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Trying again

New committee organizes to tackle Boyne's school needs

Nearly 30 people attended a committee meeting last Thursday to begin evaluating the Boyne City School District's facilities needs. The school board formed the committee after deciding not to pursue a third millage with the Paullin group. The goal of the committee is to work to develop a community-supported bond proposal.

After fifteen years and 11 attempts, Boyne City still has not passed a bond proposal, other than the recent middle school gym and cafeteria. But most people in attendance, including one constituent identifying himself as a 'no' voter on the last two millages, agreed they wanted to pass something.

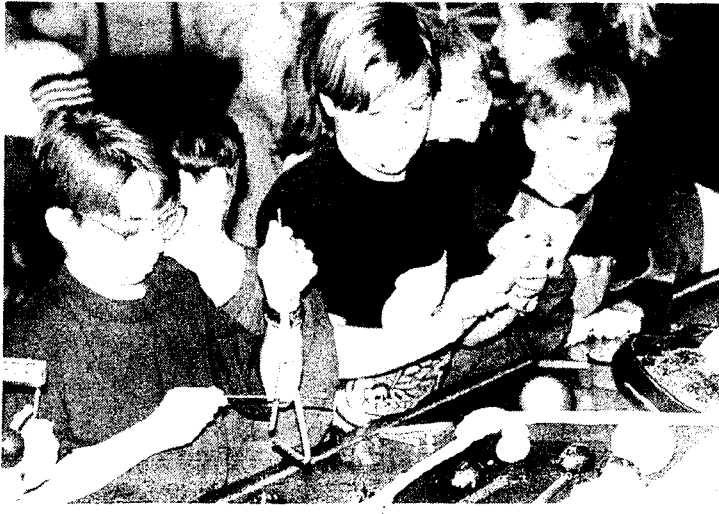
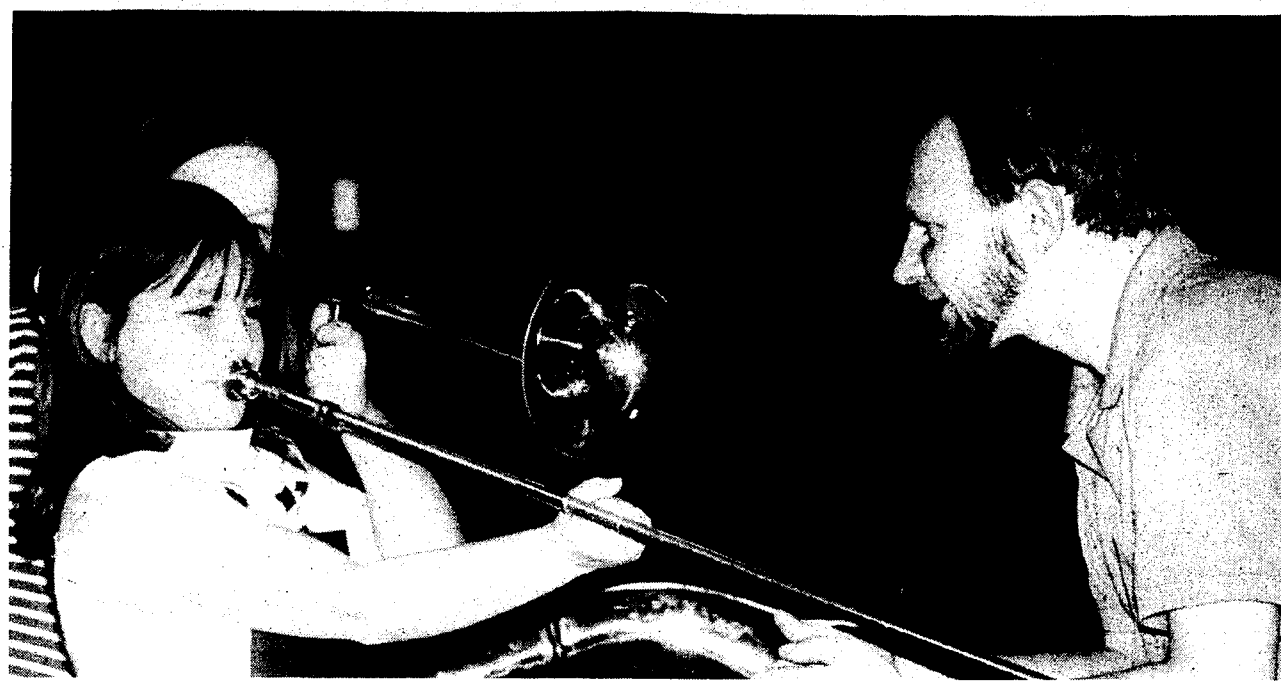
School board president Kathy Anderson facilitated the group of parents, city officials, teachers, business owners and other community members whose definitions of school needs were as diverse as the group itself.

As the committee initially works to define its mission and goals, achieving a consensus on what constitutes a necessity will not come easily. Once defined, the committee faces the task of communicating those needs to the voters.

At its next meeting, the group is expected to choose a seven-member executive board. Anderson and school board member Marty Moody will alternate chairing the committee. It will also discuss the possibility of bringing a professional architect/engineering firm to the committee to help the group better understand the process.

And it will review written needs lists as prepared by committee members. Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny will bring a compilation of needs as assessed by the administration and the Paullin Group to a subsequent meeting.

The group will meet every other week. The next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 29, from 7-9 p.m. in the high school home economics classroom.



Music makers

There are many ways to make music, as students found out last week. Ashley Hardy, above, tried her hand with a trombone and blew a few notes under the guidance of Willie, a member of Altitude, the band which performed for the entire school on Friday. At left, students Steven Hufford, John Fitzpatrick, Justin Witte and Chris Faulkner tried out a variety of percussion instruments. The Jordan River Arts Council sponsored the musical workshop for fourth-graders last week at Boyne City Elementary School. The Council will visit select schools each month with educational music programs.

ST. MATTHEW'S ADDING FELLOWSHIP HALL

City reviews church's building plans

A few acres, a boat, and some stocks. Sounds like the makings of a blissful retirement.

These are, in fact, a few of the in-kind items that have been donated to the St. Matthew Church building fund. Auctioned off or sold, the proceeds will be used to help build a parish fellowship hall. At \$374,000 in pledges, the congregation is almost a third of the way to securing a loan to cover the building costs. But they'll need the city's approval before they begin.

An architectural firm has produced a schematic drawing of an addition with a barrier-free entry and interior. The plan, the most economical choice, also meets the parish's need to join the fellowship hall with the assembly area. But the city may not approve it in full, based on where the edge of the proposed building would sit.

As drawn, the west wall of the addition would

run along the city right-of-way and perhaps near city utilities. A typical city right-of-way is 66 feet wide and reaches across a street to the outer edges of opposite sidewalks. This area allows for city utilities and infrastructure, and in some cases clear views at intersections.

At Monday night's planning commission meeting, members discussed the building's setback with St. Matthew's pastor, the Rev. Francis Partridge, and project architect Jim Elkins. The commission's primary concern is how close the building will be to any utilities and any hardships future utility projects or road expansions would cause the church or city.

According to Elkins, alternative designs with the addition on the back of the church would greatly increase the project's cost. He is awaiting a utility survey.

Upon inspection of utility location, the Boyne City Public Works Department will make a recommendation to the planning commission. Timothy O'Leary, the city's planning director, said the city needs to know how close it is before giving an approval.

The hall would seat 300 people and include a kitchen, lavatories and storage space. Just as in the past, the facility would be open to other area churches in need of a gathering space for funerals or other functions.

The parish will continue with its fundraising efforts in hopes of breaking ground this spring. It received \$20,000 from parishioners and visitors over the two-week Christmas holiday. And its brick program is still in full swing with 142 sold so far at \$100 each.

at a GLANCE

EJ chamber's annual banquet is Saturday

The East Jordan Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting at the Jordan Valley Express on Saturday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The event will include the chamber's annual "Fun Raiser" live auction, which offers items and services.

The chamber will also be honoring its Citizen of the Year.

For more information, call 536-7351.

Deputies found more than just a piggy bank

A stolen piggy bank may help solve more than a dozen burglaries, according to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

Michael Shawn Bathrick, 23, of Charlevoix, was arrested Friday for burglarizing an Eveline Township home, deputies reported. Investigators said Bathrick and Cecelia Jeanette Bennett, 26, also of Charlevoix, broke into the home Thursday and stole a glass piggy bank containing \$100 in coins. Bennett also was arrested Friday.

Deputies followed the suspects' tracks in the snow for shoe print evidence and later learned that the money had been deposited in a local bank.

Deputies also searched Bathrick's home on State Street in Charlevoix and discovered other evidence from the suspected break-in, a statement read.

Sheriff George Lasater said Bathrick is a suspect in other burglaries and has admitted to being involved in several in the county since September.

Bathrick and Bennett both were arraigned in district court on second-degree home invasion charges. Both remain in the Charlevoix County Jail — Bathrick on \$10,000 bond and Bennett on \$2,000 bond. Second-degree home invasion is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

COMMUNITY PORTRAIT

From the other side of the fence, the view is different

After 22 years of refereeing high school football and basketball, Bill Korhase decided to hang up the striped shirt about 18 months ago.

"I was a little out of shape," he said.

Maybe, but that wasn't the real reason. He just didn't have enough time to spend his Friday nights in the fall and Tuesday and Friday nights in the winter travelling around northern Michigan.

That's what happens when your business grows, and your commitment to your community is sometimes above and beyond the call of duty.

Bill's business is insurance. He is the owner of Korhase Insurance, which has had offices in Boyne City and East Jordan for years. Now it has also expanded into Petoskey. Between the three offices the

company has 15 employees.

Its main office is in Boyne City, in the old Wolverine Power Building, right across the street from the Boyne City sports complex, which Bill played a large part in making happen as president of the Foundation for Educational Excellence.

He has served as president of the foundation for the past four years; his current term expires in May.

His old office was in the heart of downtown Boyne City, where Old Kent Bank now has a branch. While a great location, the office was small and crowded.

"The move has been fantastic," Bill said. "We have privacy and room to grow."

And in the insurance world, it's imperative, Bill said, that agencies grow.

He started his insurance career in 1983, working for Bill

Lindsay, his father in law. In 1988 he became a part owner of both the East Jordan and Boyne City offices. In 1991 he became sole owner of the East Jordan office and in 1995 he purchased the Boyne City office.

"I'd love to have a three or four person office," Bill said. "It would be a lot easier. But you need volume for the insurance company to get the best deal for the consumer."

"We are a fairly good-size agency and because of that we pull some weight with companies."

As much as he hates to admit it, he says the days of the "one or two person shop are gone."

Bill's start in business came at a young age when all he ever really knew about insurance was that his premiums cost him a lot of money and he never seemed to get anything in return.

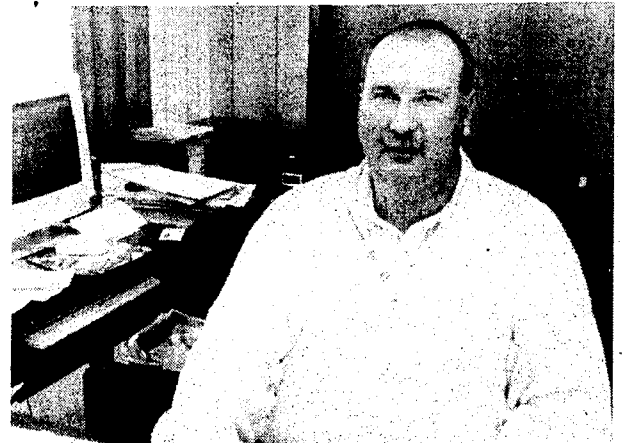
He was 22 when he started a tree trimming service. He also did trenching for power companies.

After that, he was a part owner of the Boyne City bowling alley. It was a job he loved. "I would have done that forever," he said, except that he found it difficult to make a living.

So he sold his interest and went to work in East Jordan selling insurance and found himself on the other side of the fence. He used to believe insurance was something that you paid a lot of premiums for, but rarely received anything in return.

After a few years, he realized that wasn't the case. Last year alone, he said, his agency paid out \$3 million in claims.

In addition to his business and the foundation, Bill is a past



Bill Korhase

president of the East Jordan Rotary, and is also a member of the Top O' Michigan board of directors. It's a commitment that requires on average about six hours a week. But it's something

he enjoys and is another way he can give back to the communities that have supported him.

"My Dad was a saint. My Mom is a saint. They're givers. That's where I learned it."

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

From defeat, success comes

(Editor's note: The following column was written several years ago by William L. Tryon Sr. of Boyne City. It was submitted to us by one of his friends who thought its content is timeless.)

By WILLIAM TRYON, SR.

"DEFEAT! FAILURE! DISILLUSIONMENT! They dog me like the tax collector. Cling to me like the seven-year itch. And why always me?"

You've no doubt heard the perpetual bellyacher lament similar tales of woe; some real, others imagined.

But is it true? Do some men have clear sailing down the canal of success, while others meet with unusual misfortunes and are shipwrecked before they reach their port of destination? Let's look at the record.

When Henry Ford, inventor and philanthropist, underwent his first trial as a manufacturer at the turn of the century, he experienced the disappointment of defeat by twice being forced into bankruptcy. But these initial setbacks failed to thwart his ambitions. With steadfast determination, the automotive pioneer took stock of himself, re-examined his aims and objectives; and carefully analyzed the contributing causes which led to his previous reversals.

Then, with these newly discovered facts, Ford sought out financial backing for a new enterprise and proceeded to organize the Ford Motor Company. In time his new venture amazed the financial world and grew into a billion-dollar family-owned corporation. Ford's reward for his analysis of defeat was bountiful. Success, was indeed his!

The man who hasn't experienced the bitter pangs of defeat has seldom ever accomplished anything worthwhile. As T. B. Aldrich so aptly put it, "They fail, and they alone, who has not striven." However, one must be able to differentiate between defeat and failure. And the inability to do just that, is often times paramount to catastrophe. For it isn't defeat that causes failure, but the refusal to recognize its contributing factors and then using them as a guide and incentive to achieve success. "A failure is a man who has blundered but is not able to cash in the experience," said Elbert Hubbard.

"Our greatest glory isn't in never falling, but in the rising every time we fall," said Confucius. This can be best exemplified by the struggles of Jersey Joe Walcott, who during the greater part of his pugilistic life tasted the bitter dregs of defeat many times. He lost numerous fights and at best could be considered no better than a good second-rater.

Then at the twilight of his career, at the age when most boxers are thinking strongly of hanging up their gloves, Walcott came in to his own. Possessing the indomitable desire for success, and with the invaluable knowledge learned from his earlier defeats, he astounded the sports-world by winning the Heavyweight Championship. Perseverance and the lessons taught by many defeats had paid huge dividends to Jersey Joe!

Defeats should not be considered as calamities or something to be ashamed of. They are routine incidents in the life of every man who achieves. A wise man observes them as friendly tipsters from which he interprets the direction to chart his course down the road of success.

Then there's the epic sea battle of the Revolutionary War. John Paul Jones stood on the shell-torn deck of the Bon Homme Richard. The Alliance had deserted him. The situation appeared hopeless. The ship was raked fore and aft by cruel cannon fire from the British men-o'-war. The Richard began to sink. John Paul, was indeed, a beaten man. But when the British commander requested Jones to surrender, a fighting fury of defeat suddenly seized the American.

He shouted, "I have not yet begun to fight." And with that he gave the order, and his water-logged ship rammed against the nearest British vessel. His men grappled and boarded her. In a short time the fight was over. From the bitterness of defeat, John Paul Jones drew a conqueror's spirit which spurred him on to victory!

So it follows, that in man's fight for survival and his quest for the better things of life, the pathway to success is oft-times besieged by pitfalls, discouragements, and heart aches; but we might look to a statement by H. W. Beecher who sums it up pretty well. "It is not the going out of port, but the coming in, that determines the success of the voyages."



Photo by Gina Solta Kendall

High flier

This snowboarder has entered a parallel universe — to the ground that is — as he flies feet-first out of the pipe during a competition last weekend at Boyne Mountain.

The first taste of the 'rivalry'

By JANE BROCK

I went to my first East Jordan basketball game last Tuesday night in the company of my children and a Boyne City fan. I am quite fond of Boyne, myself, and root for them — provided they aren't playing East Jordan. But I was surprised at the depth of my commitment to the Red Devils (of all things!) Tuesday night.

I should maybe point out that I am not a sports person. It seems to me that fouls are called for no reason at all, and that in between free throws those players are shoving each other around all the time.

I need a sports commentator sitting right beside me. So I appreciated Katie's friend Amanda Daniels, who seems to know everything and everybody, and kept me somewhat abreast of the situation on the court. All I know for sure about high school basketball is that my nephew, Matt Shaw, tends to get a pretty good response from the crowd, and that he's an awful cutie. isn't he?

So I wasn't quite prepared to feel as strongly

about the game as I did. I wouldn't have won any awards for sportsmanship either. I caught myself cheering when the "other" team missed a free throw — not that they were missing many! It seemed like Boyne City couldn't miss, and it seemed like East Jordan could. The Devils got into their stride, eventually, but we needed that first quarter over again.

My brother said, grinning, that if only we had come out stronger at first, and if only Boyne hadn't played so well, we would have won. Amanda said that technically we did win, because we out-played Boyne for three out of four quarters, but she was wrong.

Technically and otherwise, we lost. 'Til we meet again, I guess.

But I gained something. I had fun—I loved the feel of the crowd, the serious faces of the players, the camaraderie of teammates, the lack of bitterness in this age-old rivalry. I was proud of my nephew, and I was proud of our team. "Our" team -- it's a nice thing to have.

A MOM'S LIFE

It's downhill from now on

By CINDI PLACE

There are simply some things that most 40-year-old bodies shouldn't do. Jump off a high cliff into frigid water, race a 6-year-old in anything, and learn how to downhill ski. At least, these are things this 40-year-old body has been able to avoid ever since that momentous birthday. Until yesterday.

I think I'm having symptoms of a mid-life type predicament. All of a sudden, I am regretting never learning how to macarante. Or never having seen the Alps. I find myself wondering what it would be like to travel to a foreign country and be surrounded by people talking funny.

Our sons are becoming avid downhill skiers. And their dad, bless him, having never learned how to ski, simply slapped a couple of boards on his feet one day and sped down the mountain after them. Without falling.

So it was with much trepidation and determination that I "took a lesson." I knew that if I was going to even see our children in the months from December through April, that I would have to learn to enjoy their favorite past-time. Or die trying. At the very least, I feared several broken bones and the re-discovery of many, many unused muscles.

Actually, it wasn't all bad, if you discount the couple of times that I was completely unable to get up after taking a spill. A friend suggested that I simply remove the ski boots, stand up, then walk away, like nothing had happened. Worked like a charm.

Even though I've been telling myself, and others, that I want to learn to ski to spend more time with our kids, I think the real reason has more to do with simple pride. For years I've been the one to save a table in the lunch room. There has been an advantage to spending so much time waiting for the kids: I've completed the week's menus and shopping lists, addressed Christmas cards, sent thank-you notes, planned vacations and read books. An awful lot of books. But I decided that I'm not going to sit on the sidelines any longer.

The biggest challenge I faced during this recent lesson was having to learn a new sport with my children watching. At first, they thought that it was great entertainment. Up goes mom, down goes mom, up goes mom, down goes mom. But eventually, I found my "ski legs" and surprised us all by getting down a hill without falling, and more importantly, without snowplowing the entire time.

So now we're ready to ski as a family. Only one problem though...there's no one left to save the lunch table!

Successful plan needs wide range of input

TO THE EDITOR:

On Jan. 15, a large group of community members met to discuss the educational facilities at the Boyne City Public Schools. This group of people included school board members and administrators, teaching staff, business people, city representatives, parents, etc. This advisory committee was established by the school board to help them find solutions that would provide more space and upgraded facilities for its students. Through discussion and consensus at this meeting, the group at hand made the following decisions:

- To call the committee the Educational Facilities Committee

- To establish an Executive Committee, which would include up to seven members, to help facilitate the decision making process. This committee should have a diverse membership, which would include those in favor and those not in favor of the previous bond proposals. One school board member would also sit on this committee.

- To start work immediately on the development of a list of needs, identifying the associated benefits and costs, and assigning a level of priority to each of these needs.

- To request school administrators to prepare a list of needs complete with the associated benefits for a

meeting to be held in the near future (Dr. Nakoneczny committed to having this information by Feb. 5).

- Scheduled a meeting for Jan. 29, from 7-9 p.m. in the High School Home Ec Room with the following agenda: election of members to the Executive Committee, writing of a Mission Statement, and brainstorming ideas for future meetings.

- Scheduled a meeting on Feb. 5 (the time and place the same as above) to review the "Needs" list from the school administration.

The group thought it would be helpful for ideas to be put in writing and submitted to the board for summarization prior to the meeting. This is to attempt to keep the meeting more focused and therefore make it a better use of time for those attending. Written comments can be dropped off at the school's business office to my attention, or addressed to 453 Elm St., Boyne City.

The group would welcome more individuals to attend these meetings. Early input by a wide range of citizens is critical in developing a successful plan. If you have any questions, you can call me at 582-3180 (work) or 582-7930 (home).

Kathy Anderson
Board President
Boyne City Public Schools

Help of many made blood drive a success

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the many hospital patients served through the American Red Cross Blood Services program, allow me to thank the warm and compassionate people of East Jordan who participated in the East Jordan Red Cross Community blood drive on Dec. 30.

It is a pleasure to report that over 65 people came to the drive and we collected 59 units of blood. Although every day is a great day to donate blood, this strong support was especially important right before the New Year's holiday.

And so, to the sponsor of the drive, the First Presbyterian Church, to every cookie baker, blood drive volunteer, truck unloader and reloader, phone caller, poster hanger and to every single blood donor, the warmest thanks and well wishes to you and your respective families for a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

It is great to know that good people do help, when help can't wait. We look forward to our next blood drive on Tuesday, March 30, from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at East Jordan High School.

Carolyn Matzinger
American Red Cross Blood Services Manager

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THE DURANT SETTLEMENT

What it means to local school districts

(Editor's note: In the past few months there have been many stories about the recent Durant Settlement and what impact it will have on local school districts. Following are the opinions of East Jordan Superintendent Chip Hansen and Boyne City Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny regarding the issue.)

By CHIP HANSEN

What are the implications of the settlement for the EJ School District?

The implications of the Durant settlement on the EJ Schools (or all public schools for that matter) is not positive, although the state would like people to think otherwise. In a nutshell, the East Jordan Schools will receive, over a 15 year period, approximately \$124,000 as a result of the settlement. This amounts to approximately \$8,500 annually.

The At-Risk funds were funds that our school already had, so the state can't say that the \$167,108 At-Risk allotment is "new" money. It's money that we were already counting on in the current year, and for 1998-99.

The savings in the school district's costs of retirement for school employees is helpful, however, it is highly likely that those costs will increase in the future. The state estimates that we will save \$211,000 in retirement costs in 1998-99. This is interesting, since our 1998-99 General Fund Budget only includes \$4,232,000 in payroll expenses. Since the new 11.12 percent retirement cost rate is 3.54 percent less than the old rate of 14.66 percent, our estimated level of savings is \$149,800...a far cry from the state's estimate of \$211,000.

How will the settlement affect the 1998-99 budget?

The crucial part of the settlement is the Foundation Grant freeze for 1998-99. In East Jordan, the Foundation Grant will remain at the current year's \$5,566 per-student level. We (like every other public school) were counting on a COLA increase of 2.9 percent, which would have lifted our Foundation Grant to \$5,727 in 1998-99, an increase of \$161 per-student. On a student enrollment of 1,225 students, the EJ Schools will lose \$197,225 in revenue in 1998-99.

Since we estimate that we will gain \$149,800 in retirement cost reductions, and another \$8,500 in Durant settlement monies, our total "gains" for 1998-99 are approximately \$158,300. Since we will lose \$197,225 as a result of the Foundation Grant freeze, our net loss in 1998-99 as a result of the Durant settlement will be approximately \$40,000.

Will East Jordan hold a public hearing to determine how the settlement monies (\$124,000 over 15 years or \$8,500 annually) will be spent?

Yes, the EJ Schools will hold a public hearing with regard to how the settlement monies will be spent. At this time, I anticipate the hearing will be held in February, 1998. We have not discussed how to use the funds, however, with just \$8,500 expected annually, doing anything real substantial is out of the question.

Explain the settlement from your perspective.

The Durant settlement is a "mixed bag" for local schools. In our case, in East Jordan, we don't see the settlement as being positive at all, in fact, in 1998-99, our schools will actually lose approximately \$40,000 in available revenues as a result of the settlement. Long term, because freezing the Foundation Grant makes every successive year's grant smaller than it would have been without the freeze, we suspect the overall picture of the settlement is far more beneficial for the state than it ever will be for local schools.

BOYNE CITY

By BOB NAKONECZNY

For many years the State of Michigan mandated specific Special Education services for children of the state and did not pay for those mandates as required under the Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution. A group of 84 school districts (Plaintiff School Districts) filed a lawsuit against the State of Michigan claiming payment for the unfunded mandates. The lawsuit was called the Durant Case.

After years and years of court decisions and appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court in the Spring of 1997 determined that the State of Michigan did not

follow the State's Constitution and awarded monetary damages to the 84 school districts. Although the State's underfunding practice had gone on for nearly 17 years, the Supreme Court only required the State to make monetary payments for the previous three years and awarded no accumulated interest as part of the award.

The minute the Supreme Court made the Durant Case monetary decision, the underfunded liability of the state was cut significantly. It would be like owing back rent for 17 months and someone saying that you only had to pay three months. Not only did you miss the 14 months worth of payments, but you missed the interest income on the money, too.

Well, that is water over the dam for the plaintiff school districts, as these 84 school districts will receive the full payment of their monetary award on Nov. 15, 1998, under the Durant Settlement.

However, since there are 540 school districts in the state, the other 456 school districts (Non-Plaintiff School Districts) also have the right to sue the state. The State Legislature, in its wisdom, decided to offer the non-plaintiff school districts what amounts to an out-of-court settlement. What you have been reading about and listening to in the media is geared to give the impression that school districts are getting a windfall of cash. The media campaign has been nicely done by the state. The public's perception of the "Durant Settlement" has been converted by the state's media blitz from a "liability underfunding claim" based on not following the State Constitution into a perceived "cash bonanza" for school districts. The feeling the state is trying to create out there is that school districts have won the LOTTO.

Actually, with all the hoopla being generated by the state through the media, it sort of sounds like school districts have won the LOTTO. But in actuality school districts are being offered payment on money owed at 60 cents to 85 cents on (grossly) deflated dollars.

Now, every (non-plaintiff) Board of Education across the State is faced with the same decision: do we accept 60 cents to 85 cents on the dollar?

If any school district does not accept the settlement, the word on the streets of Lansing is that it will be the proverbial "cold day," if and when these Non-Plaintiff school districts would get ANY money.

The settlement requires each non-plaintiff school district to pass a "waiver of liability" motion by

March 2, to graciously accept the State's offering and waive the state of liability. Plaintiff school districts will receive all of their monetary award up front on Nov. 15. Non-plaintiff school districts with "state settlement offers" of less than \$75,000 will also receive their entire settlement money on Nov. 15. They need to pass a "waiver of liability" and hold a public hearing by June 30.

The funds may be used for school buses, electronic instructional material and software, school security, textbooks, technology, infrastructure or infrastructure improvement, training for technology or to reduce or eliminate voter-approved debt that was issued prior to Nov. 19, 1997.

Non-plaintiff school districts with "state settlement offers" of greater than \$75,000 will basically receive one-half of their settlement through a series of "cash payments" and the other half through what the state calls "bonding opportunities." The state proposes one half the money be paid in 10 equal annual installment payments beginning Nov. 15, 1998, and ending Nov. 15, 2007. The current value (NPV) of these payments would be about 70 cents on the dollar.

The other half of the settlement would come in the form of a choice that the Board of Education of these school districts would have to make. These individual school districts can either issue bonds for the money (hopefully the state paying the interest and principal on the bonds sold, but we are not 100 percent sure at this point) and possibly receive 100 percent of the money on Nov. 15, OR they can opt to receive 15 annual cash payments. Do we want all of our money now? Or do we want the same amount of money over 15 years? The present value of the money would be 60 cents on the dollar if paid over the next 15 years. You don't have to be a brain surgeon nor do you have to think long and hard about that one if the state is in fact going to pay the interest and principal. If not, we have another slight of hand to limit the state's liability.

Now that you understand that school districts across the state did not win the Lottery, and the state is nicely limiting its liability at the expense of local school districts, the question is, how will local school districts spend the settlement money?

For Boyne City Public Schools, the amount

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POLICE REPORT

During the past week, the Boyne City Police Department responded to 102 complaints. Among them were:

- A complaint on Jan. 12 of a person bit by a dog. The complaint was turned over to the Charlevoix County Animal Control officer.

- A report of a larceny at the Boyne City Elementary School on Jan. 14. No other information was available.

- A car slid into a sign on Boyne Avenue near Brockway on Jan. 14.

- Many citations were issued to snowmobilers over the past weekend for failing to operate their machines according to city rules. Snowmobilers were cited for riding in city parks, riding on the wrong side of the street and riding on private property.

Boyne City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing

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January 17th

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Speed was the name of the game for racers competing in the snowmobile drag races.



Grand Marshals Keith and Lynn Bulmann enjoyed their parade stroll down Main Street.



Skaters make the rounds at the Jordan Valley Express, which hosted a new event at this year's Sno-Blast.

Having a **BLAST** in the snow

SNOWMOBILE RACES

By JANE BROCK

Snowmobilers in predominantly black, offset by shouts of color, packed the East Jordan Snowmobiler's Club grounds for the snow machine drag races.

The air was tinged with blue, and the smell of exhaust infused the day with atmosphere. Near the starting line, little girls predicted the winner of each heat with confidence unshaken by actual times.

The snow machines ranged from the high-tech vehicles that participated in the races, and the antique snowmobiles displayed in front of the clubhouse. The old machines were often enormous, with dramatic, unwieldy engines and fantastic tracks.

Their bodies mostly looked homemade, with welds rippling neatly down their seams. In comparison, the modern machines were seamless and sleek, with smooth plastic exteriors of the same colors that adorned their drivers.

It was a perfect day for a winter race, the temperature was not too cold for the spectators, who inevitably stand for hours through qualifying trials. It was cold enough, however, to keep the snow fairly dry, so that it sprayed in satisfying rooster tails from the backs of the racing machines.

The crowd was made up of many spectators, but perhaps even more actual participants, many doing last minute tune-ups and revving their engines in shrill bursts of sound.

The winning entrants came from all over Northern Michigan, and their participation in the different categories made a day at the races possible for Sno-Blast race fans.

THE PARADE

The least welcome and possibly most memorable participant in the 1997 Sno-Blast parade was the eleven degree below zero temperature that plagued it and the huddled masses who came

bravely out to watch. (Most of them from the warmth of their cars.) This year the weather contributed to the success of the parade, as the relatively mild temperatures got folks out of their cars and onto the sidewalks to enjoy a record number of parade entrants.

The fire engine started things out, sounding its siren in a playful way—quite a contrast to its usual alarm. Next Keith and Lynn Bulmann waved to their friends as they walked down Main, followed by a float of sliding kids from Dick and Jane's daycare, Galmore's first and latest snowmobiles, Old Man Winter and Miss East Jordan and a couple of area radio stations. There was a clown, a dog packing snowshoes, a couple of walking confections from J & J's Bakery, and representatives from the ambulance and police departments. There was a dance club decked out in wintry finery and last year's Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight, as well as the contestants for this year.

While the crowd of spectators was small, the mood was festive when the 1998 Belle and Knight were crowned—or capped, in his case. Joan Lemerand was chosen Belle of the Blizzard. "I campaigned hard," she confessed, "But not as hard as Bruce Woodcock!" So it was appropriate that Bruce became the 1998 Winter Knight.

The parade crowd dispersed after the winners were announced, with Dick and Jane's daycare winning in the 8 and under category, the musical fire truck taking the civic award, Fun "B" Us in the commercial category and Dawn German's Dance Club winning the 8 and over category.

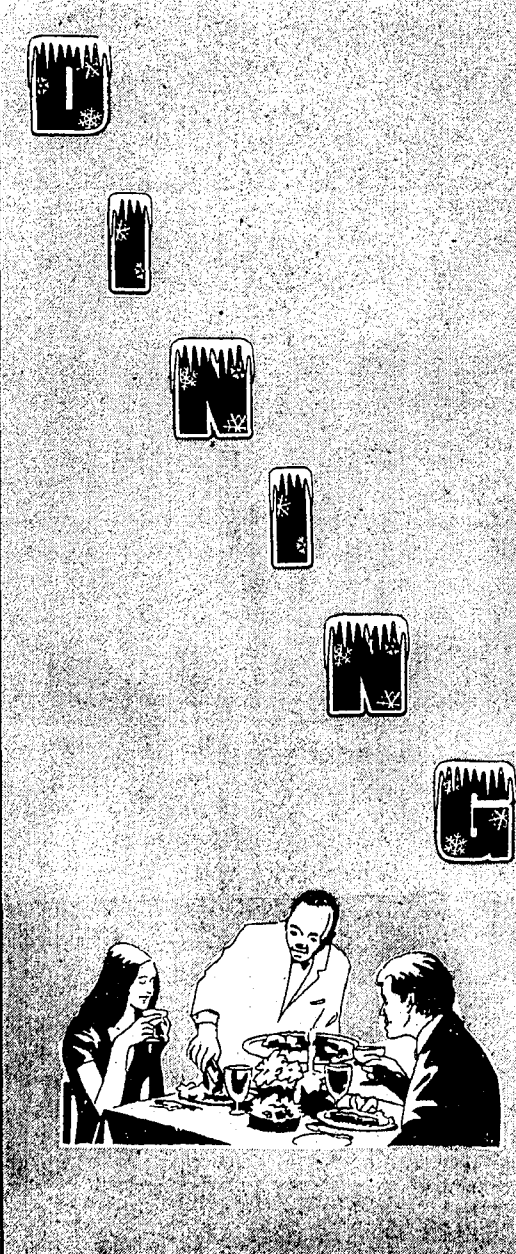
In other contests, Ron Warnos won the 15 years and older Sno-shoe follies, with Scott Reich taking the Follies by storm for the 10-14 year olds. Citizen's Bank impressed the judges with its commercial entry in the snow sculpture contest, and Lakeview Manor had the best snow sculpture entry for a civic organization.

The snowmobile raffled off by the East Jordan Rotary, and donated by Vincent's Yamaha, went to Dr. Greene of Mancelona. Debbie Bennett, organizer of the softball-in-the-snow game wanted to thank the Boyne City team that came over to

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Old Man Winter not only brought the white to the Sno-Blast, he also escorted Miss East Jordan Kayla Fennel to the festivities.



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Old city clock may be moved without major restoration work

Boyer City's old city clock may not be renovated after all. But plans are still in the works to move it down the street one block to a new location at the Tower Center on the corner of Lake and Water streets.

The decision not to renovate the clock came after a lengthy discussion at last Thursday's Downtown Development Authority meeting.

In the past months, the DDA has received two bids to restore the clock. The bids vary widely. One is from the Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, for \$30,557. The other is from the Balzer Family of Freeport, Maine, for \$60,650.

The bids included dismantling and transporting the clock, cleaning and restoring, repainting, installing four new clock hands, and shortening the pendulum and regearing.

Local clock expert John Talboys, who has been a part of the discussion for the past several months, explained to the DDA that he still had reservations that the restoration work planned by both companies might alter the clock in ways he does not want to see.

His goal, he said, is to maintain the integrity of the clock. Talboys also questioned whether or not the clock needs restoration. "I don't think it needs to be restored," he said. "You can just clean it up."

The main problem for the clock is its environment, Talboys said. "When it is warm and dry, it functions perfectly." The clock's current location at Huntington Bank is not heated and some of the clock mechanism is occasionally submerged in water.

Following Talboys' suggestion, the DDA decided not to have the clock restored. Instead, it will move ahead with plans to move the clock and have it cleaned.

The DDA formed a subcommittee to look at the proposed new site for the clock to review exactly how it will fit into the Tower Center and to determine what alterations, if any, may have to be made.

The goal is to have as much of the clock's mechanism as possible easily visible.

The DDA will also try to find a clock expert or members of the Clock Tower Association to assist with the cleaning and relocation of the clock. It's possible that either Verdin or Balzer could have employees available.

Also to be worked out is a final agreement between the city and owners of Tower Center. The clock will continue to be owned by the city and the site will be leased from the owners at no cost.

The clock was recently donated to the city by Huntington Bank. The bank built the current clock tower and owned the clock since the late 1970's. The bank purchased it from John Porter of East Jordan, who bought the clock at an auction in the early 1960's.

At the meeting, the DDA also elected Liz Kroondyk its chair for the next year and recommended Jeff Wellman and Jim White be appointed to another four-year term. Larry Maddux, who served as DDA chair the past year, was reappointed to a fill the remainder of John Duley's term.

Durant

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specified by the State as "Selected Estimates School Aid Payments under SB 178 (S-3) CR-1" is \$340,838. The amount is referred to as a "State Aid Payment" and not a "Payment of Liability" by the state. The Board of Education must pass a "Waiver of Liability" motion as required by the state to receive the money.

Since Boyne City Public Schools is a non-plaintiff school district and the \$340,838 is greater than \$75,000, BCPS will annually receive equal installments of \$17,042 on Nov. 15 each year over the next 10 years. The current value of these payments is

estimated to be \$119,695 or about 70.2 cents on the dollar. In other words, the \$170,419 would only buy \$119,695 worth of goods on Nov. 15.

The "bonding portion" of the \$340,838 liability settlement, or \$170,419, could be available on Nov. 15. However, the Michigan Department of Treasury has yet to make a determination of what SB 178 requires them to do. Our school district's attorney will not advise on the matter until the Department of Treasury provides its interpretation. The best scenario for BCPS is \$170,419 available on Nov. 15. The worst scenario is that the present value of the 15 annual payments of \$11,361 each is only

worth \$103,477 (about 60.7 cents on the dollar).

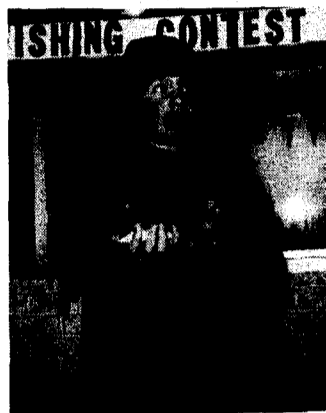
Although the Boyne City Board of Education has not taken action on the above matter, the Board's Finance Committee has reviewed with the Board how the proceeds from the Durant Settlement could be used to fund the school district's Technology Plan of Action.

It has been administratively recommended to use the proceeds from the pending Durant Settlement to acquire technology (Local Area Network [LAN], Wide Area Network [WAN], etc.) under the Universal Services Fund (USF). The USF is part of a federal settlement with the communica-

tions industry to provide money for libraries and local school districts to implement approved technology plans. The match for our school district would be 40 percent local and 60 percent federal. In doing so, a Nov. 15, Durant Settlement of \$187,000 (\$170,000 + \$17,000) could generate \$467,500 worth of value for the students of our school district. And that is how the Durant Settlement will most likely be spent.

P.S. And by the way, under the Durant Settlement there will be no increase in local school district per pupil allocations for next school year. It is a story in and of itself.

Sno-Blast



Gage Burt hauled in an 8 1/2 inch perch and won a fishing pole.

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play, and BC Pizza and Anstead's for the gift certificates they donated. Debbie said this will be an annual Sno-Blast event.

The Chamber of Commerce thanks the many people that visited and contributed to the Sno-Blast, making the winter festival of 1998 one to remember.

FISHING CONTEST

By TOM DURECKI

With ideal weather conditions, the third annual Sno-Blast fishing contest came to an end Sunday, Jan. 18.

The nine-day event saw a record 115 fisherman sign up for the contest. This year also saw the largest amount of prizes given out. Besides

the \$250 in gift certificates the top 15 fishermen won from Arnold's Bait and Tackle, the sponsor of the contest, local merchants gave over \$600 in prizes.

Winners of the contest were: Perch division: 1st - Pete Hammond, 2nd - Leona Evans, 3rd - Rick Bjorem. Pike: 1st - Leo Evans, 2nd - Ron Freed, 3rd - Paul Cardwell. Walleye: 1st - Amos Skrocki, 2nd - Walt Ragay, 3rd - Matt Mikulski. Bluegill: 1st - Carl Vannimum, 2nd - Matt Mikulski, 3rd - Dick Bjorem. Trout: 1st - Dick Bjorem, 2nd - Shawn Norton, 3rd - Rick Bjorem.

The first annual 12 and under contest was dominated by youngsters under 8, with 8-year-old Adam Erving catching a 25 3/4" pike and a new ice fishing pole donated by Pete Hammond. The other two poles went to 5-year-old Gage Burt and his 8 1/2" perch, and 4-year-old Mike Tompkins Jr., who caught an 8" perch. Since no bluegills were entered, the prize for that category went to the second biggest perch.

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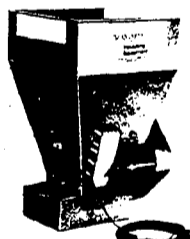
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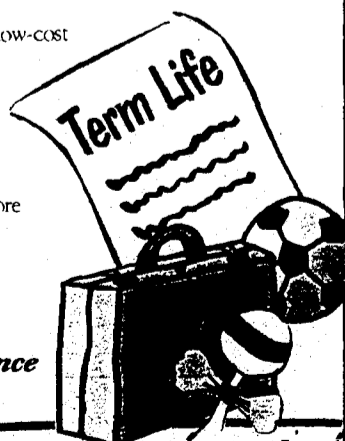
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TANYA RENKIEWICZ HAS BEEN DANCING A LONG TIME

'Make as much noise as you can when I call your name," instructs Tanya Renkiewicz, who demonstrates by moving her feet in a quick staccato and ending with a loud stomp.

Thus begins roll call at each of the tap-dance classes she teaches. Then it's onto stretching — and simultaneous tapping.

"I love dancing," says 18-year-old Tanya.

The Boyne City High School senior did not necessarily aspire to teach, but "there's not a whole lot of dance in this area," she said. She took as many classes as she could and four years ago began teaching. Her students range from 5-year-olds to adults.

With Scott Joplin cued and a glance at her spiral notebook, she leads the class in one of many exercises. Heel, toe, heel. Tap, tap, tap. And across the well-worn hardwood floor the students follow.

Stepping back, she studies them to make sure they're doing it right. Soon they'll be watching their own reflections in the wall-length mirror. Eventually they'll take part in a recital Renkiewicz produces.

"It goes by fast," said 9-year old student Lindsey Mansfield about the class. The Boyne City resident is a first-time tapper and may end up with a solo in the next show.

Tanya wants to plan a May recital. She's working on the logistics with other dance teachers. To date she's put on a Dance Illusions, which was performed in East Jordan, and included tap, jazz, hip-hop and modern dance. She's also choreographed two other shows — The Outerworld and a Halloween performance. And her tap class participated in a holiday open house at the McCune Arts Center in Petoskey.

"She's marvelous," said Rick Branson, a father of three of her students — two sons and a daughter. "She teaches them technique and gives them an enthusiasm for it at the same time." While some kids her age would have a hard time getting other kids' respect, Branson said, "for her it's natural."

"I hope dance will make them more confident in themselves and their bodies because society puts a lot of pressure on what to look like," Tanya said, "and it's one more thing that can keep kids from doing bad things."

She said dancing helped her with the insecuri-



After high school, Tanya Renkiewicz's goal is to earn a master's in dance so she can teach at schools or have her own studio.

ties many adolescent females face. "I matured a lot faster than other girls and I always felt huge because I was taller."

Being in dance lets you see the differences, "not everyone is a skinny model type," said Tanya, who is lean and muscular.

Once she started dancing it took her a while to notice that the other dancers don't look at you and judge you. "They're there to dance," she said. "It's more about the cool move you do, not that you're big or you're small."

Tanya said she's danced "since I was born." She remembers watching Star-Search and Fame a lot but didn't know there were actually dance lessons until her step-sister took a tap class. When she signed up for ballet in kindergarten, the older girls in the prior class scared her. She dropped out, but not for long.

After eight years of dancing, she doesn't claim any particular type as her favorite. She has studied ballet, modern, jazz, hip-hop, and even choreography. She said that hip-hop — which she also teaches — was probably influenced by all the Michael Jackson she watched as a young child.

She said it would have been great to meet Gene Kelly, Fred Astaire or Ginger Rogers, but she would most like to have met Sammy Davis, Jr. because she thinks he had everything that dance stands for. "It's not just dancing to perform — there's so much emotion and life that goes into it."

But it was her former dance teacher of six years, Jody Adgate, who steered her toward modern and choreography, "and inspired me to take all these other kinds of dance."

This summer, she won the Miss Northwestern Michigan pageant, performing tap for the talent portion. But she doesn't know if she'll pursue the next step — Miss Northern Michigan and possibly Miss Michigan. It depends on if, and when, she gets accepted to college. She wants to go to the best arts school she can, and has focused her sights on a program in Seattle. She would eventually like to get a Master's in dance so she can teach at schools or have her own studio.

But until then she has the rest of the school year to finish, a jazz dance class to teach, and friends to hang-out with.

Like typical teenagers, Tanya and friends go indoor golfing, to the mall, roller-skating, bowling, or stay up all night watching movies and eating junk food.

"Usually we go to somebody's house and dance," she said of her free time. One friend has a strobe light and a black light. The friends that don't dance are into music, she adds.

Not one to stay idle, she laughed, "we can be bowling and dancing at the same time."

"I hope dance will make them more confident in themselves and their bodies because society puts a lot of pressure on what to look like, and it's one more thing that can keep kids from doing bad things."

--Tanya Renkiewicz

Story and photo by
Gina Soltis Kendell

Robin Hood on stage

Laura Warren as The Old Widow (left), and Jessica White as Mother Meg, rehearse their lines for an upcoming comedy production of Robin Hood. Concord Academy Boyne's eighth through 10th grade drama department will perform the play on Jan. 23 and 24, at 7 p.m. in the Academy's multi-purpose room. Tickets are \$2 at the door. For more information call 582-0194.



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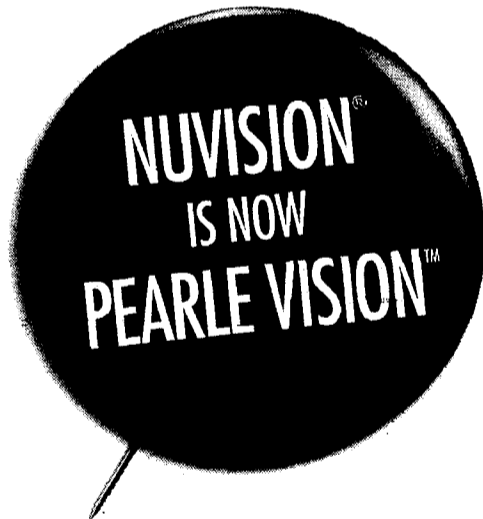
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There may be a few adjustments and modifications, according to Mellon, as the staff learns which insurances Pearle will accept. Also, due to a wider selection of frames, the store may be expanded. And, the decor may change depending on Pearle's color scheme.

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Dr. Gary Mellon and his staff are, from left: Carmen Slate, Debbie Jason and Rene MacNaughton.

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Jeanie Nelson is top team member for Boyne USA Resorts

Jeanie Nelson of Boyne City was selected the 1997 Boyne Mountain Resort Team Member of the Year.

Jeanie is a supervisor in the housekeeping department and has been with Boyne Mountain since 1994.

"Jeanie is a hard worker and dedicated Team Boyne Member," said Tania Schripsema, personnel assistant for Boyne USA. "She goes above and beyond the call of duty every day."

Jeanie received \$500 and a plaque for being selected Team Member of the Year.

Jeanie was chosen from 84 other Team Members of the Month, a program started in 1997 at Boyne Mountain by the Team Boyne Committee.

"The Team Boyne Committee is committed to increase Team Member morale and also supports the surrounding community," Schripsema said.

The committee in the past year sponsored a successful Red Cross Blood Drive at Boyne Mountain and Boyne Highlands, a canned food drive for local food banks and just recently, the Project Rudolph campaign of donating toys and clothing to families in the area during this past Christmas season.



Jeanie Nelson



Grandvue board member Eleanor Sutliff, left, presented Liz McDermott a dozen roses.

Grandvue career comes to an end

After 27 years at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, Liz McDermott has retired.

She was honored recently at a luncheon and was given a dozen red roses by Eleanor Sutliff, a member of the Grandvue board.

Liz worked as a rehab restorative aide in the physical therapy department for the past 20 years. She helped guide residents, many of them stroke

patients, through speech, occupational and physical therapy.

Co-worker Lynn Carson said that Liz, "loved her residents and took good care of them."

"I thought it was time to do some other types of things," Liz said. "I've been there a long time." A mother of three and grandmother of eight, she plans to visit her out-of-town children more often and to do some traveling.

COLLEGE NEWS

WHITNEY SCHRAW, daughter of Thomas and Marlene Schraw of Boyne City, has been named to the Hope College Dean's List for the first semester of the 1997-98 school year.

To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Boyne students have half a day of school Friday

Boyne City Public Schools will be holding Staff Development meetings on Friday, Jan. 23.

The middle school will be dismissed at 11 a.m. and the elementary and high schools at 11:15 a.m.

Kindergarten students who normally attend in the afternoon will attend in the morning that day. Kindergarten students who normally attend in the morning will not have classes. Kindergarten students will ride home on the buses with the older students.

Breakfast will be available for all students.

St. Joseph's hosting party for Fr. Bill McKeon

Members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of East Jordan are having a potluck luncheon and party on Sunday, Jan. 25, in the parish hall immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, to celebrate Father Bill McKeon's birthday.

In lieu of gifts, a donation could be given to East Jordan Care & Share, or bring a can of food for the needy.

EJ chamber needs help with spring golf event

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce is planning a spring golf outing at the new Mallard Golf Course that will be opening in the Spring of '98.

A County-Wide Business After Hours will also be part of the day-long event. Committee members include: Jim Carey of Glen's Market, Dick Hoffman - Smith & Hoffman Excavating, Inc., Carol Smith of the Mallard Golf Course and Mary Faculak - Chamber Executive Director.

Anyone interested in working on this upcoming event should contact Faculak at 536-7351 or 536-2348.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Megan Kempton
PARENTS: Dr. John and Chris Kempton
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, President of Sophomore class, East Jordan Theaters and JV softball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Softball, piano, reading, art and aerobic exercise classes
FUTURE PLANS: College
FAVORITE CLASSES: Math with Mr. Aten and Communication Arts with Mrs. McPherson
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Megan is an independent art and does a terrific job," said Pat Tinney. "She is very interested in her studies. Her written work is superb. She is a very creative student."
 "Megan demonstrates, in her work, a desire to understand beyond a superficial level," said Bill Aten.
 "Megan is always on task," said Ted Jeffery. "She listens well and takes pride in producing top quality work."
 "Megan is a super student," said Lisa Treinen. "She always puts forth great effort in both her chemistry class and her German class. Her work is always good quality. She is also kind and considerate to everyone."
 "I've known Megan for many years," said Ellen Brouwer. "She is a kind and caring young woman who is very dedicated to high achievements. She also has a good sense of humor."



Megan Kempton

Boyne City



Laura Cassidy



Norman Moore



Heidi Gapinski

NAME: Laura Cassidy
GRANDPARENTS: Ed and Anne Thurston
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band, cross country, drama, softball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "My favorite things are camping and hiking with my family, skiing and swimming. I enjoy photography and collecting rocks and stamps. I also like to play the piano."
FUTURE PLANS: "I am going to school, probably at Alma College."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Laura is an outstanding student, and has good insight," said Mr. Parker. "She is one of only two students in my classes who is maintaining a grade of over 100%, and I enjoy having her in class. Congratulations, Laura!"
 "Laura is a pleasure to have as a student and teacher assistant," said Mrs. Ruhs. "She is dependable, enjoys a challenge, and does quality work. She sets high standards for herself and is a model for others. Congratulations, Laura."

NAME: Norman Moore
PARENTS: Mark and Laurie Moore
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: "I like to play basketball, football and baseball."
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "My hobbies are playing sports and hanging out."
FUTURE PLANS: "My future plans are to go to college and play football and go to the NFL."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Norman is a conscientious worker," said Mr. Irwin. "Pleasant to have in class. Always is pleasant and cooperative in his behavior. I wish you well, keep up the good work."
 "Norm is a first time art student who has been great to have in class," said Mr. Ewald. "He works beyond the level expected of each assignment and is always pleasant to be around."
 "Norman is really stepping up in class," said Ms. Crouch. "His participation and grades show it. He is a pleasure to work with and I wish him well."

NAME: Heidi Lynn Gapinski
PARENTS: James and Cindy Gapinski
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band, Spanish, biology
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Music, horses, landscaping, architecture and flower gardening
FUTURE PLANS: "To go into architecture and landscaping and own my own business."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Heidi is an exceptional addition to Boyne City High School," said Ms. VanDamme. "She is a very dedicated, hard-working individual who always puts forth her best effort. I appreciate her willingness to help out when needed. Heidi is well deserving of this honor!"
 "I enjoy having Heidi in biology," said Ms. Forfinski. "She is friendly and respects others in class as her consistent behavior convinces me that she cares about her academics and works hard to achieve her goals. I find Heidi's attitude refreshing and she has been a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations!"

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

A "HATS OFF" goes out to Cheryl Scott, one of the Charlevoix County Transit Dispatchers. On Tuesday, near closing time, she received a package pick-up request, notified a driver, then finished her shift and went home. About an hour and a half later, she got a call that it had never reached its destination. Dedicated person that she is, she drove her own vehicle to the bus garage, which is some distance from her home. Sure enough, the driver had returned. Possibly due to the evening time darkness, falling snow, or because he was not familiar with the address, he just brought it back. Cheryl knew right where to go, so she went and delivered it.

DARLEA AND LARRY MATTHEW of Walloon Lake enjoyed a visit this past week from basket weaving friends, Floyd and Melissa Anderson of Georgia, who were skiing at Crystal Mountain.

SEVERAL TENANTS of Litzbenburger Place took advantage of a foot care service performed by Pat Wakulat of Petoskey on Wednesday. Working through Home Health Care Service of Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Pat will be returning every other month or so.

UNINTENTIONALLY OVERLOOKED in last week's item concerning the luncheon following the memorial service for Dick Dubin, was the inclusion of the co-hosts, his Presbyterian Church family.

FORMER AREA RESIDENTS, Esther and Don Trojanek, now of Grayling, were remarried in Boyne City this past Saturday.

WARREN DEROSIA of Litzbenburger Place became a resident of Grandvue over the weekend.

BETTY KELTS and Jo Kipapa of Boyne City took their son and brother, Jerry Kelts, to Grand Rapids on Thursday, so he could take a plane to San Francisco, for a nine-day stay. Mother and daughter enjoyed an overnight stay before making the return trip home.

ELIZABETH EDDY, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Lane Eddy, left Boyne City on Tuesday, with a mission group, to spend a couple weeks of volunteer service in Costa Rica.

RUSSELL CROWE of Boyne City was admitted to the Charlevoix Area Hospital, awaiting a transfer to Grandvue.

ON SATURDAY NIGHT, Boyne City Firemen hosted their annual "Wild Game" dinner. A group of 40 area law enforcement personnel and other guests, who have helped make their job a little easier throughout the year, enjoyed a variety of wild game, prepared by the firefighters, and delicious dinner side dishes.

THE SENIOR CITIZEN Scamps of the Free Methodist Church enjoyed their January outing on Sunday, with a good time at dinner at Filmore's in Petoskey.

JOSEPH TISRON of Parkview Apartments is now a resident of Grandvue.

A WARM AND LOVING "Welcome to our world" goes out to Farrah Maria Foster, born to Camille Northup and Michael Foster in Palm Harbor, Fla. on Jan. 19, 1998. Farrah Maria weighed in at 4 lbs., 1 oz., and measured a little over 16 inches long. Grandparents are Nancy Northup of Boyne City and Victoria Foster of North Carolina.
 (To submit items to Nancy, please call 582-9174.)

Little Traverse Hospice offers class to help grieving process

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is offering a series of classes called "Grief and the Healing Process: Understanding our Losses," from 7-9 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 3.

The sessions are free and will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1020 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey.

"Grief is not something we 'get over' or 'recover from,' nor do each of us grieve in the same way. Grief is a process of healing and living with real change," said Robert Vance, a family counselor with Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Vance and family counselor Grayce Gusmano will lead the sessions along with Hospice volunteers.

The grief and healing process series provides a safe, supportive environment in which to share the

practical problems of day-to-day living after the death of a loved one, Vance said. By using the art of storytelling and expressive techniques, the series is designed to provide a deeper understanding of any loss and the means of reconciling the loss into normal, everyday activities.

Open to the families of Hospice patients as well as anyone in the community who has suffered a major loss, the weekly sessions help families and individuals come to renewed meaning and purpose through their pain and feelings of loss, Vance said.

Pre registration for the series is requested and can be made by calling the Hospice office at 347-9700.

CLUBS

Friendship Club

The Boyne City Friendship Club will meet Monday, Jan. 26, at noon at the city hall auditorium.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share and their own table service. Anyone over 50 is welcome to attend.

Aglow International

The local chapter of Aglow International will host a special guest from California at its meeting Thursday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City.

Aglow International invites everyone to attend. The group promotes Jesus as the answer to life's problems. The program will center on Matthew 11:28: "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Refreshments will be served at a cost of \$4.

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SPORTS

Ramblers are at the head of the pack

By CHRIS WINKLER

The Boyne City Ramblers came back strong after their hard-fought win over East Jordan to beat Elk Rapids on the road Friday night, 79-57.

The Elks looked to be tough coming in, and played with Boyne for much of the first half. They even led midway through the second quarter, but the Ramblers went on a 12-0 run to shut off the Elk offense, and then continued to dominate in the second half.

"We got from them what we thought we would," said coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "They shot a lot of three's,

they were scrappy, and they had a zone defense. We knew we had to try to defend against the three, where they were eight of 24. The defense did a nice job holding them to only 57 points."

On the offensive end of the floor, Jason Rozycki scored 21 points to pace the Ramblers. Jesse Belford had 19, and Bill Case added 11.

Rozycki grabbed 11 rebounds, while Matt Johnecheck had nine boards and three steals. Belford had eight rebounds and three assists, Jason Scott dished out four assists, and Jeremy Peck blocked two shots.

Boyne won the battle along the boards, 44-31. It

committed 17 turnovers and shot 17 of 31 from the free-throw line.

For Elk Rapids, Will Tegel scored 13, and Brant Morris put in 11.

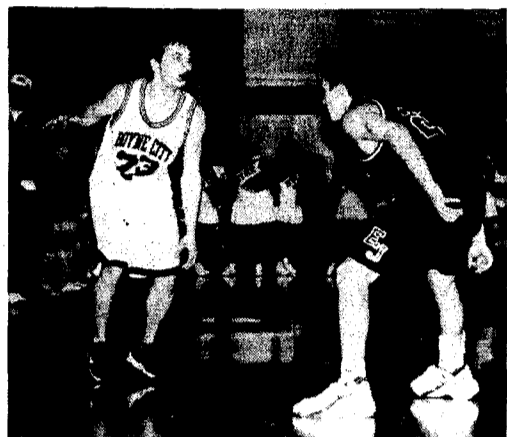
"We were attacking well, and continuing to put the pressure on," Fitzpatrick said. "We played pretty sound 'D' for four quarters, the team was sharing the ball, and we broke things down against their zone defense."

As for sitting atop of the Lake Michigan Conference with a 3-0 record (7-1 overall), Fitzpatrick points out that it is still early in the season. "We'll absolutely have people coming at us because we're at the top, but there

are still a lot of big games left."

Looking forward to another conference game on Friday in Harbor Springs, Fitzpatrick will enjoy the Tuesday off. "The day off gives us plenty of time to prepare. It always seems like it is tough to play at Harbor, but if we play hard for 32 minutes, we should win."

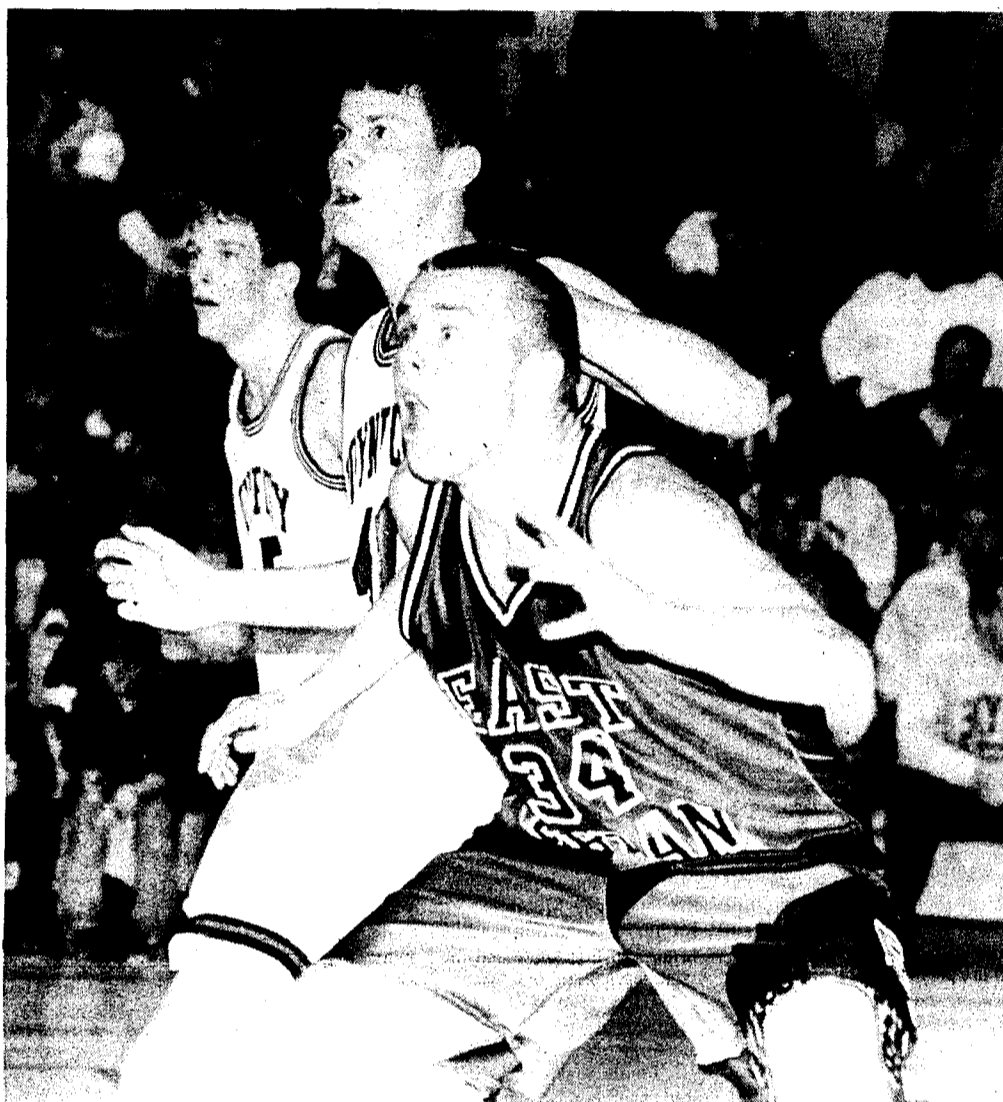
Behind 31 points and nine rebounds from Noah Stanek against Elk Rapids, the junior varsity pulled off their fourth straight win to go to 6-2 on the season. Also in the 70-40 victory, Josh Bush scored 12, and Kevin Metzger eight.



Jason Scott, filling in for Bo Reinhardt, played a strong game, scoring four points and grabbing five rebounds.



Matt Johnecheck had the inside position as he and Josh Luck wait for the rebound under the Red Devils' basket.



Tightly guarded by Boyne City's Jesse Belford, Scott Haley of East Jordan fights for position and looks for the pass down low. Haley had 10 points and eight rebounds, while Belford scored 14.

Loggers play their best in Ellsworth win

After Boyne Falls' recent loss to Gaylord St. Mary's, Loggers' coach Frank Hamilla had one major concern about his team.

Instead of several players stepping up and playing big each game, the Loggers were relying on one player to come through with a career game. Usually that was Chad Matelski (who had 35 against St. Mary's), or Ben or Matt Britton.

Last Tuesday against Ellsworth, Hamilla's message apparently was heard by his team. Five Loggers, led by Matt Britton, scored in double figures and Boyne Falls defeated Ellsworth 91-61.

"It was the best game of the year we played, by far," Hamilla said. "Our press worked well and we took them out of their game in the second half."

Matt Britton led the Loggers with 19 points, followed by Ben Britton with 16, Matelski with 15, Nathan Howell with 12 and Ryan Fiel with 12.

On Friday, the Logger express continued to roll and Boyne Falls defeated Alba 74-45. Ben Britton led the Loggers with 22 points, while Matelski and Howard each had 12. The Loggers built an early lead and had the game in hand with a 20-point lead at the half.

The two victories improved the Loggers' overall record to 5-2 and 3-1 in the conference.

On Tuesday the Loggers traveled to Wolverine and then Friday they host Brimley in a non-conference game. The following week they host Mackinaw City and Vanderbilt.

"We're still not where we want to be," Hamilla said. "We're working hard because in the next couple of weeks we have tough games."

SPORTS schedule

Boyne Falls

Jan. 23 - Boys Basketball, Brimley, home - 6 p.m.
Jan. 27 - Boys Basketball, Mackinaw City, home - 6 p.m.

East Jordan

Jan. 22 - Ski Team, Boyne City, TCSF, Elk Rapids at Boyne Mountain - 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 22 - Volleyball, Elk Rapids, home - 6 p.m.
Jan. 23 - Boys Basketball at TCSF - 6 p.m.
Jan. 24 - JV Volleyball at Inland Lakes - TBA
Jan. 26 - Volleyball at Charlevoix - 6 p.m.
Jan. 27 - Boys Basketball, Charlevoix, home - 6 p.m.
Jan. 29 - Ski Team, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, Harbor Springs at Harbor Springs - 5 p.m.
Jan. 29 - Volleyball, TCSF, home - 6 p.m.

Boyne City

Jan. 22 - Volleyball, Harbor Springs, home - 6 p.m.
Jan. 22 - Ski Team, Elk Rapids, East Jordan, TCSF at Boyne Mountain - 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 22 - Freshman Basketball at Harbor Springs - 6 p.m.
Jan. 23 - Boys Basketball at Harbor Springs - 6 p.m.
Jan. 24 - Cheerleading, Cheer Michigan West Competition at Grand Rapids
Jan. 26 - Volleyball at Kalkaska - 6 p.m.
Jan. 27 - Boys Basketball, Kalkaska, home - 6 p.m.
Jan. 27 - Freshman Basketball, Kalkaska, home - 4:15 p.m.
Jan. 29 - Volleyball at Elk Rapids - 6 p.m.
Jan. 29 - Ski Team, TCSF, Charlevoix at Boyne Mountain - 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 29 - Freshman Basketball, Johannesburg, home - 6:30 p.m.

Round one goes to the Ramblers

By CHRIS WINKLER

Boyne City took care of the majority of its business in the first quarter.

East Jordan did its business in the final three periods.

Logically, the victory points toward East Jordan. But with a hot start, Boyne (despite being out-scored in the last 24 minutes) went on to a 79-70 home win last Tuesday.

"I think our kids were just mentally ready to go," said Rambler coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "They attacked offensively, and obviously they shot good shots. And then probably a little bit of luck in there that we made the percentage that we did. We got good early looks, and things just happened to click."

"Our strategy after seeing the Boyne-Charlevoix game was to make Boyne shoot over top of us," said East Jordan coach Del Ingalls. "We wanted to keep them away from the rim, and of course they started off hitting them, so that wasn't a very good combination there. We dug ourselves a hole. In addition to us missing shots of our own and not getting into a good offensive rhythm of our own."

Boyne started the game on a 9-0 run, until Parke Bluhm hit a 3-pointer to get the Devils on the board. The Ramblers had trouble missing any kind of shot, whether it be 3-pointers or attempts from down low

(they were 10 of 14, or 71 percent, from the field). At the end of the one, the score was 31-8, and that's all Boyne would need.

The score at half-time was 44-22, and after three quarters, it was 56-43.

Both teams lost a significant edge along the boards, when late in the fourth, Rambler Matt Johnecheck and Devil Scott Haley fouled out. At the time, East Jordan was within eight, and positioning for a comeback.

Each squad had four players score in double digits. For the Devils, big man Matt Shaw scored 18 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and blocked three shots. Parke Bluhm put in 16 points, snatched seven boards, and dished out six assists. Denzil Wilson added 12, and Haley had 10 points and eight boards.

On Boyne's side, Jason Rozycki paced the team with 27, 15 of which came off of 75 percent shooting from the free-throw line. Bill Case scored 15, and Matt Johnecheck and Jesse Belford each had 14. Jason Scott played extremely well in place of Bo Reinhardt, who was out with an illness, putting in four points, and grabbing five boards. Johnecheck had eight rebounds.

A key to the game was the teams' number of free-throw attempts. Boyne was 25 of 39, while East Jordan made nine of 14. The Devils were out-rebounded, 37-32.

To explain why his team may have started slow and bounced back later, Ingalls said, "I think with us having

Friday night off, you could say maybe that might be a cause for some sluggishness. It also might be the cause for us to be fresher at the end of the game, where as maybe Boyne's more fatigued after a hard game with Charlevoix."

"I think you tend to let down with a lead," said Fitzpatrick on being outscored 62-48 after the first quarter. "The other team makes adjustments and does everything they can to claw their way back. In this case, the other team played hard for 32 minutes, digging and clawing, and our guys played hard, too. That is why we were able to fend them off and get the nine-point win."

The teams will meet again in early February, in East Jordan. Ingalls thinks that this loss will be part of the maturing process to be ready for the next time around.

"First of all, I told the guys that I'm extremely proud of them. We fought like warriors, dug ourselves out, and gave ourselves a chance to win the game. We learned a lot about what it takes to win close ball games, how to compete, what effort is required to compete, and also the different tangibles about situations: fouling when you're behind to get the clock stopped, etc."

In the junior varsity game, the Ramblers topped the Devils 65-48. For Boyne, Josh Bush had 19, Noah Stanek 14, and Tyson Johnecheck played well, with 14 points and seven boards. East Jordan was led by Mike Wladischkin, who scored 11 points. Nate Swan and Willy Wiser, each scored nine for the Red Devils.

Red Devils had the nets sizzling

The East Jordan Red Devils are alive and well.

After suffering a difficult and emotional loss to Boyne City last Tuesday, the Red Devils rebounded with an impressive performance against Harbor Springs Friday, winning 81-55.

"It was a nice game for us," said coach Del Ingalls. "A lot of guys played and a lot of guys played well. I was pleased with our team chemistry and emotion after a difficult loss."

The win improved East Jordan's conference record to 3-4 overall and 2-2 in conference.

The Red Devils jumped out to an early lead and were up 19-11 after the first quarter. Then behind the hot shooting of Parke Bluhm, they took control of the game.

Bluhm, who finished with 28 points, sizzled the nets with four 3-pointers in the second half. For the game he had seven 3-pointers to tie the school record. He also had five rebounds and

five assists.

Scott Haley was also in the groove, scoring 20 points, including three 3-pointers. Overall, the Red Devils nailed a dozen 3-pointers.

Matt Shaw chipped in with 10 points along with four rebounds and three assists. Mike Mazzella had a strong game on the boards, grabbing seven rebounds.

On Tuesday, the Red Devils hosted McBain, then Friday they travel to Traverse City for a big conference game with St. Francis. "We're looking forward to this week as a building week," Ingalls said. "It's a chance for us to gather momentum and confidence as we battle for a conference title."

East Jordan also won the junior varsity game, 59-56. Nate Swan led the Red Devils with 20 points, followed by Willie Wiser with 16 and Mike Wladischkin, 13.



Parke Bluhm tied the school record with seven 3-pointers against Harbor Springs.

Mites are mighty in Mackinaw

The Boyne City Junior Ramblers Mites (eight and under) won the Mackinaw City Classic Mite Tournament on Sunday with a 3-2 victory over Mackinaw City in the championship game.

Nine teams competed in the tournament.

Boyne took the lead early in the championship game with a goal by Tyler Price, assisted by Ashley Adkison. Mackinaw City came back to tie the game with less than one minute in the second period.

At the 10 minute mark in the third period, Mackinaw took the lead, but Boyne held its composure and came back with a goal by John Miller, assisted by Samantha Dunwoody with seven minutes left in the third.

The next five minutes of the third was a tense battle with both teams having chances. The tide turned for Boyne when Jake Schmalzreid was called for tripping by the Mackinaw referee with three minutes remaining. Boyne took advantage of the power play opportunity with Tyler Price scoring the winning goal with an assist by Dylan Clark with less than two minutes.

To earn a berth in the championship game, the Junior Ramblers on Saturday beat the tough Char-Em Sharks mite team 3-2 in an overtime shoot-out with Dylan Clark scoring the winning goal, and defeated Cadillac 4-0 on Saturday to advance to the championship game. Miller, Dunwoody, Clark and Price each had goals for Boyne while Anderson, Adkison, Price and Clark had assists in the games on Saturday.

Coach Steve Anderson said everyone on the team played their best hockey of the season and noted the outstanding play of Charlie Courtright in goal as he shut out three Char-Em shooters in overtime, shut-out Cadillac and played a great game against Mackinaw City.

The Junior Ramblers will be back in action Saturday morning against Char-Em at Avalanche.

AFTER A SLOW start to the season, with little time for practice,

the Boyne City Mite-E Pucks came to the Mackinaw City Tournament determined to pull off a win.

In the first game, Cadillac Teal defeated Boyne 5-2. Matt Thomas had two goals with Keegan David and Philip Conklin earning assists. Goalie Nick Ferree stopped 16 shots.

In game two Boyne played Gladwin in a driving snowstorm. Thomas scored another two goals with an assist from David. Goalie Shane Grunow stopped 13 shots. Boyne's defense came through led by Justin Stolt and Zac Borgeld. The game ended in a shoot out with Gladwin scoring the winning goal.

Sunrise Sunday morning found Boyne back on the ice against Gladwin for a third game. With a great show of teamwork, Boyne jumped out to a 2-0 lead and went on to win 5-2.

Gladwin came back to tie the score in the second period. Boyne clinched it with three more goals in the third. Boyne's defense with Andrew Katz and Jon Haver held Gladwin to 10 shots on goal. Thomas had his first hat trick of the season with four goals and David scored his first goal of the season. Assisting on goals were Beau Kroondyk with two, David with three, and Zac Borgeld and Robby Startzel with one each.

BOYNE'S MINI MITES (6 and under), sponsored by Sky Electric, won two games at St. Ignace Saturday, 5-3 and 2-0.

Trevor Reinhardt scored the first goal for Boyne in what proved to be a physical match. First year player Trevor Price tallied his first hat trick and also scored the winning goal. Nick Thomas and Kyle Wright had an outstanding defensive game and Zach Shuler was the winning goalie.

In game two, Price scored both of Boyne's goals. Kyle Wright and Henry Wolf were commended for their outstanding defensive play. Shuler also had another good game in goal.

On Sunday, the mini mites hosted Mt. Pleasant, but lost to the



Members of the Junior Ramblers are, back row from left: coaches Miller, Boyer and Anderson. Middle row: Tyler Price, Dylan Clark, Ashley Adkison and Brad Boyer. Front row: Jacob Fair, Samantha Dunwoody, Charlie Courtright, John Miller and Amy Anderson.

more experienced team 10-1 and 7-1. Reinhardt scored both of Boyne's goals. One was assisted by Price.

Shuler, Andrew Guinther, Jack Hufford and Nick Thomas were cited for their strong play.

The team also wants to thank Tom Haley for plowing the rink so that the games could be played.

THE BOYNE CITY Squirts (10 and under), sponsored by Premier Construction, traveled to Sault Ste. Marie for a pair of games with Mackinaw City Jan. 10.

Boyne, with Russell Williams in goal, won the first game 5-4. Ryan Hennessy earned a hat trick with three unassisted goals. Both other goals were scored by Eli Barsy, with assists from Gabe Korthase and Trevor Mapes.

Boyne won the second game 4-2. Two goals were scored by Hennessy, one assisted by Josh Aown. Nicholas Dunwoody scored the other two, with assists from Derik Moore and Mapes. Evan Keller and Josh Aown were defensive standouts. Williams was again the winning goalie.

Both games were played well

with a solid team effort.

Last Sunday the Squirts dropped a pair of games in St. Ignace against the always tough Saints.

This weekend the team will play a pair of games with Char-Em in Petoskey on Saturday, and another on Sunday in Boyne.

BOYNE CITY'S pee wees (12 and under) faced a tough St. Ignace team that controlled the game from start to finish Sunday afternoon.

Boyne's only goal was scored by Tyler Barsy.

The pee wees, sponsored by Boyne USA, play Char Em this weekend in Boyne.

THE BOYNE CITY Bantams (14 and under), sponsored by ACE Hardware, had their four-game winning streak stopped on Saturday. They played to a tough 2-2 tie in their first game with Ludington and lost the second game 3-2.

Scoring for Boyne in game one were David D'Amour, with an assist from Neil Howie, and Evan Helms, with an assist by Aaron Westrick. Chris Loper and Gordie Selph scored in game two.

Boyne second, EJ third at Nub's Nob

Both the boys and the girls ski teams from Boyne City enjoyed success at Thursday's meet at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs.

The teams each came home with a second place finish, behind the strong Harbor Springs teams and ahead of East Jordan and Kalkaska.

The boys squad accumulated 66 points: good, but not close to Harbor's perfect score of 20. East Jordan was third with 109 points and Kalkaska rounded out the places, scoring a 123.

Andy Douglas turned in the best performances for the team. He placed tenth in the giant slalom, and fifth in the slalom. Fellow junior Nick Riehl

skied well, taking 11th in G.S. and eighth in slalom. Also in G.S., Bill Babbitt and Matt Davis took 13th and 15th, respectively.

For the girls, Harbor won with 33 points, and Boyne had 41. East Jordan tallied 107, and Kalkaska, 123.

Sisters Andrea (a sophomore) and Meghann (a freshman) Gerling led the girls throughout the meet. In the GS, Andrea placed second and Meghann third, with just over a second between the two. For the slalom races, Andrea again grabbed second, while Maggie Doherty was fourth and Meghann Gerling fifth. Brittany Kennedy took eighth place in the GS.

The teams' next meet is Thursday at Boyne Mountain, with Elk Rapids, East Jordan, and Traverse City St. Francis.

HISTORY WAS MADE last Thursday at Nub's Nob for East Jordan High School.

For the first time in 10 years, the Red Devils competed in a high school ski meet and both the girls and boys turned in strong performances.

Both teams took third, finishing behind Harbor Springs and Boyne City. Kalkaska was fourth.

"Our first ski meet was a great learning experience for the team," said coach Rob Berquist.

For the boys, Nathan Diller, Tarn Leach, Evan Chappuies and Brad Carey turned in strong performances. Berquist said. Diller took 12th place in the GS and Chappuies was 16th. Leach was 22nd and Carey 24th.

In the slalom, Carey was the top finisher for the Red Devils, taking 17th.

For the girls in the GS, Emily Niewendorf took 17th for East Jordan, while Becky Holm, Ember Ransom and Michelle Meads finished 22nd, 23rd and 24th. In the slalom, Meads finished 15th, Ransom 16th, Renee Perreault, 18th, Niewendorf 19th and Holm 21st.

In volleyball, Lady Red Devils still on a roll

With wins over Ellsworth and Harbor Springs the past week, the East Jordan volleyball team continued to roll and improved its record to 6-0.

The Lady Red Devils started slow Monday evening against Ellsworth, but then gathered momentum and went on to a 15-3, 15-4, 15-11 victory.

"Our serving hurt us early in the first game, but we got back to our average in the second and third match," said coach Duane Kujat. "Jenny Goebel served six aces on the night."

The Red Devils passing game, Kujat said, was controlled by Catey Moses, Jenny Murray, Suzi Malpass and Goebel. "Catey was very aggressive and showed a lot of leadership on the floor," Kujat said.

Goebel and Malpass had seven kills each and Rachel Boss had five. Ellsworth won the junior varsity

match 12-15, 11-15, 15-13. Against Harbor Springs, the Lady Red Devils used a fast start and strong finish to propel them to a sweep last Thursday night.

East Jordan defeated Harbor 15-0, 15-12, 15-3, to improve its record to 5-0.

"Raissa Schroeder ran the floor with good sets all night," Kujat said. A key to the win for East Jordan was its 96 percent serving percentage.

At the net, Malpass led the attack with 11 kills, while Goebel added six and Moses five.

"Our passing game continues to improve as well as some new offenses we're working with," Kujat said.

East Jordan won the junior varsity match, 15-6, 15-4, 15-4. Top server was Julie Elliott, top spiker was Renee Roberts, and top setter

was Katie Brooks. At last Saturday's Inland Lakes Bulldog Invitational, East Jordan finished with a 7-5 record in pool play. Schroeder was the team's MVP for the tournament.

ST. FRANCIS SWEPT Boyne City last Thursday, the fourth conference loss for the Lady Ramblers.

Boyne City lost 11-15, 4-15, 13-15. The Lady Ramblers are 1-4 overall.

Ashley Schrader, according to coach Dorine Britton, had a strong

game for the Lady Ramblers with eight blocks and four kills. The team's top offensive player, she said, was Katie Dhaseleer. Top setters were Stacy Amesbury and Staci Seelye.

On Monday the Ramblers went five games with Johannesburg before losing 13-15, 12-15, 15-5, 15-11, 4-15.

Sarah Bobowski had 11 kills and Melisa Jasinski had nine. April Roberts was the top defensive player, Britton said, while top setters were Seelye and Stacy Amesbury.

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Boyer CITY HALL news

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THE WATER CREW continues to monitor the operation of the North Boyne water storage tank. The North Boyne System is now providing approximately 50-60 percent of the total water used in the city. The crew is investigating a handheld meter for reading the water meters throughout the city. This meter will link with the computer used to process the water billings and will eliminate writing down each individual meter reading. The costs of several different units are being evaluated.

THE SKATING RINK at Avalanche finally opened last weekend. It was busy with winter sports enthusiasts making up for lost time. Included among those were a church group from down state and area foreign exchange students.

THE FRONT AND a portion of the side walls on the building at 926 North Lake Street (old Charlevoix County Press) recently fell in while the roof was being replaced. The new owners, planning on using it for offices, are looking at options at this time.

THERE HAS BEEN some interest in the piece of property between the Water Street Inn and One Water Street Restaurant. B & G Realty, which is affiliated with the Budgetel Motel line, has made some inquiries regarding the property. At this point they have hired an architectural firm to do a feasibility analysis and determine whether or not the project will succeed.

AS HAD BEEN planned, there are now two student representatives on the Downtown Development Authority. Jennifer DeNise and Amy Place have been sworn in and attended their first meeting Jan. 15.

(Sue Hobbs is city clerk for Boyne City.)

Harry G. Howard, Sr.

Harry G. Howard, Sr., 79, of East Jordan died Jan. 18, 1998 in Lansing, Mich.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Robert H. Carter of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in East Jordan officiated, with interment in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Harry was born on July 25, 1918 in Boyne Falls, the son of Barney and Emiline (Sanborn) Howard. He grew up in Boyne Falls and attended Boyne Falls area schools.

On Nov. 15, 1941, he married Jessie Sutton in Boyne City.

He had lived in East Jordan for the past 50 years, and since 1973 had wintered in Florida.

He served in the United States Air Force during World War II from 1942-1946. He retired from Gulf & Western, now known as Dura, in East Jordan in 1980 after 26 years of service. He was a member of the Veter-

ans of Foreign Wars Post 6180 in Port Richey, Fla. and a past member of the Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 of the American Legion in East Jordan.

Harry is survived by his wife, Jessie Howard of East Jordan; one son, Harry G. (Shirley) Howard, Jr. of Weidman; two daughters, Louise (Jim) Bradley of Charlotte, and Jeanie (Bruce) Nelson of Boyne City; five granddaughters, Kim (Mike) Kessler, Kelly (Carlos) Garcia, Teresa (Dana) Adkins, Krista Howard and Tina Bradley; one sister, Margaret Behling; one brother, Leonard (Lulu) Howard; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Carol Jean; infant son, Joey; his parents; three brothers, Henry, Ernie and Roy Howard; and two sisters, Katherine Miller and Bessie Hosler.

Memorials may be given to Juvenile Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

Nancy Jo Kimble

Nancy Jo Kimble, 65, of East Jordan passed away on Dec. 30, 1997 at University of Michigan Medical Center. Memorial services were held Jan. 3, 1998 at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Mich.

Nancy was born April 3, 1932 in Plainwell, the daughter of Elma and Kenneth Smith. Nancy was the youngest of three girls. After attending Michigan State University as a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, she was married to Keith Kimble on Sept. 13, 1953. Following their marriage, Nancy and Keith lived in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Akron, East Grand Rapids, and Birmingham before retiring to their Lake Charlevoix home in 1995. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, The Village

Women's Club of Bloomfield Hills, and Forest Lake Country Club.

Nancy was a devoted mother of three children. She was an avid athlete and particularly enjoyed golf, tennis, and running with Keith. Nancy also enjoyed entertaining friends and family at their home.

Nancy is survived by Keith, her husband of 44 years; two sons, Kris (Valarie) of Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Kip (Catherine) of Boston; one daughter, Carey Balow (Brian), of Royal Oak; 4 grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Pat of Payson, Ariz., and Charlotte of Huntsville, Ala.

The family has established the Nancy Kimble Nurses' Trust Fund, and contributions can be sent c/o Don Pierce, 852 Puritan Road, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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Virginia H. Peck

Virginia H. Peck, 64, died on Saturday, Jan. 17, 1998 at her home in East Jordan.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan. The Rev. Milton Walls, Jr. will officiate.

She was born on Oct. 21, 1933 in Antrim County, the daughter of Charles and Eleanor (Poteracki) Kroll. On Aug. 18, 1951 in East Jordan, she married Donald L. Peck.

Virginia lived in the East Jordan area for the last 30 years. She worked as a calibrator for Allied Signal in Boyne City. She retired in May of 1996 after 22 years of service.

She enjoyed all kinds of crafts, gardening, and going to the casinos. Virginia was an avid Detroit Tigers fan and she loved polka music. In early childhood years, she was referred to as "Poopecha," which means Little Doll.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Donald L. Peck of East Jordan; four children, Donald C. (Kim) Peck of Kewadin, Janie (Dennis) Amesbury of Boyne City, David Peck of East Jordan, and Doug (Rhonda) Peck of East Jordan; nine grandchildren, Chris (Jen) Peck, Brandi (Chris) Dieke, Stacy Amesbury, Ryan Amesbury, Alisha Peck, Kati Peck, Angie Peck, Nicole Peck, and Aaron Peck; one great grandchild, Taylor Kennedy Peck; her mother, Eleanor (Thomas) Demme of Boyne City; one brother, Robert (Mary) Kroll of Boyne City; and one sister, Margaret (Keith) Fitzpatrick of Boyne City. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Kroll.

Memorials may be given to the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. The family was served by the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

Three snowmobilers injured last weekend in separate accidents

Three snowmobilers were injured in three separate accidents over the weekend, according to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

Roy C. Hayes, 29, was injured Saturday evening when he was traveling in a field near the East Jordan Snowmobile Club, hit a dip and was thrown off his 1997 Yamaha.

He sought his own treatment at the Charlevoix Area Hospital for back and rib injuries, according to the sheriff's report.

David W. Wheeler, 46, of Fenton


was injured early Sunday afternoon when he attempted to climb a steep hill on Woodward Road but came down hard and jammed his back.

According to the sheriff's report, he was transported to Otsego Memorial Hospital by Boyne City Ambulance.

William James, 44, of East Jordan injured his right knee when he was thrown from his snowmobile after hitting a rut in the snow. He was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by private vehicle. He was treated and released.

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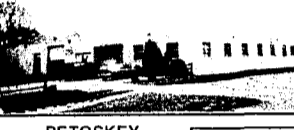
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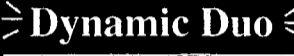



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Local herb grower featured on PBS program Wednesday

Michigan Magazine, a half-hour PBS program, will feature a local grower of ginseng and goldenseal on its 7:30 broadcast Wednesday night.

"I called them and told them what I produce," said Steve Edwards, who has grown the highly medicinal plants since the late 1980's. PBS first featured his farm on a planting episode.

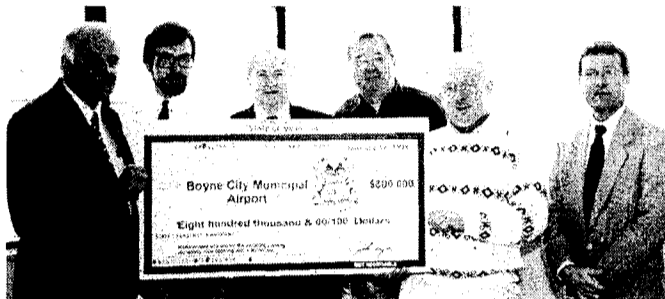
This time they called him for a show that would highlight the harvest. A crew taped the spot in September on Edwards' one-acre farm at the corner of Anderson and Marshall Roads in Boyne City.

The 15-minute segment will focus on the fall harvest of the herbs, "which is when the highest content of medicinal properties are in the roots," Edwards said.

He picks the crop himself, digging the herbs out of the ground by hand. The plants are then separated from their roots and the roots are washed and dried on screens. Once dry, they are packed and shipped out for overseas sales or to domestic herb companies.

Although he does not retail the herbs, Edwards said he is seriously considering developing his own herbal products. He envisions teas, tinctures — a combination of an herb root extract and grain-alcohol, which is applied topically or taken internally for its medicinal properties — and bulk root sales in the herbal line.

The Boyne City High School social science and Spanish teacher also raises organic, naturally produced poultry and rabbits which he sells to individuals and local restaurants. He is licensed by the Michigan Department of Agriculture as a food preparation facility.



This is one big check

It was a big day for Boyne City, especially members of the airport board, who traveled to Lansing last Wednesday to accept an \$800,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Aeronautics. The money, along with a 10 percent matching grant from the city, will be used to reconstruct the runway, and new lighting. Making the presentation was Lowell Kraft, left, chairman of the aeronautics board. Accepting the grant were: Boyne City Manager Eric Strahl, second from left; Jerry Trout, consultant for Wade Trim who worked on the grant request with the airport board; Leon Jarema; Bud Chipman; and former city manager Randy Frykberg, who now works for Wade Trim. Boyne received the second largest grant of any community in the state.

EJ school board receives grants

The East Jordan Board of Education toured the elementary school renovations during its Monday night meeting.

In other business, it also:

- Accepted grants from Bob Tambellini, executive director of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, totaling \$14,100.

- Approved amendments to the 1997-98 General Fund Budget which showed a \$135,353 deficit. It directly relates the deficit to the district's share of street, sidewalk and sewer improvement costs at the new middle school.

- Approved a natural gas purchase agreement with Michigan Gas

Exchange. The district estimates an annual savings of \$8,000.

- Appointed Brian Olszewski, C.P.A., to the vacant Assistant Director of Business and Operations position.

Vandals damage postal vehicles

Three mail trucks were vandalized at the Boyne City Post Office sometime between the night of Jan. 17 and Tuesday morning.

The post office was closed Monday in honor of the Martin Luther King holiday.

According to assistant police chief Jeff Gettel, mirrors were torn off and smashed, wiper blades were

- Granted Jennifer Richardson a third year probationary teaching contract.

- Heard an update from Michael Haynes, director of bands, on the district's music program.

pried off their posts, and a door was dented.

A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered by the Postal Inspector for any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the vandalism.

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