ebenezer Scrooge who had a lifetime of regrets as his only accomplishments.

Rachelle Wittenmyer
Director of Musical Drama at Trinity



The easy life

This winter's mild weather suits some area residents just fine. These seagulls had it easy Sunday, compared to the ice and blowing snow they normally encounter on a dock in January. Skiers, skaters and snowmobilers are hoping for colder, snowier conditions.

Parents and students may not view snow days the same way

By JANE BROCK

It seems unlikely, but the Monday after vacation seems to be a signal for freezing rain. The kids must need a day of rest — no school, and yet, no vacation, either.

Sometimes getting back to the grind can almost be a relief — there is so much pressure to have fun on vacation. At a time of year when so-called "disposable income" is at its lowest ebb, the frenzy to entertain ourselves pushes us to spend some more.

So my kids sit at home today. I hope it will be one of those dull days, when they pick up a book out of sheer desperation. I hope they are curled up in their Christmas sleeping bags, reading. I know that when I get home, they will have plans for me to entertain them — ice storms, in their turn, are a signal to my children that it would be a good day for Mom to drive them or their friends all over the countryside. They tend to think snow days in general are road trip days. Days to be enjoyed like vacation, and filled to the very brim with activity.

But right now, I am not home, and they are

forced to do nothing, except those things which they themselves devise. Katie will be writing, most likely. Sam may be in the basement, I like to think, building another instrument, like the one he fashioned from an old board, the handles of an ancient pair of grass clippers, and a large rubber band. Or he may be catching flies to feed to his namesake the lizard, whom he was impressed into babysitting. Maybe my children are sleeping in, making it a long, lazy morning. Even that would make me happy — I am sure they need it.

I am not a parent who longs for the resumption of school at the end of a couple weeks spent more or less in the company of my children. I don't dread the start of school, either. We have some comfortable routines that get out of sync during vacations, and I look forward to them. But I think the end-of-vacation ice storm is a good idea. Funny how it would change things if we could do it on purpose.

(Jane Brock is a part-time writer for the Citizen and East Jordan Journal.)

A MOM'S LIFE

Life's a lot like riding a roller coaster

By CINDI PLACE

I have always been fascinated by roller coasters. Not only in riding on them myself, but watching the riders go slowly up that long, long hill and then free fall down. It gives me a thrill like no other. Until I became a parent.

Each summer, our family makes an annual pilgrimage to a land of many roller coasters. Apparently my fascination with these speeding bullets has spread itself to our children. As we ride on these fast moving, stomach-clinching thrill masters, I think that what we enjoy most is the feeling that we are tempting fate, and winning.

Looking at pictures taken during our last amusement park trip, it suddenly dawned on me

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SNO-BLAST

If there is no ice, bring out the boats for fishing contest

By JANE BROCK

One of the Sno-Blast floats this year will be an exhibition of Tom Durecki's '97 Sno-Blast fishing contest brainchild — the fisherman's answer to the buck pole: the fish pole.

The pole was erected last year outside of Arnold's Bait and Tackle, which Tom owns. Displayed on the pole were the fabulous fish that makes Durecki's fishing contest a success.

Two years ago, Durecki was less involved with the Sno-Blast. He and some of his customers were discussing the upcoming events just a few days before the opening ceremonies of the 'Blast, when Durecki had his first idea. The annual winter celebration was overlooking one of the major draws of the Jordan Valley, the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix.

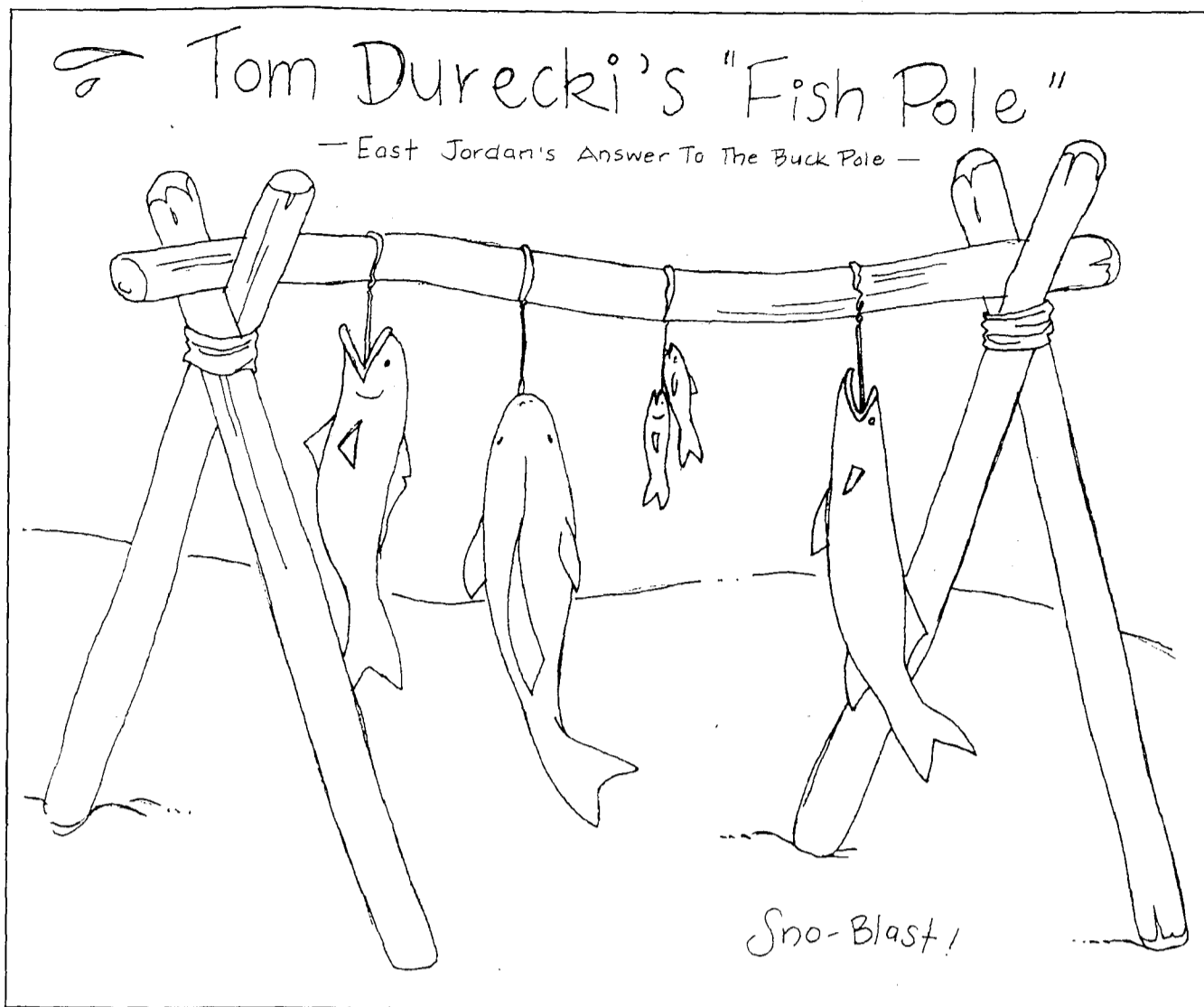
It was overlooking the fisherman, the tourist and local community that comes and skis and spends its time and its dollars around a hole in the ice. Durecki introduced, just days before the '96 Sno-Blast, the first annual Sno-Blast Fishing Contest.

This year marks the third annual fishing contest Durecki has sponsored, and his willingness to partici-

pate in the festival has kept him busy with other events, too, but this one stays near to his heart. In the previous years, he has provided prizes in 15 different categories — first, second and third place prizes for five kinds of fish — as well as door prizes and special prizes for entrants under the age of 12. This year Tom is asking area businesses to help with the door prizes, although he still is doing all 15 categories.

Three lucky fishermen under 12 are going to win very special prizes this year, thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of local fishing enthusiasts, Pete Hammond. Last year Pete and his son, Peter, won a number of the fishing category prizes single-handedly. They decided to give something back this year. Pete has built and donated three ice fishing poles to be given to the youngsters who win in their categories.

Durecki grins about the weather. People are telling him every day that they are getting their boats ready, he says. The contest goes on, ice or no ice. For information on the rules and registration, call Tom at Arnold's in East Jordan. The number is 536-3521. If any businesses wish to donate door prizes, Tom said he will gladly accept them.



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snowmobiling, from the Snowmobile Safari for the family on Friday night, to drag racing and snowmobile slaloms on Saturday, to the snowmobile that will be raffled off on Sunday. Members of the Antique Snowmobile Club of America will participate in the parade, and then display their machines at the E.J. Snowmobiler's Clubhouse Saturday. But for those who are not snowmobile enthusiasts there is plenty of quieter, gentler fare.

Besides the Sno-Blast fishing contest, there is a snow sculpture

contest going on all weekend, with a Sno-Sculpture hotline so that a sculptor can call at the moment of completion, to prevent melting casualties. The judging team will respond to the hotline call with an emergency run to the scene of the sculpture, which will be judged on the spot. The winners will be selected before the parade, so that they can be honored in the parade.

There is also a plan, weather permitting, to have a map available for visitors who would like to see the different sculptures when they are finished.

There will be other "silent sports," such as the Sno-Shoe Follies — an "exercise in foolishness," according to one of its organizers. The Follies is a race on snowshoes through an obstacle course, designed to liberate its participants from their dignity, and to prove to them that snowshoes work. The Follies organizers hope to encourage one more outdoor sport for tourists and local people in northern Michigan. The Sno-Blast will also offer a softball game on Sunday morning.

One of the festival's most exciting events is the Winter Encamp-

ment, which takes place at the Jordan River Sportsman's Park. This is an authentic re-enactment of 1700s frontier life in the winter. The participants will be using era-appropriate gear and clothing, and will be in character. Visitors to this historic encampment are encouraged to ask questions on their tour. This will be an especially interesting event for the whole family.

Food is always central to a good celebration, and the Sno-Blast comes through with a Chili Supper Friday night, a pancake breakfast at the Legion Hall Saturday morning, the

Rainbow Bar's '98 Pig Roast (half the proceeds go the Festival Committee), and Sunday's Sno-Lover's Breakfast at the snowmobile club.

And don't forget, in the few days before the big weekend, to vote for the 1998 Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight. The votes are taken in financial form, which is donated toward costs incurred in setting the festival up, and several candidates have been spotted around town with cans in hand, soliciting votes.

But what happens to all these festivities if the ground stays bare? The fishing is done in boats or off-

shore. The Sno-Shoe Follies will be as foolish as ever, but the falls will be harder, without the cushion of snow. The encampment might be more comfortable — or then again, maybe less — but frontiersmen faced a variety of weathers. The parade will float by, the meals will be eaten, the sculptures will be sand. Nobody seems to think no snow is an insurmountable difficulty — on the other hand, Sno-Blasters are pretty sure that the snow will come, after all.

For more information call the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351.

Roller coaster

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how alike our lives as parents are to those death defying rides.

Consider this: A child is born and for a few years life can remain relatively simple. Like slowly going up a hill, however, you just know that at any moment this may change. And just as you crest that hill called 5-year-old independence, you actually wish that you were back in the starting blocks, waiting in line to start up the hill again. In fact, some of us don't even wait to go down the hill the first time, before we find ourselves loading up into another car right behind the first one, if you know what I mean.

But now, picture yourself taking that first drop, that first day of school. It seems like the biggest step, but you know there are surprises in store. And thrills. And many, many chills.

Along the ride, you encounter a few smaller climbs and falls — your child's first time reading a book to you and his first rejection as a friend. Several sharp turns will have you gasping for breath, and wondering whether soccer, basketball, computer classes and summer camp might be a bit much for a child to handle, especially if they all occur in the space of one week!

And remember the cute number at the beginning of the ride who reminded you to remove your sunglasses and any other loose valuables before boarding? Could be that she knew a little more about this trip than she was telling.

But the next thing you see ahead is a tunnel. You guessed it — puberty. At this point in your child's life, you really haven't a clue. Actually, neither does your child, which could account for your sudden urge to find the nearest catwalk and exit quickly and quietly.

And remember that section of the ride when you get turned upside down several times? It could either be a new driver's license or the first date. Take your pick, they'll both scare you senseless.

As you round a big, slow curve, you reflect that life as a parent, like the roller coaster ride, will give you a little respite. What you may not realize at this moment, however, is that you are simply turning around. You get to do the return trip. More hills, more valleys and a few more surprises.

And then comes relief, as the ride ends and graduation looms near. You realize that you have survived the trip. And you would give just about anything to do it all over again.

GUEST COLUMN

Downtowns affect entire community

By TERRY BESSER

Vital, hospitable and active downtowns provide communities with a source of pride and a location for congregating, socializing and dealing with community affairs.

Towns without functioning downtowns become a collection of domiciles housing people who work, shop, socialize and seek entertainment elsewhere.

These places may continue to be recognized as towns by map makers, but they are not the same kind of community we commonly associate with small towns.

The whole community is affected by the nature of the downtown. It is for these reasons that downtown revitalization should concern the whole community and not just the local business owners.

In a recent article in "Small Town," Bert Stitt warns small town business owners and community leaders that belief in a set of common myths jeopardizes constructive steps to revitalize main street business districts.

Stitt was the downtown development coordinator for the state of Wisconsin and is now a private consultant.

The beliefs that follow are a condensation of his ideas.

Belief No. 1. People should shop locally.

Stitt maintains that for most merchants this is a hypocritical position. He challenges business owners who make this claim to turn away the business of all non-local customers. Anything, according to Stitt, scolding people to shop locally doesn't work. It might influence a few people, but many others are put off by the preach tone.

More importantly, concentrating on the "disloyalty" of local people diverts attention and energy from the constructive tasks of learning about potential and current customers, and what they want in

terms of services and product selections.

Stitt cautions that if business operators don't understand and cater to the wants and needs of current and potential customers, they will not be successful in retaining the business of even the most loyal local residents.

Belief No. 2. Lack of parking is the major obstacle to main street vitality.

According to this logic, the ample parking provided by the "super stores" and shopping malls is the major reason for their success and the demise of downtown businesses.

Stitt recognizes that parking requires attention. Improvements such as the provision of adequate lighting and maintenance, good signage, enough open spaces, easy passage between street and businesses, and sense of hospitality are important.

Even so, all the parking in the world will not by itself attract customers. In fact, if there is plenty of parking and no cars, people may suspect that the business is not open or that the products and services offered are undesirable.

Customers are attracted to stores, in Stitt's opinion, that provide desired products and services in a convenient, pleasing atmosphere. Adequate parking is a necessity, but not a sufficient factor alone for retail success.

Belief No. 3. We need more jobs in town in order to revitalize the downtown.

The fallacy of this claim is apparent by considering all of the towns that have more jobs available than residents looking for work, yet they still have deteriorating downtowns.

Adding more jobs won't necessarily add more population to the community, nor customers to the downtown. Where we work, live and shop are independent of each other in the modern era of highways and automobiles.

A recent study at Iowa State University revealed

that in the average small town 47 percent of employed people work in another town, 50 percent shop someplace else for daily needs, 73 percent go to another town for entertainment, and almost nine out of 10 of them shop elsewhere for big ticket items.

Residents have the choice of doing business in their home town, their work town, towns conveniently located in between or in a larger adjoining metropolitan area. Where they shop will be determined by a combination of convenience, product mix, price, service and shopping atmosphere.

Belief No. 4. Downtowns consist of independent business people.

This statement is not totally inaccurate. However, according to Stitt, successful main streets are usually populated by business owners who have put their fierce individualism aside to work together for their shared interest.

Cooperation, not independence, characterizes vital small town business districts. Examples of cooperation include coordination of store front restorations, marketing strategies, product and service offerings; deciding on consistent hours of business; sharing information on technology, suppliers, customers; pooling resources to be able to afford consultants, renovations, employee training and benefits programs; and on and on.

The list of areas that could result in mutual benefit through cooperation is extensive. Stitt contends that business owners must learn to work effectively as a group for their own and the community's welfare. They should understand how to conduct effective meetings, how to organize and sustain effective group activities, and how to deal with difficult people and contentious topics.

(Terry Besser is an assistant professor and Extension sociologist for Iowa State University Extension to Communities.)

School closing

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Boyer City-East Jordan Road, to Rogers Road, to Pešek, to Korhase, and then back to Boyer City on the BC-EJ Road. Then from Boyer City he travels to Sumner to West Road, and will also travel Pincherry and Church roads.

He travels with a phone and two-way radio and always talks with the transport

supervisors from Charlevoix and East Jordan.

What Howie said he found Monday was slush on the main roads and snow-covered back roads that he felt were safe to travel. He also received a weather forecast that was predicting warmer temperatures.

Temperatures, however, did not rise and then it began to rain.

"The roads were fine until it started to rain" sometime between 7 and 7:30 a.m., Howie said. With the rain, the roads turned to ice and the problems began.

In hindsight, Howie said he should have made the decision all other area school districts made to close school. "Yes, I probably should have," he said, "but I didn't see the conditions they said they had."

North's aide visiting county

State Senator Walter H. North's district representative, Don Weeks, will be in Charlevoix County on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Weeks will meet with constituents at the City Hall in Boyer City from 10 a.m.-noon and at the County Courthouse in Charlevoix from 2-4 p.m.

Discussing future plans for Rotary Park on tap for Parks Commission

A preliminary plan for the future development of Boyne City's Rotary Park will be discussed when the Parks and Recreation Committee meets Thursday at 7 p.m.

At its December meeting, the parks commission and interested city residents participated in a mini goal-setting session, similar in format to the city-wide goal setting sessions held each fall, specifically for the development of Rotary Park.

At the goal-setting, several ideas were brought up for the park. They include: increasing the number of baseball fields and adding a girls softball field; developing soccer fields; improving the exercise trail; providing space for a dome or indoor hockey and community building; increase number of tennis courts; provide cross country ski trails and roller blade trails; expand parking; improve playground area; create picnic area;

and expand concession and rest room facilities.

City planner Tim O'Leary will present several options incorporating many of the priorities for the commission and interested citizens to review. Not all of the proposed uses for the park will be included in the draft plans, and will be recommended to be located at other city parks.

"The parks commission will look at the priority list and look at what's at Rotary Park, then see what will fit and what might be accommodated somewhere else," O'Leary said.

The parks commission plans to have a final recommendation for the city commission to consider after its February meeting.

The parks commission plans to update master plans for each of the city's parks in the coming year.

Money 2000 encourages saving and reducing debt

Michigan State University Extension of Charlevoix and Emmet counties is launching Money 2000, a new personal financial fitness program to help participants increase their savings or trim their consumer debt.

"The hope is that 2000 people in each of Michigan's 83 counties will save and/or reduce debt by \$2,000 by the end of the year 2000," said Sue Shenk, home economist program assistant for MSU Extension. "If this objective is achieved, the dollar impact on Charlevoix and Emmet counties and Michigan is estimated at \$4 million and \$332 million respectively."

Charlevoix and Emmet residents who wish to participate in Money 2000 should contact Michigan State University Extension at 348-1770. Money 2000 participants will be asked to complete a brief enrollment form. A \$15 annual fee covers the cost of membership, financial management worksheets, quarterly Money 2000 newsletters, an optional computerized analysis to suggest debt reduction options, and semi-annual contact from the Extension service.

Money 2000 participants will learn how to set a realistic financial goal. The goal can be to work toward an increase in savings, a reduction of debt, or a combination of both. Goals will be registered with MSU Extension, but no personal financial data will be requested at any time.

Money 2000 participants can enroll any time between January 1998 and January 2000. However, those who start early will have more time to achieve financial goals. New program cycles will begin every six months. For more information or a Money 2000 enrollment form, call 348-1700 weekdays during business hours.

OBITUARIES

Richard Dubin

Richard Dubin, 76, of Boyne City, died on Saturday, Jan. 3, 1998 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Litzenburger Place Community Room in Boyne City. The Rev. Robert Faulman of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate.

Mr. Dubin was born on January 17, 1921 in Detroit, the son of Michael and Helen Dubin. On September 27, 1947 he married Elinor

Sutliff in Detroit. In 1964 they moved to Boyne City where he owned and operated a tree trimming service.

He enjoyed sports, especially watching the Detroit Lions and Tigers games.

Survivors include his wife, Elinor of Boyne City; a stepson, Joseph Ruehle of Las Vegas; a grandson, Keith (Sally) Ruehle; and two great-grandsons, Dylan and Matthew Ruehle.

Stackus Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ruth E. Spence

Ruth E. Spence, 92, of Ellsworth, formerly of Lansing, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 1998 at the Lakeshore Villa Health Care Center in Tampa, Fla.

She was born July 27, 1905 in Ely, the daughter of Matthew and Frances (Bullock) Swain.

She was a member of the Central Lake United Methodist Church. She was raised in Pleasant Valley and moved to Lansing in the 1920's. She then returned to Antrim County in the late 1960's.

On Feb. 15, 1923 in Echo Township, she married Otto Spence who preceded her in death in 1976. Also preceding her in death were several brothers and sisters and a special

niece Pat Bennett.

Surviving are three sons, Vern O. (Joann) Spence of Dallas, Texas, Vic L. (Lynne) Spence and Ken H. (Kay) Spence both of Tampa, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes, with the Rev. Richard L. Matson officiating. Interment will take place in Dunsmore Cemetery, Echo Township. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Central Lake United Methodist Church.

Julius Roberts Jr.

Julius Roberts, Jr., 71, of East Jordan died on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998 at the East Jordan Missionary Church. The Rev. Peter A. Elliott officiated.

Mr. Roberts was born on Aug. 9, 1926 in East Jordan, the son of Julius and Matilda (Washburn) Roberts, Sr. On Sept. 9, 1947 in East Jordan, he married Helen Nixon. He lived in East Jordan his entire life and worked as a millwright.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his

wife, Helen of East Jordan; five sons, Ronald of Midlothian, Va., Gary, Edward, Richard and Tracy, all of East Jordan; two daughters, Elaine Hardin of Gallatin, Tenn., and Deborah Hardin of Portland, Tenn.; 23 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four brothers, Marvin of Boyne City, Gerald and Bob, both of East Jordan, and Don of Troy; and one sister, Margie Kauffman of Boyne City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Francis and one sister, Geneva Vrontran.

Cody Joseph Reynolds, Infant

Mass of the Angels for Cody Joseph Reynolds will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls. The Rev. Francis Partridge will officiate.

Cody was the infant son of Duane and Janice (Matelski) Reynolds of Boyne Falls. He died Dec. 31, 1997, at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

In addition to his parents, Cody

is survived by two brothers, Kurtis and Craig, and one sister, Kayla; his maternal grandparents, Edward and Marjorie Matelski, of Boyne Falls; paternal grandparents, Gayle and Alice Reynolds, of Boyne Falls; and great-grandmother, Gertrude Matelski, of Boyne Falls.

Arrangements are being handled by the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

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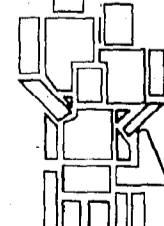
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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

MARY AND PAUL KARL and daughter Amy Davis and her daughter Jenna, all of Plainwell, were in Boyne City over the weekend visiting her mother, Peg Spencer and family.

BUD AND SHERRY JOLLY have returned to their home in Hale after spending a holiday week at the Boyne City home of her parents, Gordon and Bonnie Kane.

SHIRLEY BEHLING of Deer Lake entered the Charlevoix Area Hospital on Friday, with pneumonia.

PATRICK AND NICHOLAS MORRIS of Boyne City spent a few days of vacation in Lansing with their dad, Pat Morris.

A WARM "WELCOME HOME" went out on Wednesday, to two Litzenburger Place residents, Phyllis Sheehy, and Bill Tryon Sr. Both had returned from spending a few days as medical patients at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

VIRGINIA HEGERBERG returned this past week to her Boyne Ridge Condo after a wonderful holiday visit in Hawaii and Alabama with her children and families.

SIX-YEAR-OLD Carley Cole of Gaylord, spent from Wednesday to Friday at the Lakeview Village home of her grandmother, Phyllis Hardy.

Her 10-year-old Boyne City cousin Ashley kept her company while she was here. Mom, Kelly Cole and sister Katelin, and Kevin Styles stayed for a little visit before the return trip home.

CAROL AND TED TRAVISS have returned to their Boyne Falls home after having spent the holidays in Florida, mainly in Lakeland and the Frostproof area, visiting his sisters and others. "This crazy weather," said Carol, "it was cold and rainy, in the mid 40s when we left Florida, and it was nicer here at 48 degrees!"

CHUCK AND ELAINE SCOTT of East Lansing celebrated New Year's in the Boyne area with relatives here.

A WARM "WELCOME to our world" goes out to Channing Elizabeth Hoogerhyde, the first child of Lisa and Scott Hoogerhyde of East Jordan. Channing Elizabeth was born Dec. 22, 1997, at Northern Michigan Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds 9 ounces and measured 17 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Fritz and Pug Healey of East Jordan and Bud and Pauline Hoogerhyde of Central Lake.

Lisa and Scott were honored with a baby shower by his family on Sunday. A gathering of 20 relatives at the Hoogerhyde home in Central Lake enjoyed a gift, game, and refreshment time. Their newborn daughter, Channing Elizabeth, received many fine and "cute little girl" gifts.

(To submit items to Nancy, call 582-9174.)



Margaret Lund with three of her children: Dick Lund, Charlene Kolinske and Shirley Faculak.

**MARGARET LUND'S SECRET:
DON'T LIVE IN THE PAST**

Going strong at 95

By JANE BROCK

Margaret Lund would rather that none of us knew she turned 95 on Friday, Jan. 2.

But she did, and Sunday a small crowd of family and friends showed up in the lobby of the Lodge Motel in Charlevoix to help her celebrate. Margaret looked radiant in a crisp black pantsuit and red blouse. Her hair was freshly done for the occasion — it was reported that she told her hairdresser "Make me look 20 years younger, or else!" But no hairdresser could have better disguised her age than Margaret's own face and personality do themselves.

Maybe the secret to staying young is not living in the past, and Margaret is reluctant to spend too much time there. She said she couldn't remember any birthdays or Christmases when she was a child — that the best birthday she can remember was her 90th, which the family helped her celebrate at the farmhouse where she has lived for 74 years.

Margaret was born and raised in Petoskey. Her parents lived in town, but she has spent most of her life, since her marriage, on a farm in the country. She was a Bell Telephone operator for two years before her marriage. She remembers the old fashioned switchboard, and said that the building she worked in still stands. But she "quit and got married," she said. "Can't farm and work."

While she doesn't linger on much in the past, the important things stand out. She remembered in inti-

mate detail her wedding outfit, a navy blue suit, with tassels on each side of the jacket — "real dressy," she said, with black patent leather shoes and a straw hat, not too big.

She also remembers that after her kids were born, she was very particular about how they were dressed. Nice and clean she insisted on, and the girls wore white dresses when they were little. Of her five children, all but the last was born at home in the farmhouse, with the doctor coming through a snow storm on at least one occasion.

Margaret was fussy about the house, too. She did not work in the fields, having, she said, plenty to do in the house, but she did always have a meal ready for the threshers, including lemon pie. Which may explain, she laughed, why she doesn't like lemon pie now.

The housework was shared by her daughters, who remember complaining that the dusting had just been done the day before, and hearing their mother's tart response that "today is another day." The dining room table was dusted everyday, of course, but nobody can remember its having been used more than twice. Once when Margaret's brother came from Chicago, and once when daughter Charlene got married. The kitchen table sat fourteen, and was good enough for everyday.

Margaret's family was a bit unusual for its time. For one thing, they had a hired hand — not a luxury every farm family had. "A hired hand — and five kids," Margaret laughs. Every Sunday afternoon the Lunds took

their children for an outing — skating or "bump-jumping" at Petoskey's Winter Park in the winter, or roller skating or swimming in the summer, though Margaret herself didn't swim. She roller-skated, she said, until she started having children, but even children weren't enough to keep her off ice skates in the winter.

Margaret and her husband also took a vacation every fall. They took these trips without their children. In the 1930's they went to the site of the World's Fair in Chicago. Family was central in her life, but asked if she had advice to give young parents, Margaret replied unhesitatingly that she wasn't "going to give advice to anybody — never got any myself!"

She does think, though, that women work outside the home whether they need to or not, and that their "kids are running astray." She said that they don't spend the money they earn wisely anyway, so they might as well be home taking care of their children.

The present is intensely interesting to Margaret. She reads the papers every day — cover to cover — and listens to the news. She also watches Wheel of Fortune, but says of television that the "stories aren't any good. I don't watch it after the news." She is very interested in politics and stated proudly that she is a Republican. Nixon was her favorite president, "that other one was just an actor," she said. Upon being told that history may prove her wrong about Nixon, she asserted with confidence, "I know I'm right!"

Happy birthday, Margaret.

Adolescent behavior is topic for Boyne Middle School PTO meeting

Christine Carpenter and Margaret Greene will give a talk on adolescent development at the Boyne City Middle School PTO meeting on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the middle school cafeteria.

Both Green and Carpenter are therapists and are associated with

Burns Clinic Department of Psychiatry. Carpenter provides individual and family counseling for youths and established a multi-disciplinary Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Clinic there.

Greene has more than 18 years experience working with children, adolescents, and their families. She

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Ace speller wins one more

Jane Stieber has done it again. The eighth-grader won the Boyne City Middle School spelling bee for the second year in a row. Her Dec. 18 victory has earned her a spot in the state regional bee, a contest in which she took first place last year. The regionals will be held later this winter.

The competition began with the two top spellers from each BCMS homeroom participating in a preliminary round. Then the field of 40 was whittled down to just six contestants. Jane correctly spelled "tenacious" for the win, although she first had to spell "rambunctious" correctly after her opponent failed to do so.

As far as being nervous, Jane says she tries "not to think about it." She is studying hard for the next level of competition with the spelling bee book she was awarded for her achievement.



Jane Stieber

First concert in Arts Council's series features Altitude

As part of its ongoing community arts education mission, the Jordan River Arts Council is sponsoring a mini-musical series during January, February and March.

A recent grant by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the corporate backing of Industrial Magnetics has made the series possible. There will be one performance each month focusing on different musical genres: pop, jazz, and classical.

The object is to bring information and entertainment to both adults and young people that might otherwise not be easily accessible, said JoAnn Dalto, a member of the arts council.

The daytime portion of the series will bring a group to an area school monthly for a hands-on lecture, question and answer and performance time period. The select school will in turn host a smaller school to the event to share the experience.

The evening portion of the series will bring quality entertainment along with great food to the adults of

the area. The Grey Gables will be presenting three distinct venues to comply with the music genre of the evening. Dinner packages are \$25 per person and reservations can be made by calling the Grey Gables at 547-9261 or 582-2867.

The series begins Friday, Jan. 16, with Altitude, a contemporary pop group featuring Tom Kaufman, better known in the area as "Tink" of Tinkertoons Music. Their talents will be shared with Boyne City and Boyne Falls fourth and fifth grade students during the day.

February 13 will bring an evening of jazz with the Jeff Haas Trio and Friends, featuring special guest artist Marvin Kahn. The group is returning for a second year with a Valentine's evening of romance and swing.

The final date, March 20, will feature a classical group, the Gaillard String Quartet. The quartet of violins, viola and cello will be joined by two guest artists from Interlochen.

CLUBS

Charlevoix Masonic Lodge

Newly elected officers for the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge were installed on Dec. 18.

An installing team from the Central Lake Masonic Lodge handled the installation. Members who took part in the installation from Central Lake were Harvey Harter, installing officer, Neil Reyst, installing secretary, Al Graff, installing marshal and Doyle O'Neil, installing chaplain.

Dr. James Stewart was acknowledged for having served this past year as master of the Lodge.

The newly installed officers are W.M. Robert Hawley, S.W. Thomas Carey, J.W. Steven Hufford, S.D. Donald Carey, J.D. Charles McDermott, secretary Robert Kelley, treasurer John Taylor, Chaplain Donald Bowers, S.S. Richard Sayward, J.S. Tony Lee, Tyler is Melvin Plum and Marshall is Raymond Wood.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets regularly at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. A dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. preceding the meeting.

Stained glass class offered in East Jordan

A class in traditional stained glass will be offered in January by Jay Bavers at the Jordan River Arts Council.

Six sessions have been scheduled for Jan. 19, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 29 from 7-9 p.m. Most glass and supplies will be provided for a cost

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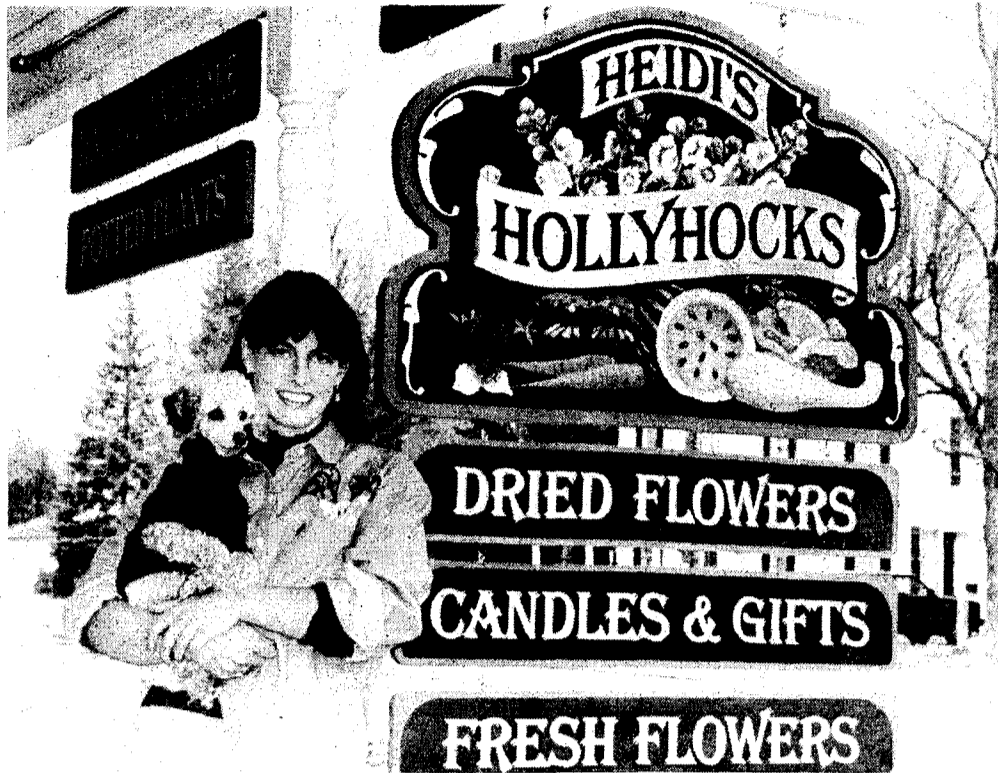
You may have noticed a new sign hanging from the porch at 111 N. Park St., in Boyne City. Heidi's Hollyhocks, a full-service floral business and gift shop, is now open at the site of the former Apple-Bee Coterie.

"My arrangements are very natural," said owner Heidi Held-Hinkley, whose love for blossoms resulted in opening the store. She harvests all the flowers for her business, including good old-fashioned hollyhocks, from her family-owned produce farm in Petoskey. During the growing season she will sell fresh vegetables off the store's front porch.

In addition to offering fresh flowers for all occasions, Held-Hinkley sells dried flowers and wreaths. Candles, soaps and cards also line the store's shelves, and hand-painted Italian dinnerware is displayed atop a dining table.

Held-Hinkley grew up in Albion and spent her summers in Petoskey. She and husband Fred are also vendors at the Old City Park farmer's market, so choosing Boyne City to open a business was a natural.

A teacher by trade, Held-Hinkley plans to offer classes in the future working with dried flowers and herbs. "I'll definitely be back," said a customer from Advance after perusing the shop and agreeing that



Heidi Held-Hinkley, holding Victoria, offers full floral services, gifts and seasonal produce at her new business, Heidi's Hollyhocks, on Park Street in Boyne City.

craft instruction is just what the area needs.

Heidi's Hollyhocks is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Its phone number is 582-GIFT.

EJ chamber teams up with West Michigan Travel group

East Jordan's travel brochures will be featured at several significant travel shows in the near future, and for the first time, East Jordan Chamber of Commerce representatives will be attending the Chicagoland Hunting, Fishing and Travel Show on Jan. 23.

"I am very excited and see a lot of potential traffic and interest in our community," said chamber executive director Mary Faculak. "The timing is perfect, with the downtown renovation and overall positive community support."

The chamber is teaming up with West Michigan Travel Association in order to promote the area at minimal cost to the city. By signing up with WMTA for three shows, in which the area is promoted through its own brochures, East Jordan was able to get the Chicago exposure at no cost.

Faculak feels that this is exciting and important for the continued growth of East Jordan's tourist industry, coinciding nicely with the changes downtown, and the increasing involvement of citizens in every aspect of the city's development.



Kevin Ellwanger and macaw Sinbad, stand in front of the newly opened pet store, Tropic Cove, in downtown Boyne City.

Pet store opens the way to the tropics

Saltwater fish, exotic birds and reptiles have migrated north this winter to Tropic Cove, a newly opened pet store on Lake Street in downtown Boyne City.

In addition to exotic pets, Tropic Cove sells small animals, such as hamsters and mice, and currently houses a python and a tarantula. For hobbyists, it has reef tanks for growing live corals; for the traditionalist, dog and cat supplies, and aquariums.

Store owner Kevin Ellwanger, a resident of Alanson, opened the Boyne location when his pet store in Petoskey began to see an upswing in customers from this area. His father owned and operated the Petoskey shop for 30 years until Ellwanger took it over a few years ago.

Ellwanger said he enjoys the

challenge of his work, especially identifying problems and prescribing solutions for his clients who have had everything from pet birds unexpectedly lay eggs to fish-tank diseases.

You might expect a tropical pet shop proprietor to have a jungle of animals in his own home, but Ellwanger doesn't. He works 12 hour days in the stores, seven days a week. "It would be unfair to leave them alone for that long," he said.

Ellwanger does have one pet, a brilliantly-colored macaw that takes up a corner residence in the Boyne City store. Known as Sinbad, the parrot gets plenty of attention from visitors and roomies alike.

Tropic Cove, 208 S. Lake St., is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday from noon-5 p.m. The phone number is 582-0490.

Boyne chamber holding election for new board

Six candidates are running to fill three seats on the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce Board.

Ballots were sent to all chamber members last month and the deadline to return them was Monday.

Those running for the board are Lynn Amato, Pam Barrett, Jerry Douglas, Lucy Hartlove, Allan Ordway, and Chris Wacholz.

Those elected to the board will serve three-year terms and will succeed Bob Huff, Tobye Wietzke and Joe Breidenstein, whose terms are expiring.

Other members of the nine-person chamber board include Pete Friedrich of Industrial Magnetics, Gary Osterbeck of Huntington Bank, Chris Poniatowski of Sportsman's and Lena's Wine Cellar, Ken Smith of A.K. Smith Appraiser, Rene MacNaughton of NuVision, and Greg Blackall of Boyne Vue Motel.

Results of the election will be announced Jan. 15. The chamber's annual meeting is Jan. 29.

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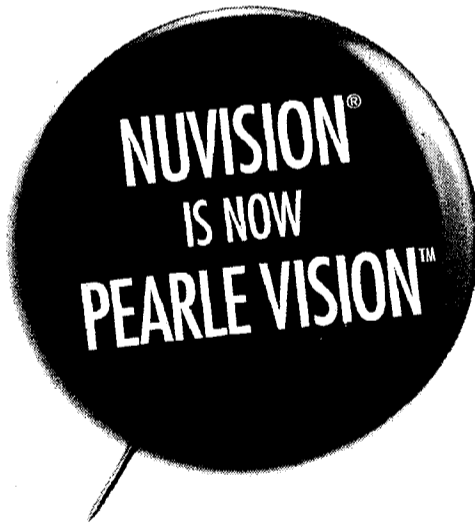


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Hockey season melting away with mild winter

Home season was to open Saturday

As hard as they try, the Boyne Area Hockey Association is not getting any cooperation from Mother Nature.

With the cold temperatures last week, association members were close to having ice at the Boyne City hockey rink at Avalanche Park. But then temperatures warmed over the weekend and all their hard work melted.

Still, Brian Price was not willing to give up and late Sunday morning he was back, with hose in hand, flooding the rink.

But again, Mother Nature was less than cooperative, and temperatures climbed once more.

The hockey association was hoping to open its home season this Saturday, but instead teams will be traveling to Sault Ste. Marie to play Mackinaw City. The two associations have rented ice time at the Big Bear Arena.

While outdoor ice has been elusive so far this season, teams have had a few indoor practices at the Otsego Sports Complex in Gaylord and the Cheboygan rink.

The Boyne Hockey Association has teams for players 5 to 15 years old and attracts participants from Boyne City, East Jordan and Charlevoix.

The association is hosting a "Kickoff Party" for the 1997-98 season Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Boyne City Middle School cafeteria. The party begins at 6:30 p.m.

Some players from the Gaylord Grizzlies will be attending.

Families attending are asked to bring their own place settings and a dish to pass. Pizza will be provided.

For more information, call Pam at 582-7269.



Brian Price is not one to give up easily, but as hard as he and other members of the hockey association have worked, there will not be any ice for the start of the home hockey season. Still hoping for the best, Price took advantage of somewhat cooler temperatures Sunday to flood the rink.

East Jordan ski team is back on the slopes

By CHRIS WINKLER

It's been 10 years since East Jordan High School has fielded a ski team, but with the combined effort of Superintendent Chip Hansen and coaches Rob and Michelle Berquist, the school has once again hit the slopes.

The team was in existence for a number of years, when, a decade ago, nobody was able to coach the skiers. Then last year, Hansen brought up the idea to Michelle, a teacher in East Jordan, and she started a middle school team with the assistance of her husband. The program jumped to the next level this winter, with Rob establishing the high school team.

Both Berquists have years of skiing experience under their belts. Michelle raced in college, at the University of Alaska, while Rob skied competitively at St. Olaf College. Rob went on to coach for ten years, first at Bay Race Academy in Traverse City, then Indian Head in the Upper Peninsula, and most recently, at Boyne Mountain.

The high school and middle school teams practice together at the Mountain, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., which Rob calls a "pretty decent amount of time" for the 30 skiers on the teams.

Rob, who teaches math at Boyne City Middle School, has seven boys and five girls on his team, enough for two full squads.

The girls are all seniors, and are good technical skiers who have skied before, but are first time racers. They are led by Emily Niewendorp and Renee Perreault.

The boys consist mostly of seniors and freshmen. Senior Brad Carey is a "good athlete," and a "strong skier who likes to ski fast" according to Berquist. Three freshmen to watch are Tarn Leach, Evan Chappuis, and Nathan Diller. Despite being freshmen, the trio have race experience under Michelle in middle school, and excel in both the slalom and giant slalom.

"With this being a brand new team, it will be a building year," Rob said. "We're just getting the team rolling, and figuring it out."

The team will race in five intra-conference meets this year. The first was scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Boyne Mountain, but that has been rescheduled until the end of January because of the lack of snow on Super Bowl. The racers will be in action Jan. 15 at Nub's Nob, along with Boyne City, Kalkaska, and Harbor Springs.

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- Jan. 12 - Volleyball, Boyne City, home - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 13 - JV & Varsity Basketball at Boyne City - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 15 - Ski Team; Harbor Springs, Boyne City, Kalkaska at Harbor Springs - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 15 - Volleyball at Harbor Springs - 6 p.m.

Boyne Falls

- Jan. 9 - Basketball at Wolverine - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 13 - Basketball at Ellsworth - 6 p.m.

Boyne City

- Jan. 8 - Volleyball at Charlevoix - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 8 - Freshman Basketball, Charlevoix, home - 6:30 p.m.
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Razzmatazz getting ready for showdown

The East Jordan Chamber of Commerce has its basketball team, the Razzmatazz, out on the court in practice as often as it can these days.

It has to be ready, because Feb. 7 the Razz faces a formidable foe — the East Jordan Red Devils staff and faculty team. The gate opens for this game at 6 p.m. and won't close until City and School have determined competitively and conclusively which team is the most powerful, enduring and worthy of respect.

Besides this exciting competition, event coordinators have planned an evening of family fun, including pre-game entertainment, an old-fashioned sing-along, games for the kids and prizes for the fortunate.

Go, Red Devils!
Go, Razzmatazz!

Nordican hosts cross country Ski Fest Sunday

Boyer Nordic Cross-Country Ski Center is introducing new skiers to the joys of proper skiing technique on Sunday, Jan. 11.

Sponsored by the Great Lakes Nordic Ski Council, the Ski Fest will consist of a mandatory group ski lesson and a trail pass. The cost is just \$5 for adults; kids 18 and under ski and learn free. Rental equipment costs extra.

Participants completing the program will receive a U.S. made fleece headband. You must pre-register by Jan. 10. To register or for more information, call the center at 1-800-GO-BOYNE, ext. 6088.



Celebrating International Day

It was International Day at Concord Academy Boyne just before the holidays, and what a worldly way it was to celebrate the season. Classrooms represented different countries, and students decorated their rooms and shared activities illustrating Christmas traditions from their European country. Each grade "toured the world at Christmas" by visiting the other grades' classrooms. Visiting a display here are, from left, Leslie Sweet, Amy Kile and Lindsay Baic. Music, games and art were all part of the day. Even lunch, which was prepared by parents, had an international flavor. It included Swedish meatballs, Finnish Salmon cheeseball, French crepes, Greek salad, Italian spaghetti and Swiss chocolate.

After water warms up, East Jordan pool will reopen

The East Jordan Community Pool is currently undergoing regular maintenance and repairs.

As a result of the work, the pool

was not refilled with water until Monday, which means the water (186,000 gallons) won't be warm enough for swimmers until Monday,

Jan. 12.

The East Jordan Community Pool will reopen and resume normal operating schedules on Monday.

Rivalry

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will turn out the winner.

East Jordan will enter the game at 1-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference, while the Ramblers open their conference schedule Friday with Charlevoix. The Red Devils beat Kalkaska, while losing to Elk Rapids in league play.

Both coaches said that the conference is wide open, and that their teams will be in the thick of the race.

"Our conference is very evenly matched," said Fitzpatrick. "I think the league games we have seen so far, have shown how highly competitive it will be."

"I think our conference title is up for grabs," Ingalls said. "Three, four, or even five teams have a shot at winning. It should come down to who wins the close games, as Traverse City St. Francis did last year."

While neither Fitzpatrick nor Ingalls came out and said who they thought would win Tuesday's contest, they know that more than likely, it will be a close, exciting game.

Said Fitzpatrick, "Because of their proximity, and so many relatives, friends, and co-workers involved, they are highly interrelated communities, which leads to the backyard rivalry. The Boyne

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--Kevin Fitzpatrick, BC head coach

City-East Jordan game is always a highly contested, close game."

"It's really what high school basketball is all about," said Ingalls. "Both have large community support, and because of the close proximity, family and friends interact between the towns. This game brings all that together under one roof, which makes for something exciting."

The junior varsity game begins at 6 p.m. and the varsity will follow. The Boyne City High School gym will fill up fast, so arrive early.

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Training sessions planned for new and current 4-H leaders

By JOHN WURM

If you have ever considered becoming a 4-H Leader, "4-H Leadermete" may be the event that prompts that decision for you to get involved.

This event features many of the projects that 4-H has to offer with the goal of building life skills for area youth. On Feb. 14, 4-H leaders and prospective 4-H leaders will gather at the Gaylord Intermediate School for a day-long training session that will start with a keynote address by 4-H Kettunen Center director, John Grix.

Participants will have the opportunity to sign up for sessions of their choice. The sessions include: Adventure Programming, Animal Science Education, Teen Leadership, Environmental Education, 5-8 Year Old Programming, Horse, Entomology, Science Technology, Visual Arts, State Awards, 4-H Club Development, Communications; Baby Sitting Education, Performing Arts, Personal Appearance and Shooting Sports.

This has been one of those events that gives our 4-H leaders many new ideas and keeps those creative ideas flowing into our local 4-H clubs. We are pleased to be bringing in so many resource people from all over the state.

Participants can sign up for two sessions and will also have the opportunity to meet with other 4-H Leaders from all over Northern Michigan. The cost of the event is \$8 with lunch included. Those interested in attending or getting involved in any 4-H program, are encouraged to contact their local MSU Extension office at 582-6232 for Charlevoix county residents and 348-1770 for Emmet County residents.

(John Wurm is the youth agent for Charlevoix County 4-H.)

Tap classes offered for all ages

Tanya Renkiewicz, tap instructor for Crooked Tree Arts Council Community School of the Arts, is offering a four week mini session in tap lessons this January.

Tap classes are offered for several ages and levels on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Ages 5-8 can sign up for Tap I from 5-5:30 p.m. Ages 9-12 can sign up for Tap I from 5:30-6 p.m., or Tap II from 7-7:45 p.m. Teens can take Tap I & II from 6-7 p.m. Adults can take Tap I from 7:45-8:30 p.m. The fee for any mini session tap class is

\$24. Tap classes are held in the Community Room at the McCune Arts Center.

Students may register for the mini session tap class through the Virginia M. McCune Community Arts Center, 461 East Mitchell St., Petoskey, 347-4337.

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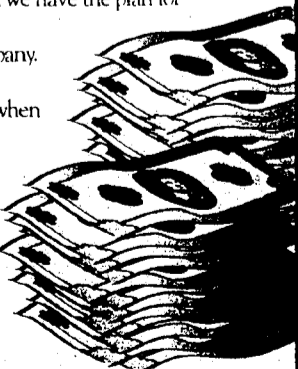
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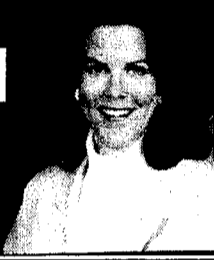
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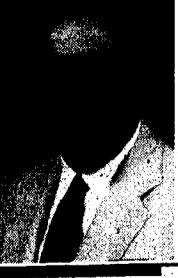
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Airport improvements were planned long ago

When an updated master plan for the Boyne City airport was approved by the planning commission nine years ago, Haford Kerbawy was quoted in a story as saying: "We never knew this expansion would be coming so fast."

Well, it really didn't. Although many improvements have been made in recent years, it wasn't until late December, 1997, that the Boyne City airport board received the news it was hoping for back in 1988.

The Michigan Department of Aeronautics, under the Small Airports Program, approved a \$707,000 grant for major improvements to the airport.

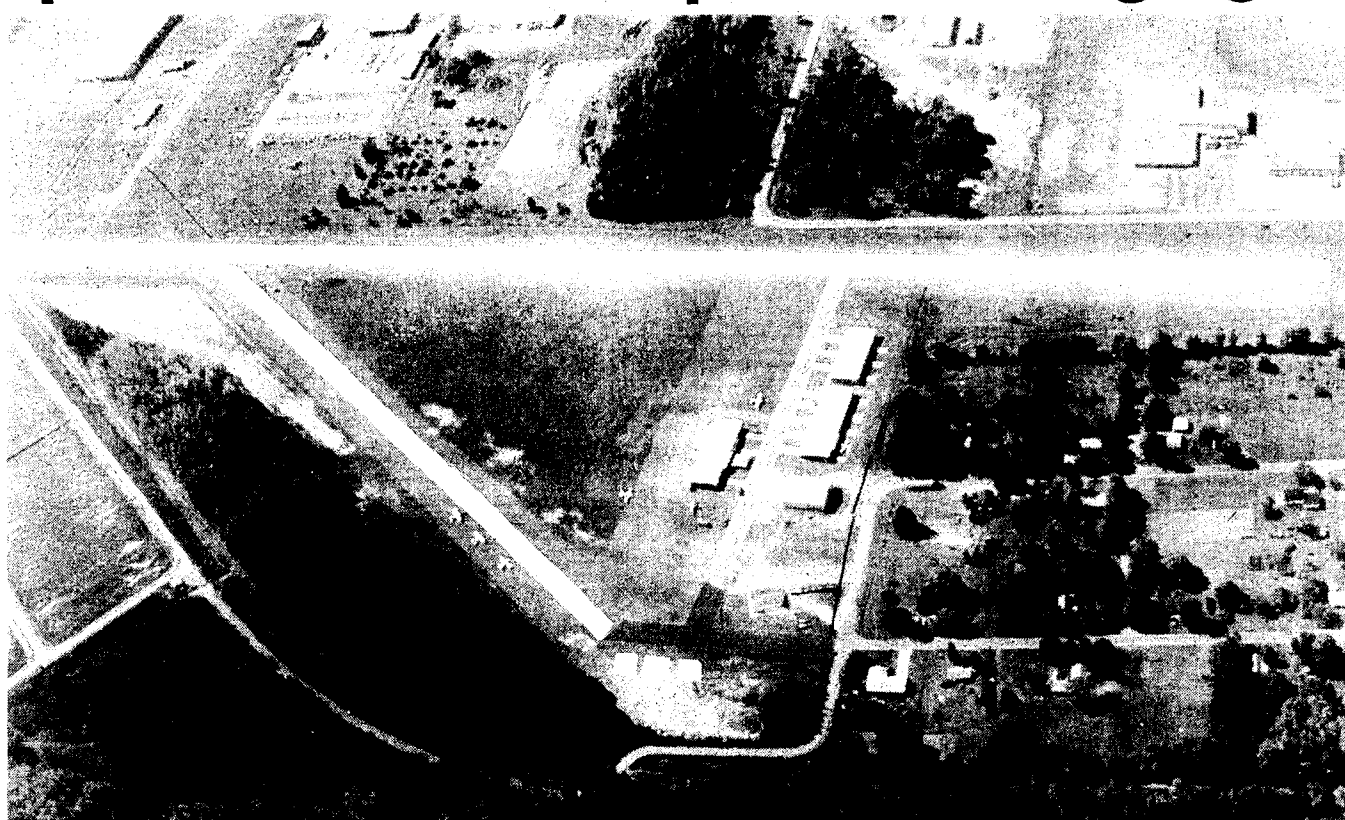
The biggest improvement planned is reconstructing the runway. It will be widened from 50 feet to 75 feet, lengthened from 3,800 feet to 4,000 feet, and resurfaced. The wider, longer runway will allow commercial aircraft to use the airport.

No one was happier with the news than Kerbawy, who was instrumental in developing the master plan 10 years ago. At the time he was an associate member of the five-member airport board, but for the past three years he has been a full-fledged member.

Much of the reason for the delay in getting the grant was money. Until recently, most of the grant money available from the state was a 50-50 match and the city apparently did not feel it had the resources to provide the match.

Every couple years, however, Kerbawy would come back to the city commission and ask, just to keep the project on the burner.

The persistence paid off and it also helped that the state loosened the purse strings, changing the grant match from 50-50 to 90-10. The city will be responsible for \$70,000.



An aerial view shows what improvements are included in the airport master plan which was approved nine years ago. The city in December received a grant to extend and widen the runway along with other improvements. Construction of a diagonal taxiway and paving the access road are part of the master plan but were not included in this grant. At upper left is the air/industrial park.

In addition to the runway improvements, the grant also includes:

- Adding new approach lighting and a new wind direction indicator.
- Updating the airport layout plan and maps.

The airport improvements will go hand-in-hand with the city's recent purchase of property to expand the industrial park. The city has entered into a purchase agreement to

buy 116 acres for \$364,000. A taxi way to the industrial park is included in the airport board's master plan, but was not included in the recent grant.

Kerbawy said a 4,000 foot runway is a "magic number" when it comes to business aircraft. "If you go over 4,000 feet you can bring in the bigger aircraft," he said. That type of aircraft includes King Air, Cessna

Citations and old Lear jets.

While there has been little progress on expanding the runway since the airport master plan was approved nine years ago, there have still been many improvements completed at the airport.

The terminal building has been improved and expanded and several hangars have been built. The hangars, Kerbawy said, have been built by air-

craft owners who then have an agreement with the city which allows them free use for 25 years.

The airport board meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the airport terminal to discuss the grant and to develop a request for proposal for engineering firms.

Work on the airport is expected to begin late this summer.

Boyne school board meets Thursday to discuss future bond proposal

The Boyne City School Board will meet for a work session to discuss the future of a school bond proposal on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school's media center.

According to school board presi-

dent Kathy Anderson, the district's contract with the Paullin Group will also be a topic of discussion.

In November voters said "no" again to two separate bond proposals, totaling more than \$20 million, earmarked for a new high school and

bus garage. Since June 1987, 11 bond proposals have been on the ballots, but only two have passed.

The district's contract with the Paullin Group stipulates that there would be three attempts at passing a bond. In meetings since the last elec-

tion, no board member has endorsed the idea of trying a third time with the current proposal.

Based on the outcome of Thursday's meeting, the board may vote on the Paullin Group contract at

its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 12.

Monday's meeting agenda will also include discussion on evaluations of Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny and board members.

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