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Build new

After nearly a year of community meetings the Boyne Falls School Board has reached its decision

The Boyne Falls School Board voted unanimously Monday night to remain a K-12 school and to put a new school bond issue on the ballot, perhaps as early as June.

The board and community have met consistently for the past year trying to find the best solution for the school as it faces declining enrollment.

Little enthusiasm was expressed for closing or consolidating with other nearby districts and the board and community members were looking at possibilities for renovating the existing facility.

The board formed an architectural committee, which worked with the GBKB architectural firm to evaluate the district's needs.

After a comprehensive review of the aging school, the firm outlined a two-tiered renovation plan.

The first option included, among other things, bringing the school up to code by repairing the roof, gutting the electrical system, upgrading floor finishes and re-doing lighting, at a cost of \$3.28 million.

A second option, estimated at \$4.68 million, held slightly more appeal for the community. Not only would it upgrade the school, but it would have included an addition for the media center and science program. The remodeling would have better separated the three grade levels as well. But an addition would reduce the size of an already-too-small playground and probably call for a septic system replacement.

Only in the past few weeks did the idea of building a new school arise. Estimates for new construction are \$1 million more than the renovation and expansion option, making it a possible alternative. Board and

community members quickly warmed to this option and the board moved swiftly and thoroughly in investigating its viability.

The board is hopeful that a new facility, with an expanded curriculum, will bring back students who have left and attract students as well as teachers from other districts.

The proposed design would include larger classrooms, an expanded science facility, and bigger media center and would allow for the separation of older and younger students.

The building would be designed for 300 students, and could be expanded to accommodate up to 600 students. There would also be room for a playground and outdoor sports facilities.

The cost for the seven mill bond issue based on a \$60,000 home would be approximately \$210 per year for 29 years.

Remaining a K-12 means more operational money for the school as well. "The more grades we have to fill, the more chance we have to take in students," said school board president Marv Schwem.

The board must also decide on which of the district's two pieces of property a school should be built, and include that in the referendum.

The school forest, a 65-acre tract on M-75 seemed to be the more likely location for building based on its terrain. Board member Joe Skop presented preliminary soil surveys which showed the school farm, a 160-acre tract off US 131, as being "muck and water," and less suitable for construction.

GBKB will have construction engineers assess both properties and report its findings back to the board before its regular school board meeting next Monday.



Photo by Vic Ruggles

Future Olympian?

Carving turns on the sun-drenched slopes of Boyne Mountain last week were middle school students from several area schools. Boyne also hosts the regional meet this Thursday, which will attract some of the finest high school skiers in the region.

Nakoneczny does not ask for contract extension

Boyne City School Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny has decided not to ask the board of education to extend his contract another year.

According to the terms of his contract, Nakoneczny must notify the school district in writing by Feb. 1 if he is requesting an additional year on his contract.

He did not ask for the extension.

The superintendent currently is under a three-year contract with the school district. His contract was renewed last summer, which means he has 2 1/2 years remaining.

Nakoneczny said the decision not to request an extension was made "in the best interest of my family." He is in his 10th year as Boyne City's school superintendent.

His decision came a few weeks after he received an unfavorable evaluation from the school board. In the seven areas he was reviewed, he received an above average evaluation in four. He scored lowest in community and public relations and highest in fiscal management.

The past two years Nakoneczny's contract was renewed by a 4-3 vote.

Had he sought another year, the board had until April 1 to vote to extend his contract or it could have taken no action and the contract would automatically have been renewed.

Nakoneczny, who said he has no plans to leave the district before his contract expires, also didn't rule out the possibility that he might ask for an extension next year.

COMMUNITY PORTRAIT

Few obstacles can slow her down

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL



"When I was a teacher the only thing I did was play bridge. I didn't have time for anything else."

--Maryanne Watkins

"I should have just taken a year off instead," said Maryanne Watkins of her retirement in 1986.

But, after a heart attack, the Boyne City resident erased the blackboard one last time, and said farewell more than 12 years ago to a 33-year English-teaching career — most of it at East Jordan High School.

Her checkered health history has slowed her down a bit since then, but not much. She can tick off her ailments like a grocery list, but doesn't like to talk about them.

She's had two bouts with cancer. She has asthma, diabetes, gallbladder attacks and gout. Radiation has left her with an itchy torso — but she was quick to point out that creams help relieve the symptoms. Now, cancer cells are again showing up in her blood tests. Doctors haven't yet diagnosed what type it is. These things she lives with. Nuisances really,

that can get in the way of her commitments to other people and activities.

Her health of course is a concern but she still smokes. She admitted, "I'm a meat eater," when discussing her gout. She doesn't spend time worrying about herself, there are too many others in need.

"I don't care what psychiatrists say," Maryanne said, "crying doesn't make things better."

She is driven. Her claim of being "lazy" couldn't be further from the truth. "I used to be energetic, spirited and fun." She still is.

She is an optimist with no time for pessimists. Her humor is dry. "They'd complain about being hung with a silk rope," she said of a recent cynic she encountered.

"When I was a teacher," she said, "the only thing I did was play bridge. I didn't have time for anything else." Now her memberships and affiliations stretch from one end of Boyne City to the other.

For some time to come, she will focus on an \$800,000 grant the Boyne City Airport recently received for upgrades — something she's been hoping for since her appointment to the Airport Advisory Board 17 years ago. Back then, after putting in her two-cents worth at a meeting, she recalled the mayor saying, "if you think you know so much Maryanne, then be on the committee." Today she serves as the group's chairperson.

She is committed. Even with the airport project, she will still squeeze in the rest of her volunteer and social obligations. Each one as important as the next. Humbly, she insists, "I'm just a tiny cog," giving credit to the others with whom she works.

One of those people was Maryanne's best friend and sister, Angela Skrocki. Her recent death has left a large void in Maryanne's life. Angela, she said, was

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EJ BASKETBALL GAME A HUGE SUCCESS

Everyone was a winner

Yes, the East Jordan chamber's latest fund raiser was a financial success. And yes the Razzmatazz beat the Red Devils, 58-54. But in the end, it didn't matter who won or lost.

"Everyone was a winner," said chamber executive director Mary Faculak.

Nearly 850 people, adults and children alike, showed up for the family event. "It was beyond my expectations as far as turn-out," Faculak said, "it was a total community effort."

The number of people involved are too numerous to mention, but Faculak said that every person the chamber called upon gave 120 percent.

"People really put a lot into it," she said, "to me that was the most satisfying thing."

Players donned gloves in the third quarter, and broke out into the hokey-pokey during the following period.

"It's definitely in the works to be an annual event."

--Mary Faculak

Renee Roberts and Suzy Malpass split the \$100 prize for the women's free-throw shoot-out, while Tom Krause took home the men's prize.

East Jordan fifth grader Jeff Clabby was the most excited person in the gym after he won a boom-box for his performance in the shooting exhibition.

The event created new memories and forged new friendships. Team Razzmatazz is going to continue playing on Thursday nights — even though no date has been set for a future game.

"It's definitely in the works to be an annual event," Faculak said. "All in all it was a huge success."



EMTs Jeff Plechocki, left, Jay Peck and Wayne Fries had to rely on the foot power of a young lady from the crowd to help jump start the ailing heart of Razzmatazz's ancient trainer who fell ill just watching all the running.

OPINION

A MOM'S LIFE

When the time is right, family comes together

By CINDI PLACE

It is so very rare these days that our entire family is together for a complete meal. Breakfast is usually à la carte, on the way out the door. Lunch, of course, is at school or work and dinnertime has become almost nonexistent.

A while ago, I thought that I'd be a little creative about trying to get our children and ourselves together for at least one meal a day. The experiment began with breakfast. We chose a day to begin, and the evening before I spent quite a bit of time organizing school lunches and backpacks, coats and boots so that nothing would interfere with our being able to eat together. I even prepared a special meal ahead of time so that once we had all gathered, we could enjoy our short time together to its fullest. I insisted that baths and showers be taken the night before, much to my teenagers' disgust, and I thought I was ready for all contingencies. Wrong. The next day, enough ice and snow had fallen to warrant school being called off. The dreaded snow day. Also, the perfect opportunity to sleep in, at least according to my children.

So I went to plan two: trying to arrange our family's busy schedule so that we could have dinner together. Planning to eat after everyone's activities for the day have concluded appeared to be the best solution. So dinner was scheduled for later in the evening. Problem here was the snacking that went on before the evening meal pretty much made mince meat of my well-planned dinner. Nobody was hungry.

Deciding that even more creativity was required, I once actually made a complete dinner, then divided portions into storage containers. As family members straggled in, they were served the same meal, albeit at different times. It didn't really serve the purpose of gathering together as a family, but I was getting tired of perfectly good meals going to waste.

I had just about thrown in the towel, figuring I'd see my children again sometime before the end of the millennium, when surprise, surprise, we were all unexpectedly together for an evening. Of course, in my excitement I completely forgot to prepare anything wholesome or special. So we ordered pizza and spent a rare evening together, talking, teasing and just being a family. And no one complained about what was for dinner!

Winners are not always determined by game's final score

TO THE EDITOR:

I am appalled at what some schools will do to win a basketball game.

I am writing in response to what I had seen and heard while watching my son's team play in the seventh grade B team tournament Monday.

This game was supposed to be seventh grade against seventh grade but the guest team (I will not mention any names, the coaches will know who I am talking about) had put in their eighth graders just for this game to make sure that they would win.

Our Boyne City team had been given a choice as to whether or not to have the eighth graders with them, but our boys had said "No, it wouldn't be fair to have eighth graders playing in the game just so we could win." Their coach agreed with the boys.

So even though we lost 48-18, I think our team was the winner because at least our seventh graders tried and didn't cheat to win.

Bou Peters

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YOUR LETTERS



Patient pursuit

If you are an ice fisherman, this winter has not been very kind to your sport. But in the past few weeks there have been some good days for seeing what can be caught below the ice, and when they do arrive one of the most popular places is Deer Lake.

No person can duplicate another

Same
By ALICIA MAULE

It's weird, how you can't see things from the point of view of others. No matter how hard you try, it's never...THE SAME. You can try your hardest, to look like others. But no two people are the same, or see the same, or feel the same or breathe the same. It's weird. It's different and it's strange. It's unlike other things. Factories can make two objects the same, Make them perform the same task. But no factory can change a human, to duplicate another. No two people will ever act alike. Will they? Can two people act, breathe, smell, taste, and see the same? Could it really happen? Today? Tomorrow? A million years? When, and how? Who will create such a thing? Will it be wonderful or horrid? It would be wonderful, if the person duplicated, was a perfect person. But what's perfect? Who knows? Is perfect being good at sports, reading, writing? What is it? Do they breathe? How often, do they do it on command? If a person was to copy another person for an extended amount of time, Would it bother people? Don't you think it would be hard to have someone say, "So, you are doing really good at this aren't you?" Something you have never done, but since you're perfect, It doesn't matter. They know you would be wonderful at it. You need not try. Wouldn't life be boring, if there were no ups and downs, If the world never changed emotion?



Alicia Maule

If someone couldn't feel anything? Because a perfect person, would only cry at the perfect time. Wouldn't that be hard to judge? In your eyes, perfect is different than in my eyes. Different than it would be in anyone's eyes. Bizarre, don't you think? Is this normal, or is being distinct abnormal? What's normal? Who's to determine that? When do they pass judgment on it, and for how long? It's mysterious how life is such an extraordinary creation. Don't you think? It's mysterious, and almost spooky! Do you coincide with what I'm saying? Is it unearthly, uncanny, supernatural? Or are we really just... common, ordinary, typical and STANDARD... people? What is a person? Definition please? Is it a living being? Then what's a dog? A fish? An elephant? Who knows? When did they find out? How do you prove something like that? I sometimes wonder myself, as silly questions run through my head, Do they run through yours? Probably, and you think that that means we're the same, right? Wrong, because we don't have a customized mind. We are all different... but different is acceptable, it's good. If we were all the same and did everything the same, We wouldn't have a neat, or unique quality. We wouldn't ever have questions, because if we didn't know then, Well, nobody else would ever know, because we would all be the corresponding person. Just be yourself don't be anyone different, Because you are you for a reason, And the reason is probably a good one.

(Alicia Maule is a sophomore at Boyne City High School)

Beauty is as harsh as it is soothing

By JANE BROCK

I drove up from Lansing Sunday along beautiful dry roads, with the sun warming my car to almost summer temperatures. My winter coat got the back seat, and the heat was on low, and at our feet, where the sun wasn't beating.

Lansing was springlike, muddy, but the birds had that special note in their voices, making the mud wonderful. There was still snow on the ground, even there, not much less than here.

I love Lansing. I love the view along Michigan Avenue, looking almost from East Lansing straight to the capitol. I love the capitol, too, the building itself, with its decades of history and hushed hallways. As much as I am often disillusioned with people who govern, the place of government, even the institution of government fills me with a kind of awe. I'm not taking my shoes off — it isn't Holy Ground — but it is worthy of respect.

We left Lansing and headed Up North. "North" starts, for me, just north of Clare, where the first big hills shoulder up out of the ground. The north fills me with a similar awe that the capitol inspires, only it is even older and bigger, with greater silences and more abundant history. It is also filled with the kind of human influence that makes me cringe at our government at times — for instance, "North" starts for the kids when they see a billboard, just north of Clare, that features the silhouette of a disproportionate woman who may be seen nightly at a certain bar. I assume. I'm concentrating on the hills.

We saw mud on the way home, too. The snowmobile trails were wide swaths of mud, and we worried about the little towns up north — our little town — that depend on the tourism and sales generated by snow. We loved the sun, and the clear skies and easy driving, but we knew that the season is winding inexorably down, and that it is still a long way from summer, and that stacks of snowmobiles still stand crated, unsold.

We noticed whole hillsides hoary with frost, the trees with their whitened branches as beautiful as lace. It looked as if a fog had fallen on the countryside, and stayed there, suspended in time like a living photograph. And we drove on, glad for the hills and the miles slipping southward as we neared home. Glad for the fact that our town isn't represented by a distasteful billboard. For the relentless beauty that is as harsh as it is soothing. Glad for the holy ground.

LETTERS

'Our gracious thanks' to Red Mesa Grill

TO THE EDITOR:

Let no more time pass in allowing Trinity Fellowship Church to express its sincere appreciation to Mary Palmer and Fred Moore, owners of the Red Mesa Grill.

Our gratitude comes on behalf of the Boyne City Food Pantry, which received a generous donation directly resulting from a Community Breakfast that was held in honor of Judy Kuheana this past December.

Our gracious thanks to each of you, and to each of Red Mesa's staff for all of your labor in terms of time, money, effort, and use of your facility. Thank you for sharing your hearts and personal service to directly benefit the Food Pantry, which in turn provides that support to our beloved community.

Pastor Paul A. Wise
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Boyne River boardwalk gets favorable reviews

Plans for a boardwalk along the Boyne River between Park and Lake streets received favorable reviews from the Downtown Development Authority at its meeting last Thursday.

The preliminary site plan for the boardwalk was done by Andy Poinneau at no cost to the DDA. The plan calls for the boardwalk to be built on the south bank of the river. It will be handicap accessible and will have fishing platforms, benches and several cutouts to allow easy access to the rear entrances of businesses along Water Street.

The boardwalk will be built out over the river and will be at least eight feet wide.

The next stop for the proposal is Thursday at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Even though the project will be funded by the DDA, once built it will become part of the city's park system.

The DDA has received a \$45,000 Coastal Zone Management Grant for engineering and construction. The total cost of the boardwalk is estimated at \$270,000.

The parks commission meets at 7 p.m. at the auditorium in city hall.

In addition to the boardwalk, the commission will also review long-range plans for Rotary Park and review a proposal from the Boyne Hockey Association for an indoor or dome hockey rink, and a proposal from Boyne Area Gymnastics for a gymnastics and dance center that could also be used as a community building.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to see a drawing of the boardwalk, contact planning director Tim O'Leary at city hall.

POLICE REPORT

The Boyne City Police Department received 97 complaints during the past week. Among them were:

- On Feb. 2 there was a report of a purse stolen from a motor vehicle. The incident happened the prior week. A minor accident was also reported in the Shell parking lot. There were no injuries.
- There was a property damage accident reported in the Top O' Michigan parking lot on Feb. 3. There was also a report of several teens fighting in front of the Boyne Cinema. All were gone when police arrived.
- A property damage accident was reported on Feb. 4 in the parking lot behind Boyne Valley Printing. A fight was also reported at the high school parking lot. One person was located, no charges were filed. A car-deer accident on State Street near River Ridge Lane was also reported.
- On Feb. 5 a car-deer accident was reported on North Park Street just south of Wildwood Harbor Road. And on Feb. 7, the third car-deer accident of the week was reported on State Street near Call Street.

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Wilson Road house fire in early December was intentionally set, investigators determine

A fire that destroyed a home on Wilson Road in early December was intentionally set, according to fire investigators.

A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and or conviction of those responsible. There are no suspects at the present time, according to Michigan State Police fire investigator Gwen White-Erickson.

The fire occurred on Dec. 5 and totally destroyed the home at 00361 Wilson Rd. The Boyne City Fire Department was first called at 3:50 a.m. and cleared the scene at about 7:30 a.m. A second call was received and firefighters returned at 10:30 a.m. and were there until 8 p.m.

The home was being rented at the time. The fire is being investigated by the Boyne City Fire Department, Michigan State Police, Petoskey office, and the State Fire Marshal's office.

If you have information, call 1-800-44-ARSON.



Boyne City firemen, from left, Lt. Jack Bush, assistant chief Carl Lockman and Captain Dennis Amesbury recently put up a reward poster on the Wilson Road home.

One group of snowmobilers encounters rough sledding Friday

It was not a good morning for a group of snowmobilers riding in Boyne Valley Township last Friday.

Within a matter of minutes two riders in their party were injured in separate accidents, according to a report from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

The first occurred shortly after 11 a.m. at Robbins Siding Road when Robert L. Jeffords, 46, of Redford hit a dip on the trail, went airborne and was thrown from his rental snow machine.

Minutes later there was a second crash about a mile south of Robbins Siding Road with riders from the same group. No information was available.

Jeffords was transported by Boyne City Ambulance to Northern Michigan Hospital. Boyne Valley First Responders also assisted at the scene.

The second accident was investigated by the Michigan State Police.

Ex-coach will stand trial for sexual assault

An arraignment hearing has been set for Feb. 23 for former Boyne City High School baseball coach Steve C. Kehrer, who is charged with one count of first degree criminal sexual assault.

Kehrer, who coached Boyne City High School's varsity baseball team the past three years, is accused of sexually assaulting a teen-aged girl during last spring's state baseball tournament at Battle Creek.

Judge Kingsley has been assigned the case in the 37th Circuit Court. Kehrer's preliminary hearing was Jan. 22 in 10th District Court and following that hearing, Judge Samuel I. Durham Jr. found there was sufficient evidence of the crime and probable cause that Kehrer committed the crime.

The alleged incident occurred on or about June 13 in Kehrer's hotel room at the McCalmly Plaza in downtown Battle Creek.

Both Kehrer and the victim traveled with the Boyne City baseball team to Battle Creek where the team was competing in the Michigan High

School state tournament. The Ramblers finished second in the state.

Kehrer, 48, resigned his coaching position last August after the school district conducted its own investigation. The district, according to Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny, was informed of the alleged incident from an anonymous letter it received. The allegations were brought to the attention of the State Police at the Kalkaska Post by the Probate Court in Bellaire. The initial investigation was conducted by troopers from the Kalkaska and Petoskey Post.

The girl was not a student of Boyne City Schools.

Kehrer was arraigned Dec. 10 in

the 10th District Court. Bond was set at \$40,000 or 10 percent cash. Kehrer was able to post bond and was released.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 22.

In addition to serving as varsity baseball coach, Kehrer was the athletic trainer for Boyne's varsity and junior varsity football teams in 1995 and 1996.

Kehrer worked at the Great Lakes Academy in Boyne City last year. Great Lakes is a school in the Boyne City School District for troubled students. Kehrer was hired in September 1996 as the court liaison for the academy.

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Jeff Haas Trio in concert at Grey Gables

In the second part of an ongoing winter music series, the Jordan River Arts Council will bring an educational concert to Charlevoix High School for Charlevoix and Northwest Academy students on Friday, Feb. 13.

The Jeff Haas Trio, with guest Marvin Kahn, will perform jazz classics as well as original compositions.

The series is sponsored by a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and by Industrial Magnetics.

The group will also provide entertainment at a dinner concert that evening at the Grey Gables. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information call 582-2867.

Boyne schools taking a mid- winter break

Boyne City Public Schools will be on Mid-Winter Break from Friday, Feb. 13 through Monday, Feb. 16. Classes will resume on Tuesday.

Maryanne

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the one who encouraged her involvement in SHARE. Since her sister's passing, Maryanne has become director of SHARE, devoting close to eight hours per week to the group.

She also credits Angela with involving her in the Community Christmas. As a board member, Maryanne helped the group fill 392 food-gift baskets last year. "It's the hundreds of other volunteers who make the difference," insists Maryanne. She minimizes her contributions.

Maryanne is generous. She is a charter member of the Boyne City Charity Bridge Club which gives its \$25 dues to charity. She coordinates the raffle at her MARPS (Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel) meetings, donating the proceeds to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Also, \$1 of their dues goes toward trade school scholarships for Charlevoix County students. She is chairing that scholarship selection committee.

She donated five lots in East Jordan to Habitat for Humanity. Her recipients are many.

Maryanne is expressive and articulate, and peppers her conversation with literary and historical references — some obscure.

She is well-read, and her roles as teacher and student criss-cross frequently.

She participates in Boyne City's 91-year old Monday Study Club. This year they are studying famous American women. After learning about Marie Curie and pioneers, Maryanne suggested they look at Sojourner Truth, someone important to the country's history — a real role model.

She herself is quick with encouragement at her book club meetings, blurting out, "that a girl," or "yeah" when a fellow member discusses their interpretation of their assignment. She doesn't realize that she's the only one the club saves the same seat for each week.

"I love the book club," she said. Since she is the one who suggested they read *The Nine Tailors* by Dorothy L. Sayers, she will speak first at the next meeting. She read six books over Christmas to find out more about the author.

When her daughter said to her "you really take this book club seriously," Maryanne simply replied, "yes I do."

Maryanne is feisty and independent. She never remarried after her divorce, "and not because nobody ever asked me," she declared. Her next husband, she

claimed, will have to be, "handsome, strong, quiet and obedient."

She has two children, a son who resides in Boyne City, and the father of her three grandchildren, and a daughter who lives downstate.

Her modest home is packed with photographs of her family, and paintings from some of her students. It overflows with treasures from her many trips to Europe. Miniature prints of famous architectural sites hang on the walls of her kitchen. Knick-knacks line a bookshelf. "As for high couture," she said, "it's nice to window shop, but I can't afford it." She's been to Paris seven times and although she gave it her best shot, she didn't manage to visit all of the city's 263 museums.

She is also a member of the Garden Club. They will publish a cookbook midsummer. "My hobby is gardening," Maryanne said — flowers only. A large, dried-flower arrangement covers the whole of one end table in her living room. "They all came from my garden,

except the cattails.

"I started collecting swans once," now it's cobalt glass. These fragile items are arranged together on the last few bits of shelf space.

"I wish I'd taken a leave," she said again of her school days. "I'd still be there.

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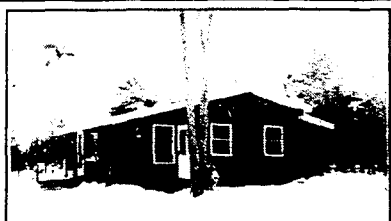
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OBITUARIES

Leola M. Lemon

Leola M. Lemon, 89, of East Jordan died on Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. David McIntyre of the Forest Lakes Bible Church in Traverse City officiated, with interment in Grandville Cemetery.

Leola was born on Sept. 3, 1908 in Bellaire, the daughter of Hiram and Mae (Follette) McIntyre. Her family moved to Grand Rapids in 1912. She graduated from Lee High School, Wyoming, Mich. in 1926. On Feb. 10, 1936 in Grand Rapids, she married Kenneth L. Lemon. They moved to East Jordan in 1968. He died on June 1, 1996.

She was a member of the East Jordan Sports Boosters, the Friends of Camp Daggett, life member of the Eagles F.O.E. #301 in Grand Rapids, and a charter member of the East Jordan Lioness Club with perfect attendance. Leola was a Girl Scout Leader in Grand Rapids and East Jordan for

25 years. She enjoyed sewing, reading, crossword puzzles, fishing, and riding in the country. Most of all, she loved her grandchildren.

Leola is survived by one daughter, Ruby (Robert) Dipzinski of East Jordan; one granddaughter, Heather (Tom) Outman of East Jordan; two great grandsons, Matthew and Zachary Pater, both of East Jordan; one great-granddaughter, Tommie Rae Outman of East Jordan; two brothers, Earl "Sparkie" (Lillian) McIntyre of Port Haywood, Va., and Hiram "Chip" (Catherine) McIntyre of Wyoming, Mich.; one sister, Grace (Lee) Erway of Lakeland, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers, Clarence, George, James, William, Elmer, Donald, and Harmon McIntyre; and one sister, Margaret VanKuiken.

Memorials may be given to Camp Daggett, Grandvue Medical Care Facility, or Lioness Club Scholarship Fund.

William B. Victor

William B. Victor, 79, of Holland, died on Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998 at Tendercare of Gaylord.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Holland.

William was born on July 31, 1918 in West Virginia, the son of John and Myrtle Minnie (Hoover) Victor.

He worked for the City of Holland and was a member of the Moose Lodge in Holland. He enjoyed painting, gardening, fishing, hunting, and

tinkering.

William is survived by two daughters, Sally (Randall) Parsons and Susan (Todd) Hart, both of East Jordan; five grandchildren; one brother; four sisters; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister.

The family was served by the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in Mancelona.

Isabel Tooley Bailey

Isabel Tooley Bailey, 92, of Reno, Nev., formerly of Alden, died Jan. 1, 1998 at home. Mrs. Bailey was born March 14, 1905 in St. Louis, Mich., the daughter of Clarence and Gertrude (Fitch) Tooley.

She was raised in Boyne City, and lived in Grand Rapids for many years. She retired to Torch Lake where she and her husband Fred had been summering for many years. After selling the cottage in Alden she lived in Bellaire at the Meadowview Apartments. In 1994 she moved to Reno, Nev. to be close to her granddaughter, Marjorie Clark.

She was a retired first grade teacher, a member of the American Association of Retired Persons, the Person's Harbor Women's Club, the Alden United Methodist Church, and the Grand Traverse Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred C. Bailey who died

in August of 1984. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Blanche Tooley Wood; three brothers, Lyle, Lewis, and Fitch Tooley; two nieces, Helen Tooley Coblenz and Ann Tooley; and a nephew, Arthur Tooley.

She is survived by a daughter, Tressa Peters of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Marjorie Clark of Sparks, Nev., and Stephen Armstrong of Phoenix, Ariz.; great-grandchildren, Rosalind Clark of Sparks, Nev., Scott and Kyle Armstrong of Phoenix; nieces, Jayne Mallory of Yerington, Nev., Arlene Moore of Boyne City, Marjorie Lucas of Muncie, Ind., and Barbara Beck of Mackinaw City; and a nephew, Harold Tooley of Yuba City, Calif.

A memorial service will be held this summer at the Alden United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Ella Bertina Gilkerson

Ella Bertina Gilkerson, 78, of East Jordan died on Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 6, at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church in Ellsworth. The Rev. Chris Wallace of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church officiated, with interment in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Ella was born on Sept. 8, 1919 in Kalkaska, the daughter of Claud and Bertha (Sloop) Gilkerson. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1937. She earned her teaching certificate from Central Michigan College in Mt. Pleasant and then attended Owosso Bible College and received her minister's license.

Ella was a missionary/teacher. She taught in one-room schools in the Charlevoix-Antrim County area from 1939 to 1940. From the 1940s to 1982, she taught in Jamaica at the Faith Home Orphanage. She was also a missionary and teacher in Kentucky. She raised three to four hundred children in her lifetime.

She was active in the children's programs at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church and a leader for C.Y.C. (Christian Youth Crusaders).

Ella always loved to have children around her. She also loved any church work, baking, crafts, quilting, reading, and teaching.

She is survived by one legally adopted daughter, Maxine (Charles) Fennell of Carp Lake; one foster daughter, Janique Kirkland of East Jordan; two grandchildren, Kayla and Amanda Fennell, both of East Jordan; many children and grandchildren in Jamaica, Colorado, Florida, New York, England, Canada, California, St. Croix, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Malaysia; three brothers, Rev. Dean (Marlene) Gilkerson of Walled Lake, Claud (Imogene) Gilkerson of Bellaire and Weslaco, Texas, and Rev. William (Donna) Gilkerson of Granville, Ohio; four sisters, Wanda Kay (James) Spence of East Jordan, Ina Slough of East Jordan, Lena Brown of Roseville, and Donna Gilkerson of Eaton Rapids; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father in 1971, her mother in 1990, and one brother, Ellis Wayne Gilkerson in 1940.

Memorials may be given to Hephzibah Children's Home, Macon, Ga.

Frederick Rex Hughey

Frederick Rex (Windy) Hughey, 69, of Clio died Friday, Feb. 6, 1998 at McLaren Regional Medical Center.

His funeral was Monday, Feb. 9, at Miles Martin Funeral Home. Burial took place in Arbel Township Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 2, 1929 in Boyne City, the son of Omor and Pansy Martha (Dodds) Hughey. He married Fayetta M. Savage, March 3, 1952. He attended Lake Road Baptist Church and served in the U.S. Air Force. Prior to his retirement in 1987, he had been employed at Buick Motor Company for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Fayetta; seven children, Alan (Jennie) Hughey of Birch Run, Duane (Jean) Hughey of Vassar, Richard (Bonnie) Hughey of Birch Run, Bruce Hughey of Clio, Keith (Sandy) Hughey of Chesaning, Karen (Joseph) Brown of Kingsley, and Steven Hughey of Clio; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; mother, Martha Savage of Boyne City; brother, Victor (Regina) Hughey of Grand Marais; sister, Donna Murray of East Jordan; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, James Hughey; and brother, John Hughey.

Barbara A. Peebles

Barbara A. Peebles, 50, died on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998 at her home in Mancelona.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Mancelona. Father R. Dale Magoon will officiate. Interment will be in Ellsworth Cemetery, Ellsworth, Mich.

She was born on March 11, 1947 in Pontiac, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Payne) Moses. On April 11, 1970 in Charlevoix, she married Wayne R. Peebles. They had lived in Mancelona since 1977 and eight years prior in East Jordan. Barbara was a salesperson for Avon for 15 years and had worked at the Craft House in Kalkaska.

She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church. She enjoyed crafts, flowers, gardening, walking,

biking, and the great outdoors.

Barbara is survived by two children, Shannon Peebles of Kalkaska and Keith Peebles of East Jordan; two grandchildren; her father, Charles Moses of Charlevoix; three brothers, Roger (Laurie) Moses of East Jordan, John (Cindy) Moses of San Diego, Calif., and Anthony "Tony" (Genia) Moses of Charlevoix; two sisters, Rita (Gary) Brodin of Charlevoix and Nora (John) Fritsch of Charlevoix; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Wayne R. Peebles on Sept. 7, 1990; and her mother, Elizabeth Moses on May 25, 1994.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in Mancelona. A scripture service will be held Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Eleanor J. Kroll Demme

Eleanor J. Kroll Demme, 85, of Boyne City, died on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1998 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Her funeral was Friday, Feb. 6, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City. The Rev. Francis Partridge officiated. Burial was in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Eleanor was born on June 1, 1912 in Chicago, the daughter of Peter and Martha Kryzinski Poteracki. In 1964 she moved to Boyne City where she has resided ever since.

Eleanor worked for Allied Bendix for 10 years. She enjoyed her family, especially her children and grandchildren. On May 23, 1980 she married Thomas J. Demme.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas J. Demme of Boyne City; two children, Robert (Mary Jane) Kroll of Boyne City, and Margaret (Keith) Fitzpatrick of Boyne City; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Lillian Bennington of Illinois; sister-in-law, Irene Poteracki of Illinois; step-son, Vincent Demme of Buffalo, N.Y.; and son-in-law Donald Peck of East Jordan.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Kroll in 1978, a daughter Virginia Peck in 1998, three brothers and two sisters.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

James Davison

James Davison, 54, of Flint and East Jordan, died Friday, Feb. 6, 1998, at Hurley Medical Center.

His funeral was Tuesday, Feb. 10 in Flint, with burial at Glenwood Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 14, 1943, in Flint, the son of Matthew and Margaret (Cumings) Davison, and had been a resident of Flint all of his life. He graduated from Phelps School of Pennsylvania, and attended Northwest Community College of Wyoming.

On Jan. 30, 1981, he married Linda Jaeger in Flint.

He was a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church.

Jim retired from Buick Motor Division.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Davison of Flint; two sons, James (Annette) Davison, Jr. of Marenisco, Mich., and Peter Davovich of Flint; three daughters, Judith Davison of Flint, Steffiney (Richard) Carpenter of East Jordan, and Wendy Rennie of Flint; nine grandchildren, Dennis, Joshua, Ryan, Andrew, Joshua, Dylan, Richard Jr., Timothy and Sha; sister, Mary Anne (James) Kettler of Flint; two brothers, Matthew Davison III of Grand Blanc, and William (Diane) Davison of Traverse City; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hurley Medical Center Home Dialysis Center, 1 Hurley Plaza, Flint, Mich. 48503-5993.

Elsie Irene Kleinschrodt

Elsie Irene Kleinschrodt, 88, of Boyne City, died on Friday, Feb. 6, 1998 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Her funeral was Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Stactus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. Charles Fowler of the Church of the Nazarene in Boyne City officiated, with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery in Clarion.

Elsie was born on April 27, 1909 in Bear Creek, Ind. the daughter of Joseph and Ortha Young Miller. As a young lady she moved to this area. On June 23, 1927 she married Richard G. Kleinschrodt. Mrs. Kleinschrodt owned and operated Fiddlers Green Restaurant in Boyne Falls. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crocheting, fishing, baking pies and

bread, and yard sales.

Survivors include five children, Betty (Roland) Grant of Florida, Jerome (Melvie) Kleinschrodt of Vanderbilt, Martha Baumgartner of Boyne Falls, Wayne (Sally) Kleinschrodt of Boyne City, and Dean (Deana) Kleinschrodt of Boyne Falls; 18 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Clarence Miller of Boyne City, and Harold Miller of Sparta; sisters, Betty, Mary Ness of Petoskey, Iva Lue Wasoski of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard in 1976; daughter, Esther; brothers, Leo and Ernie; and sisters, Lola and Annabelle.

Max P. Kamradt

Max P. Kamradt, 77, of East Jordan died on Monday, Feb. 9, 1998 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2:30 p.m. at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Peter A. Elliott will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Max was born on July 6, 1920 in East Jordan, the son of Louis and Reva (Porter) Kamradt. On April 20, 1940 in Ellsworth, he married Pernelia E. Hite. She died on Dec. 11, 1993.

He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He worked most of his life as an operating engineer of heavy equipment on roads, sewers, and bridges.

Max was a member of the American Legion Post #227 Hosler-Rebec-Sweet Lodge in East Jordan,

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7580 in East Jordan, and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #2 in Grand Rapids. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Max is survived by three children, Frederick (Yvonne) Kamradt of Lapeer, Kay (Gene) Gibelyou of Traverse City, and Cathrine (Tom) McCleese of Nunica; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth (Eldon) Neumann of East Jordan, and Dorothy (Clifford) Mayhew of East Jordan; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by one son, Louis Kamradt in 1949; one sister, Joyce Raymond in 1995; and one brother, Louis Kamradt, Jr. in 1988.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 4-9 p.m. at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society or the East Jordan Ambulance Fund.

Rhea Jean Carpenter

Rhea Jean Carpenter, 57, died Friday, Feb. 6, 1998 at her home in East Jordan.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. John Spohn and Robert J. Loizos will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

She was born on May 23, 1940 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Putznik) Zitka. Rhea graduated from the East Jordan High School in 1958. She worked many years at the Northwest-ern State Bank in East Jordan (now known as Huntington Bank which recently acquired FMB Bank). In recent years, she was employed at the FMB Bank in Charlevoix.

She was a member of Zonta; a counselor and board member of Beginning Experience, "B.E.", an orga-

nization that supports people who experience a loss through life trials such as divorce and death; and a member of the Ironton Congregational Church.

Rhea was a devoted mother and grandmother. She also enjoyed her friends, painting and country dancing.

She is survived by four children, Randall (Sally) Parsons of East Jordan, Dennis Parsons of East Jordan, Pamela (Dave) Oshaben of Charlevoix, and Robert (Theresa) Parsons of Midland; her mother, Elizabeth "Betty" Zitka Felo of East Jordan; 12 grandchildren; one brother, Francis (Pat) Zitka of East Jordan; and two sisters, Esther Davis of Midland and Helen McComb of Goodrich. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Zitka in 1968.

Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society or the Charlevoix County Hospice.

Harold L. Ruckle

Harold L. Ruckle, 72, of Kawkawlin and formerly of East Jordan died Friday, Feb. 6, 1998 at Bay Shores Nursing Home.

He was born March 6, 1925 in East Jordan, the son of Joseph A. and Violet M. (Hayward) Ruckle. He was raised and educated in East Jordan. Harold worked as a janitor in the nursing home industry for more than twenty-eight years. He moved to Kawkawlin in 1995 and was a member of the Midland Baptist Church. Harold was an avid fisherman and loved little league baseball. He was

a Big Brother to several over the years.

He is survived by one brother, Alvin H. (Mary) Ruckle of Morrice; one sister, Lula May (Jack) Barber of Kawkawlin; and many nieces and nephews.

His funeral was Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Midland Baptist Church. The Rev. James Payne officiated, with interment in Glass River Cemetery, Morrice, Mich.

Memorials may be offered to the Midland Baptist Church Building Fund.

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Boyne drama department has a great trip to Toronto

By BOB WOLLENBERG

Twenty-six energetic drama students traveled to Toronto, Ontario, Jan. 29 through Feb. 1 for four "show-filled" days.

After raising half of their money through fund raisers, the drama students paid for the rest and were off to gain perceptions of Phantom of the Opera, Rent, Tap Dogs, Second City, and Medieval Times Dinner Theater. Each of the shows was positively superb.

Thanks to the Children's Theater production drama students put on in the fall, each student had only to come up with \$250 plus spending money to go on the trip. Compared to the overall amazing experience, this was a small price to pay. Money is also raised through the spring musical, which this year is Gershwin's "Crazy For You," playing at the all-school stage March 17-21.

The trip's purpose is to set an example for the student actors by watching and speaking with professional actors. The group also rode the subway to Chinatown for an

afternoon and got to know a bit about a culture totally different from their own. After some of the shows, students had the opportunity to chat with some of the actors and actresses. They spoke with "Benny," "Mimi," and "Roger" from Rent as well as Tap Dogs' Christopher. The performers had many inspiring words for these aspiring actors.

Rent was one of the students' favorite musicals. It was up-beat, new-age, trendy, and had a profound effect on many of the students. In order to understand and appreciate the play, one had to view it with an open mind.

Medieval Times was also a big hit. The group ate a dinner of BBQ ribs, half a chicken, a slice of bread and a bowl of soup all without the convenience of silverware. They also "josted" and watched their group leader get knighted while waiting for the tournaments to begin.

Overall, this was a fantastic and unforgettable experience for those who participated. This trip will be in these teens' memories forever.

(Bob Wollenberg is the drama director for Boyne City High School.)



After their theater-packed trip to Toronto, Boyne drama students are now busy getting ready for their spring musical, "Crazy for You."

SHARE helps people help themselves

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

For \$14 and two hours of volunteer service, SHARE (Self Help And Resource Exchange) participants can receive a food package valued at 30-50 percent below retail supermarket prices.

Serving Michigan and Northern Ohio since 1993, SHARE Michigan is a non-profit grassroots community development organization operating as one of 27 independent affiliates of World SHARE which is based in San Diego, Calif. Boyne City serves as the host site for Charlevoix County.

The program is designed to help people help themselves. It rewards volunteers with discounts on monthly food bills — while contributing to the redevelopment of the community.

"This program is not tied to income," said local SHARE program director Maryanne Watkins. "Everybody is invited to participate."

If you serve your community, you qualify. Last month, 20 Boyne City volunteers tallied 244 hours for the program — significantly more than the two-hour minimum requirement.

"Volunteerism is the whole point," Watkins said.

Any work that a participant does which they do not accept money for, or that is not done for a family member, qualifies them to buy the dis-

count groceries. Local volunteers donate their time to non-profit organizations, hospitals, schools, senior centers, and churches. Volunteer work that directly involves the SHARE program, such as bagging food or working during registration or distribution, qualifies participants as well. Proof of community service is required to receive the food package.

"Volunteering is a great thing to do," said Marie Zoberski. "The world has been good to me so I intend to be

good back to it." She has been involved with the local organizers since May of 1996, when they took over the program from the Charlevoix County Housing Commission. "And it's an economical thing to do," she added.

Each grocery package has 15-18 food items including five to nine pounds of lean meat such as chicken or turkey, six to eight varieties of fresh fruits and vegetables, and staple and specialty items. The food package changes from month to month,

but always contains nutritious, healthy foods that are purchased, not donated. The foods are brand name products, not surplus or commodity type foods.

Participants register and pre-pay for their grocery packages on the first Friday of the month in the Senior Center at Boyne City Hall, and pick up their food on the last Saturday of the month. Trained volunteers operate the site and coordinate the implementation of the community service component, and distribute the food

packages.

SHARE Michigan, headquartered in Lansing, has a professional purchasing staff that buys the food directly from growers and producers. Because they purchase in such large quantities, they are able to take advantage of large volume discounts. The food is shipped to Kalkaska where local volunteers pick it up and bring it back to Boyne City.

SHARE's next sign-up day is Saturday, Feb. 28. For more information, call 582-9538.

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East Jordan Garden Club

The East Jordan Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at the Jordan Valley District Library community room.

Valentine games and dessert with a silent auction will be the program. Members are asked to bring something enjoyable for the auction.

Hostesses will be Marge Best, Ann Bisbee, Gladys Smith and Evelyn Gidley.

4-H hits its goal

The Charlevoix County 4-H program will benefit from the \$11,286 raised during the 4-H Endowment "charter" year campaign.

The Charlevoix County 4-H Council set the goal of raising \$5,000 during the 1997 calendar year. The 4-H Endowment program began when an anonymous donor gave \$5,000 to the fund if the Charlevoix County 4-H program would undertake the challenge to match that amount during the year.

"We are pleased that we have not only reached our goal, but exceeded it by \$1,286," said Rosemary Karkosak, 4-H Endowment Fund Committee Chair. "It was great to see so many people step forward to make this happen."

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation has had a major impact on the program by helping in the development of the process from the very beginning.

Pledges and contributions came in from a variety of people. "We mainly saw these funds come from people who have been or are currently involved in our program," said Paul Haver, Charlevoix County 4-H Council president. In addition to the general contributions, the fund-raising efforts of local 4-H clubs were a steady source of contributions to the fund.

Income from the investment of the fund will support several future programs: leadership education, college scholarships, educational trip awards, new and innovative programs, leader training, county workshops, leader/member recognition and our local 4-H sports groups.

For additional information on how to contribute to the "4-H Endowment Fund," contact MSU Extension-Charlevoix County at 582-6232.

A reception was held to honor all donors on Jan. 24 in conjunction with the annual 4-H Leaders/Members banquet. All donors received a special invitation to be recognized during the afternoon program.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

LARRY AND FRAN HANDORF of Boyne City enjoyed having their children, son Scott and daughter-in-law Susan of Beverly Hills, and daughter Kelly of East Lansing, home last weekend. Scott and Susan brought up friends from Bloomfield Hills and Beverly Hills to go skiing at Boyne Mountain with his mother. Kelly and her cousin, Chad Boyde, also brought along friends from Michigan State University, where they both attend. Grandparents George and Marge Kauffman went out to watch them all ski and everybody had a wonderful time!

BOYNE CITY NATIVE and summer resident, Fredrick Hughey of Clio, died this past Thursday evening. The funeral service for Fredrick, the oldest son of Pansy Savage of Litzenger Place, was held in Mt. Morris on Monday.

ROCHELLE BARNHART of Minneapolis, Minn., was here over the weekend, to be with her mother, Dolores Barnhart, who underwent outpatient surgery at Northern Michigan Hospital on Friday.

A WARM AND LOVING "Welcome to our world" goes out to Jasmine Alexis McGeorge, born at Northern Michigan Hospital on Feb. 4, 1998, to Kammi and Bruce McGeorge of Boyne City. Jasmine Alexis weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Grandparents are Wayne and Sally Kleinschrodt and Lester

and Caroline McGeorge, all of Boyne City.

KATHY DAGLEY of Lapeer gave her Boyne City Mom, Ruth Yahr, "A Day" this past week. She and sister, Sandy Newville, enjoyed taking her to lunch at the Tannery.

MARY YENGLIN of Litzenger Place spent several days this past week in Charlevoix, at the home of her son Dan.

HOWARD PETERS of Boyne City spent several days in Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

BILL ZIMMERMAN of Boyne City hosted a family Sunday dinner gathering, which included his mothers, Mary Brown and Leona Inman and his daughter Debbie and husband Dale May.

AN UPDATE ON Bunny Garlock is that she has been released from the hospital to her home in Boyne City for a time of recuperating and is doing well.

DEVERE WASHBURN and wife Opal of Walloon Lake enjoyed being dinner guests on Friday night, at the attractive Litzenger Place apartment of their daughter, Rehel.

PAT AND DICK WRIGHT of Dam Road were host and hostess for a birthday party for Betty Keltis this past week. All of Betty's family and Trish and Arch Wright made it a gathering of 24. Delicious foods were served, fellowship was

great, and "a fun time was had by all!" It was Dick's birthday also. "Thanks, Pat!"

MRS. LEROY (ALICE) TRAYLOR of Boyne Falls is home recuperating after back surgery.

LOWINA "SIMMONS" HUSLEY celebrated her 74th birthday. A birthday dinner was held Jan. 17 at the Country Star Restaurant. Attending were her three daughters Patricia Dean of Petoskey, Judy (Carlton) Follette of Boyne City, and Billie Jo (Brian) Smith of East Jordan; two grandsons Mike and Brian and families of East Jordan; Nancy M. Steuer of Anchorage, Alaska; Donna (Shaler) Stoneburner; and Freda (Shaler) McAllum of Boyne City.

BERNICE "SUGAR" SUTTON of Kingsley was a patient from Jan. 19-24 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City due to complications from her stroke. For those of you who do not know, "Sugar" has very little mobility on her left side and is wheelchair-bound. It is difficult for her to be transported and to get her in and out. So once again she would REALLY enjoy hearing from friends and family: 6188 N. Summit City Rd., Kingsley, MI. 616-263-3760.

NANCY M. STEUER visited with Bernice. "Sugar" Sutton and family of Kingsley and Darcy Ann Fraser and sons of Traverse City before returning home to Alaska.

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

Wagbo hosting Valentine's Day coffee house

The Wagbo Peace Center will host the Peace Coffee house, a monthly folk music program featuring local artists and a community atmosphere, on Saturday, Feb. 14.

Performing will be singer/songwriter guitarist Kerry West of St. Ignace, and The Hammerheads of Boyne City, who play old-time and bluegrass music.

The program begins at 8 p.m. and will be held at the Jordan River Arts Center on Main Street in East Jordan.

Peace Coffee House is on the second Saturday of every month, and offers a smoke- and alcohol-free environment. An Open Stage follows the performers.

The Wagbo Peace Center is a non-profit experiential education center teaching peaceable sustainable living, focusing on nonviolence and sustainable agriculture. For more information, contact the Wagbo Peace Center at 536-0333.

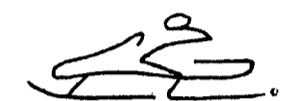


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Four generations

Eugene Bentley of Boyne City, his daughter Christine Mont of Boyne City, her son Michael Mont and his twin daughters, Andrea and Amber, recently gathered to celebrate four generations. Michael was home on leave from the Navy. He's stationed in Virginia.

Care & Share giving clothes away

East Jordan's Care & Share, an emergency food pantry, is giving away coats and clothing on Monday, Feb. 16, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. to anyone who might need them or knows of someone who does.

The reason for the giveaway is

that Care & Share has received so many donations of clothing that it is running out of room.

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SPORTS

HE'S NOMINATED FOR HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Jason finds himself in elite company

By CHRIS WINKLER

Jason Rozycki sat in the lockerroom following Boyne City's win over Rogers City, and commented on his plaque he had next to him. "They spelled my name wrong," he said. "That always happens to me."

The plaque, on which his name was spelled R-O-S-Y-C-K-I, was presented to Rozycki at half-time of Friday's game for being one of 1,500 nominees for the McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Team.

The 6'4" senior, who has been playing with the varsity squad since he was a freshman, is averaging over 24 points a game this season. And if anyone who attended the game Friday had any doubts about Rozycki being worthy of the award, those dubious minds were set straight.

With just under a minute to play in the first half, Rozycki was leading a breakaway

and ended up one-on-one with a shorter defender along the left wing. The right-handed Rozycki was dribbling with his left hand when he dribbled behind his back, losing the defender, and went up for the two-handed slam dunk.

The crowd went wild, and it continued when just minutes later, Rozycki was awarded the plaque. Both Boyne and Rogers City fans were on their feet, acknowledging what the player has done over the past four years. The Hurons were also the opponent late last year when Rozycki hit the 1,000 point mark with a 19-point first quarter.

And if that wasn't enough, Rozycki went on to have two more dunks in the second half, and in the process scored 31 points.

"One mark of a good player is that they rise to the occasion, as Jason always does," said his coach for the last four seasons, Kevin Fitzpatrick. "Jason has big games for us, in the big games or on big nights. The night he

gets his 1,000th point, he gets 19 in the first quarter, almost undoubtedly a school record. Tonight, when he knows he's getting the McDonald's All-American award he comes out, just picks up his game another notch, and electrifies the crowd with a couple of dunks.

"But overall, I think he showed why he deserves the award. Not just scoring and offensive ability, but defensive ability, rebounding, unselfishness, and the fact that he's just totally emerged as a leader for us."

So how did the modest Rozycki feel about all this? "Around here, people consider this a great award," he said. "This summer, probably everybody I played with got this award."

Rozycki, who has not yet decided where he will attend college, was referring to his time at numerous summer camps, including the Adidas ABCD camp in New Jersey, and other places where college recruiters scout heavily, in Las Vegas and Orlando. He also played on

an AAU team in Detroit, with members of the River Rouge High School squad.

He credits his physical style of play to those camps. "In playing with the best, the biggest thing was that it helped me be more physical, so I can bang more and shoot with a hand in my face."

There is one more milestone Rozycki could pass this season. The school scoring record, set by Eric Smith seven seasons ago, is not far out of reach, but the only thing on Rozycki's mind is winning basketball games.

"I'm really happy with the way we're playing. When we came out in the past, we had a tendency to not put away teams. Now we're real focused and want to not just win, but win big. We also know that if we don't come in prepared, we can lose to anybody."

A great attitude from a student-athlete who will go down into the record books, hopefully with his name spelled right.



The crowd roared its approval as Jason Rozycki slammed one home Monday against Kalkaska.

Conference race heats up after Ramblers' loss

By CHRIS WINKLER

Sure, there were some positives for Boyne City in Monday night's 87-77 loss to Kalkaska, but the outcome is still the same.

Despite three Rambler dunks and 11 three-pointers, the Blazers handed the Boyne City its first conference loss.

The Ramblers are now 11-2 overall, and 6-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference. They defeated Rogers City Friday in a non-league game 90-73.

In that game, Boyne started out a little shaky, but recovered to take a 19-11 first quarter lead, and never looked back. At half-time the score was 46-29, and after three periods, Boyne led 65-49.

Jason Rozycki was the highlight of the night, scoring 31 points, including three slam dunks. His supporting cast included Jesse Belford,

who put in 15 points, and Matt Johncheck, with 14. Belford grabbed 10 rebounds and dished out four assists, while Rozycki and Johncheck each had six boards.

That victory set the stage for the Ramblers to put their undefeated conference record on the line in Monday's make-up game. Kalkaska was the only league team Boyne had not faced, and proved to be the most challenging.

As the game started, it seemed as if no shots were falling for Boyne, and every rebound went to the Blazers. Kalkaska's inside game was taking advantage of the smaller Ramblers, and Chuck Schuba scored 11 first quarter points to put the Blazers up 24-8 after eight minutes of play.

A fairly even second quarter ended with the score 44-30 in favor of the Blazers. In the first half,

Please see **RAMBLERS** on page 9



Matt Johncheck keeps a close eye on Scott Haley as he backs into the lane, while Jesse Belford, 40, guards East Jordan center Matt Shaw. Behind them is Denzil Wilson.

Photos by Vic Ruggies

Red Devils let one slip away

Could've, should've.

Those two words pretty well sum up another disappointing loss for the East Jordan Red Devils.

This time it was Kalkaska, a team the Red Devils had beaten earlier in the year.

In a see-saw battle, Kalkaska scored with only five seconds left in the game to nip the Red Devils 71-70.

From a spectator's point of view, it was an entertaining and exciting game with more than 20 lead changes. But for Red Devil players and fans it was another frustrating loss.

"We needed that one desperately," said coach Del Ingalls. "We should have and could have won."

The Red Devils took a one-point lead with 30 seconds remaining. Then with solid defensive pressure they forced a turnover and took possession.

But then the Red Devils turned the ball over and Kalkaska got the ball back and called time-out with 10 seconds to go.

To make sure Chuck Schuba,

Kalkaska's leading scorer with 26 points, did not beat them, the Red Devils double teamed him. Unfortunately, another player broke free and scored a lay-up with five seconds remaining.

All East Jordan had time for after a time-out with three seconds to go was a desperation shot that missed.

Guard Parke Bluhm was on fire for the Red Devils, scoring 32 points including six 3-pointers. "Parke had a wonderful game," Ingalls said. "he played some outstanding basketball. I'm hoping the real Parke is here."

Scott Haley had 10 points and Chris Murray eight.

The Red Devils played Mancelona on Tuesday, then are off until next Tuesday when they play McBain.

The small break could be a blessing for the Red Devils who are hoping to get their game back on track in time for the district tournament, which they host.

"It's just a matter of continuing to work hard," Ingalls said, "and trying to regain some confidence."

THIRD MEETING OF THE SEASON COULD COME AT DISTRICTS

Boyne could see EJ one more time

By CHRIS WINKLER

The Boyne City and East Jordan basketball teams, though separated by 31 points in their match-up last Tuesday night, played a heated game that had a little bit of everything. The Ramblers won 80-49, but in no way was it easy to get by the home team.

The first surprise of the night came in the starting line-ups, when original 6'5" starter Matt Shaw was not introduced, and in place of him was Mike Mazella. Apparently, Shaw twisted his left ankle during the warm-ups and had to be pulled. Despite the injury that was obviously nagging at him, Shaw played for much of the game and had 12 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Play continued normally through the first quarter, with Boyne taking an early 19-8 lead. The Red Devils, though, were in foul trouble, as Scott Haley and Shaw each picked up two fouls in the first, and the team had seven total. At the end of the half, the score was 41-23, in favor of Boyne. Jason Rozycki had the hot hand, with 20 points.

In the third quarter, the Devils had pulled to within 11, but the Ramblers countered with a 10-2 run to halt any thought of an East Jordan comeback. After three periods, it was 60-41.

"It's odd in that people may look at the score and not realize the intensity with which the game was played," said Boyne coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "It's a 20-point ball game to start the fourth quarter, the intensity is very high going both ways, and it's hard fought despite the final score."

Fitzpatrick's team was led by 28 points from Rozycki. Bill Case had 14, and Johncheck added 12. Johncheck also grabbed 14 rebounds and dished out four assists, while Jesse Belford finished with nine boards and three assists. Jeremy Peck played well with six rebounds and two blocked shots, and Rozycki added seven boards.

For East Jordan, Parke Bluhm scored 19 points. Shaw added his 12 and swatted five shots. Haley pitched in with eight points and paced the team in rebounds with ten.

Devils coach Del Ingalls attributed his loss to many factors, emphasizing Boyne's athleticism. "I think the main thing is Boyne

City's athleticism around the basketball and their overall quickness, strength, agility, and intelligent play. They're playing extremely well, and they are a better team than we are right now. We came out a little bit out of rhythm, and they just out-played us for four quarters."

A large part of the Ramblers' success was their number of trips to the free-throw line. They were 21 in 33 attempts, while East Jordan hit five of 12. Boyne also won the battle along the boards, 47-34.

In the junior varsity game, East Jordan won 55-47, after a tight first half. Red Devil Willy Wisner scored a game-high 21 points, while teammate Nate Swan had 15. Luke Reinhardt put in 10 to lead the Ramblers.

Boyne City won both varsity games with their cross-county rivals in this regular season, but East Jordan shouldn't fret. If tradition continues, the teams will meet once again, sometime in the districts. Those games will be held on the Red Devils' home court this year, so a third contest between the two should be interesting.



Andrea Gerling led Boyne City down the slopes with a first place finish in the G.S. and slalom.

Andrea Gerling is a double winner

By CHRIS WINKLER

As the high school ski season heads into the post-season, the Boyne City team had a week of preparation at two big meets.

Last Monday, both teams finished sixth, the boys against 10 other teams, the girls against eight in the Manistee Invitational.

The snow conditions were bad, making for terrible courses, especially for giant slalom. The boys had four skiers disqualify on the G.S. course alone.

But not all was lost on the day. Andy Douglas turned in a great performance in the G.S., placing second out of over 65 competitors. Nick Riehl took tenth in the event. In the

slalom, Matt Davis skied to a third place finish, while Douglas and Riehl were fifth and seventh, respectively.

On the girls' side, Andrea and Meghann Gerling again led the team. Andrea finished third in the G.S., while Meghann was seventh. For the slalom, Meghann was Boyne's top racer, taking 16th. With the best time of the day on the slalom course on her first run, Andrea would have medaled again, but she fell the second time down.

Then came the conference meet on Thursday. Harbor swept the meet on both sides, with the Rambler girls second and the boys a surprising fourth in the seven team meet.

Andrea Gerling led the girls field with a time that would have taken

fifth place for the boys in the slalom. Sister Meghann was not far behind, in fifth and Brittany Kennedy was 13th. For the G.S., Andrea won all-conference honors again with a first place, while Meghann finished eighth. Natalie Stafford came in at 13th.

In the slalom, an event where the boys have been consistent all season, they faltered. Their highest place in the event went to Riehl, who took eighth. Davis was 10th, Adam Hubble 14th, and Corey Hall 16th.

The G.S. found Davis with an 11th place finish, pacing the Ramblers. Douglas was 12th and Riehl 16th to top the charts for Boyne.

"The girls skied great, especially Andrea and Meghann. Nick Riehl

and Matt Davis did well for the boys," said coach Bob Simpson.

Boyne City will be hosting the regional and state meets this year, the former being at Boyne Mountain this Thursday. "I think it will help that the kids will be on their home hill," Simpson said.

Red Devil skiers making progress

By RENEE ROBERTS

For its first conference meet in 10 years, East Jordan turned in a good showing.

"We are definitely stepping in

Please see **EJ SKIERS** on page 10

Boyer Falls still in the hunt for a conference title

It was a game they had to have, and the Boyer Falls Loggers came through.

They defeated Harbor Light on the road last Friday, 47-40, to remain in the chase for at least a tie for the conference championship.

But to get that, the Loggers will have to rely on some help from Harbor Light.

Here's how the final weeks of

the season are shaping up:

Mackinaw City is on top of the league with an 8-0 conference record. Two games behind are Boyer Falls and Harbor Light. Mackinaw travels to Harbor Light next week and if Harbor can pull off a win and the Loggers can defeat Mackinaw in the final game of the season, there will be a three-way tie for the conference title.

That, of course, depends on the Loggers winning all of their remaining games.

The Loggers will be spending a lot of time on the bus this week as they traveled to Leelanau on Tuesday, host Wolverine Friday then travel to Brimley for a game Saturday.

Overall, the Loggers are 6-2 in

the conference and 9-3 overall.

They kept their title hopes alive with a big win at Harbor Friday night. It was a game where defense ruled, and in the end it was won at the free throw line.

Boyer Falls jumped out to an early lead and held it until the last 2 1/2 minutes of the game when Harbor went up 40-38. But that was all

the scoring for Harbor as the Loggers, after tying it up, spread out their offense and made Harbor come out and get them.

The strategy paid off as Harbor was forced to foul and the Loggers connected from the free throw line with Chad Matelski and Ryan Fiel combining for six free throws.

Overall Matelski and Fiel had

nine points for the game. The team leader, however, was Ben Britton, who scored 16 points and was a power on the boards grabbing at least a dozen rebounds.

"It was Ben's best overall game of the season," said coach Frank Hamilla. "He did a good job offensively, defensively and on the boards."

Volleyball tourney attracts a top field

Facing several strong teams at the Rogers City Invitational volleyball tournament last Saturday, Boyer City was able to squeeze out one win.

"We were up against some tough competition and played tough against it," said coach Doreen Britton. "But unfortunately we needed every player to be at the peak of her game and that didn't happen."

The Lady Ramblers opened the tournament against Petoskey and lost 3-15, 12-15. Next up was Inland Lakes who defeated Boyer City 1-15, 11-15. In the next round, Boyer City split with Sault St. Marie, 15-11, 8-15. In their last match, Boyer lost to Cedarville 11-15, 10-15.

April Roberts had 10 aces and eight points, while Staci Seelye had eight aces and five points.

Ann Gaudard had 11 kills, Ashley Schrader six kills and five blocks, Seelye had seven kills, and Sarah Bobowski had five blocks.

On Thursday, the Lady Ramblers started slow against Mancelona,

then put it together and went on to win in four games 10-15, 15-3, 15-8, 15-13.

"We had some big plays at key points in the match that helped to swing the momentum our way," Britton said.

Heidi VanHoosier had five kills and Schrader had five kills and two blocks.

The Lady Ramblers had excellent serving from Seelye, April Roberts and Katie Dhaseleer. Seelye had five aces and eight points and Roberts four aces and two points. Dhaseleer had five aces all on jump serves.

"Katie has put a lot of time into perfecting (the jump serve) and it all paid off," Britton said.

Boyer City won the junior varsity match 15-12, 15-13. Top setter was Lisa Arner, top setter was Emily Bricker, top spiker was Leah Senter, top offensive player was Lecann Schrader, and top defensive player was Jackie Cyr.

EJ netters take time to regroup

Below average serving cost the East Jordan volleyball team as it lost to Kalkaska last Thursday 8-15, 15-7, 14-16, 7-15.

"The team played well but our serving was way below the average we need to succeed," said coach

Duane Kujat. "We'll look to improve on a couple parts of our game as we have all next week off."

The Lady Red Devils return to action Monday when they visit Boyer City.

Ramblers

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Schuba finished with 18 points and Rozycki 15.

Five minutes into the second half, and with Kalkaska up 58-39, the Ramblers came alive. Their defense came up with big stops, and made the Blazers pay for turnovers. Johncheck threw down a dunk, and then 10 seconds later, Rozycki slammed one home. Belford nailed two treys, and then Rozycki took the ball from the other end of the court with three seconds remaining to hit a buzzer-beater from way downtown. Boyer had rattled off 16 unanswered points to close to within three at the end of the quarter, 58-55.

"In the third, Kalkaska continued to keep the momentum as they had in the first half," said Boyer coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "So we changed our defense and got after them with a 100 percent full court defense, and really laid it on the line defensively. Guys came out with a good effort, and we got them on their heels for the first time in the ball game. We had a little bit of momentum, and were able to do some really good things for about six minutes."

But Kalkaska was relentless, and maintained a lead of four or more for the rest of the game. Eight Blazer free-throws in the last minute sealed the win for the visitors.

"We certainly didn't overlook this team, and I think we came in with an okay mindset," said Fitzpatrick. "The bottom line is we came in here fairly prepared and ready to play, and they came in totally prepared with 100 percent effort. We may have been ready to play a game, but we weren't ready to play a team that was that fired up and looking to knock us off the top."

Rozycki and Johncheck both had huge games. Rozycki finished with 28 points (including four treys), six rebounds, and four assists. Johncheck played strong inside, scoring 20 points, grabbing 13 rebounds, making four steals, and blocking three shots. Belford put in 19, 12 of which came on three-pointers. As a team, the Ramblers made 11 shots from behind the arc.

Kalkaska won big with its tandem of Schuba and 6'4" side-kick Matt Horton. Schuba ended with 26, with Horton scoring 25.

The Ramblers were 16 of 24 from the charity stripe. They committed just nine turnovers, but were out-rebounded 50-31.

"The first thing this loss is hopefully going to do," Fitzpatrick said, "is keep us focused on the short term. We need to worry about the next game, the next opponent, the next practice. We can't be looking ahead."

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY WRAP-UP

THE BOYNE CITY mini mite team, sponsored by Sky Electric, traveled to Mackinaw City Saturday.

In game one, the two teams played to a 1-1 tie. Travis Reinhardt scored the only goal for Boyer. The team played a more spirited game the second time around, scoring three goals in the first eight minutes, and hung on for a 4-0 win. Trevor Price had a hat trick as well as an assist. Travis Reinhardt had a goal, and Taylor Korthase had an assist. Kyle Wright recorded the shutout. Noted for excellent play were Blake Kroondyk and Neal Anderson.

On Sunday, the minimites hosted Mt. Pleasant. The first game Boyer lost 3-1. Zachery Shuler scored his first goal of the season. Trevor Price had an assist. Noted for excellent play were Henry Wolf and Zeke Galloway. In game two, Mt. Pleasant won 3-2. Travis Reinhardt had two goals. Blake Kroondyk had his first assist, and Trevor Price had an assist. Noted for excellent play were Zachery Shuler, Taylor Reinhardt, and Taylor Korthase.

The mini mites host St. Ignace for two games on Saturday (10 a.m. and noon) and two on Sunday (2 and 4 p.m.).

THE MITE-E PUCKS, sponsored by B. C. Pizza, traveled to Petoskey on Sunday for two games against the Char-Em Sharks. Game one was a tough game with Char-Em defeating Boyer 3-0. In game two Boyer skated to an impressive 1-0 win. Keegan David scored the goal with an assist from Robby Startzel.

Boyer's goaltender, Shane Grunow, was credited with his second shutout of the season. Boyer will host St. Ignace next Saturday for two games.

THE JUNIOR RAMBLERS Mite hockey team, sponsored by Dan's Concrete Service, played a full schedule this weekend facing two Gaylord teams and a Mackinaw team.

Friday night the Junior Ramblers beat the Gaylord Whalers by a score of 7-3 at Avalanche. Dylan Clark scored two goals. John Miller scored a hat trick and had one assist. Brad Boyer and Tyler Price had one goal each. Price assisted on three goals for his first playmaker award of the year. Jacob Fair had one assist in the game.

On Saturday, they played the Mackinaw Mite team twice in Mackinaw City. In the first game Boyer won 3-1 with two goals by Tyler Price and one by Ashley Adkison. Brad Boyer and John Miller each had assists in the game. In the second game the Junior Ramblers lost 6-0.

Sunday they bounced back at home and took two games from the Gaylord Mercury All-Stars team, 8-2 and 4-3 at the Avalanche rink. John Miller scored four goals and had one assist in the first game and the deciding goal in the second game. Tyler Price had two goals in the first game and two goals and two assists in the second game. Dylan Clark had a goal in each game. Samantha Dunwoody had a goal in the first game and an assist in the second

game. Amy Anderson had an assist in the first game. Brad Boyer had three assists in the first game for his first playmaker award of the year. Defensemen Boyer, Alex Bajko and Jacob Fair had an outstanding day as did Charlie Courtright in the goal.

The Junior Ramblers will be back in action Saturday and Sunday at Avalanche.

THE SQUIRTS, sponsored by Premier Construction, played two terrific games in Mackinaw City on Saturday. In the first, superior defense was the deciding factor in the 1-0 Boyer victory. Matt Haver, Tyler Kalbfleisch, Josh Aown, Eli Barsy, and Evan Keller created a rock solid defensive wall. Goalie Russell Williams recorded the shut out. Ryan Hennessy, with an assist by Trevor Mapes, scored the goal for Boyer.

The second game saw two goals each for Mackinaw and Boyer in the first period. Scoring for Boyer were Greg Holland, assisted by Tyler Kalbfleisch and Ryan Hennessy, and Hennessy unassisted. Defense again ruled the game as it drew to a 2-2 tie. Russell Williams was between the pipes.

On Sunday the Char-Em Blackhawks came to Boyer ice for a pair of games. With Williams hot in the goal, Boyer played a solid team game marked with passing and heads up defense. Boyer found the net twice in the first period, first by Ryan Hennessy assisted by Trevor Mapes, and again by Greg Holland with an assist from Hennessy. With second left in the game, Char-Em pulled its

goalie and scored to bring the game to a 2-2 tie.

The Blackhawks stepped up their game in the second outing and scored first. Hennessy, assisted by Barsy, answered, but persistent pressure by Char-Em earned them the 5-1 victory. Williams was in goal.

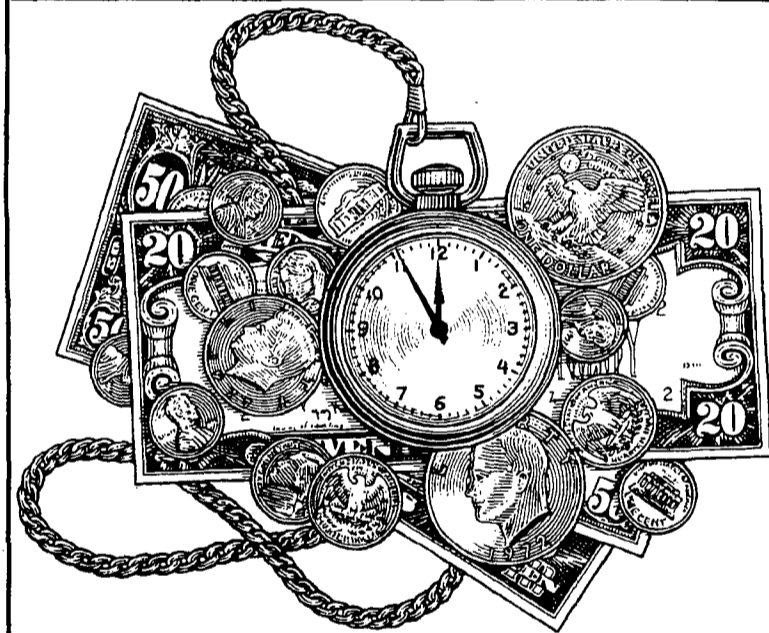
The team hopes to be back on the ice again next weekend.

EARLIER THIS season, the Pee Wees suffered double digit losses to Mackinaw City. On Saturday, Mackinaw defeated Boyer 4-0 and 3-0, but the games were much closer than the scores indicated. Except for a few mental lapses, Boyer easily could have earned a victory.

The pee wees hope to be in action this weekend.

THE ACE HARDWARE BANTAMS played four hockey games this past weekend. The team traveled to Mackinaw on Saturday for two games. They played a good game in the first, but Mackinaw played better and won 3-1. In the second game Boyer came on the ice motivated to win, and dominated play with a 4-1 victory.

On Sunday, Cl. Boyer's indoor Bantam team came to visit Boyer City's outdoor rink. Boyer was again highly motivated for these games, and played some of its best hockey of the season. The first game ended in a 1-1 tie. The second game was a 2-1 loss. This was a big improvement from their previous matches with this team. Mike Bingham was in goal for Boyer.



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EJ cheer team hosts invitational

East Jordan schools were host to the fifth annual Red Devil Invitational cheerleading competition last Saturday.

Seventeen junior high, junior varsity and high school teams attended the meet.

"We are working really hard to prepare for regionals, so we can qualify for state," said Phyllis Olszewski, the varsity coach.

The varsity squad took first in the cheering and third in the fight song competition. The junior varsity's fight song captured first place and they came in second in the cheering category. The junior high cheerleaders placed fifth in the competition.

Olszewski said the meet gives teams a chance to become familiar with the site and to get experience in front of Michigan Athletic Association certified judges for the March 7 regionals which the school will host. From there, squads can move on to the state finals.

"I have five seniors who are doing an outstanding job working toward those goals," Olszewski said.

East Jordan will compete next in the conference competition on Feb. 25 at Boyne City High School.

THE BOYNE CITY cheerleaders tumbled their way into the hearts of the many spectators at the fifth annual East Jordan Red Devil Invitational on Saturday.

Boyne City was represented at several levels, with the eighth grade, junior varsity, and varsity all competing. The Boyne City competition

team performed their routines as an exhibition.

The eighth grade team tied for second in its very first competition. Coach Diane Dixon was pleased with the team's performance. "We were very nervous after seeing the teams compete ahead of us. But, the girls went out and did their best," Dixon said.

The junior varsity tied for first place with Cheboygan. The seven-member team put together a series of cheers, so that it could compete for the first time as a team. A few of the members are also members of the competition team.

"We are really proud of our girls. Their basket toss was a real crowd pleaser. We are excited to have a junior varsity that can do the advanced skills these girls do," said coach Cindi Place.

Cindi and her husband, Andy, coach the junior varsity, varsity, and competition teams.

The varsity team sang their way to a second place finish in the Fight Song competition. This group included a few girls who had never competed before.

"We decided to compete in the East Jordan with everybody, not just the competition team. I think it was a good experience for all the girls, especially the ones who have never competed. It was fun," said Cindi Place.

Since the competition team is comprised of both junior varsity and varsity team members, the team was only performing as an exhibition and did not count in the scoring. This fact

confused many spectators, as they were awed by the performance and then could not understand why the team did not place.

"We had several people come to us and tell us how they thought it was unfair, until we explained we were not scoring," said Andy Place.

"The crowd was fabulous. Every stunt was met with a cheer of approval. It was wild. It was the best the team has done all year."

The team had finished second at

the Cheer Michigan West Competition in Grand Rapids earlier this year.

Many spectators from Boyne City were on hand for the competition. "I personally would like to thank the fans who came," said Cindi Place. "We had fans here who came because the event was on the athletic schedule and they like to cheer on all the athletic teams."

Boyne City's competition team competes again on Saturday, Feb. 21, in Houghton Lake.

EJ skiers

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the right direction," said coach Rob Bergquist. "We want to continue pushing the positives."

In the slalom for the Lady Red Devils, Ember Ransom placed 18th; Becky Holm, 23rd; Michelle Meads, 31st; and Renee Perreault, 33rd.

Emily Niewendorp led the team in the G.S. racing with 19th place, while Holm was 22nd and Meads 27th.

For the boys, Nathan Diller was 12th in slalom followed by Tarn Leach, 15th; Brad Carey, 22nd; Evan

Chappuis, 26th; Scott Kramer, 24th; and Bryan Banfield, 28th.


In the G.S., Leach finished 13th; Diller, 14th; Chappuis, 15th; Carey, 33rd; and Kraemer, 35th.

The Red Devils are now preparing for Thursday's Class B-C-D regional meet. Along with the Red Devils, Petoskey, Inland Lakes, Boyne City, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs will be competing.

Bergquist said his team's goal is to "get each kid down the hill with two solid runs that they are happy with."

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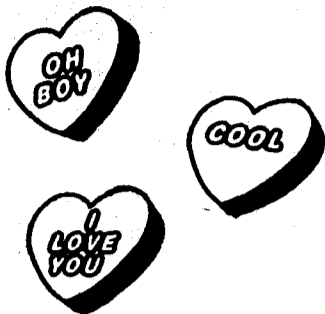
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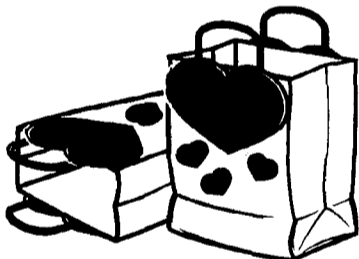
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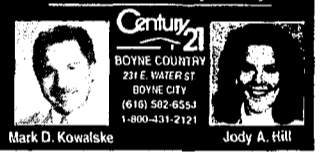
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Please take notice that the 1997/98 budget for the City of East Jordan has been amended to provide for the construction of a new Police Department and development of the Air Industrial Park.
A copy of the amended budget is available at City Hall during normal office hours for review and copying.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1998, in City Hall, Mayor Peck presiding with all members of the City Commission present except for Commissioners Norton and Gee.
Commission Action: dedicated streets located within the Air Industrial Park; amended the 1997/98 budget to provide for building a new police station and industrial park; approved a liquor license transfer for Toki's Pizza; and authorized the lease of a new 4 wheel drive vehicle.
A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review and copying during normal office hours.

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PAUL W. REINHARDT & JENNIFER S. REINHARDT, HUSBAND & WIFE to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE now known as USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee, dated February 1, 1995, and recorded on February 3, 1995, in Liber 281, on page 0884, CHARLEVOIX County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty seven thousand nine hundred one and 42/100 Dollars (\$57,901.42), including interest at 8.750% per annum.
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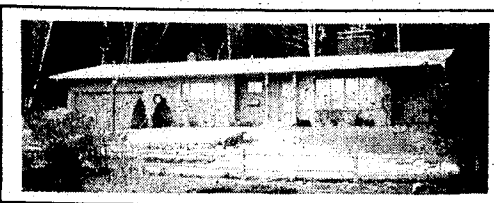
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Recipients of the proceeds from the beanie baby auction gather to thank Busy Bridge store owners for the donation. From left are: Humane Society director Martha Weisler, store owner Sharon Jackson, Charlevoix Area Hospital representative Kathy Johnson, store owner Linda Snyder, and Charlevoix County Hospice director Margaret Lasater.

Beanie Baby auction pays big dividends

The Busy Bridge antique and gift shop in East Jordan recently auctioned off three Princess Ty Bear beanie babies for charity.

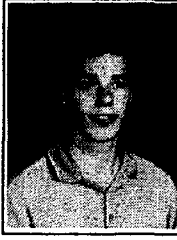
Bidders paid a total of \$725 for the trio. The shop donated the proceeds equally, between the Charlevoix County Hospice, Charlevoix Area Hospital and the Charlevoix Humane Society.

The purple bears hold a white rose and were manufactured to commemorate Princess Diana. Busy Bridge only received 12 of the toys with three going to the auction. "We gave the rest to our employees because they have worked so hard," said store owner Sharon Jackson.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

NAME: Tony Amato
PARENTS: Lynn and Dave Amato
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Snowmobiling and the outdoors, wood and metal working, spending time with my friends."
FUTURE PLANS: Graduate and attend college.
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Tony is an exceptional student at BCHS," said Mr. Neidhamer. "He is a 2nd year student in Building Trades and an advanced student in wood-working. Tony's attitude, work ethic, and quality craftsmanship makes him a leader in the classroom and a pleasure to work with. Tony will be successful in whichever endeavor he chooses to pursue."
"Every once in a great while you have a student of students," said Mr. Shields. "In my 40 years in working with young people, Tony is that student. He is full of energy and has made tremendous growth these past two years. He is a success story in full bloom. He will go far in this world of work."




NAME: Beth Stackus
PARENTS: Dawn and Kevin Stackus
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cheerleading, lead in school play, cross country, track
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Love to ski and snowboard, spend time with best friends, Katie Kujawski and Robert Steed, and with my fellow cheerleaders and classmates."
FUTURE PLANS: "Plan to go to NMC to receive associate's degree in broadcasting, transfer to Central Michigan and become the new local news person or weather forecaster, become famous and make a name for myself."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Beth's enthusiasm and energy play a vital part in the success of both the Varsity cheerleading squad and our competitive cheer team," said Coach Place. "Her tumbling skills are awesome! Congratulations, Beth, on four years of cheering us on!"
"It has been my pleasure to have had Beth as a student this past year," said Mr. Rice. "With Beth in class, something interesting could happen at any time."
"Beth has been an excellent student this year," said Mr. Ewald. "She always is cheerful and adds a fun dimension to all that she does. Have a great senior year, Beth."



East Jordan


NAME: Debbie Bacon
PARENTS: Thomas and Diane Bacon
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cross country, track and band
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Tennis, cross country, traveling
FUTURE PLANS: "My future plan is to attend college and become a teacher. I intend to major in either language arts or history."
FAVORITE CLASSES: MST English and MST Science
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Debbie is a very hard-working conscientious student! She is very motivated to take challenging classes and spends a great deal of time preparing herself and doing her best," said Sharon Moeke. "She is a pleasure to have as a student."
"Debbie is extremely conscientious and attentive to details in everything she does," said Bill Aten.
"Debbie is a nice student who is a pleasure to have in class," said Sean Ferguson. "She is willing to try any activity in 'Lifetime Sports' and does well. She is a natural athlete."
"Debbie puts her best effort into each and every assignment," said Alice McPherson. "She's an excellent student to have in class."



Debbie Bacon

Boyne Falls


NAME: Anthony James (A.J.) Hawkins
PARENTS: Jim and Barb Hawkins
GRADE: Fifth
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Football cards and playing football
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP: Football player - Denver
FAVORITE FOOD: Steak
WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT SCHOOL: Writing stories
PET: Has a cat who chases its tail
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "A.J. is a hard working student," said Mrs. Lovewell (science) and Mrs. Rozycki (art). "He listens well and strives to do quality work. He works especially hard in and enjoys Social Studies and Science. He is a great classroom helper and friend to his peers. A.J. always has a positive attitude and a smile on his face, which makes him a real pleasure to have in class."



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Boyne CITY HALL news

By SUE HOBBS

THE CITY IS required to periodically update its Industrial Pre-treatment Program user list. A survey form is being developed to send to commercial and industrial customers that use chemicals or compounds that may adversely impact the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Customers that have these compounds will be individually inspected.

THE TANNERY IS proposing an addition to the north side of the building. The addition will include an elevator and provisions for handicap accessibility. It will also provide a deck out over the top of a portion of the parking area. The proposed deck will not take up any parking as it will be cantilevered over the parking lot. This will be reviewed at the February Planning Commission meeting.

STREET CREWS began burning the brush pile at North Boyne. Clear roads allowed for the cold patching of potholes throughout the City. Snow posts were straightened and slab wood, from Rotary Park, was hauled to the North Boyne yard.

WEATHER WATCH: High temp, 46 degrees on Feb. 2; Low temp, 10 degrees on Feb. 4; Precipitation - Jan. 29 through Feb. 5: 0.15 inches, 0" snow; Total snow for the year 48.0 inches. Last year at this time (Feb. 5, 1997) we had recorded 103.0 inches of snowfall.

AND FINALLY, this from "Our Journey Home:" "For most Americans, life does not revolve around legislation passed by Congress or the double talk uttered by Washington bureaucrats. For the most of us, life is still helping hands and good neighbors. It is lovingly packed lunch boxes, nighttime prayers, dinners well talked over, hard work, and a little put away for the future. No government can ever command these things, and no government can ever duplicate them. They are done naturally out of love and a commitment to the future."

(Sue Hobbs is city clerk for Boyne City.)



A gift of food

Jo Kipapa, director of the Boyne Food Pantry, accepted \$500 worth of groceries from Carter's manager Allan Ordway. The Boyne City store donated the discontinued and slower-selling staple goods last week after a recent store reconfiguration. The pantry serves 70 to 100 families per month and is located at Trinity Fellowship Church on State Street in Boyne City.

COLLEGE NEWS

JAMES C. KOMONDY of Boyne City recently graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in general studies from the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.

COLLEEN T. CHAPOTON has been named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the fall 1997 semester. Chapoton is a freshman majoring in biology. She is the daughter of Eustace Chapoton and Margaret Myers, both of Boyne City, and a graduate of Boyne City High School.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester.

Several area students were named to the Dean's List at North Central Michigan college for the fall semester. They are: Boyne City - **ARTHUR BARKLEY, JESSE CONKLIN, PETER GORMAN, MICHAEL GREENMAN, KELLY JOHNECHECK, MICHELE ORMSBY, KATHLEEN POIROT, LENORE SENTER,** and **REBECCA SHALER;** East Jordan - **JOSEPH BRENNAN, LISA HOOGHERHYDE, RUTH MCPHERSON,** and **TABITHA STALEY.**

To be eligible, students must have a 3.5 GPA.

Named to the President's List for maintaining a 4.0 GPA was **SHARI HOFBAUER** of Boyne City.

SHANE SWAN, DANIEL WHITEFORD and **PATRICK WHITEFORD,** all of East Jordan, were named to Ferris State University's fall semester (August-December) academic honors list.

To be eligible, a student must have compiled a 3.50 grade point average in at least 12 semester hours of work.

One clock is leaving Huntington, another is returning

Maybe, just maybe, Boyne City's old town clock will have a new place to call home by early this summer.

After months and months of discussion, the Downtown Development Authority is another step closer to moving the clock to the Tower Center on the corner of Lake and Water streets.

Because of the high cost, the DDA decided last month not to renovate the clock but rather to have local volunteers clean and paint it where needed. The one issue unresolved at the time was whether the Town Center could accommodate the clock without major alterations to the building.

To answer that question, the DDA formed a committee which reported back last week that only minor alterations are needed. They include

digging a 2' x 2' x 2' pit to allow for the pendulum, and the tower needs to be reinforced in order to hold the bell.

With the help of local clock expert John Talboys, several volunteers and city employees, the clock will be moved within a month from its current site at Huntington Bank to the city garage behind city hall where it will be worked on. The cleaning could last approximately one month. When it's completed the clock will be moved to the Tower Center.

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

The bids included dismantling and transporting the clock, cleaning and restoring, repainting, installing

four new clock hands, and shortening the pendulum and re-gearing.

Talboys, who has been a part of the clock discussion for the past several months, has said renovation of the clock is not needed and that its main problem is the environment where it is housed. When it is warm and dry, it functions perfectly, he said. At Huntington, the clock is not heated and parts of its mechanism are occasionally submerged in water.

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

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

The clock was recently donated to the city by Huntington Bank. The

bank built the current clock tower and owned the clock since the late 1970s. The bank purchased it from John Porter of East Jordan, who bought the clock at an auction in the early 1960s.

WHILE ONE CLOCK is leaving Huntington Bank in Boyne City, another clock will be returning to Huntington Bank in East Jordan.

After a few months in hiding, East Jordan's town clock is coming back, but it won't be until sometime in March.

The same clock which was removed by Huntington Bank a few months ago will be returning to the same spot.

From the time the clock was removed last fall until Huntington announced in late December it was

bringing it back, its departure was the talk of East Jordan.

For 18 years the clock told East Jordan residents the time and temperature from the roof of the bank that was formerly FMB Northwest-ern.

The clock was never owned by the bank, but was leased and the bank paid a monthly maintenance fee.

After Huntington officially took over the bank on Oct. 1, its corporate policy required the clock's removal.

Apparently the storm of controversy the clock's removal generated caught the ear of Huntington officials and the decision was made to bring the clock back.

The clock is returning under the old arrangement, with the bank paying the lease and maintenance fee.

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Officers for Northern Lakes Economic Alliance are, from left: Tom McClusky, Pete Garwood, Mike Hills, Nick White, W.R. Frykberg, and Mike Hansen.

Alliance elects officers

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance elected officers for 1998 at its annual meeting held recently at Bay Harbor Yacht Club in Petoskey.

The officers are: President Mike Hills, Emmet County EDC; Vice-President Pete Garwood, Antrim County Coordinator/Planner; Secretary Tom McClusky, Antrim County; Treasurer W.R. Frykberg, Boyne City; Parliamentarian Nick White, Emmet County Commission; and President Ex-Officio Mike Hansen, Top O' Michigan Electric Company.

The Economic Alliance is a non-profit economic development organization serving Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Locally started in 1984, the organization offers community and business development services in the three-county region. Its office is in Boyne City.

The 1998 volunteer board was recognized for its continuing com-

mitment and many accomplishments. They are:

Emmet County - Brian Braddock, First Community Bank; Dean Carper, Emmet County EDC; Mike Hills, Emmet County EDC; Dan Hoggard, Northern Decast; Nick White, Emmet County Commission; and Steve Woodcock, NBD Bank.

Charlevoix County - Mike Hansen, Top O' Michigan Electric Company; Randy Frykberg, Boyne City; Jon Jasinski, Premier Construction; Gary Osterbeck, Osterbeck Marketing; Tim Petrosky, Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant; and Don Voisin, Charlevoix Agency, Inc.

Antrim County - Pete Garwood, Antrim County Coordinator/Planner; Bob Wilson, Antrim County Commission; Tom McClusky, Pigeon Telephone Company, retired; Ray Mills, Bellaire Village President; and Terry Schieber, Shanty Creek Resort.

Winter tax deadline is Tuesday

Saturday is not only a celebration of Valentine's Day, it's also the deadline for paying your winter taxes.

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Saturday and Monday is President's Day, a legal holiday, taxes can be paid as late as Tuesday without a penalty.

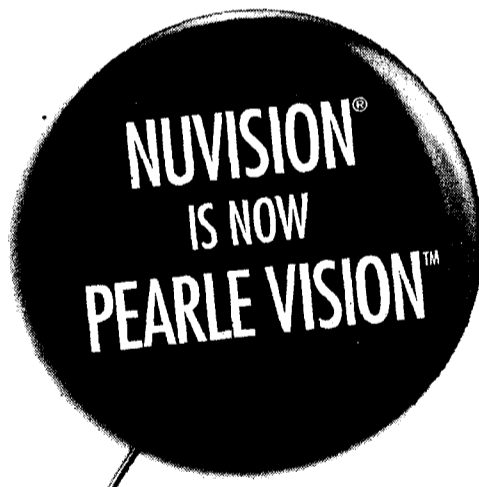
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