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New school option is popular in Boyne Falls

If the show of hands of the approximately 60 people in attendance at the Boyne Falls School Board meeting on Monday is any indication, the district may be building a new K-12 school.

"The time has come for the board to make some tough decisions," said Marv Schwem, board president.

The board and community members have met together and independently for more than six months to decide the fate of the school, which is struggling to keep its doors open. Initial discussions of upgrades

and additions gave way in recent weeks to a third option of building a new school.

At Monday's meeting, GBKB architect Robert Dehne outlined the advantages and disadvantages of two renovation options and of constructing a new school on one of the two properties the district owns.

Although building a new school is the most costly of the three options, it is only \$1 million more than the cost of renovating and expanding the current facility. The cost of the bond issue — \$210 per year for the average homeowner — would be the

same for building new or for renovating and adding on, but would be extended an additional four years for the new construction.

The key issue on many people's minds Monday was, "even if we build a new school, what will bring students back?"

Dehne pointed out that a new facility, with larger classrooms, an expanded science and media center, and adjacent athletic and playground facilities would be more marketable for attracting students. The new site would also provide the opportunity for vocational education, such as law

enforcement and restaurant management, which is now farmed out to other schools.

Although the board cannot guarantee that students will return to Boyne Falls or that they will draw in non-district students with a new building, in its present condition and even with upgrades the school won't attract any of those students.

The district has lost 29 students to schools of choice: five attend Petoskey schools and 10 go to the charter school.

According to Superintendent Pat

Smith, several have left because of the sciences, a few due to music and fine arts, and some because of instruction or discipline. Some even left because they said it was, "dark, dank and dirty," Smith said.

If the 29 school of choice students returned to Boyne Falls, it would bring \$150,000 back to the district. But Smith conceded, "some moved for reasons we can correct, some we can't."

And while consolidation or merging is still a real possibility for many Class D districts in the state,

it's more likely that the state would send students to the most up-to-date facility. According to Dehne, a new building would virtually guarantee an educational presence in the community.

"I would like to see the board move as fast as possible, but I don't want to make any hasty judgments," Schwem said. "There's a lot of homework to be done."

The board has scheduled a special meeting for Monday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m., in the school's cafeteria and encourages the public to attend.

THROUGH HER FAMILY,
MUSIC AND PAINTING,
DEBBI SHAW IS ...

Achieving little goals all the time

By JANE BROCK

Debbi Shaw and Pierre Marchant, the Belgium exchange student who is staying with her and her family, were sitting in a room, filled to capacity with a piano, bookshelves, artwork, guitars, a dulcimer and evidence of a large and active family.

Pierre sat at Debbi's feet, their guitars between them, and they spoke earnestly about a book Debbi was recommending. Pierre excused himself at the conclusion of their discussion, and Debbi settled into her chair.

Debbi is an increasingly rare woman, one who defines her job as "managing the household, and the affairs of my children." She is the proverbial stay-at-home mom, but like the mother in Proverbs, is rarely just at home.

"We lead a very busy life," she says, "and I try to somewhat do what needs to be done behind the scenes so that things run smoothly. I can't always do that with five kids (including Pierre), basketball practice and play practice and piano lessons." She says that, like many families, if you want to see their house when it is quiet, calm and still, it will have to be between 11:30 p.m. and



Debbi Shaw at home in her studio.

6 a.m.

Debbi has a deep faith that she expresses in everything that she does, and she can't discuss her role in the home without mentioning the spiritual part of her job.

"My job is also to uphold my kids and my husband spiritually, through prayer," Debbi says. "I do that when they are gone — when they are home there are too many present issues — high carbohydrate meals to make, wardrobes to make sure are ready for tomorrow —" She pauses for a moment and then says, "I try to keep as much peace as I can. Maybe that's a fault. But it seems to work."

Debbi and her husband Bill, who is an electrical contractor, have four children — Matt, who is the oldest at 17, Corban 14, Haley 12 and Mary, who is eight.

"If I had to sum parenting up in one word I would have to say, 'fun.' Two words: 'fun work!'" She admits to thinking that this is the easy part — she anticipates what she terms as "emotional labor" when they leave home.

Debbi clearly identifies her job as the work she does in her home, for her children and her husband. Her

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Flu bug loosens its grip

'We're doing a lot better this week'

It was back to classes for most Boyne City students last Thursday after a two-day school shut-down.

Students were given the days off to help them recuperate, and to try to stifle the spread of influenza which caused the district's absentee rate to soar.

Although the number of absences dropped after students returned to class last Thursday, students were still fighting the battle of the virus with 117 elementary students out, and more sent home. The middle school had 51 absences and the high school had 60.

"We're doing a lot better this week," said Jean Odgers, the middle and high school nurse. "Hopefully it's on the downswing." On Monday, 43 elementary students, 32 middle schoolers, and 25 high schoolers were absent.

Odgers said there are still many students with flu symptoms, although there is not as much hacking and coughing. Because she has seen several cases of strep and lung infection, she does advise parents to take their children to a health care provider if their children show similar symptoms.

Back from the brink, his life is now on track

By HUGH CONKLIN

To fully appreciate the present, it's sometimes best to look at the past.

Last Thursday Bill Bentley was given the Boyne Pride Award for all the contributions he made to the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce during the past year.

"Bill was selected because of the everyday effort he puts out for the chamber," said executive director Debbie Thompson. "He's always volunteering. We utilize him a lot from little repairs around the chamber to helping with the Santa parade."

He's also been known, she said to jump in the river for the chamber. He did that for last summer's duck race, an event that he was the top ticket seller for.

"He does so many little things that really add up," Thompson said.

Bentley owns Bentley Power Wash, removes snow in the winter, and is an all-around handy man. He is under contract with the Downtown Development Authority to keep sidewalks in the district clear of snow.

He is from Fenton but has lived in Boyne City off and on for the past 11 years. For the past five years he has been a steady resident. He came here after his parents retired to Boyne City. He and his wife Gina, the chief printer at Boyne Valley Printing, have one daughter Brittany, who's 2 1/2.

"I was really, really honored," Bentley said about receiving the award. "I'm proud to be a part of the community."

That last sentence is one you would expect to hear from anyone honored as Bentley was. But for him, he was speaking from the heart.

For 15 of Bentley's 36 years, life was not a pretty picture. "I used to be the drunk in the gutter," he said.

He's not exaggerating.

His drinking problem, he said, started in 1976

and lasted about 15 years. He described himself during those days as a liar, con man, thief, "a pretty crooked guy."

Life was also rough. He was shot twice,

'I believe Boyne City is one of the few places where people let your past go.'

--Bill Bentley

stabbed once, and who knows how many fights there were.

It all culminated with a three-year prison term from 1988-91. Still it was not prison that set him straight. It was a doctor at Charlevoix Area Hospital who put him on the road to cleaning up his life.

The doctor didn't mince words with Bentley. He told him bluntly — either you stop drinking or you die within a few months.

Bentley took his advice, sort of. He checked into a drug treatment center in Traverse City, but he had gone that route a few times before with no real success.

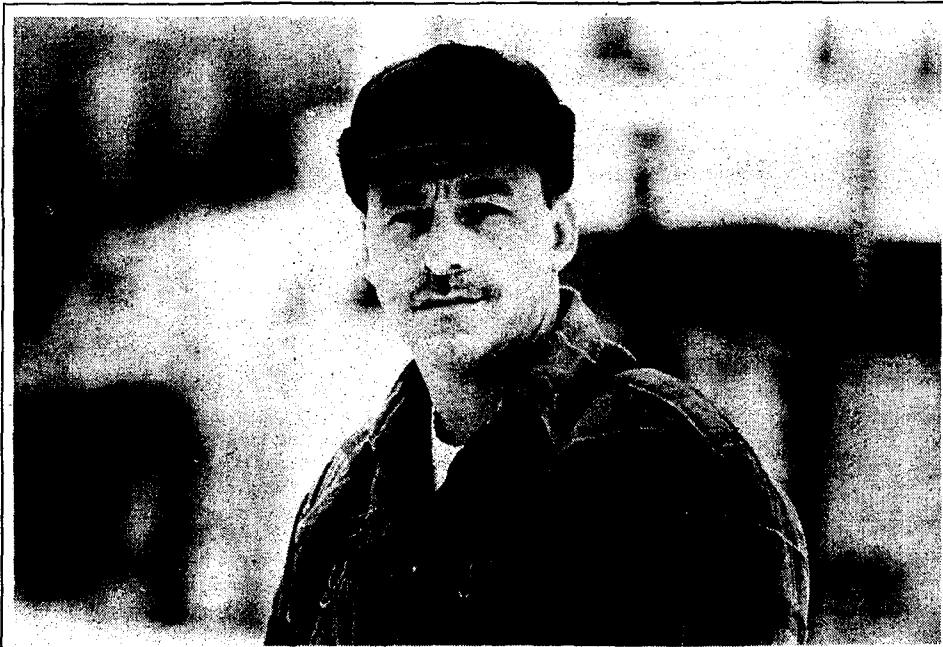
But this time he met a counselor, Terry Warner, who "could see right through me."

"He asked me, 'when are you going to admit you have a problem? You've been shot, gone to prison, been divorced. What's it going to take?'"

The message sunk in. "I just got tired of being sick and tired. I got tired of lying to cover up lies. 'I got clean and sober.'"

And he says he's been that way ever since.

He also started his business and is forever grateful for the early support he received from three Boyne City business owners, Mark Kowalske, Ron Grunch and John Czarniecki.



Bill Bentley was presented the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce's Boyne Pride Award last Thursday. Also honored by the chamber were Ambassador of the Year Lucy Hartlove and long-time chamber member Mel Howard.

"They trusted me. They stood by me," Bentley said. "They had confidence in me."

Bentley admits he has an up and down relationship with many business owners. In the room last Thursday were many of the business owners who, Bentley said, he has had an argument with at least once.

But that is just his nature. "I'm too blunt. I can be irritating," he said. "That's just me."

And he's thankful the community is not

judging him by his past. "I believe Boyne City is one of the few places where people let your past go," he said.

He's also thankful to be part of the chamber and the community. "I'm so happy to be part of something that isn't low life," he said. "Now I get respect for being a business owner. Before my peers were drunks, now my peers are business people."

"I'm proud of that."

OPINION

LETTERS

There are many options to address schools' needs

TO THE EDITOR:

How should the grades be configured in the Boyne City School District? This is one of the first big questions that must be answered in the quest to update our school facilities.

There have been numerous ideas put forward on this subject, each with its own advantages and disadvantages. Which one is right for our schools? Our kids? Here are a few of the ideas currently being considered:

- Build a new K-2 building. This option would put kindergarten through second grade in a new building, remodel the elementary school to accommodate third through fifth grade, remodel the middle school for grades six through eight and update the high school to provide the needed facilities for 9 through 12.

- Build a new high school. This option would have grades 9 through 12 move into a new high school building, with the other grades distributed among the current buildings.

- Expand the current facilities. This plan would expand the current buildings, primarily the elementary school, adding enough space there to solve the current overcrowding problems, as well as moving the fifth grade from the middle school back to the elementary. The middle school would be updated for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, with the high school being remodeled to address the space and configuration issues there.

These are only a few of the most mentioned options, and there are many other possibilities. Another popular suggestion is the addition of an auditorium to whatever plan is adopted. What are your thoughts?

Call 582-0285 after 5 p.m. to leave a tape recorded message with your ideas on this issue, or e-mail tawright@freeway.net. The quality of our school district has a direct impact on every person and business in Boyne City. Don't leave it up to others to make these important decisions for you, make your voice heard today.

Todd Wright

5-W story of creation does form the right spirit

TO THE EDITOR:

It was with great interest that I read Roger Huckle's observations on creation in the Jan. 28 edition. I have heard of the Mesopotamian, Egyptian, Hebrew, Brhadaranaya Upanishad (Indian), Greek, Christian, Hopi, Aztec, Inca, Boshongo, Chinese, Mayan, Norse and The Big Bang creation stories. This was the first time I had heard or seen the 5-W story of creation.

Whether you are liberal or right wing fundamentalist, charismatic or intellectual skeptic, dogmatic theologian or just a poor old innocent soul, the 5-W analogy of creation is as accurate and to the point as any of those ruminated recently in the Petoskey News-Review. While it was a somewhat different approach to the Biblical heritage, it does somehow form the right spirit!

Creation took place in eternity as an interior act of the divine mystery of life. The biblical conception of creation is only the reflection of this interior act in the consciousness of primitive man. Evolution simply means continuous growth; a tree growing from a seedling is an example of evolution. Charles Darwin said: "Man is descended from a hairy, tailed quadruped, probably arboreal in its habits." While you may think you see a few of these arboreal creatures around town on occasion, the greatest of earth's parasites do survive.

That which makes us human is the power to work with symbolic images: the gift of imagination. We witness a superb, flawless plan in the universe — can it be without a Planner? We see great enchanting beauty in its working — can it be without a Creator? We observe wonderful design in nature — can it be without a designer? Because every man is unique, another first man enters the world whenever a child is born. By being alive, everyone groping like a child back to the origin of his own self, we may experience the fact that there is an origin, that there is creation.

In Friendship,
Robert Frost Donaldson

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Arctic dwelling

Although the Inuits used snow and ice, Concord Academy Boyne kindergartners managed to replicate an Arctic dwelling with 255 milk jugs inside their classroom. The model igloo is part of a school-wide study of the people and culture of the Arctic.

A reward for a job well done

By JANE BROCK

Maybe someone in the East Jordan school system has access to insider information, because it seems that it has the knack for hiring really good teachers. Take Woods teacher (the class formerly known as woodshop), Mike Gee. Mr. Gee is a second year instructor, who has recently put a display of his students' work at the downtown East Jordan branch of the Huntington Bank.

Mr. Gee wanted his students to get a chance to show off their talent, a kind of reward for a job well done this past semester. He also wanted the Woods program to get some publicity — the shop classes and Home Ec. are too often seen as "easy A" classes, not something to be taken seriously. They are stereotypically the domain of students who are not going to college, who just want to finish high school with a minimum of summer school classes. This characterization is not only untrue, it is damaging to these programs, and potentially to the students who take them.

But for the intrepid college prep students who take Woods, for the budding woodworkers, for the girls who are donning safety glasses and stepping up to the radial arm saw, Mike Gee is a teacher to be grateful for.

Woods I is a class for the novice, unfamiliar with the tools and techniques of woodworking. The first four weeks of this class are dedicated to teaching the students about the various machines and power tools, and making sure that they will be used with care and all precaution when projects get underway.

While many Woods I students are hesitant at the beginning of the semester, by the time they have finished those four weeks, they are usually confident and eager to get started. The ensuing projects are necessarily less ambitious than those of later classes, both because of the time restrictions imposed by the safety instruction, and the skill level of the students.

Mike says that in his Woods I classes, about half the students are female. The ensuing Woods classes typically have fewer female students, but with roughly 80 percent of Woods I students going on to take more woodworking classes, Mr. Gee



Christy Williams at work in the wood shop.

hopes to see the numbers improve.

In May, Mr. Gee will be entering students in Regional and State Industrial Arts Fairs — the regionals will be held in Mesick on the weekend of May 6, and the state levels at the Amway Hotel in Grand Rapids a week later. Out of 13 East Jordan projects entered in the state competition last year, four placed in the top 10, with East Jordan student Brad Carey taking first place. Mr. Gee's humility is as obvious as it is real when he says that the secret to that kind of success is the students' hard work and their enjoyment of the process.

Surely he is right. But it takes a special teacher to make it happen.

Jo Anne Beemon

A MOM'S LIFE

Many help kids on their life's journey

By CINDI PLACE

It occurred to me recently that we, as parents, should be very thankful for many of the adults who have influence over our children. There are teachers and school staff, the parents of their friends and all the adults that our children see and learn from every day.

And for any children who are involved in activities, there is a special group of adults who can have enormous effect on our children's attitudes toward themselves and others, their ability to communicate and interact with their peers, even their attitudes toward hard work and its effect on success.

I had the privilege recently to spend a bit of time with quite a few people with whom my children have been privileged to work. They are ordinary folks, who can work extraordinary miracles with just about any child or young adult who crosses their path. A few are teachers, who spend their days teaching and stretching young minds and who spend countless hours at night developing the talent that these kids don't even realize they have. Until someone cares enough to tell them. And help them.

A few of these adults are simply community members who have a special talent of their own which they are willing to share with kids. Some are simply "group mothers" who see a need and fill it, be "it" comforting a heart-broken teenager, checking to make sure nothing is left behind when the kids leave a room, or state, or bus, even simply reminding a busy kid that he has to eat sometime!

They are all wonderful people who, because they enjoy being with kids, spend an awful lot of time with them. And for this, we are extremely grateful.

Because of all the adults who have helped our kids, convinced them that they can act or sing, or write a better essay, our children are better people. They have the self-confidence and self-worth necessary to lead a happy and healthy life. My husband and I could never have accomplished this by ourselves. We know that, and we wish more parents would be willing to admit the same.

So for all the little league coaches who taught our sons to run from home to first base; the teachers who saw special moments and passed them on; to every athletic coach who knew that hard work always paid off and shared that knowledge with our children, we thank you.

And to each adult who has taken the time to teach our children that in order to be truly happy you have to give a piece of yourself, God bless you. I know we do.

IT'S ONLY LIFE

Never-ending investigation is main concern

By ROGER HUCKLE

Depending on the outcome of the current investigation into President Clinton's extra-curricular activities, it might be that "slick Willie" will join "Trickey Dickey" in the Presidential Hall of Shame. It would be fitting should a Democrat join a Republic in sharing a portion of this infamy.

It's not that I particularly care whether or not Clinton is guilty of the allegations against him, I just think it would be fitting that a member of both major political parties share the spotlight in what historically has been the abuse of power by most of our elected officials.

On the heels of the revelation of one of our most beloved Democratic Presidents' philandering behavior, not to mention his administration's abuses of power, it would seem that Clinton's antics pale in comparison, especially given the tense world situations occurring during the Kennedy presidency.

The most serious of these current allegations

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LETTERS

Real issues of nation are getting lost

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a news addict, but the TV has been silent for days and I'm disgusted with the press. The coverage of President Clinton and the intimacies of his sex life are insulting at best and at worst treasonous, undermining the greatness of this country.

We have not had one perfect President yet, and I suspect we will not have one soon. It's time for the press and media and politicians to address real issues that affect the health and well being of our country and our world. If I were Saddam Hussein, I'd be funding

Paula Jones and Kenneth Starr, too.

How would the abilities of F.D.R. and J.F.K. and Jefferson and Reagan to govern have fared under similar inspection and glaring exposition?

In the interest of preserving some kind of national dignity, some respect for government, we need to find new ways to hold our elected officials accountable for their civilian actions. Ways that will not undermine the ability of the President of the United States of America to be credible and effective in leading and representing this great nation.

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Artistic presentation: 10; technical merit: 2

TO THE EDITOR:

That was quite a speech the President gave the other night.

If it had been judged as a figure skating event, he most certainly would have been awarded high marks for Artistic Presentation; things such as diction and syntax, eye contact, choice of words and inflection, in short, all of the oratorical skills this President uses so well.

The marks for Technical Merit, just as certainly, would have been very low because of all the contradictions. For example, how can he take bows for cutting the size of government and then, turn around and propose a whole bunch of new federal government intrusion in local affairs such as hiring teachers, cutting class size and adding more classrooms. You could almost hear a "Thank you for your support" nod to the teacher's unions.

Or how about all the "for the children" initiatives that replace family responsibility with government bureaucracy? In the same vein, how is it possible to brag about balancing the budget while proposing huge new government spending sprees. On this issue we must remember that Congress controls the budget and the

spending, not the President. That's also something to remember when asked to look at who is responsible for past deficits and our astronomical National Debt. Now that's a fact most liberal political types like to skate over and, then, immediately roll out the Zamboni.

But back to the President's speech. As long as we're alluding to figure skating, the music for the performance was certainly apropos... "Santa Claus is Coming To Town." There was virtually something for everybody — except for us poor boobs who are expected to support all this vote-buying largess with the taxes withheld from our paychecks.

The very real danger we must face, however, is far more serious than unbalanced budgets and deficits or balances of trade. By succumbing to government intrusion into our lives and livelihood we are on a fast track to losing our freedom. There is a direct connection between economic and personal and political freedom. Lose one and you lose all. John F. Kennedy knew this when he said, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country!"

When a people choose freedom from responsibility, they most certainly will cease to be free.

Ira Breneman

It's only life

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would seem to be a perjury charge re: Clinton's deposition, and obstruction of justice re: the attempt to persuade the woman to falsify her testimony. Both are impeachable offenses and may cause a resignation if they are able to be substantiated. However, I think the most serious miscarriage of justice is the amount of money spent to date by our government on this never-ending investigation of Clinton's activities - more than \$30 million.

Maybe I'm from the old school, but I feel we, the American taxpayer, ought to get something for our money. I think it's time to fish or cut bait — bring charges or close the books. This entire fiasco began by investigating some shady financial dealings, with no results, and now they're into sexploitation. How this thing turned from the boardroom to the bedroom is beyond me.

It is extremely hard not to be-

Facilities committee gets down to business

A seven-member advisory committee was formed, a mission statement approved and an architectural subcommittee appointed, as the first major steps were taken by the Educational Facilities Committee at a meeting last Thursday.

Formed to assist the Boyne City School Board in addressing the district's facilities needs, the committee's goal is to: "Develop a plan to identify current and future needs of Boyne City Public Schools that would be supported by the voters."

As an initial step toward that goal, an advisory board was selected from among the more than 35 people who attended Thursday's meeting. Those selected were Floyd Wright, Jill Rowley, Ira Breneman, Phil Cloyd, Debbie Jason, Todd Wright, and David Beek. One position on the committee is also open to a school board member. John Warstler and Pete Friedrich will serve as alternates.

The advisory board will help direct and guide the work of the overall committee and will also serve as a conduit to the school board.

Among the items about which the full committee was nearly unanimous in agreement was its support to bring an architectural firm into the process sooner rather than later. To assist with this process, a committee was formed to solicit proposals from a variety of firms. Serving on the committee are Harry Burkhardt, Steve Wiseman, Tom Neidhamer, Todd Wright, Bill Hawkins, and Bill Grimm.

The Educational Facilities Committee is meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. to review the lists of specific needs for the district that have been compiled by administrators. Meetings are held in the home ec. room at the high school. Everyone is invited to attend.

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January 31st

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come too cynical when discussing our politicians given the "true constituency" they serve. It seems their only real concern is to raise enough money to get re-elected and spend enough money to prevent their opponents from being elected, even if the money they're spending is our hard-earned tax dollars. Let them spend some of their "soft" money if they want to investigate further.

Personally, I think Clinton has done a decent job with most of his economic policies, but his domestic

policies concerning the family values he espouses as being so important leave much to be desired. It would be no surprise to me if he, in fact, partook in this type of behavior — he isn't the first, and won't be the last.

Does the potential outcome of this investigation keep me up nights? Hardly. Will it have any effect on the way I vote during the next Presidential election? I doubt it. I'm still campaigning for a "none of the above" box on every ballot.

THE ECLECTIC MUSICIAN

Steel drums, music of the tropics

By MICHAEL ALLAN HAYNES

The other day, while conducting the eighth grade band through a sight-reading drill, I noticed a student in the percussion section playing his music part on a pot. (That must have been the only thing left in the percussion cabinet after the tambourine and triangle were taken.) Admittedly, I was amused at his freedom of creative expression.

After enduring the piercing tone for what seemed like hours (I think the selection was a minute and a half), my thoughts drifted to what an original idea this could make. Of course, the percussionist to whom I refer was not being original at all. What the young musician did not know is that several years ago in the Caribbean citizens of Trinidad were making music (noise) with the same rudimentary instruments. This type of expression was the predecessor of what is now called "Steel Drumming."

The popularity of the Steel Drum Band in Trinidad traces as far back as the early 1800's practice of "Bamboo Tamboo," in which gang members would carry a length of bamboo and pound it on the ground as the group walked the streets. That form of communication was eventually outlawed. Deprived the right to practice "Bamboo Tamboo," gangs turned to hand-drumming, which was also squelched by the British government.

After being deprived their "music," citizens of Trinidad turned to anything they could find to make noise. Garbage can lids, car parts, and pots

and pans provided them the means they were looking for. Then, in the 1930's, somebody discovered that a tone could be produced by striking a dented barrel head. It was also discovered that, with careful pounding and polishing, a 55-gallon oil drum could ring with delightful resonance producing several different pitches. The range of notes a steel drum can produce depends on the amount of the barrel used and the tuning.

Steel drumming is characterized by performers clad in bright, drapy clothes, playing in against the background of gentle clapping of waves on a beach, rustling palm frawns, and salty air. Today, the colorful droplet tone of the steel drum is becoming a popular musical form. In Trinidad, bands can have more than 100 players with 300 or more pans and rehearse months ahead of time for Carnival. In the states, the steel drum band has also become popular. (And if you live near the steel yard the materials close at hand.)

During these long frozen months, as we Michiganders endure short days, layering, hauling logs to the furnace, and scraping frosty windows, it is healthy to indulge in a new experience. Whether you download it from the net or visit your local music store, I recommend the music of the steel drum.

While I listen, I'll imagine enjoying a warm breeze and sipping a light frozen cocktail at a beach front cabana. (And this time of year we need those moments — if even in our minds.)

(Michael Haynes is music director for East Jordan Public Schools.)

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BOYNE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -- A NEW YEAR

New president will promote all aspects of area's commerce

Pete Friedrich was named president of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce last Thursday.

"I like to be involved in groups," said the Boyne City School Boosters' president, Foundation for Educational Excellence board member, Industrial Magnetics, Inc. employee, husband, and father.

He also is a board member on two city advisory boards.

He sees the chamber as a means of communicating between groups — a common link to ensure that everyone in the city is working toward the same cause.

Under Friedrich's guidance, the chamber board will outline its plan for the upcoming year. "I like to set goals at the beginning of the year, measure them throughout the year, and hope to have results by year's end," said Friedrich.

The chamber's membership should do the same thing. Friedrich and fellow board members will assist members by compiling the businesses' statistical information for 1997 and 1998, to help them measure and assess their own performance.

Another of Friedrich's primary goals as president is to involve the industrial manufacturers more with the chamber. "The chamber, said Friedrich, "is designed to promote all aspects of commerce in Boyne City, including industry."

As a product line manager at IMI

in Boyne City, Friedrich is well aware of industry involvement with the city. He has spent 13 years with the company, first as a telemarketer, and now in charge of sales and marketing manufacturing methods for IMI's holding, lifting and fixturing division.

His connection with city industry extends beyond his paying job to his appointments on two industry-related advisory boards.

He is a board member of the Local Development Finance Authority, a group that reviews businesses interested in locating in the Boyne City industrial park and advises the city commission on its findings.

Friedrich also works with the Economic Development Corporation to help capture any increases in tax dollars generated by park businesses, for use in the upkeep and development of the park's infrastructure.

"The chamber itself is like a business," said Friedrich. It has employees, is responsible to its markets and it gets judged on how the city's overall economy is doing — and industry is vital to that end.

A business recently contacted the city commission about relocating here, due in part to the chamber's promotion of Boyne City. "It's gratifying," said Friedrich.

Although he spends much time promoting the city, industry and schools, Friedrich said he does it, "solely for the benefit of my kids and



Boyne City chamber president Pete Friedrich

family."

It's no surprise that he's served as the Boyne City School Boosters' president for the past two years. He joined the group when his oldest

child — now 11 — was three years old. Back then, most of the members' children were juniors and seniors. He wanted his kids to benefit from the boosters while they were growing up.

And in his down time Friedrich enjoys skiing, golfing and kayaking — most likely paddling one he crafted himself more than 15 years ago.



The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce met last week to welcome a new president and board members to its ranks. Members of the chamber board are, front row, from left: Pam Barrett, Vice President René MacNaughton, Treasurer Chris Poniatowski, and Assistant Director Arlene Moore. Back row, left to right: Executive Director Deborah Thompson, Ken Smith, President Pete Friedrich, Allan Ordway, Secretary Lucy Hartlove, and Greg Blackall.

MSU Extension hosts conference on property rights

The Michigan State University Extension Office will hold a conference entitled "Land Use Policy and Takings" on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Boyne City Hall Auditorium.

The conference will focus on property rights, a key issue that affects most land use decision making. The program is a continuation of MSU's commitment to create opportunities for stakeholders to learn and discuss issues of common interest on improving land use decision making.

The program is free, but you must pre-register by Wednesday, Feb. 11, by calling (616) 582-6232.

Free clinic now open in Petoskey

The Community Free Clinic, a free medical care clinic for area residents, has opened its doors and is ready to see patients. The clinic is located in the Red Cross Building at 2350 Mitchell Park Dr. in Petoskey and sees patients on Wednesdays.

The Community Free Clinic operates on a first-come-first-served basis. Registration is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

The clinic is staffed entirely by volunteers. Health care professionals, physicians and members of the community are invited to learn more about volunteer opportunities with the clinic.

For more information about volunteering or to learn more about the clinic, call HealthAccess at 800/248-6777.

Care & Share handing out free clothing Feb. 16

Care & Share, East Jordan's emergency food pantry, is giving away coats and clothing to those in need on Feb. 16, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the lower level at the East Jordan Health Center.

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New members join board

In addition to a new president, the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce announced four new board members to help them move forward in promoting the city.

Pam Barrett, the office manager at Chipman Plumbing & Heating, has lived in Boyne City off and on for eight years. She served four years on the chamber board in Hillsdale County and is an award-winning artist for creative projects she works on in her free time. Barrett has four daughters.

A three-year resident of Boyne City, Lucy Hartlove will serve as the board secretary. She has served as a Chamber Ambassador and Mushroom Festival Committee member for Boyne City, and has extensive volunteer experience from her years in Grand Rapids where she worked

for Consumers Power. Hartlove owns Creative Endeavors, a custom design sewing business.

Allan Ordway is store manager at Carter's Food Center in Boyne City and has worked in the grocery business for 17 years. He has a strong belief in community involvement and support, and enjoys working with and meeting new people. Ordway said he welcomes challenges at every opportunity. He and wife Laura have three children.

Greg Blackall is the owner of Boyne Vue Motel. He and his wife were looking for a year-round business, and bought the motel two and a half years ago. Blackall is committed to community development and brings his experience working with the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce to his new board position.

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EAST JORDAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -- A NEW YEAR

Looking forward to the challenges the year will bring

She's still getting used to her title: Madame President. But there is very little else Karen Walker doesn't know about her community or the chamber of commerce she was recently elected to lead.

She has been on the chamber board for the past four years, and was most recently vice president. She also serves on East Jordan's Downtown Development Authority.

Walker is a native of East Jordan, and has lived in the community for all but a short time when she lived in the metro Detroit area.

Photography has always been a serious hobby of hers, and for the past six years it's been her business. Walker Photography is in the building her father built in the early 1980s which Karen just bought in early January.

Walker is excited about the work of the chamber and the direction of the community. "I'm full of enthusiasm for the year," she said.

She and members of the chamber board have planned a retreat for Feb. 15 to review past accomplishments and set goals and priorities for the future.

One important decision facing the chamber is what to do about its office. Currently the chamber calls a small office — some refer to it as the phone booth — its home.

But the chamber is looking at other possibilities. One is to renovate the old Bernier building in downtown. "We are still in the planning and proposal stage," Walker said.

The chamber recently received a \$4,500 grant from the Charlevoix Community Foundation to fund a feasibility study to determine if that

site will work. Petoskey architect Richard Neumann is working with the chamber and has completed different proposals for the interior. The chamber is waiting on cost estimates for those designs and once they are received, "we will go forward with the feasibility study," Walker said.

The Downtown Development Authority owns the building and would continue to do so if the chamber relocates.

If the study shows the move downtown is feasible for the chamber, it hopes to make the move possibly as early as this summer, Walker said. "But it may not be possible."

While the Bernier building is a possibility for a new chamber building, Walker said, it is not the only one. "The whole project is not carved in stone," she said. "It's not a sure thing."

Another possibility could be to expand the current office. "We definitely need more room. A lot of people call it our phone booth. It would be nice to have more space in general and an office for our executive director and a community room."

The chamber has set aside a small amount of chamber funds for renovation or expansion. The rest would be raised through a major fund-raising campaign.

Currently, the chamber has more than 240 members. Its staff includes executive director Mary Faculak and Carol Galmore is the office manager. Board members are vice president Phil Hofweber, treasurer Sandi Whiteford, Janet Walter, Tim Carey, Dick Hoffman, Mark Postma, and Lee Symonds.



East Jordan chamber president Karen Walker



Members of the East Jordan chamber board of directors at the recent annual banquet are, front row from left: Mary Faculak, executive director, Karen Walker, Sandi Whiteford, and Janet Walker. Back row: Tim Carey, Phil Hofweber, Dick Hoffman, Mark Postma, and Lee Symonds.

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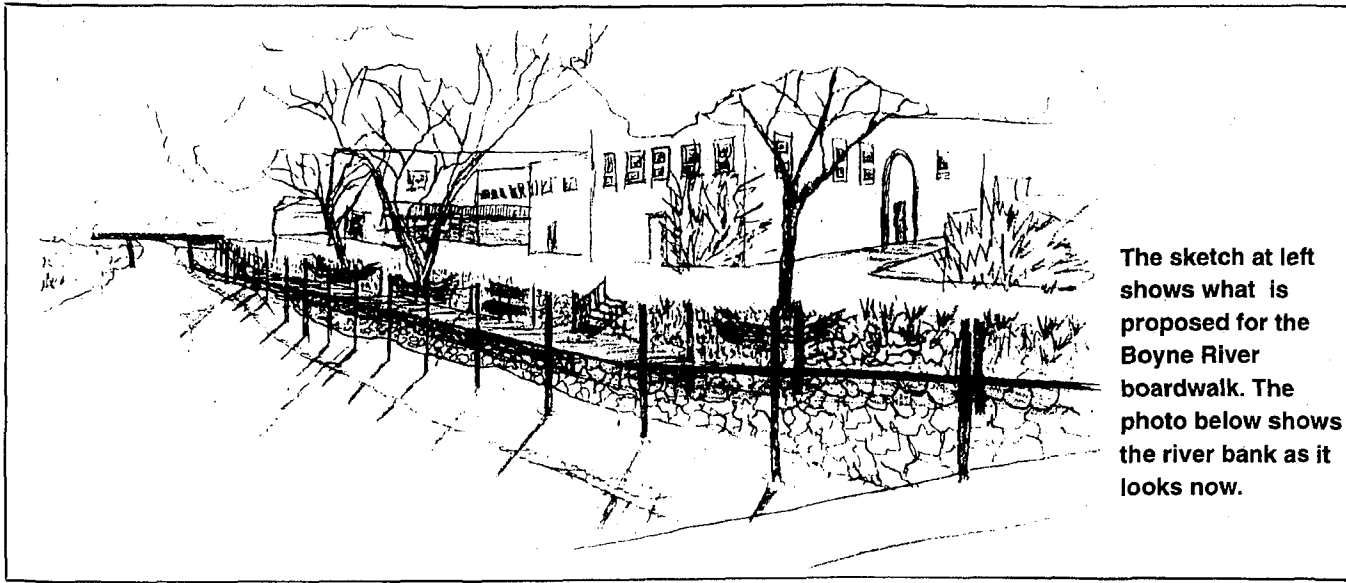
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The sketch at left shows what is proposed for the Boyne River boardwalk. The photo below shows the river bank as it looks now.

Boyne River boardwalk: what do you think?

Two meetings to review plans for the proposed boardwalk along the Boyne River from Lake to Park streets are planned for the coming week.

The Downtown Development Authority will meet Thursday, Feb. 5, at 9 a.m. in the city manager's office and the Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 in city hall.

Everyone is invited to attend and comment on the proposed plans.

City officials will also meet with property owners adjacent to the boardwalk.

Andy Poinceau has completed a rough draft of a site plan for the

boardwalk. From his work and a sketch by city planning director Tim O'Leary, the DDA hopes to solicit as much comment as possible from citizens.

The DDA has received a \$45,000 Coastal Zone Management Grant for engineering and construction of the boardwalk. The DDA has estimated the cost of the boardwalk at around \$270,000. The DDA hopes to complete the project this summer and will pay for it through bond proceeds it received last year.

The boardwalk would be built on the south bank and have fishing platforms, benches and will be handicap accessible.



OBITUARIES

Michael D. Bean

Michael D. Bean, 58, a teacher, coach, and drama advisor, died of cancer Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Hospice House in West Barnstable, Mass.

He was born and raised in Boyne City, the son of Charles and Lucille Bean. He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1957.

Michael served three years in Army Intelligence stationed in Germany in the early 1960s. After leaving the military he attended Western Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 1966, and later received a Master's Degree.

In 1970 he began his teaching career at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in Massachusetts in the English department. He also studied drama at the Shakespeare School of Drama in England. Michael also coached girls tennis, basketball and volleyball. Hughes Newspapers selected him as "Coach of the Year" in 1985. For many years he was the advisor for the D-Y theater program, with several of his students later receiving their Actors Equity Cards.

Following his retirement in 1996, Michael was a business partner with the Bass River Golf Course, Restaurant and Lounge in Yarmouth, Mass. He was a former member of the Figawi Race Committee, the National Education Association and the Bass River Golf Course.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by two brothers, Robert Bean of Chicago and Loren Bean of Boyne City; five sisters, Patricia Souder, Joan King, Sally Looze, and Mary Carson of Boyne City, and Kathleen Sanford of Muskegon; his longtime friend Heather; and many nieces and nephews.

Michael will be greatly missed by his family, many longtime friends, students, and fellow teachers.

A memorial gathering for the celebration of his life will be held on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Bass River Golf Course in South Yarmouth.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michael Bean Scholarship Fund, D-Y Regional High School, Station Ave., South Yarmouth, MA 02664; or to Hospice House of Cape Cod, 6A, Yarmouthport, MA 02675.

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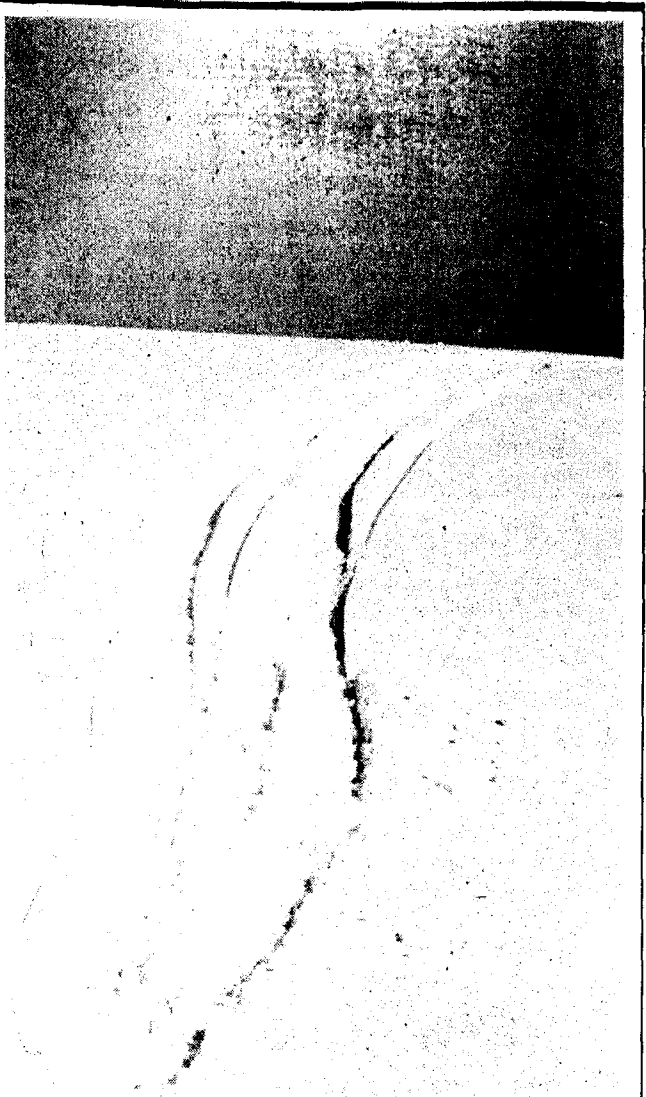
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Mineral swap a good start

State action affects small part of Jordan River watershed

Local environment groups are optimistic that the state of Michigan is committed to protecting the Jordan River Watershed. But a recent mineral rights swap with a gas company is only one small step affecting five percent of the pristine wetlands management area.

The State of Michigan has swapped mineral rights to 1,220 acres of the Jordan River Valley for similar rights to 1,220 acres of non watershed land. This means the state can control whether or not new wells for gas or oil extraction are erected on the land. Existing wells on this acreage, reported elsewhere at 10 to 20 wells, will continue to produce gas under the state's ownership. The Department of Natural Resources Real Estate Division could not be reached to confirm the number of wells or other details of the exchange.

The minerals exchange affects only extracting resources under the surface of the land. The swap does not mean surface land owners can not develop the land with proper permits in place. The exchange also does not affect the controversial portion of the Jordan Valley upon which developer Walt Zaremba, of Elmira, wishes to drill gas. Even so, the swap indicates the state wants to protect the Jordan.

"It's a good thing for the Jordan Valley," said John Hummer, executive director of the Friends of the Jordan. Hummer said the Friends of the Jordan does not have an "official" response to the state's action yet. However, the environmental group, which is organized to protect the river and its watershed, would like to see

the state develop a policy governing future mineral rights transactions.

Hans Voss, associate director of the Michigan Land Use Institute, in Bellaire, agreed. The state needs a "road map which shows where you're going before you start driving," Voss said. The MLUI also would like to see a state policy governing mineral rights exchanges.

"It's important to understand that many different private interests have privately owned land or minerals," Voss said. Many of those private interests want to make trades, he said, but the state needs to make sure those who benefit from the trades have a legitimate property right.

Voss said in 1975 the State of Michigan made a commitment to avoid drilling for gas or oil on state land. He feels this latest action by Gov. John Engler supports that earlier agreement. But the minerals swap isn't a sweeping protective maneuver for the entire watershed. Thousands of acres in the Jordan Valley are unaffected by the state action.

"It's not like the DNR has saved the Jordan Valley," Voss said. "It adds to the state control," he said of the minerals swap. The main benefit, Voss said, is that when the existing wells run dry, which could be 20 to 30 years in the future, the state will control any new drilling in this particular tract.

"This is one small piece of the management area, which is one piece of the watershed," Voss said. "It's all an interrelated system that needs to be managed as a watershed. The

more cohesive and integrated the state's policies are, the better off the Jordan River is going to be in the long run."

Voss noted the state also must approve drilling which goes on outside this area. As part of the drilling process, developers must seek approval from the state before extracting the gas or oil. The state's control of the permit process is what has prevented Zaremba from drilling so far. The 13th Circuit Court recently ruled that because pipeline transportation from Zaremba's leased land is not in place, it would be wasteful to extract gas from those acres in the Jordan Valley.

Hummer agreed the state's action is only a beginning to truly protecting the Jordan Valley. "We're pleased with the extra protection it gives the Jordan Valley, but there still needs to be a lot of work done at the state level to further protection of not only the Jordan but of other environmentally-sensitive watersheds."

Officials from the Friends of the Jordan and the Michigan Land Use Institute will meet this week with the DNR's Real Estate Division to discuss the concerns of the two groups. Both are hoping to encourage development of a state policy which would govern future mineral rights exchanges and natural resources exploration in these sensitive areas.

"We're optimistic," Voss said of the upcoming meeting. "It shows they're interested in setting policy to protect property owners and the public trust."

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Old County Press building faces major renovation

Only a few walls remain of the old Charlevoix County Press building on the corner of North Lake and Lower Lake streets.

But in its place the property's new owner has plans for a new office building, if he can get approval from the Boyne City Planning Commission.

It's not the first time John Darien has brought his plan to the commis-

sion. Late last year, Darien met with the planning commission to discuss his plans for the building. Since he was only planning facade improvements and was going to use the building as a corporate office for his out-of-area business, no site plan approval was needed from the planning commission.

When work began on the build-

ing a few weeks ago, the first order of business for construction crews was to remove the roof. But when they did, some of the building's walls collapsed, which made renovating the rest of the building nearly impossible.

It also created another problem. The site of the building is zoned residential under the city's zoning ordi-

nance. As it is, the building is out of compliance, but since only facade improvements were originally intended and the use was basically staying the same, the planning commission gave its approval.

Now that major renovations or reconstruction is needed, the issue must now return to the planning commission. The commission will meet

Monday, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. in the city commission chambers to review Darien's plans.

Also on the agenda is a public hearing on a site plan for an expansion of the Tannery Restaurant in downtown Boyne City. The business has plans to install an elevator for access to its upper level and to build a deck off the upstairs bar.



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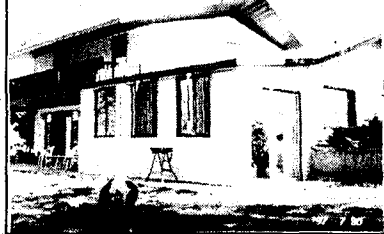
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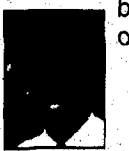
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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

HER NAME IS SARAH, not Farrah! Once again, but correctly, A warm "Welcome to our world" goes out to Sarah Maria Foster, born to Camille Northup and Michael Foster of Palm Harbor, Fla., on Jan. 19. Sarah Maria weighed four pounds and one ounce and measured just over 16 inches long. She is the first grandchild of Nancy Northup of Boyne City and Victoria Foster of Charlotte, N.C., Sarah has been home for awhile now and is gaining, growing, and doing well.

IT WAS A "WOW" DAY on Sunday in Boyne City and my anonymous caller said it was a rarity to see her husband outside, washing the family cars on Feb. 1! Their digital thermometer registered 43 degrees...in the shade

BUNNY GARLOCK of Boyne City was taken to Northern Michigan Hospital this past week after a heart attack. She was reported to be doing some better on Sunday night.

JAN SMITH hosted a chili supper and card game on Friday night, with neighbors Dick and Ruth Stark, Ella and Howard Peters, and Bob and Loraine Crabtree, all gathering for a fun evening

at her East Main Street home.

RAY ECKER of Walloon Lake is recuperating from a nasty fall outside his home. He hurt his back after somehow colliding with a dumpster on Saturday. A trip to Petoskey's busy emergency care showed no broken bones but badly bruised up. Laying low for a few days and medication hopefully will have him feeling much better soon.

PATTI AND BILL BRADFORD, who recently moved to Midland after living in Kentucky, were here for a ski weekend and wonderful visit with brother Jeff and wife Julie. "It's just so nice, having them living so close by, after living so far away for such a long time," said Julie.

BETTY JEAN AND RICK AUSTIN of Durand enjoyed the weekend in Boyne City, with her sister, Linda Felton, and husband Jim.

DONNA ERBER and several of the Huntington Bank employees and former employees enjoyed a "R&R" weekend at the Erber's cabin in the Upper Peninsula near Newberry.

A RECENT BRIDAL SHOWER honored bride-to-be Becky Quakenbush. A gathering of 15 family members enjoyed games and a nice

lunch at the Anderson Road home of Kathy Potter. Becky received many lovely gifts and she and husband-to-be Ken Ordway, both of Boyne City, are planning to be married on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.

ELIZABETH EDDY recently returned from her mission trip to Costa Rica. Traveling in her group were Free Methodist Church conference superintendent Larry Evoy, his wife Grace, and the Rev. Ralph Bramley (now retired) of Spring Arbor. She took a nasty fall the day before they came home, badly injuring her ankle, which required her to be temporarily confined to a wheelchair. The group then had flight-delay problems, and had to be placed on stand-by flights of different airlines. But in spite of all that, Elizabeth shared "the evidence of God's hand" experiences. She cited prayer and the fact that each time there was a problem, like mechanical failure with their vehicle, someone in the group was able to take care of the particular need. Rewarding to each of them was pooling their money to help those they visited, like buying a badly needed new drum, necessary for their music, and to replace a one burner stove.

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

Scholarships will help area students pursue medical careers

A future nurse and physician from Charlevoix County may find some help with the cost of their education, thanks to two scholarships available through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The Julius Gilbert Memorial Scholarship, named in honor of a community benefactor and former trustee of the Charlevoix Area Hospital, will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a medical student; while the Charlevoix Area Hospital Nursing Scholarship will give a \$500 scholarship to an area nursing student.

Deadlines for both scholarships are May 1 and decisions will be announced early in June. Those interested in applying may pick up the necessary forms at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Nursing scholarship forms are also available through the counseling offices of area high schools, at the Women's Resource Center in Petoskey, the Beaver Island Rural Health Center, and at North Central and Northwestern Michigan colleges.

To be eligible for the Julius Gilbert Scholarship, candidates must be Charlevoix County residents, have successfully completed an undergraduate degree, and be accepted in an accredited medical school. Nursing scholarship candidates should live in the Charlevoix Area Hospital's service area and be accepted at an accredited school of professional nursing in the State of Michigan. If enrolled in a two year nursing program, the candidate will be eligible for a second-year \$500 scholarship as well.

Candidates for both scholarships will be judged on their academic performance, student service record, leadership qualities, commitment to

their chosen profession, and letters of recommendation. Financial need will also be a factor in selecting a nursing scholar.

The Community Foundation, which was established in 1992 by a group of civic leaders, administers a number of charitable and scholarship funds on behalf of area organizations. Only investment from the funds is used to award grants and scholarship - so the trusts continue to grow and support community efforts for years to come.

More information about the Julius Gilbert Scholarship and the Nursing Scholarship is available by calling Robert Tambellini, at the Community Foundation, 536-2440, or Diane Kidder, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital, 547-4024.



Spanning the ages

Four generations of the Carey family of East Jordan gathered over the holidays for this picture spanning the ages. From left are Bud, Leon, young Matthew and Mercer.

Community band begins practice for next concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band will begin winter practice on Thursday, Feb. 5, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the East Jordan High School band room.

If you play a band instrument and would like to participate, you are invited. For more information call 536-7654.

Merry Musicals welcome singers

The Merry Musicals of East Jordan invite everyone who sings in any way, to join them at the East Jordan Senior Center any Monday at 12:45 p.m. for song and fellowship.

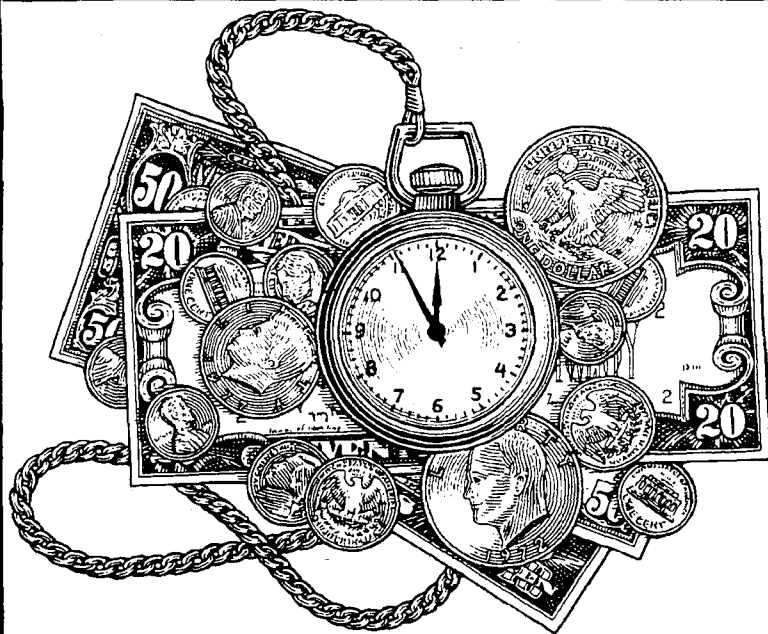
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Fiddlers from age 5 to 95 will put bow to strings from 1-5 p.m. Open-mike will take place from 5-7 p.m., and at 7 p.m. old-fashioned callers will set the pace for square dancing fun. Bring your fiddle or other acoustic instruments and join in the festivities. "Our intent is to preserve old time music and promote education," said Jamboree co-chair Bill Stevens.

The Jamboree will be held at The Jordan Valley Express on M-66 next to Glen's Market, with refreshments served all day by the East Jordan Senior Center. Donations will be taken at the door. Event proceeds will be used for scholarships, tuition and music lessons.

BC-Florida picnic is March 4

The 20th annual Boyne City-Florida picnic is Wednesday, March 4.

The picnic will begin at 11 a.m. at the usual spot, Shelter 2 in Philippe Park, which is located on State Road 590, one mile north of Safety Har-

bor, Fla. Safety Harbor is several miles northeast of Clearwater.

The picnic, as always, is potluck. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share and their own table service and beverage. Dinner is at noon.

East Jordan VFW and Auxilairy

The East Jordan VFW meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The Ladies Auxiliary meets every first Tuesday of the

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Debbi

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gits, she says, are not neglected. She feels that art and music are her gifts, and she devotes time to these talents every week.

Debbi is a songwriter and plays the guitar. She spearheaded the formation of a praise and worship team in her church, which is where the majority of her musical energy goes, but she also plays on occasion at Grandvue or for local churches, and has played in classrooms. She also paints.

"I guess I got seriously painting four years ago, after taking a couple watercolor classes to stir me up. I have done a couple art shows and have felt that they were successful."

She is a prolific painter, her little studio is packed with a variety of paintings, water scenes, horses, flowers, pictures of the kids, the barn — Debbi's life and interests are played out in color against the walls. There are also primitive watercolors done by Mary, which Deb encourages.

She likes to have the kids involved with her loves: the music, the painting and the animals that populate their farm just outside of East Jordan. She says she loves to see the kids with the animals — big Matt, she says, his big hands gentling a kitten warms her heart.

"When the part of me that is unique takes over, painting makes me happy. I love color and painting is a good outlet when I'm experiencing different moods."

When Debbi speaks of moods, she looks out the window beside her, remembering days several years ago, when her moods had gotten the better of her.

Before moving to East Jordan, Bill and Debbi and their first three children lived in a big log home south of Traverse City. It was a beautiful, peaceful place, isolated from the sounds of traffic and far away from the bustle of life. They made maple syrup in the spring. Debbi stenciled trilliums around the living room, over the stone work around the wood stove. They kept bees and made honey, and Debbi spent her days creating fabulous loaves of whole grain bread and nurturing her small children. She did not have a car, though, and she

was isolated from more than just traffic. Then several things happened in conjunction.

Debbi began dealing with childhood and adolescent issues, buried deep and long. She started reading books that forced her to look at her memories, her anger, and the patterns that had emerged in her life. She also did some counseling, trying to understand why she did things with unhealthy consequences.

At the same time, she lost a baby to miscarriage, something she believes triggered the imbalance of chemicals only precariously balanced in the first place. Debbi began struggling with emotional swings that were frightening and intense. When she and Bill moved to East Jordan and had Mary, Debbi's continuing struggle to understand her past overwhelmed her.

She lost her grip on the present. Processing repressed anger and memories, she began to confuse the "feelings from the past with present experience." She said that she was "totally confused - I couldn't sort out today from yesterday. My emotions dictated my thought processes."

It was a difficult time. Relational confusion ensued, with Debbi attributing to Bill characteristics which she had feared in her father. She began to experience panic attacks, and did not know who she could trust. Finally both Debbi and Bill became aware that she needed to get some help, and Deb sought out the doctors who finally diagnosed her severe depression.

Debbi's recovery, she says, "included active involvement on my part in making things happen" — taking the painting classes, buying the horses that she rides and loves, initiating the praise team in her church, all these things helped her recover.

Now, Debbi says, "there is so much joy. I feel like who I am is okay, that I am loved and accepted." Recovery is an ongoing process, according to Debbi. "I'm accomplishing goals all the time," she says. "Little goals, but all the time." Facets of her life, she says, physically, emotionally, mentally

and spiritually need recurrent "overhauling."

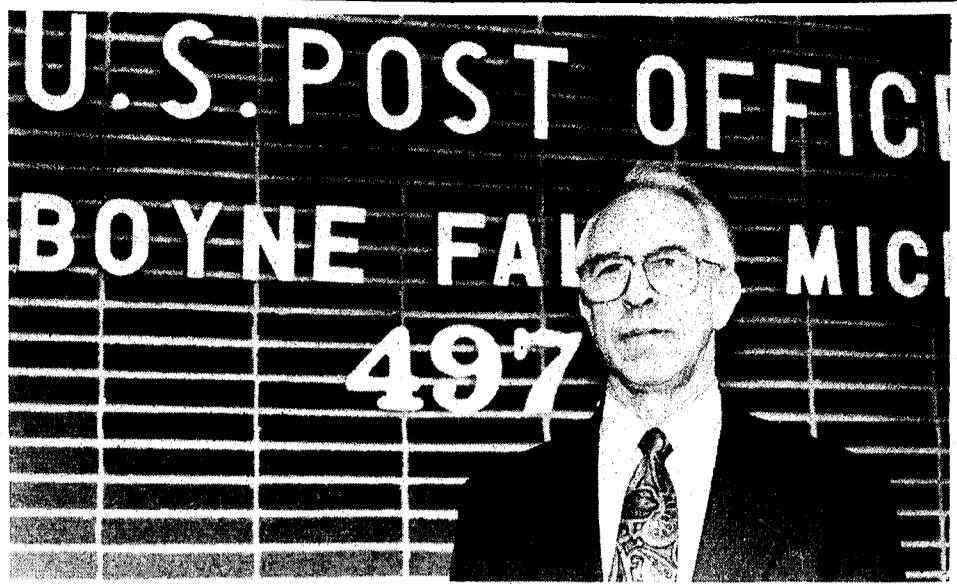
"I will never 'arrive,'" she says, pensively. "The process is never complete. It's life — that's what life is. And healing." Again she pauses, breaking her gaze from the window. "A ton of healing and restoration, so that my pain has turned to joy. I hate to bring God into this," she laughs, "but the only reason I have this joy is because I understand His love for me. Healing is a result of that."

Today, Debbi, the painter, the musician, the Mom, feels like she's been given a gift. She believes that she has a gift for understanding how people hurt, and what gives them strength. Whether it is teaching a child to ride a horse, "an opportunity to handle something big in their lives, to give them a sense of power they may not get anyplace else," or in her dedication to listening and prayer, Debbi continues her recovery in helping others.

She says that if she were to go back to school now, she would major in art therapy, but feels that in the meantime, she can apply her experience in her parenting, and with her family and friends.

She pulls herself firmly to the present, gathering her guitar and some penciled music that she has written for the Sunday night service. She readies herself quickly and calls her good-byes, and gets into the family van. She loves being with people; her depression came after a period of isolation.

"I love people," she smiles. "Listening and learning — it's what makes me tick."



Leslie Smith was sworn in last Wednesday as Boyne Falls' new postmaster.

Returning to his roots

Boyne Falls has a new postmaster and he is no stranger to Boyne Country.

Leslie Smith was sworn in last Wednesday afternoon in a small ceremony at the post office. His name may sound familiar to some long-time area residents.

He is a Boyne City native and graduated from Boyne City High School in 1957. His parents, Clayton and Maude Smith, still live in the home near Horton Bay where he was raised.

Smith moved to the Boyne Falls post office after serving 2 1/2 years in Portland, a town near Lansing, where he was officer in charge. Prior to that he served as postmaster in Clarksville, a small community between Lansing and Grand Rapids.

His career with the post office began in 1976 when he worked at Six Lakes, a community in central Michigan. He moved to Clarksville in 1982.

Smith and his wife Rosemary, also a Boyne City native, are happy to be back in northwestern Michi-

gan. "We're getting close to retirement and we're thinking about building in the area," Smith said. "This gives us a chance to do that."

The couple has four grown children.

In addition to his postal career, Smith is also an ordained United Brethren in Christ minister. Actually he was a pastor long before he was a civil servant. After graduating from Boyne City, he attended college at Michigan Tech for a while and then returned to Charlevoix County where he worked for Big Rock.

In 1965 he moved to Galien in southwestern Michigan and then he attended Bethel College. While attending school he was also a pastor at a nearby church. Since there are no United Brethren churches in the area, Smith's ministry career is on hold.

In addition to Smith, the Boyne Falls Post Office also has two carriers.

Up North Big Band in concert at First Congregational Church

A free concert this Sunday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix, will feature "Up North Big Band."

The 17-piece band will be playing favorites of the 30s, 40s and 50s — selections from Count Basie, Glen Miller and Quincy Jones. The band will be accompanied by a vocalist from Traverse City.

Under the direction of Frank North, the band is comprised of Charlevoix and Emmet county residents. Members meet each Tuesday for rehearsals at Karls Pastry Shop in Charlevoix.

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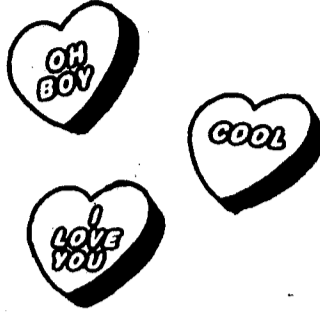
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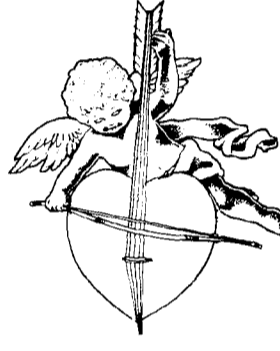
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The score won't matter when Razzmatazz meet Red Devils

Sure, this Saturday's basketball game between the East Jordan Chamber Razzmatazz and the schools' Red Devils won't boast the likes of Michael Jordan or Shaquille O'Neal, nor have sponsors pay millions for a few minutes of creative commercialism, but that doesn't mean there aren't plenty of good reasons to come and watch.

After months of planning and weeks of promotion, the chamber will face off with the school staff and faculty this Saturday, in what may very well become an annual contest of skill, teamwork and who can have the most fun.

The chamber fund-raiser will offer fun for the entire family with clowns, a barbershop quartet, and prizes even before the 7 p.m. tip-off. The gates open

at 6 p.m. and the fun begins at 6:20 p.m.

"This is a perfect combination of the school and faculty working together with the business community," said chamber executive director Mary Faculak.

She and fellow Razzmatazz teammate, Phil Hofweber, have been instrumental in pulling together the game details. "The hours he's put into this with me have been phenomenal," said Faculak. "He has really done an outstanding job recruiting and organizing."

Sponsors have covered all the event's expenses. Thanks to additional donations, 325 students who might not be able to go, can attend for free.

"I've never proposed a fund-raiser that has had this kind of response," said Faculak. "The support

has been almost overwhelming."

Firefighters, police officers and EMTs, will serve as color guard during the pre-game national anthem. Elementary students will play pee-wee games between quarters. Two, half-court contests will pay-out \$100 prizes. The winner of a shooting exhibition will take home a boom-box valued at \$200.

"There's something for everyone," said Faculak. Hofweber sees this as a community celebration.

"It's a great opportunity for the city, school, and business communities to get together to do something that's a lot of fun for the kids."

The teams' practices have also brought together people with different backgrounds, allowing them to get to know each other. City Administrator David

White is coaching the Razzmatazz, while Chip Hanson, school superintendent, hopes to lead the Red Devils to victory.

Now known around town as "Mr. Basketball," Hofweber predictably foresees a triumph for his team. "We're definitely going to win, but it will be a tough competition," he said. "They have some good players."

The competition may include one quarter with gloves on and one with a dodge ball. "The real focus is to have a good time," he said.

Admission for the Feb. 7 game is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Tickets can be bought at various businesses in town, or at the door.

Boyne City rises to the occasion

Win over St. Francis gives Ramblers a two-game lead in conference race

By CHRIS WINKLER

At the mid-point of the season, the Boyne City Ramblers find themselves on top.

Leading the Lake Michigan Conference with a 5-0 league record (9-1 overall) after Friday's 67-49 victory over conference foe Traverse City St. Francis, the team is dominating opponents. For the season, Boyne is outscoring teams by an average of almost 20 points.

The Ramblers knew the Glads were not going to be a pushover, and increased their level of play to match that of the visitors. They made their presence felt in the first quarter when on one possession, Matt Johncheck and Jason Rozycki each blocked a Gladiator shot. Boyne stuffing a Glad would be a continuing theme throughout the night.

All the Rambler points in the first half were scored by either Rozycki, Johncheck, or Jesse Belford. At the break, Rozycki had 20 points, Johncheck six, and Belford five for a 31-28 Boyne advantage.

Bill Case came alive in the second half, scoring seven in a 15-2 Rambler run to start the third quarter. At the end of the period, the Ramblers had pulled away to a 53-38 lead.

Rozycki finished with 33 points, a season high, while Belford added 12. Case and Johncheck each put in nine.

Coach Kevin Fitzpatrick had praise for his team, especially the six seniors.

"I honestly think that everybody who stepped on the floor for us, stepped up," said Fitzpatrick. "Jason had the big game offensively, Jesse just had a tremendous game playing defense and on the boards, and Matt had a number of blocks and double-digit rebounds against really good athletes. Billy Case stepped up and had the points in the second half, Jason Scott with his spot defense here

and there really helps us, and Bo Reinhardt takes care of the ball and gets it up the floor to beat their pressure."

Johncheck led the team in rebounds, with 11. Belford had five, along with three assists. Reinhardt also had three assists, and Rozycki added four boards.

Boyne was out-rebounded 40-30, but only committed 12 turnovers (with eight in the first half). It was 14 of 22 from the free-throw line, where Rozycki made all nine of his shots.

For St. Francis, Steve Reamer paced the squad with 11 points. The rest of the Glad's starters combined for just 21.

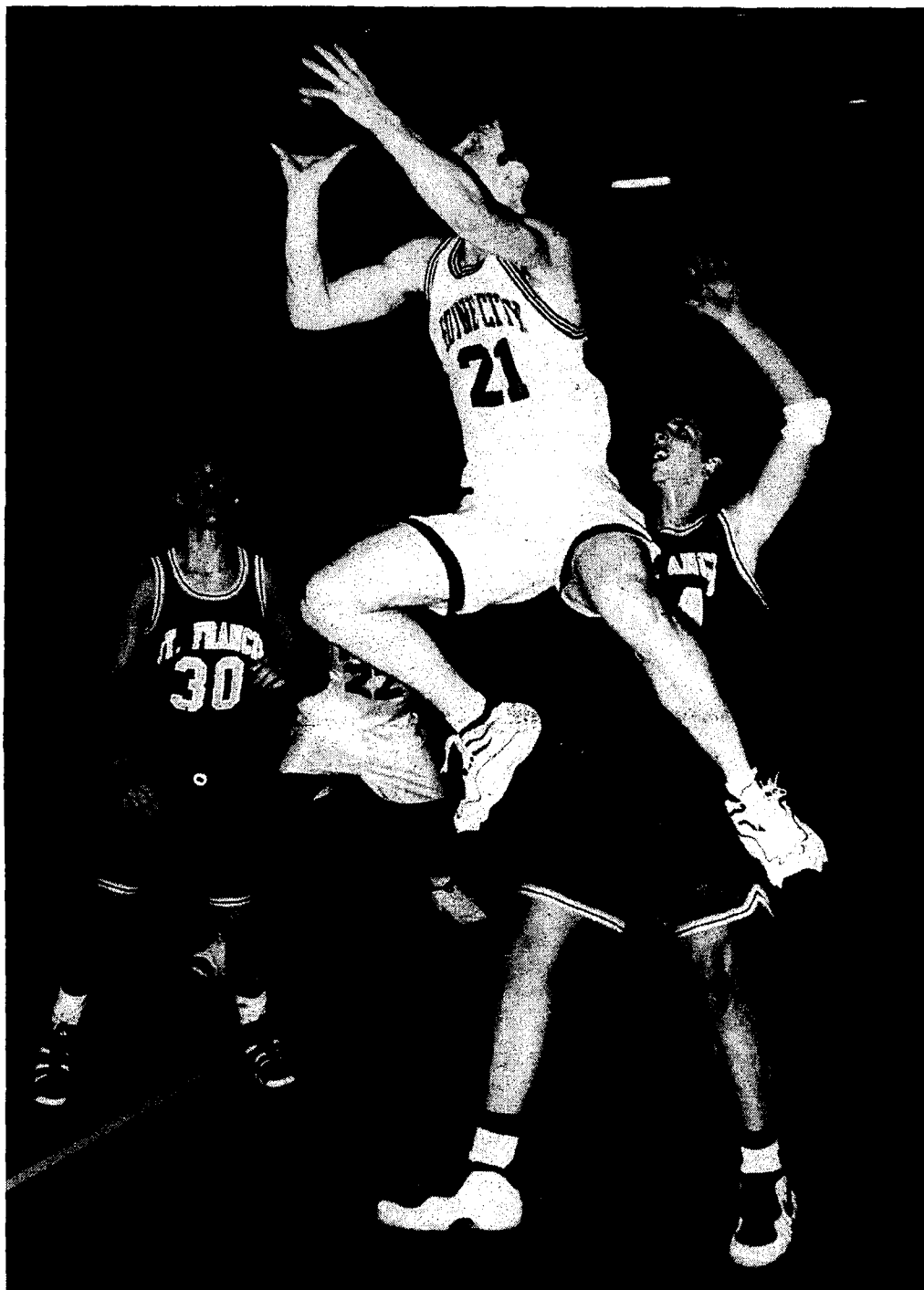
"This was one of our best games of the year, which is a sign that we're getting better," Fitzpatrick said. "We want to improve every game, and every time out. We played hard, very hard, and showed a lot of intensity for 32 straight minutes. We've been able to do that a number of times this year, which is a real credit to our kids."

"We made some changes offensively and defensively throughout the game, and again the kids responded and were able to take care of things for a very sound game."

A sound game, and an outstanding first half to the season.

The junior varsity also defeated St. Francis, 64-57. Josh Bush scored 22, Noah Stanek had 16, grabbed 11 rebounds, and dished out five assists, and Luke Reinhardt had 10 points and five assists. Kevin Metzger snatched 10 boards, and impressed JV coach, Tom Sweet. "Kevin came in off the bench and did a great job. He played well on defense and was really tough on the boards."

As for the team, Sweet said, "Overall, I thought they worked real hard. We had some difficulty with the size of St. Francis because they are big and physical. We got to the foul line a lot and missed a lot of foul shots, and that's got to improve, but



Jason Rozycki went up and over and around St. Francis on his way to a 33-point game Friday night. The Ramblers' next game is at home Friday against Rogers City.

the effort is there, and they have a really good work ethic."

The freshmen split their two

games last week. On Thursday, the squad beat Johannesburg behind Kellan Smith's 28 points. Then Fri-

day, the Ramblers lost to the Gladiators, 75-58 to go to 6-4 on the season. Smith scored 23 in that game.

Skiers win two meets including one under the lights

By CHRIS WINKLER

The Boyne City ski teams continued to roll, with both the boys and the girls winning two meets last week.

The squads topped Charlevoix and Traverse City St. Francis in a Lake Michigan Conference meet on Thursday, and then beat Grayling, Inland Lakes, and a Bellaire/Mancelona combination in a non-league match-up Saturday night. Both meets were hosted by Boyne City and held at Boyne Mountain.

On Thursday, the Rambler boys tallied 40 points, edging Charlevoix, with 46. The Gladiators had 90 points.

In the giant slalom, Matt Davis, Andy Douglas, Bill Babbitt, Nick Riehl, and Corey Hall took fourth through eighth places, respectively. Joe Jones rounded out the Rambler finishes with a 10th place performance.

Over in the slalom, Riehl was third, Douglas fourth, Hall fifth, and J.D. Doherty sixth to lead Boyne. Adam Hubble was ninth in the event.

For the girls, Boyne had 43 points, to Charlevoix's 59 and TCSF's 63.

Meghann Gerling placed the highest for the Ramblers in the G.S., taking third. Brittany Kennedy followed in sixth, Natalie Stafford took seventh, and Maggie Doherty was eighth.

In the slalom, Andrea Gerling grabbed the top spot, with sister Meghann behind her at third. Doherty was sixth, Kennedy ninth, and Abby Roberts 10th.

Saturday's meet was held under the lights, and found each team beating their opponents by a substantial amount. For the guys, Boyne had 44 points, Grayling 80, Inland Lakes 85, and Bellaire/Mancelona 95. The Rambler girls had 34, compared with 59 for Grayling; 82 for Bellaire/Mancelona, and 110 for Inland Lakes.

In the girls G.S., the Gerlings went one-two, with Andrea holding the advantage over Meghann. Kennedy placed fifth and Stafford took seventh.

For the slalom, Andrea Gerling won again, a full seven seconds ahead of second place. Kennedy was third, while Meghann Gerling took seventh, even with a fall. Stafford was eighth to complete Boyne's scoring. Doherty fell in the event, and was taken away by ambulance with a bruised hip, but was well enough to attend Monday's meet.

On the boys' side, Davis won the G.S. by four hundredths of a second. Douglas skied to a sixth place finish, Riehl took eighth, Babbitt ninth, and Hall 10th.

The slalom found Davis in second place, with Douglas, Riehl, and Hall in fifth, sixth, and seventh, respectively. J.D. Doherty finished 10th.

In general, coach Bob Simpson was pleased with his team's efforts this past week. The group was at Crystal Mountain for the Manistee Invitational on Monday, but no results were available.

Red Devils searching for ways to get back on track

As they looked over the schedule in the early days of this season, the East Jordan Red Devils probably looked at the Feb. 5 home game against Boyne City as one that could possibly make or break their chances at winning a conference championship.

Expectations were high back in the middle of November and the Red Devils' had good reason to be confident.

Tuesday night's game with Boyne City was significant, it always is when these two rivals meet. But instead of playing for a shot at the title, East Jordan was playing the role of spoiler, trying to knock off the conference leading Ramblers.

Two disappointing losses the past week to Elk Rapids and Charlevoix, combined with a frustrating loss to St. Francis 10 days ago, have snuffed the Red Devils' title hopes for this season.

Now their biggest challenge is to get back on track, find the groove and make some noise at the district tournament.

"We're frustrated that we're not playing with a whole lot of confidence," said coach Del Ingalls. "We're working hard and trying to find answers."

Against Elk Rapids, the Red Devils played even for the first eight minutes but Elk Rapids started pulling away in the second and then buried the Red Devils in the final quarter for a 67-49 victory. The loss dropped East Jordan to 2-5 in the conference and 4-7 overall.

Matt Shaw led the Red Devils with 16 points while Denzil Wilson added nine.

The loss to Charlevoix followed a familiar script for the Red Devils. They had the game in control, were on the brink of putting it out of reach, then the opposition put on a run and the wheels fell off.

The Red Devils were up 47-38 at the end of the third quarter, then Charlevoix caught fire and outscored East Jordan 26-10 in the final eight minutes.

Parke Bluhm led East Jordan in scoring with 15 points. He also had five rebounds, four steals and three assists. Scott Haley had 13 points and seven rebounds, while Shaw had nine points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

The Red Devil junior varsity also lost to Charlevoix 74-44, and Elk Rapids 48-47.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

In a see-saw battle that went the distance and then some, East Jordan lost to Traverse City St. Francis last Thursday in girls' volleyball action.

"It was a tough night," said coach Duane Kujat. "Each game was very competitive with two teams battling for each point."

"Our team played well and continues to improve with each outing."

After dropping the first game, 6-15, East Jordan won the next two, 15-12, 15-10, but then St. Francis rebounded to take the match-winning the last two game 6-15, 14-16.

"We served below our goal and this hurt us in the end," Kujat said.

Raissa Schroeder served 30 of 32 and had 119 sets with 27 assists, according to Kujat. Jenny Goebel had 10 kills while Suzi Malpass had eight and Rachel Boss six.

The junior varsity also lost.

BOYNE LOSES

Communication, or the lack of it, came back to haunt the Lady Ramblers in their loss to Elk Rapids last Thursday.

Boyne City dropped the match 10-15, 11-15, 15-13, 9-15.

"It was a well played match that

could have gone either way," said coach Doreen Britton. "We were hitting the ball well and doing a pretty good job covering on defense."

"We had excellent net play and serving but a few communication breakdowns hurt us. With a team like Elk Rapids, they will make you pay for your mistakes."

Sarah Bobowski had four blocks and Ashley Schrader had three. Katie Dhasleer had five kills, Bobowski and Heidi VanHoosier four, and Schrader and Melisa Jasinski had three each.

Britton said April Roberts had a good night serving with five aces and 12 points, followed by Bobowski with one ace and nine points. Top setters were Stacy Amesbury and Staci Seelye. The Lady Ramblers' record is now 1-6 in conference and 2-7 overall. Their next match is Thursday at Mancelona.

The junior varsity lost to Elk Rapids 10-15, 15-9, 9-15. Top server was Lecann Schrader, top spiker was Brenda Wabanimkee, top setter was Emily Bricker, top offensive player was Leah Senter and top defensive player was Jackie Cyr.



From near the top of the key, Ryan Fiel sets up the Loggers' offense which was clicking on all cylinders against Vanderbilt. All five Logger starters scored in double figures.

Loggers enjoy their homecoming

Next challenge for Boyne Falls is Harbor Light

The evening couldn't have been better for Boyne Falls.

The gym was packed. It was homecoming. And the Loggers came to play basketball.

The result: an impressive 83-56 win over Vanderbilt.

"I was really happy with the way we played at both ends of the court," said coach Frank Hamilla. "We had good balance offensively and defensively.

"It was one of our best games of the year."

The win couldn't have come at a better time for the Loggers. They are in the thick of the race for the conference championship and were coming off a disappointing loss to Mackinaw City last Tuesday.

This week they have Tuesday off then travel to Harbor Light for another key game. Harbor beat the Loggers earlier this season and trail Mackinaw by a game.

"We've got to take care of business up there if we hope to have any chance of winning the conference," Hamilla said.

The Loggers had no trouble taking care of business against Vanderbilt, and one of the reasons was a balanced scoring attack. All five starters scored in double figures. Chad Matelski led the team with 19



Andrea Kondrat and Jeremy Massey wore the trappings of royalty after they were crowned king and queen. Other members of the court were Julie Korthase, Kevin Glem, freshmen; Sharon Bearss, Chad Matelski, sophmores; Heather Grobaski and Ryan Fiel, juniors; Monica Conklin, Kristine Glem, Penny Marchinkewicz, Chris Adams, Justin Cleary, and Mike Kenney, seniors.

points, followed by Matt Britton with 18, Ryan Fiel with 15, Paul Howard with 11, and Ben Britton with 10.

After a close first quarter, the Loggers outscored Vanderbilt 25-6 in the second to set the tone for the rest of

the game.

With the win the Loggers are now 8-3 overall and 5-2 in conference.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY WRAP-UP

Following are results from last weekend's hockey action for Boyne area teams:

THE MINI MITES (six and under) traveled to Mt. Pleasant on Sunday to face two very tough indoor teams. In game one Boyne lost 3-0. Noted for excellent play were Zachery Shuler, Travis Reinhardt, and Trevor Price against the much more experienced team.

In game two, the mini mites faced a team they lost to earlier in the season by scores of 16-1 and 10-1. This game was far different, and they lost 2-1. Travis Reinhardt had the only goal for Boyne. Noted for excellent play were Trevor Price, Zachery Shuler, Kyle Wright, Nicholas Thomas, and Andrew Guinther.

"These were the best two games that we have played so far this year," said head coach Christopher Fair. The minimites travel to Mackinaw on Saturday afternoon to play two games.

THE JUNIOR Ramblers mite (8 and under) hockey team skated to two big home wins Saturday.

Boyne won the first game 9-0 against the Char-Em Red Wings. Tyler Price scored a hat trick and had an assist. Amy Anderson and Alex Bajko each had two goals and an assist each. John Miller scored one goal and won his first playmaker award with three assists. Charlie

Courtright also scored one for the Junior Ramblers.

In the second game, the Junior Ramblers defeated St. John's 7-0. Tyler Price had his second hat trick of the day and another assist. Alex Bajko had two goals and an assist. John Miller had two goals and two assists. Charlie Courtright had two assists while Amy Anderson recorded one assist. Dylan Clark had an excellent day in goal, posting the two shut-outs.

The Junior Ramblers are sponsored by Dan's Concrete Service.

THE MITE-E PUCKS, sponsored by B.C. Pizza, played two games Saturday in a Mites Exchange Weekend in Boyne City. In game one Boyne lost 2-1. The game was tied until the final minutes. Matt Thomas scored the single goal for Boyne. In game two Boyne and Cadillac Teal skated to a scoreless tie. Boyne's goaltender for both games was Nick Ferree. Due to the warm weather, Sunday's games had to be canceled.

BOYNE AREA Squirts (10 and under), sponsored by Premier Construction, defeated Mackinaw City Saturday 5-2.

"It was a great game against a great team, and we played well as a team," said coach Gary Wonski.

Scoring for Boyne were Ryan Hennessy with two, and Derik Moore, Ron Orlaray, and Nick

Dunwoody each with one. Assists were credited to Eli Barsy, Evan Keller and Trevor Mapes. Russell Williams was in goal.

With Mother Nature's cooperation, next weekend will bring a rematch in Mackinaw City.

ACE HARDWARE Bantams (14 and under) traveled to Cadillac for a midseason Outdoor League tournament. The first game against Cadillac ended in a 2-2 tie. Goals were scored by Gordie Selph, with an assist by Ben Van Dam, and Evan Helms unassisted. MVP for the game was awarded to Van Dam.

In game two, Boyne lost to Mackinaw 2-1. Boyne's goal was scored by Justin Rouleau, who was the MVP. The third game on Sunday morning was against St. Johns. This time Boyne dominated play in a 5-0 win. Two goals were scored by Aaron Westrick with assists from Collin Keller and Chuck Bedford. Also scoring goals were Collin Keller with an assist by Ben Van Dam, Justin Rouleau with an assist from Evan Helms, and Chris Loper unassisted. Aaron Westrick was the MVP. Gaining a shut-out was Mike Bingham in goal. He was in the nets for all three games.

At the end of three games, Boyne was tied for second place, but because of the system used to decide ties, Boyne was eliminated from the championship round.

East Jordan girls youth basketball league starts play

The East Jordan Girls Youth Basketball Program played its first games on Saturday, Jan. 24.

In the third and fourth grade division:

G.I.R. defeated the Green Team 25-17. Leading scorer for G.I.R. was Samantha Duffey with 11 points. Tricia Joyce and Megan Warnos each scored six points. The Green Team was led by Stephanie Olszewski with seven points and Delores Calloway with four points.

The Panthers defeated the Blue Bombers 19-11. Panther scoring was led by Amber Gettel with 10 points, Stephanie Steuer, six points and Hannah Boss, three points. The Blue Bombers were led by Sierra Roberts with seven points and Kayla Windish adding three points.

Fifth and sixth grade division: The Blue Team defeated the Black Team 27-21.

Leading scorers were: Courtney Hammond, 16 points; Christy Steuer, nine; Amanda Brodin, eight; and Tiffany Bearden, four.

In game two, Teal Terminators defeated the Red Devils 48-26.

Leading scorers were: Jessica Skop, 22 points; Kayla Jacobson, 14; Tabitha Grover, thirteen; JoAnna McMichael, eight; Kari Skop, five; and Amanda Schroeder, four.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne City



Becky Houser



Amanda Hoaglund



Jason Rostar

NAME: Becky Houser

PARENTS: Robert and Laura Houser

GRADE: Freshman

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: "My school activities are basketball, Michigan Youth in Government, secretary for Student Council and drama. My plan is to play softball in the spring."

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "My hobbies and interests are basketball, baseball, hockey, volleyball, football, 4-H, drama and music."

FUTURE PLANS: "My plans after high school are to either go to the University of Michigan to become a Pediatric Plastic Surgeon, go to Michigan State University to become a veterinarian or become a zoologist."

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "I have had the pleasure of having Becky as a student as well as a player," said Ms. Van Damme. "Becky is an extremely dedicated individual who puts forth her best effort in all that she does. Congratulations, Becky!"

"Becky is a great young lady," said Mr. Klooster. "Good attitude and always positive. Great job, Becky."

"Becky, as a freshman, has already shown ambition and a willingness to take a risk," said Mr. Parker. "At the fall conference for Michigan Youth in Government, she ran for Speaker of the Freshman House and did an excellent impromptu speech. Becky is mature and is a great representative of BCHS. Congratulations!"

NAME: Amanda Hoaglund

PARENTS: Jon and Karen Hoaglund

GRADE: Sophomore

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Drama, tennis

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "My hobbies are reading, singing, playing guitar, acting and writing. My interests lie in the theater and in Alternative Medicine focusing on a holistic approach to medicine and herbalism as well as acupressure, Shatsu and massage. I am also interested in metaphysical studies."

FUTURE PLANS: "I will be an exchange student next year and when I graduate I want to go to college and major in theater or Alternative Medicine."

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Amanda Hoaglund is one of our most talented drama students," said Mr. Wollenberg. "She has worked hard to improve her voice and has obtained a lead role in 'Crazy For You,' our up-coming spring musical. She will play Irene. Amanda has also moved ahead in our English department to higher classes!"

"Amanda is an exceptional Spanish student," said Mr. Edwards. "She has natural linguistic ability combined with a good work ethic. Her abilities should enable her to be an exchange student in a Spanish-speaking nation."

NAME: Jason Rostar

PARENTS: James and Susan Rostar

GRADE: Freshman

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, football

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Computers, sports, skiing

FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to go to college and study to become a computer programmer or architect."

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "I have Jason in B.S.T.I.," said Ms. Marsh. "He already had a working knowledge of what the other kids were learning. But, instead of just sitting through the class he asked for more advanced work. Independently he finished the advanced computer course, and is now working on newer topics. Jason is a motivated learner, a quality which will keep him at the head of his class."

"I truly enjoy having Jason in Geometry class," said Mrs. Clausen. "He is always polite and very responsible. He comes to class with his homework complete and prepared for class. He is a sharp math student, he understands concepts quickly and retains that understanding. Jason is a pleasure to have in class."

East Jordan

NAME: Gwen Frashier

PARENTS: Kathy and David Frashier

GRADE: Junior

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Prom committee, yearbook staff, SADD

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Roller blading, swimming, shopping and cross country skiing

FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to go to Central Michigan University or a community college. I'd like to pursue a career in radiology."

FAVORITE CLASSES: Yearbook, Office Assistant, Government and being a student aide in the elementary school and the middle school.

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Gwen is always friendly and helpful in class," said Brad Jones.

"Gwen is a dependable worker," said Steve Hines. "She is very interested in learning."

"Gwen is kind and is always willing to help all students," said Kathy Stangis. "She is also very hard working."

"Gwen is a wonderful new addition to our student body," said Caroline Smith. "She is a motivated learner and goes beyond what is required in class. Her attitude towards school and learning is greatly appreciated."



Gwen Frashier

Boyne Falls

NAME: Stephanie Dzwik

PARENTS: Al and Sue Dzwik

GRADE: Eighth

ACTIVITIES: Play basketball and baseball

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Talking to my friends."

FUTURE PLANS: College to be a physical therapist

NOMINATING COMMENT: "Stephanie Dzwik is a hard worker who always strives to do her best and encourages others," said Mrs. Lovewell. "She is not afraid to try something new and takes that extra science challenge. She has a super attitude that is always positive, and is helpful both in and out of the classroom. No matter how the day has gone, I know I can count on her to be pleasant, agreeable, encouraging and willing to try with a smile!"



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Public Display of Affection issue comes to light

Kissing? Hugging? How far is too far?

By Josh Bernthal

It's not uncommon to walk down the halls of Boyne City High School and see two "sweet-hearts" showing their affection for each other. Whether it be just putting an arm around the other, hugging, or even kissing, it is called Public Display of Affection (PDA), and BCHS has strict rules that prohibits it. The question the students have voiced is, "What is too far?", and "What situations will be addressed?"

The student handbook states, "There is a time and a place to show your affection, and that time and place is not at school or while attending school functions. Displays of affection in school may seem appropriate to those involved but may make others feel uncomfortable. The rule is simple: anything beyond

'There is a time and a place to show your affection, and that time and place is not at school.'

--BCHS Student Handbook

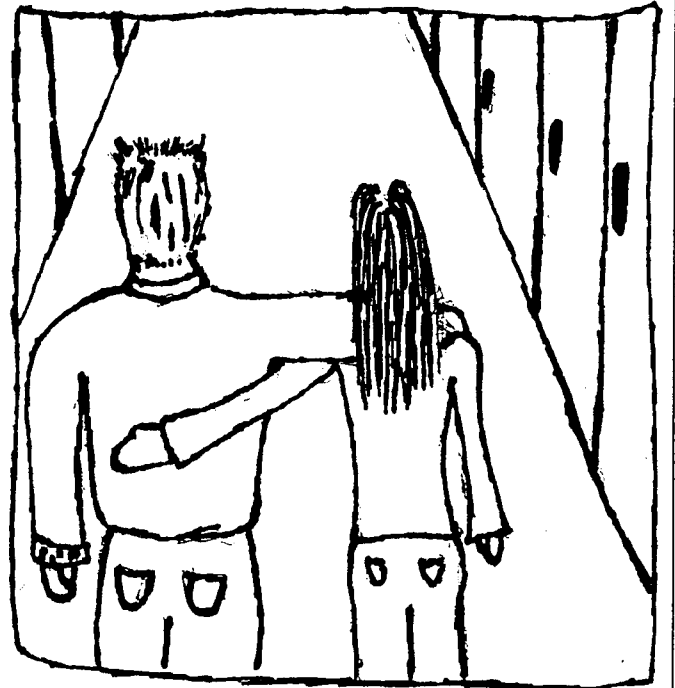
hand holding is not permitted." (p.g. seven, Student Hand Book) One student said, "Just holding hands is a bit strict. Holding hands is what we did in middle school. We're all more mature and no one should be offended by hugging or kissing. Especially since it doesn't have any sexual meaning behind it." Many other students agreed with the statement and said that, "We don't feel uncomfortable when we see a couple just hugging or kissing. As long as the couple's affection doesn't become passion-

ate, then it's all right." Overall, the student body feels that if a couple's show of affection isn't offensive, then it is okay.

The students views on the subject, for the most part, agree with the teachers and staff's views. Boyne City High School's vice principal, Steve Beyer, said, "There isn't really a problem with PDA in our school. For the most part, those students that are reprimanded for PDA, tend to stop right away. There is only one or two couples that are really a problem. To answer the student's questions, most teachers, and myself, in most situations use common sense to decide whether to reprimand a kid or not. For example, if a kid does well on a test and gives a short hug to their significant other, that is okay. The only problem is that some students go a little further than they should

and what wouldn't offend one person, may offend someone else. That is why the student handbook restricts Public Display of Affection to just holding hands, and anything beyond that is too far." Another teacher goes on to say, "We don't want Boyne City High School to look like 'Make-out Lane.'" Students come to school to be educated not to kiss their girl/boy friends."

In conclusion, there is a time and place for everything and school is a place to learn, not kiss your significant other. Sure it is okay to show your affection towards your girl/boy friend, but there are many ways to do it without being obscene. Just a simple hug or smile can show your affection for one another without upsetting anyone.



BCHS hockey player transferring

By April Roberts

An outstanding student athlete has made a gigantic step into his future. Senior Dave Cadarette has made the decision to leave BCHS at the end of this semester, to further his career in hockey.

Over the past four years, for four days a week Dave has dedicated himself and his talents to the Cheboygan hockey team. Well, his dedication has paid off in a big way. Cadarette has been recruited to play for the Battle Creek Blue Devils. He will be leaving at the end of this semester to play hockey for the team, for the next three months.

Dave feels "this is a great chance to get exposure for collegiate level hockey teams." This will be a growing time for Dave, as he will be staying with a host family, but he is pretty much on his own. This hockey team will be traveling to many places such as New York, Cincinnati, Toledo and Pontiac.

Dave will be returning to BCHS sometime in April. At the end of his high school career, Dave is hoping to attend a Division I college and play defense on the hockey team.

Basketball fans show their support

There are some interesting fans in attendance at the varsity boys hoops games. These students are crazy and love to watch the games. At recent contests, the group can be recognized by sitting on the front row of bleachers in the student section, and various clothing styles, including Rambler warm-ups from the late 1970's, and shirtless, painted, bodies.

The goal of these sports nuts is to get inside the opponents' heads, and make the BCHS gym a tough place to play. The basketball fan club consists of Derek Price, Travis Garrett, Phil Simpson, Chuck Stanek, Dave Miller, Ryan Seeley, Dylan Mandeville, Andy Douglas, and Jesse Simon.

When asked about the group, Price responded, "Intimidation factor, we give Boyne an unfair edge." Garrett replied, "We want opposing teams to hate

playing in our place, but then again, we also want teams to hate playing Boyne anywhere." Jesse Simon and Andy Douglas said that getting loud is fun, and it's a lot better than just sitting there. They try to break the concentration of the opposing team, and have it focus on the fans.

According to some people in the stands, "These guys are fun to watch, you never know what they are going to do next."

Basketball team member Jason Rozycki claims, "These guys are great for the team, they are Boyne's sixth man."

From leading cheers, to painting chests, flashing back to the 70's, or just getting the crowd involved, these group of guys are the best fans that Boyne City has to offer.

Internet craze hits BCHS in a big way

By Ann Gaudard

Whether it's working on web pages, e-mailing, browsing the Internet, or just working on their typing skills, BCHS's computer labs are nearly always full.

There are two side-by-side labs with about 40 systems that are available for student use when they are not occupied. Each of these machines has Internet accessibility which students can use with a signed parent permission slip, which also allows them to obtain their own e-mail address. With nearly every student having access to a computer throughout the day and their private e-mail accounts, a sort of frenzy has started.

Students now are able to keep in touch with other high school and college students, and even friends and family from all over the world. Melissa Jasinski, who keeps in touch with a friend in Brazil, said, "It's faster, cheaper, and more efficient than calling or mailing, especially with someone from a different country."

Also, more and more students are creating personal web pages. Not only can one learn these skills from Lee Ewald's Visual Imaging class, but anyone can get help and be able to have their own webpage. When students have a completed, approved page they are then able to put it on Boyne

City's server for access anywhere on the Internet.

Students also can use the Internet as a valuable researching tool. The labs are equipped with the latest advancements and software. With these new capabilities, students can do almost anything, and one of the biggest things is for the journalism class. They are able to have this newspaper entirely camera ready using the newest updates of Microsoft Word, PageMaker, and Corel Draw.

The new labs and easy Internet access is a key toward educational success of the students of BCHS.

Editorial

Where do sports belong at BCHS?

By Chris Winkler

Sports has become a big part of my life. It might have started back in my Little League days, or maybe when I grew attached to skiing, back in second grade. It could have also been when I began reading *Sports Illustrated* from cover to cover a couple of years ago. Whenever it was, it meant a lot to me, but now a question comes to mind: What role should athletics play in high school?

I have often pondered over which students actually put academics over athletics on their priorities list. What about how many parents ask their kids about "How was your school day," as much as they would, "How did practice go?" The main goal of school is to educate, not compete.

I was recently invited to attend a breakfast, along with numerous high school athletic coaches and other administrators, to discuss the idea of a no-cut policy. The general consensus was that the idea would not work, which I agree with. Another point that was

brought out was that all students deserve to be on a team. I can personally attest to this statement, as three years of football taught me life lessons that would have been hard to attain elsewhere.

So, once again, I'm confused. Sports are definitely important, I have concluded that. But whose duty is it to ensure that readin', writin', and 'rithmetic does not get overshadowed by extra-curricular activities, like sports?

One thing that I have noticed more this year is the battle of brains against braun. As we all know, it is not "cool" to be smart. So the "jocks," as they are so often called, look down upon those smarter than them, not bothering to support some of the non-athletic programs, such as band and drama, that some students put more time into than athletes.

Here's what I have come up with thus far: Sports are important, but should take a back seat to academics. A lot of my questions have been left unanswered, and any comments on this issue would be greatly appreciated.

News from the Drama Department

Busy month for drama

By Amy Place

The Boyne City High School Drama Department is off to a great start, and the coming month is full of trips and shows.

As the season starts to wind up, the 21st annual "Senior Drama Theatre Trip" to Toronto is ready to take off. The bus leaves from BCHS at 6:45 a.m. on Jan. 29 and arrive back on the night of Feb. 1.

The cast and crew will be staying at the Sheraton Centre, in downtown Toronto. They will be seeing shows such as: "Phantom of the Opera," "Second City," "Medieval Times," "Rent," or "Tap Dogs."

The adults heading this adventure are: drama directors Bob and Jackie Wollenberg, music directors Bill and Dee Kelly, and Kirk Kujawski, who will be the acting administrator.

Also coming up this month is the Boyne Meets Broadway production at Stafford's One Water Street Restaurant. The dates for these shows are Feb. 4-5, and 9-10. The tickets are \$24.50, but are going quickly so call One Water Street now to reserve your tickets for an amazing show.

The cast of the spring musical "Crazy for You" is working hard every day to make this year's show the best. Tickets are going fast for this production, also. To purchase tickets call the high school at 582-6587 and ask for Mr. Wollenberg. And as the great Bela Zangler, of "Crazy for You," would say, "what are you waiting for...call today."

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT BCHS

Feb. 2 - Report cards are scheduled to be passed out.

Feb. 4, 5, 9, 10 - Drama Department presents "Boyne Meets Broadway" at One Water Street.

Feb. 13-16 - Mid-Winter Break.

Feb. 21 - Snowball Dance.

Feb. 24 - Honors Program at Boyne Mountain, 6 p.m.

Feb. 25 - Progress Reports are sent out.

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Kilwin's honors Boyne franchise

Kilwin's Chocolate Franchise Inc. recently honored Gayle and Tom Harbaugh, owners of Kilwin's of Boyne City, with the "Cordial Award" during the franchise company's annual convention in Petoskey. "The award goes to each store that typifies the high standards set forth by the franchise," said company president Don McCarty. "Kilwin's of Boyne City received this award because of their dedication to customer service."

Founded in Petoskey more than 50 years ago, Kilwin's is a growing franchise company with 33 stores nationwide. Ice cream and fudge are sold in most of the shops in addition to more than 120 varieties of high quality chocolate candies that are still handmade in the Petoskey-based kitchen.

"Attending the convention gave us an opportunity to interact with the kitchen staff, and learn new candy-making techniques. We got motivated for the busy year ahead," Gayle Harbaugh said. Harbaugh also said it was an opportunity to share with other store owners and managers ideas for more efficient management and to request items from the kitchen.

Burrs open Peanut Auto Rental

Peanut Auto Rental is now open for business in downtown East Jordan.

Owners, Michael and Pamela Burr, saw a need for the service, especially in the winter months when it seems vehicles tend to break down more frequently and are involved in more accidents due to slippery road conditions.

They currently have three sedans in their fleet which they rent from 103 Esterly, which also houses The Insurance Shop offices. All the automobiles are four-door automatics, with am-fm stereos and air conditioning. Michael said he is amazed by the first months response, with two of the cars leased out for the whole of January.

"We wanted to get our feet wet first," said Michael who plans to expand the business to Boyne City, staging it out of the Insurance Shop offices on W. Main St. "We think we can do a lot of positive things in both cities."

The rental rates are based on a sliding scale. The cost for 1-7 days is \$29.95 per day; 8-14 days is \$27.95 per day; 15-21 days is \$26.95 per day; and 22 days or more is \$24.95 per day.

Peanut Auto Rental can be reached at (616) 536-3330.

Chambers meeting at Boyne Mtn

The Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce invites all members of the Boyne City, Charlevoix and Gaylord/Otsego County Chambers of Commerce to attend a special Business After Hours at Boyne Mountain's Eagle's Nest on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 5-7:30 p.m.

Sponsors include Bay Harbor, Korhase Insurance Agency, PMP Personnel Services, TV 9&10, and Top O' Michigan Rural Electric Co. The cost is \$4 which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Camp Daggett begins registration for upcoming summer sessions

If you're not already, its time to starting planning for the summer if your children intend to attend Camp Daggett.

Camp Daggett runs eight one-week summer sessions that start June 21 and end the week of Aug. 9. Its capacity is 120 children per week, which is 60 boys and 60 girls per ses-

sion. Cost for one week for Charlevoix and Emmet county children has been increased to \$180. Out-of-area children pay \$280. Scholarships are available. An \$80 deposit is due with applications.

For more information call Camp Daggett at 347-9742.

Boyne's Winter Carnival rescheduled

The date for Boyne City's Winter Carnival and indoor sidewalk sales has been changed from Feb. 21 to Feb. 28, according to Debbie Th-

ompson, executive director of the chamber of commerce.

For more information about the event, call the chamber at 582-6222.

EJ Bridge Club accepting requests from non-profit groups for dues distribution

With only a little over two months left to play in this year's East Jordan Bridge Tournament, it is time for local non-profit organizations wishing to share in the organization's dues distribution to apply for a gift.

Requests should be directed to Toni Jeffery at 536-7722 or Betty Boswell at 536-2664.

Because the rules have changed, until all games have been completed, tournament leaders can only be computed by average scores.

According to tallies turned in by mid-January, the following teams hold the top five positions: Linda Poole and Linda Snyder in first place with a 2,817 average per round

played; Jean Pardee and Barbara Peterson with 2,677; Evelyn Gidley and Cyg Riley with 2,666; and Barbara Adams and Muriel Ahlborn with 2,606.

Only two round totals of over 4,000 points have been submitted so far — Adams and Ahlborn with 4,190; and Gidley and Riley with 4,070.

New players are always welcome. Anyone interested in enrolling for next year should call Hope Tyrrell at 536-2417.

BOYNE CITY POLICE NEWS

The Boyne City Police Department Responded to the following calls during the past week:

- A teen-ager who had run away was found by police and returned to his parents.
- A breaking and entering at a Lacvue residence was reported on Jan. 27. The incident occurred

sometime during the previous three days.

- A car and deer came together on State Street Jan. 27.
- Police assisted the Boyne City fire Department at a fire on West Michigan Sunday, Feb. 1.

For the week of Jan. 21-28, police received 81 complaints.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

January 20, 1998, noon meeting - City Commission enacted amendment no. 65 designating violations of zoning ordinance as municipal civil infractions rather than criminal misdemeanors; held a first reading of proposed amendment no. 66 designating telecommunication towers and accessory structures as conditional uses; and appointed the following members to the Boyne City Downtown Development Authority - Jim White, Jeff Wellman, Lou Awodey, and Larry Mattox.

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