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IT'S BACK

Mother Nature lets us know what our winter should have been like

The snow and cold blew in faster than warm weather revelers would have liked, but skiers and snowmobilers weren't complaining as 14-18 inches of snow blanketed the area.

The rapid onset of snow combined with gusting winds caused drifting on many area roads and, according to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, lots of cars in ditches.

Charlevoix County Road Commission crews pulled 12-14 hour shifts Monday and

Tuesday just to keep up with the drifts.

Area schools closed early Monday and remained closed Tuesday as the white stuff continued to fall and the wind blew.

The blizzard conditions were a sharp change from 50-degree weather and snow-free ground experienced only a few days ago, forcing golfers, bikers, bladers and hikers back inside for at least a while longer. This weekend's forecast calls for slightly higher temperatures

along with freezing rain.

Due to the winter storm, this week's district basketball tournament at East Jordan had a hard time getting started. Monday's games were scheduled to be played Tuesday and Wednesday's games were moved to Thursday.

Boyer City's school board meeting was also cancelled. It was rescheduled for next Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school media center. A full agenda awaits the board.



It looks more like December than March since Sunday's storm arrived.

Changing the way business is done

Top O' Michigan general manager preparing for the days of deregulation

When you think of one stop shopping, what comes to mind? Walmart, K-Mart and Home Depot are some of the names that would be on the list.

As hard as it may be to believe, so would Top O' Michigan Electric Cooperative.

It hasn't always been on the list, that's for sure. For years, Top O' Michigan was in business for one reason: to provide electricity to its rural customers in a 12-county region.

Then Ed Doss arrived on the scene. He succeeded former General Manager Tom Hannah, who retired after 22 years with the company, on Oct. 1, 1996 and things have not been the same since for the cooperative.

From the logo, to the furnishings in the office, to the color of the trucks — new ones are white not yellow — to propane and a whole lot in between, life has changed at Top O' Michigan since Ed's arrival.

Actually many of the employees of Top O' Michigan are still getting themselves familiar with all the services now provided by the company.

Did you know, for example, that internet services are now available through Top O' Michigan? Or tree trimming services?

Or appliance repair? Or that you can buy hot water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, and central vacuuming systems? You can even get a Top O' Michigan credit card.

Of all these new services, propane has been the most significant and its impact has been felt all over northern Michigan.

The business plan developed for Top O' Michigan predicted the company could expect in the first 12 months to have 250 accounts, and 2,400 after five years. It also projected the company would break-even in three

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Ed Doss has been general manager at Top O' Michigan since late 1996.



Photo by Gina Sotlis Kendell

Smiling fiddler

Kathleen Russell fiddled some tunes to a packed house during last Saturday's Fiddlers' Jamboree at the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan. Twenty-seven fiddlers, nine square-dance callers and 35 additional musicians performed throughout the day to the 1,200-member audience who traveled from throughout the state to listen and dance to the old-time music.

at a GLANCE

Play dates may change due to tournament

The curtain is scheduled to rise for Boyne City High School Drama Department's performance of "Crazy for You" on Tuesday.

And it will, unless Boyne City is playing in the regional tournament at Houghton. The regional is Tuesday and Thursday.

So here's the schedule: If Boyne does win the district tournament and plays Tuesday, "Crazy for You" will open Wednesday. If Boyne wins and plays in the regional final on Thursday, the Thursday, March 19, performance will be rescheduled to 1 p.m. Saturday.

If you have any questions, call the high school at 582-6587.

Library hosts East Jordan After Hours

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours at the Jordan Valley District Library on Wednesday, March 18, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Computer Center, Inc., will have computers and accessories on display for viewing, and library staff will show members how to surf the Internet.

The cost is \$3 for chamber members, \$4 for all others. Refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY PORTRAIT

IT'S ALL PUBLISHED IN 'HERBAL HOME REMEDY'

Knowing the power of plants

By JANE BROCK

It was a warm February day, too early for anything to have shown up in the raised beds of Joyce Wardwell's garden, but warm enough to encourage the gardener.

Joyce was wearing shirtsleeves and clog-style tennis shoes, emerging from her house in an aromatic vapor of wild rice and chicken. The oldest of her four children was hanging out the family laundry in the spring-like sun.

Joyce lives in a humble 200 square foot home, which she and her husband built from salvaged barn lumber and miscellaneous scavenged building materials. They heat it with wood, and its water supply is not quite indoors, with an artesian well feeding a sink and washing machine just outside the door. Joyce says the kids have grown up Japanese-style, with "invisible" walls.

If the only daughter, Emily, wants to dance, for instance, she is allowed to dance unseen, and unlaughed-at. The walls are tidily lined with innumerable baskets and cubby holes, holding such

diversities as clothing, books, cooking supplies, dishes, Emily's guinea pig, a TV and Nintendo. These last are as unexpected, in the tiny home, as Joyce's computer, and her neat line of files in their own shelf above it.

But here she has written her first book, and from here she sent her manuscript in its entirety to a publisher. It is in this simple kitchen that Joyce prepares for sale herb extracts, from plants she has gathered herself. Joyce's gathering practices deserve mention.

She gathers "ethically," she says, using her knowledge of each plant and its environment to ensure that she doesn't inhibit future growth. For example, she points out, as she leads the way around a marshy area, careful not to step on the wet areas, if she walked on the soft ground to gather, her steps would compress the soil "making future growth difficult."

She is a natural teacher, teaching as she walks and speaks, and like all good teachers, listening to her

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Joyce Wardwell found success on her first attempt writing a book.

OPINION

A MOM'S LIFE

Cheesy toaster serves as a reality check

By CINDI PLACE

It is expected during the cold and flu season that every member of our family will get sick at least once.

Everyone, except the mom, of course. No one explained to me in the early, childless time of my marriage that once I became a mom, I couldn't get sick. It was a rule or something.

At first, taking care of one child with the flu wasn't all that much of a challenge. We would cuddle, read books together, watch a special television program. I had time to make bowls of homemade soup and special little sandwiches cut up to resemble cartoon characters.

Even after our son was born, a "sick" day would still be relatively fun. Big sister loved to help take care of her baby brother and all three of us would spend our days bonding and getting well. And if I, the mom, was to exhibit a few flu symptoms of my own, so be it. I would simply grin and bear it, getting well right along with the children.

As our family grew, however, my ability to deal calmly and efficiently with various epidemics became increasingly difficult. No longer was there time to cuddle and read. There were never enough hours to spend with each ailing child, so as a result days were spent running from room to room, tossing saltine crackers at their beds and promises of mommy coming back soon. Homemade soup and silly little sandwiches gave way to anything from a can, and leftover pizza.

And as for the mom getting sick, well forget about it. There simply wasn't time. Until the other day. Luckily, I chose a time to be ill when everyone else in the family was feeling pretty chipper and healthy themselves.

I must admit that being pampered and taken care of was a real learning experience for me. At first I worried about whether everything that needed to be done would get done. But as my symptoms became worse, I didn't really care. It felt kind of good to just lie in bed, read and sleep. For a few blissful hours, the outside world ceased to exist.

But I knew that the price for my laziness would be high when our youngest child slid into the bed with me, gave me a quick hug, then asked if I knew how to get cheese out of the toaster. He, obviously, was in charge of lunch.



Boyne's Irish roots run deep

By HUGH CONKLIN

Does the picture above look familiar? It should, it's the Boyne River. But it's not our Boyne River. It's Ireland's. As St. Patrick's Day approaches, a trip back to Boyne's roots is appropriate.

Boyne's earliest settlers were John and Harriet Miller. John's birthplace was St. Andrew's Town Land in the County of Down, Ireland. Shortly after settling into a cabin following their arrival, John and his two sons were exploring the shoreline of Pine Lake (Lake Charlevoix) when they came upon a scenic stream that, according to "Settlers to Sidewalks in Boyne City," reminded him of a famous river in Ireland. He promptly christened it the Boyne River.

Now jump a few thousand miles to Ireland. The following is taken from a small book titled "Meath and The Boyne Valley."

"From its source the River Boyne flows majestically past wooded vales and rolling hills to the seas at historic Drogheda, winding its course through a valley famous in Irish mythology, folklore and history.

"The Boyne Valley encompasses legendary Tara, where High Kings ruled and heroes recalled their epic feats in battle, the Hill of Slane where Patrick first lit the beacon of Christianity on the island, the mighty burial mounds of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth — even older than the Pyramids, and Trim Castle, the largest Norman fortification to be established in the country.

"The Boyne Valley is unique in Ireland for the

survival of ruins and relics from successive generations of civilizations through thousands of years. It was here that the glories of Celtic Ireland flourished, where Christianity first conquered and where the Catholic cause was finally lost with the defeat of King James II at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690.

"If rivers could speak, the Boyne could tell the complete story of Ireland's proud past."

The rivers also share more than names. Marie Schmittiel of Boyne City, whose blood runs Irish green, is pictured below with Brandon Conlin and Mickey Bennett at the Park Street Bridge where they poured water from Ireland's Boyne River into our Boyne River last January. Friends of hers brought the water back from their trip. They also



performed the same ritual with our river water during their visit to Ireland.

With such a close link to Ireland, it makes you wonder why St. Patrick's Day isn't celebrated with more gusto around here than it is.

New fan has a few questions about the game

By JANE BROCK

Well, the regular basketball season is over, and the exciting tournaments have started. I mentioned earlier that I was newly a fan, but having put one season behind me, I feel somewhat broken in. I promise not to make this my own personal Basketball Diaries, but indulge me with one more column, if you will.

I love the sport, have enjoyed becoming more familiar with the rules, and feel a real affection for more players than the nephew that originally hooked me (though he is my hero).

I do have a couple complaints. The first one is simply this: Why doesn't anyone sing the national anthem? Maybe I am just lucky. Dee Kelly was my kids' music teacher in elementary school, and she made them learn the Star Spangled Banner. They made me. Consequently (thanks, Mrs. Kelly), I can sing it, but I don't have a fantastic voice, and would rather not hear myself too clearly in a crowd! Maybe the words should be printed in the sports program.

The second is a little tougher. East Jordan didn't have the winningest season it's ever had. I prefer it when they win, personally, but I admire those courageous kids and their dedicated coach, whether or not they are on top of their game. It was hard to see them becoming more and more discouraged as the games wore on.

Fans are the same way — when our team is winning, we're a pretty smiley bunch, but when they are not, we sit with our chins cupped in our hands and dejection written all over our faces. Fans take losses personally. We think of ourselves as part of the team, but we don't practice until 9 p.m. the Sunday night before a game, and we don't sweat like they do! We don't carry the burden of the loss like they do.

Our contribution is our presence, but it's also our consistent support, and this is the tricky part, our unflinching belief in their ability to beat the toughest opponent. Not just our belief, though, our expression of that belief.

It was beautiful to sit on the bleachers across from the high schoolers in the last few minutes of the East Jordan-Traverse City St. Francis game and hear the roar of support beating its bass notes spine deep. East Jordan won, but wouldn't it be great to hear the same grand booming confidence when we are 10 points behind, and really need it?

OK, I'm done complaining, and how dare I, anyway? I'm admittedly new at this, but sure can't wait for the next year!

Town meeting was more of the same

TO THE EDITOR:

It was a farce; last Thursday's school mess "Town Meeting".

Most of us hoped for a path to the truth. But, as most of us suspected, it was just another perhaps well meaning, but very naive, citizens group allowing themselves to be dominated by two-faced school officials putting yet another spin to the same old so-called facts, numbers and estimates.

The school board's hired superintendent and his hired accessory principals tried to be believable, despite cranky presentation machines, regarding their greatly exaggerated schoolroom "needs" (read: demands) — they failed. They also lied outright about the present number of students in the three schools. Also, their "estimates" of future enrollment figures have never been accurate.

Why would anyone in their right mind trust these guys?

Get real. Don't be taken by these mind benders, you members of the Educational Facilities Committee: do the basic research yourselves. At the school sites. Unannounced. At various times, over several days during school hours.

If you-all would be too embarrassed or afraid of embarrassing the school board, their hired officials or anyone else, ask me, I'll help.

An honest, truthful count of kids in classrooms will emerge.

From which an honest and truthful, maybe even believable, evaluation of future classroom objectives can be made.

Karl Waldner

(Editor's note: Mr. Waldner's observations are based on the 10 minutes he attended of a two-hour meeting.)

A ride like no other

Speed and power, that's what the supersonic Concorde is all about

By JOE CONKLIN
The Grand Rapids Press

ABOARD THE CONCORDE — It's my turn to look over the captain's shoulder as the Concorde cruises at 31,000 feet on a brilliant Saturday afternoon. We're flying at Mach .95, just a nudge of the throttle below the speed of sound. Let's rattle some windows.

I look for a speedometer and the red marking like the one on my car — the one that means cool it. No such indicator is in sight.

"Who'll catch us if he guns this baby?" I think. There can't be a cop with a radar gun behind the next cloud. What's a .5 Mach among friends?"

No such luck. The speed limit for today's ride from New York City to Battle Creek is 650 mph. The Concorde, which crosses the Atlantic Ocean at 1,350 mph, is in low gear as it prepares for its first landing ever in West Michigan.

Speed and power—that's what the Concorde is all about. Sitting on the runway preparing for takeoff, you feel like you're at a traffic light on a Saturday night with the fastest hot rod in town. Nobody will take you off the line and you know it.

The aisles are narrow and the restrooms are small. The ride is smooth, but no different than a regular passenger plane on a calm day.

So what brought an estimated 25,000 to 50,000 people to W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle

Creek on Saturday, March 7? What stopped traffic on Int. 94?

Speed and power brought them out. A once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the world's fastest passenger plane.

It's the plane of the rich and famous, but on this day it belongs to regular folks like you and me.

THE SPECIAL CONCORDE waiting area is being remodeled at JFK Airport, so we wait in British Airways' Executive Lounge. The view from the expansive windows is typical New York — all concrete. The room is comfortable and a dozen free newspapers are available in one corner. Chairs are plush and there is plenty to eat and drink.

British Airways made Saturday's flight to publicize Western Michigan University's School of Aviation Sciences. WMU signed a two-year, \$6 million contract in December to train British Airways cadets at its Battle Creek facility. WMU also is training pilots for the Irish carrier Aer Lingus.

Rebecca Duke, 24, looks tired. She's one of the 16 British Airways cadets, the day's real stars. Their first day of classes is Monday.

"We left London at about 11 this morning (6 a.m. in Michigan). It was an absolute thrill to cross the Atlantic in the Concorde. The color of the sky at 60,000 feet is breathtaking. You feel like you

can reach out and touch the stars."

What about cruising at 1,350 mph, twice the speed of sound?

"You can't really tell how fast you're going," she says. "It's not like when you're in the passing lane with your auto."

Dozens of WMU officials and southwest Michigan politicians who have been invited to ride the Concorde are in the room. Dieter H. Haenicke, who is retiring this summer after 13 years as WMU president, gives a short speech about what this day means to the assembled group.

"I'm so happy this happened on my watch," Haenicke says. There are some tears.

A professor in WMU's School of Aviation Sciences tells me he left Kalamazoo at 4 p.m. Friday and drove 12 straight hours to New York City. Seven hours later, he's ready to board the Concorde.

Gov. John Engler won't be joining us for the flight back to Michigan, we're told. The triplets need their dad this weekend, it turns out. He'll meet us in Battle Creek.

CHAMPAGNE IS SERVED as we taxi to the runway. It's routine on the Concorde. A small bag of peanuts follows.

The power is breathtaking. You're thrown back in your seat as the Concorde streaks down

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MORE THAN 130 ATTEND TOWN MEETING

List of Boyne schools' needs is long

There is no band room at the middle school. Science labs are far too small. There is a shortage of classrooms district wide.

These are just some of the problems facing Boyne City schools. Many more were presented to the more than 130 people who attended a meeting last Thursday to hear a presentation from school administrators on what they believe are the most pressing issues facing the district's elementary, middle and high school.

The meeting was organized by the Educational Facilities Committee, a group of district voters whose goal is to develop a plan to identify current and future needs of Boyne City Schools and present a bond proposal that would be supported by voters.

Boyne City is only one of several area school districts struggling with a lengthy list of facility needs. The Boyne Falls School Board is asking voters to support construction of a new school; Concord Academy Boyne is considering expanding its school; Petoskey and Charlevoix are also considering building bond proposals.

Boyne City school superintendent Bob Nakoneczny and principals Ed Synder, elementary, Steve Smith, middle school, and Xavier Gaudard, high school, outlined what they felt are the top needs for the district.

The priorities were based on the assumption that there would be five sections per grade level and that the



A high priority at the middle school is to enlarge the science labs.

current grade level configuration — K-4, 5-8, 9-12 — continues.

At the elementary school, according to the administrators' report, there is a need for five additional classrooms: one kindergarten class; one regular classroom; one special education classroom; and three to replace the three portables which currently house the gifted and talented HOTS lab, and Title I. The third portable houses the Be-Four program, which is run by the Char-Em ISD. Nakoneczny said the ISD was planning to move the program to its own building sometime in the near future.

At the middle school the top pri-

ority is 10 new classrooms plus remodeling and enlarging existing rooms. Adding 10 classrooms would eliminate the six portables which currently house the fifth grade and one eighth grade math class. The other four would be used for a band room, regular classroom, computer resource lab, and HOTS-ILS computer lab.

There is also a need to remodel and enlarge the media center, science rooms and several undersized classrooms.

At the high school the highest priority, according to the administrators' report, is for three new classrooms for biology, chemistry and

general science. There is also a need to remodel and enlarge the band room, drafting room, manufacturing technology room, as well as several undersized classrooms.

Under priority two items, the following were listed:

- Elementary school: add one book-supply room, one teacher workroom; one teacher meeting room, two Chapter 1 offices; and improve nurse's area.

- Middle school: remodel and enlarge restrooms; remodel west stairwell; enlarge office area, counselor's office and nurse's room; add one book-supply room, one teacher workroom, one teacher meet-

ing area, and two offices for ISD staff.

- High school: enlarge cafeteria; make high school office and counselor office more functional; add two ISD support offices, add one teacher workroom, add one teacher meeting room, and add general storage area.

The report also listed site improvements and additional parking for each school, technology improvements, and upgrading indoor air quality at each building.

Following the report, there was a question and answer period.

The next meeting of the Educational Facilities Committee is March 26 at 7 p.m. in the high school home economics room. Everyone is invited to attend.

In a handout at the town meeting, the committee described itself as "a diverse group of Boyne City School district voters. Some of us voted 'yes' on the last millage proposal, some of us voted 'no.' Our goal is to get to the bottom of what our students really need in order to succeed in the world they will face."

At its next meeting, the committee is expected to hear a report from its architectural sub-committee which has sent out requests for proposals to architectural and engineering firms that can assist the full committee in preparing a building proposal. Members of the architectural committee are Harry Burkart, Bill Grimm, Steve Wiseman, Todd Wright, Tom Neidhamer and school board member Bill Hawkins.

Making changes

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years and begin making money in five years.

Ten months ago, Top O' Michigan began selling propane. Already it has 2,400 customers. As a result, its income projections are also well ahead of schedule.

The reason for the success, Ed says, is simple. "Customer satisfaction."

Top O' Michigan has been able to guarantee a price — propane is now selling for 89 cents — and customers are charged for what they use, the same as billing for natural gas, and despite the warmest January and February on record, prices have not increased.

Propane, like all other new services offered at Top O' Michigan, are

available to everyone in its service area, not just its electric customers. And all profits made will be returned to its electric customers, Ed said, either through a direct refund or lower rates.

While there are many new services in place and several more in the planning stages, the reason for it all is simple: "We want to take care of the customer," Ed said.

And while every business has the same goal, Top O' Michigan has an added incentive. It's called deregulation and it's scheduled to arrive in less than four years.

When it does come, Top O' Michigan will face competition. Other electric companies will be able to sell power to Top O' Michigan customers.

What the company is trying to

accomplish now is to create customer satisfaction so when deregulation does arrive "our customers will follow," Ed said.

It is also hoped that through the company's other ventures that profits returned to the electric company will help offset any losses from lost electric customers or reduced rates some larger customers might receive.

While some may fear deregulation, Ed and the board of Top O' Michigan are embracing it. "Deregulation will be fascinating," he said. "We're getting ready for it. When the smoke clears, customers will win."

When Ed joined Top O' Michigan, the board knew the type of person it was getting. When he was in-

terviewed for the job, he told the board that if it wanted someone who works hard, will substantially change the way the company does business and prepares for deregulation, "I'd be happy to be considered."

If, on the other hand, it was interested in no change and maintaining the status quo, "I'm not the one for the job."

He admits "the ride has been a little scary," but he's having fun.

Before coming to Top O' Michigan, Ed worked 31 years for Consumers Energy, most recently as executive manager of its gas supply and transmission operation. He directed 350 employees and four subsidiaries in the purchase, transmission and

storage of natural gas.

He and his wife Ruth live near Waters and have two grown children.

What Ed likes most about Top O' Michigan is that the company's only interest is its customers. With the absence of private investors and stockholders, he said, all the company's resources are directed toward meeting one goal: providing customers with the best service possible at the lowest possible cost.

Although Ed admits he's not a very patient person and never feels completely satisfied, he is "pleased with the progress" the company is making.

"In general, our customers are satisfied," he said.



Students of science

Concord Academy Boyne's third, fourth and fifth-graders tested their brainpower at the school's recent Science Fair with projects ranging from "the flammability of citrus fruit" to "the strength of water." Fifth grade champs from left to right, are: first place winner Brittney Farrell for "Exercise of Heart Rate," second place winner Justin Mirsky for "Conductors and Insulators," and third place winner Lisa Redmer for "Is Generic Brand Tastier Than Name Brand Foods?"

Stars Night to Shine

Century 21 Northern Broker Council recently held their 1998 Awards dinner at the Holiday Inn of Grayling. Gary Roberts and Mark Kowalske were named the #1 and #2 agents in northern Michigan. Broker Owner Doug Hoesli said, "These awards are a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication Gary and Mark have in working with customers and clients. I am very proud of their accomplishments."

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Hot metal

Boyne City firemen snuff the last flames on this van that caught fire late Saturday afternoon on the Boyne City-East Jordan Road. According to Boyne City Fire Chief Henry Erber, the driver of the van pulled over in the parking lot of Clare's because he heard noises in the exhaust system. Moments later, the car caught on fire. No one was injured.

Car chase ends abruptly in EJ

A one-day search for a Boyne Mountain car-thief ended last Thursday after the suspect lost control of and crashed a stolen vehicle on M-66 in East Jordan.

The driver, John Hanly Davidson, 20, of Ann Arbor, was arrested by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office in connection with two automobile thefts.

On Wednesday, March 4, deputies were informed of a stolen Chevrolet Tahoe from the ski resort and by Thursday morning had identified the suspect after locating the motel where he had stayed on Tuesday night.

The sheriff's department received a report of a second stolen vehicle from the resort, a four-wheel

drive Lexus, and searched for and spotted the automobile parked in an Antrim County driveway.

When a deputy stopped to investigate, the driver rammed the patrol car with the vehicle and drove away. The deputy and other area officers pursued the automobile which at times exceeded 100 mph before it crashed just past the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce.

Davidson was taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital and released after being treated for minor injuries.

Davidson was being held in the Charlevoix County Jail and charged with unlawfully driving away an automobile, breaking and entering, and attempting to flee and elude police.

Grant will help fund Jordan River Watershed handbook

The Friends of the Jordan were recently awarded a grant from the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Fund.

The \$3,000 grant is to develop, produce, and distribute a Jordan River Watershed Handbook. The handbook will be used to generate citizen and landowner awareness of the critical need for aquatic habitat protection in the watershed.

The Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Fund is coordinated by the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council located in Petoskey and funded by the C. S. Mott Foundation. The fund, and its companion project, the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network, are designed to provide financial and informational support to citizen efforts to protect wetlands, lakes, streams, and other aquatic habitats across the Great Lakes Basin.

There are two annual funding cycles, one in the spring and one in the fall. Grassroots organizations and citizen initiatives in both the U. S. and Canada are eligible for funding.

"The competition for this last funding cycle was tough," said Wil Cwikiel, director of the fund.

"All the applicants requested funds for important citizen initiatives to protect the waters and wetlands

that make the Great Lakes unique. It was difficult to decide which ones to fund. Friends of the Jordan River Watershed was one of 20 that received funding in this grant cycle."

The mission of Friends of the Jordan is to conserve the natural resources and protect the environmental quality of the Jordan River and its watershed.

"The grant from the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Fund will help accomplish our mission by providing a valuable educational resource for local citizens which will help them take part in preserving and protecting natural resources on their own land as well as on special public land like the Jordan Valley Management Area," said John Hummer, Friends of the Jordan director.

"The Jordan River Watershed Handbook will be a tool that all stakeholders in the watershed will need going into the 21st century, as this area continues to develop at a fast pace. It will promote sound land use, as well as aquatic habitat and watershed methods available to all landowners and citizens throughout the area."

If you would like more information on this project, contact Hummer at (616) 533-5063.

DISTRICT HAS MEETING WITH STATE ON NEW SCHOOL PROPOSAL

Boyne Falls on track for June election

If its March 26 preliminary bond review in Lansing goes well, it looks like Boyne Falls will make its deadline for getting a new school proposal on the June 6 ballot.

After months of research and deliberation, the Boyne Falls school board recently voted to put the build new option to the voters.

Superintendent Pat Smith said he's heard mostly positive feedback about building a new K-12 school. "There is a general enthusiasm with the community and the staff," he said. "Morale is very high in the building."

Initial ideas for upgrading and remodeling the existing building gave way this winter to a new school option which architects estimate will cost \$4.7 million — only one million

more than the cost to update and add on. For a \$60,000 home, the seven mill bond would cost \$210 for 29 years.

A new school would address the educational as well as space issues the district currently faces. As proposed, a new facility would house 300 students and be designed for expansion. It would feature updated science and computer labs, a separation of the three grade levels, and larger playground and athletic facilities. A preliminary schematic drawing of the school should be completed and available for viewing within a month.

Faced with a potential deficit situation by the year 2000, the board believes a new facility could attract

new students as well as those who have left the school. The district receives between \$5,200 and \$5,700 per student, per year.

Smith added that the recent \$98,000 bids the district received for harvesting its pine and hardwood trees, "directly addresses one of the concerns the community has had about the long term solvency of the district."

"Things look very good for the three year cycle," he added.

Smith was also encouraged by stabilizing enrollment, which was slightly up this semester. "We're looking better as time goes on."

Loggers have started select cutting a little over half of the timber on the M-75 site, but Smith explained

they are not clearing the land for a new building.

The board has not yet decided on which piece of land to use — the school farm located behind the baseball fields, or the forest property on M-75.

An engineering study stated that it would be too costly to build on the 160 acre farm site. Much of the site contains wetlands and would require a lot of earth moving. Bringing utilities to the site would be an additional expense.

The board has focused on the M-75 site, but is awaiting information regarding property right-of-ways and state surveys before they make an official decision.

Parents needed to help guide coalition

The Abstinence Partnership of Northwest Michigan needs parents of middle school students to help develop a plan to encourage abstinence from sexual activity, alcohol, drugs, and other risky behaviors in children nine to 14 years old.

The coalition of schools, health care providers, pro-life and pro-choice organizations, clergy, and parents will develop a plan over the next few months to teach children the skills to choose abstinence.

All involved, despite other philosophical differences, agree that

children should not be sexually active or using alcohol and drugs. "This is a project everyone can support," said Jane Sundmacher, Community Health Planner, at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency and staffer for the coalition.

"We really want to make a difference in kids lives," said Jan Mancinelli, executive director of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan and chair of the group.

"We know that the statistics show that kids in our rural area are experimenting with sex, drugs, and

alcohol in the same proportion as those who live in metropolitan areas. The decisions kids begin to make in middle school affect their future health, education attainment, and earning power."

Parent participation is vital to the success of the Abstinence Partnership, Sundmacher said. The next Abstinence Partnership meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, April 13, at the Charlevoix offices of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency (formerly known as District Health Department #3).

For more information call Sundmacher at 547-6523.

POLICE REPORT

The Boyne City Police Department received 103 complaints during the past week. Among them were:

March 2: Officers handled a couple of complaints at the Boyne City schools. One was a larceny, another was a "suspicious situation."

March 3: A hit and run accident was reported at LexaMar Drive and Industrial Park Drive. A property damage accident was reported on Lake Street near East Main Street.

March 6: A suspect was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. A theft of prescription drugs was reported. Police also arrested a suspect for OUIL.

March 8: A hit and run accident was reported on Pleasant Avenue. A vehicle slid across the road and hit a parked car. Another accident was reported on West Michigan Avenue and C-56. There were no injuries.

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OBITUARIES

John Willis Chew

John Willis Chew, 65, of Alanson, died on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at his home.

His funeral was Saturday, March 7, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. David Behling officiated.

He was born on May 21, 1932 the son of John H. and Bessie Howard Chew. On October 16, 1981 he married Francis Bellmer Warner.

John was employed with Howe Brothers Leather Tanning & Extract Co. until it closed. He then went to work for McLaughlin in Petoskey. He was a member of Eagles.

John is survived by his wife, Francis of Alanson; children, Dennis (Debbie) Chew and Barbara Chew of Boyne City, John (Linda) Chew and Larry Chew of East Jordan, Jean (Keith) Kenney and Lara (Jon) Hoyt of Grayling and Sandra (Robert) Chest of Greenville, S.C.; grandchildren, Tracy Chew, Christina, Sara, and James Kenney, Bob, Valerie, John, and Michael Chest, Jenaye and Andrea Chew; two brothers, Cliff (Corky) Chew of Flint and Ivan (Mary Jane) Chew of Alanson; step children, Harry Warner of Alanson, Linda Delacruz of Wisconsin, Robert Warner and Sharleen (Ken) Franks of Petoskey; step grandchildren, Melissa Franks, Jodi Seppala, Ernest Wynn, Alsayce and Micheal Delacruz; step great-grandson Julian Seppala; half brothers and sisters, Ruth Bass, David Hosler, George Hosler, Nancy Woldruff, Mary Lewis, and Susie Hague; and sisters-in-law Virginia (Don) Allen of Petoskey, and Barbara Standish of Harbor Springs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Herbert Chew, his first wife Kay (Hayden) Chew, and a step son Patrick Watner.

Memorials can be sent to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Garnet May DesRochers

Garnet May DesRochers, 88, died on Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at her home in East Jordan.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 6, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Peter A. Elliott officiated. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, East Jordan.

She was born on August 8, 1909 in Wayland, the daughter of Bert and Lottie May (Norris) Welch. On July 26, 1930 in Indiana, she married Patrick DesRochers. He died on Jan. 9, 1985. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, mushrooming, sewing, and transporting children.

Garnet is survived by four daughters, Mary (Donald) Smith of East Jordan, Sally (William) Dalton of Mancelona, Gladys Kay DesRochers of East Jordan, and Darlene Marie DesRochers of East Jordan; 19 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Gladys (Arnold) DeGroot, her twin sister, of Olivet and Adeline Shively of Boyne City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Marr on Feb. 6, 1993; two great-granddaughters, Kaylin Cheyenne Smith on Dec. 1, 1996, and Stephanie Lynn Marr on May 23, 1987; and two sisters, Mary Mains and Fern Swisher.

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Regional Ride ready to roll

"The Regional Ride," a new transit system providing affordable public transportation across county lines in Charlevoix, Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties, is ready to roll.

The Regional Ride grand opening is slated for Monday, March 23. All passengers will receive a "grand opening pass" to ride free on March 23. The Regional Ride will begin to service passengers before the official grand opening.

The Regional Ride, operated by Northwest Regional Transportation Committee, offers two services: roundtrip weekday bus service and The Health Ride for residents who need transportation to medical appointments. One dispatch number, 1-888-2BUS-RIDE, provides information for both services.

The Regional Ride bus service features new, comfortable equipment and will follow three district routes

to and from Traverse City. Two buses will be headquartered in Boyne City and the third will be in Benzie.

The routes will run U.S. 31 South through Traverse City, Frankfort and Thompsonville; U.S. 31 North connecting Boyne City and Traverse City through Elk Rapids and Charlevoix; U.S. 131 and M-72 connecting Boyne City and Traverse City through Mancelona and Kalkaska.

Regional Ride passengers may board in Charlevoix, Boyne City, Bellaire, Kalkaska, Traverse City, Frankfort, Thompsonville and in many towns along the way.

Buses accommodate 16 passengers and make morning, mid-day and evening runs. Fares will range from \$1.50 to \$3, depending on where passengers get on and off the bus. Transfers from the Regional Ride to local county bus systems are also available.

In addition, the Health Ride will shuttle passengers from their homes to medical appointments throughout the region. The Health Ride is a wheelchair-equipped van that can seat seven riders. The Health Ride drivers will have cellular phones in case of medical emergencies. This service requires a 24-hour notice to ensure timely arrival. Fares are \$5 one way.

"The Regional Ride will play an important role in the economic development of Northwest Michigan by offering everyone access to better employment, education and health care," said Joe DeKoning, Northwest Regional Transportation Committee chairman.

"Human service agencies, seniors, college students, special needs residents and anyone who needs affordable transportation will benefit from this unique new service."

"The Regional Ride will also positively affect traffic congestion, road conditions and the environment. With a safe, affordable and comfortable transportation system, we encourage commuters to take advantage of The Regional Ride," said Randy Bell, NRTC member.

John Drury, MDOT project manager, said, "We are anxious to see the Regional Ride pilot succeed. Not only does this system widen people's options for better jobs, education and medical attention, but it also helps riders get connected to shopping, cultural and recreational opportunities."

The pilot program is being funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation, transit agencies that serve Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties, and through fares.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls

NAME: Craig Reynolds
PARENTS: Janice and Duane Reynolds
GRADE: Third
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Collecting stuffed animals (lizards)
FAVORITE COLOR: Green
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP: Archaeologist - explorer
FAVORITE FOOD: Steak
WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT SCHOOL: Math and playing with friends
PETS: Two birds, one dog, and one cat
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Craig has a great sense of humor and a wonderful smile, but is very serious about learning," said his teacher, Miss JoAnn Gibes. "He works very hard in all subjects and is always one of the first to participate in class discussions. He is a leader in his class, and a good role model for his classmates."



Craig Reynolds

East Jordan

NAME: James Gee
PARENTS: Robert and Lori Gee
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cross country running, baseball, E. J. Thespians for four years
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I like to draw, do fun chemistry experiments, act on stage, and do sports."
FUTURE PLANS: "I am not sure what I want to be when I grow up, but I'm thinking about being a marine biologist, or to go to college and take acting classes."
FAVORITE CLASS: U.S. History
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "James is doing a very good job in his driver's education class," said Mr. Jones. "James has a great personality," said Mr. Gee. "He is a pleasure to be around."
 "James is a fine young man with great morals and a wonderful personality," said Mr. Ferguson. "He is dedicated to doing well in school and is a pleasure to have in class."
 "James is an excellent student," said Ms. Treinen. "He is conscientious about his academic work. His personality and sense of humor brighten the class atmosphere. He is involved in a number of extra curricular activities."
 "James always has a positive attitude," said Mrs. McPherson. "He really wants to learn and does his best on each assignment. He frequently stays after school to discuss and learn further."



James Gee

Boyne City



Katie Wilde



Leeann Schrader

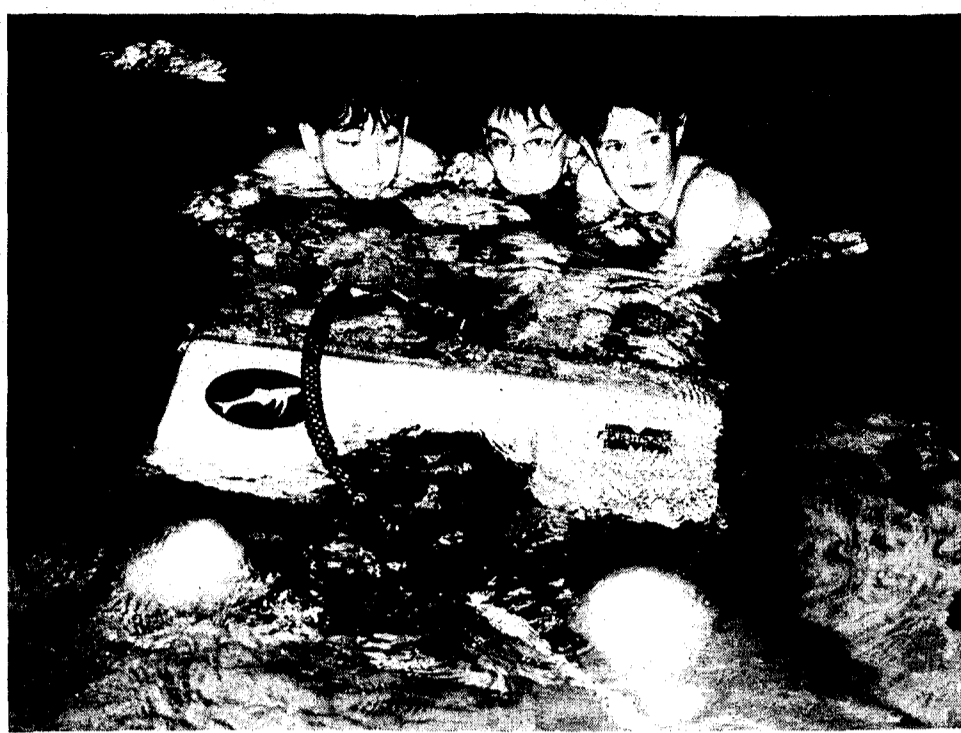


Leah Senter

NAME: Katie Wilde
PARENTS: James and Zellen Wilde
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving)
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Model airplanes, reading, drawing
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to go to Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City to study aviation and become a pilot."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Katie demonstrates intelligence, confidence in her ability, a pleasant personality, and has a good sense of humor," said Mr. Parker. "She is successful in school, is actively pursuing her goals, and will continue to be a high achiever."
 "I've enjoyed having Katie in my American Literature class," said Mrs. Ruhs. "She has good study habits, a positive attitude, and does quality work. Congratulations, Katie!"

NAME: Leeann E. Schrader
PARENTS: Ken and Lou Ann Schrader
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, volleyball, and softball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I enjoy skiing and hanging out with my friends."
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to go to college and become a teacher."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Leeann is an excellent Advanced Algebra student," said Mr. Parsons. "It is a pleasure having her in class."
 "As a student in Sociology, Leeann was extremely meticulous with her work," said Ms. VanDamme. "Her assignments were always complete, on time, and of exceptional quality. Nice job, 'Peaches!'"
 "Leeann is a pleasure to have in Biology class," said Mr. Lockman. "Being a high achiever, she always puts forth extra effort. Her citizenship makes her a good role model for other students. Way to go, Leeann!"

NAME: Leah Senter
PARENTS: Richard and Lenore Senter
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: JV basketball, JV volleyball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I like playing in 3-on-3 basketball tournaments. I also enjoy just hanging out with my friends and having fun. In the summer, I like to play volleyball on the beach."
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to attend either Alma College or Central Michigan University, and get a degree in Elementary Education or Sociology. I also plan to play basketball and volleyball in college."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Leah is deserving of this award because of her hard work ethics and her achievements in Advanced Algebra," said Mr. Parsons. "Congratulations, Leah!"
 "Leah has been a joy to be around," said Mr. Klooster. "She likes to have fun and still gets the work done. Thanks for your hard work and dedication to school and athletics."
 "Leah has always been a great student in by classes," said Mr. Ewald. "She consistently works beyond the normal class assignments, and is a pleasure to have as a student."



Swimming with the ROVER

East Jordan elementary schoolers Joey Cooper, Mark McKenney and Kevin Whisler took a swim with M-ROVER last week in the East Jordan community pool. The remote-operated vehicle (ROV) is used by the University of Michigan's Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering faculty for underwater research and recovery. The university has worked with and trained the East Jordan Fire Department and volunteer divers and was involved in the recovery of a Lake Charlevoix drowning victim two years ago.

NEIGHBORS

By JEAN KORTHASE

WILMA PROCTOR of Boyne City had major surgery last week. She has been moved from the ICU to Room 355 at Northern Michigan Hospital.

JUNE THOMPSON went to Boulder Park on Sunday to visit her daughter, Betty Fortune. Betty is in Room 7, and is doing well. She would love to hear from her friends.

NEW RESIDENTS from Boyne City at Boulder Park are Betty Van Avery and Alma Boone.

THELMA BEHLING and brother Jack and wife Gwen Davis of Durand, just returned from a wonderful three week vacation. They first went to Ohio to visit Jack's son and family of six children, who were leaving March 3 for Cairo as missionaries for the next three years. They then went to Palm Bay, Fla., to visit friends from Freeland, Mich. The women went shopping, and Jack played golf whenever he could. They stopped at Floral Park to visit Jack and Julia Dickout, but just missed them. They had a nice visit with friends Eleanor Habasko Courtright, and Helen Tomkins Edenfield, a former resident of Boyne City.

MR. AND MRS. BOB NEHILL of Dietz

Road were happy to return home after driving in the snowstorm on Sunday afternoon. They had been visiting at Farmington to celebrate the 80th birthday of Bob's brother Bill. The party was a complete surprise to Bill. His son flew in from California and his daughters and families, including his five grandchildren, all attended.

TODD AND JOANNE BUCKMASTER, brother Tom and family, visited their parents, Sandra and Gerry Looze and grandmother Lucille Lydy on Sunday afternoon.

THE XI GAMMA SORORITY held its March meeting at the home of Gen Varnum on Wednesday. They made plans for their money-making projects for the coming year.

SHIRLEY MATHERS' sister and brother-in-law, Ron and Sandy Sniegowski of Ludington, visited Bob and Shirley for the weekend.

ART BENTLEY of Rochester and Ron Bentley of Grand Blanc visited their mother Thelma over the weekend. The visit included dinner out at The Argonne on Saturday evening.

LAVETTA HOWARD of Boyne City called on her friend Yvonne Thompson on Sunday afternoon.

East Jordan rounding up kindergartners

East Jordan's Kindergarten Round-up for the 1998-99 school year will be held on April 15 and 22. The round-up is for children who will be five on or before Dec. 1. To make an appointment, call the elementary school office at 536-7564. The school will need the student's name, birth date, address, phone number, and parents' names.

Be-Four, Head Start recruiting pre-schoolers

Boyne City Schools will hold a joint preschool recruitment for the Be-Four Programs and Head Start on March 19 and 20. Children born between Dec. 1, 1993 and Dec. 1, 1995 are eligible for the recruitment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 347-9070.

COLLEGE NEWS

MICHAEL R. KARTES of Boyne City graduated from Ferris State University following the fall semester. He earned a Master of Science in Information Systems Management, and graduated with high-distinction honors.

JEFFREY KOMONDY and **GARY MELLON** were named to the Dean's List at Northern Michigan University for the fall semester.

WHITNEY SCHRAW, a Hope College freshman from Boyne City, will participate in the Hope College Symphonette's annual spring tour March 19-29. Performances are scheduled in Illinois, Washington and Oregon.

Schraw is the daughter of Thomas and Marleen Schraw of Boyne City, and is a 1997 graduate of Harbor Light Christian School.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SNOWMOBILE COUNCIL
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- 977 Leona R. Stanek, East Jordan, MI
- 8 Harry Pearsall, East Jordan, MI
- 94 Kathy Peck, Boyne City, MI
- 841 Rita Sitkiewicz, Gaylord, MI
- 675 Bill Foth, Sterling Hts., MI
- 210 David Matelski, Boyne Falls, MI
- 767 Bill Chase, East Jordan, MI
- 520 Clayton Southwell, Alton, MI
- 830 Ed Berlin, Canton, MI
- 1178 Bill Korthase, Boyne City, MI
- 865 Marie Yeltaw, East Jordan, MI
- 1099 Ron Bugaj, Sterling Hts., MI
- 154 Ila & Wayne Rice, Lapeer, MI
- 1115 Trm McKnight, Flint, MI
- 1122 Patrick Stevens, Lake City, MI
- 225 Milton P. Veverka, East Jordan, MI
- 232 Patricia J. Oliveri, Centerline, MI
- 623 Ed Pasqua, Boyne City, MI
- 633 Mike & Laura Spanski, Ira, MI
- 605 John Howard, Boyne City, MI
- 558 Jack & Dawn Whipple, Mason, MI
- 424 Richard & Rita Lomsisler, Dearborn, MI
- 928 Richard L. John, Charlevoix, MI
- 833 Jan Nowak, Alger, MI
- 918 Joanne Smith, East Jordan, MI
- 1165 Charlotte Wierengo, Spring Lake, MI
- 563 Lottie McCaslin, Mancelona, MI
- 1056 Kim Chapel, Ellsworth, MI
- 189 Kathy M. Smith, East Jordan, MI
- 100 Josh Marvin, East Jordan, MI
- 632 Rhonda Kraemer, East Jordan, MI
- 1145 Jerry Kuhn, Fostoria, MI
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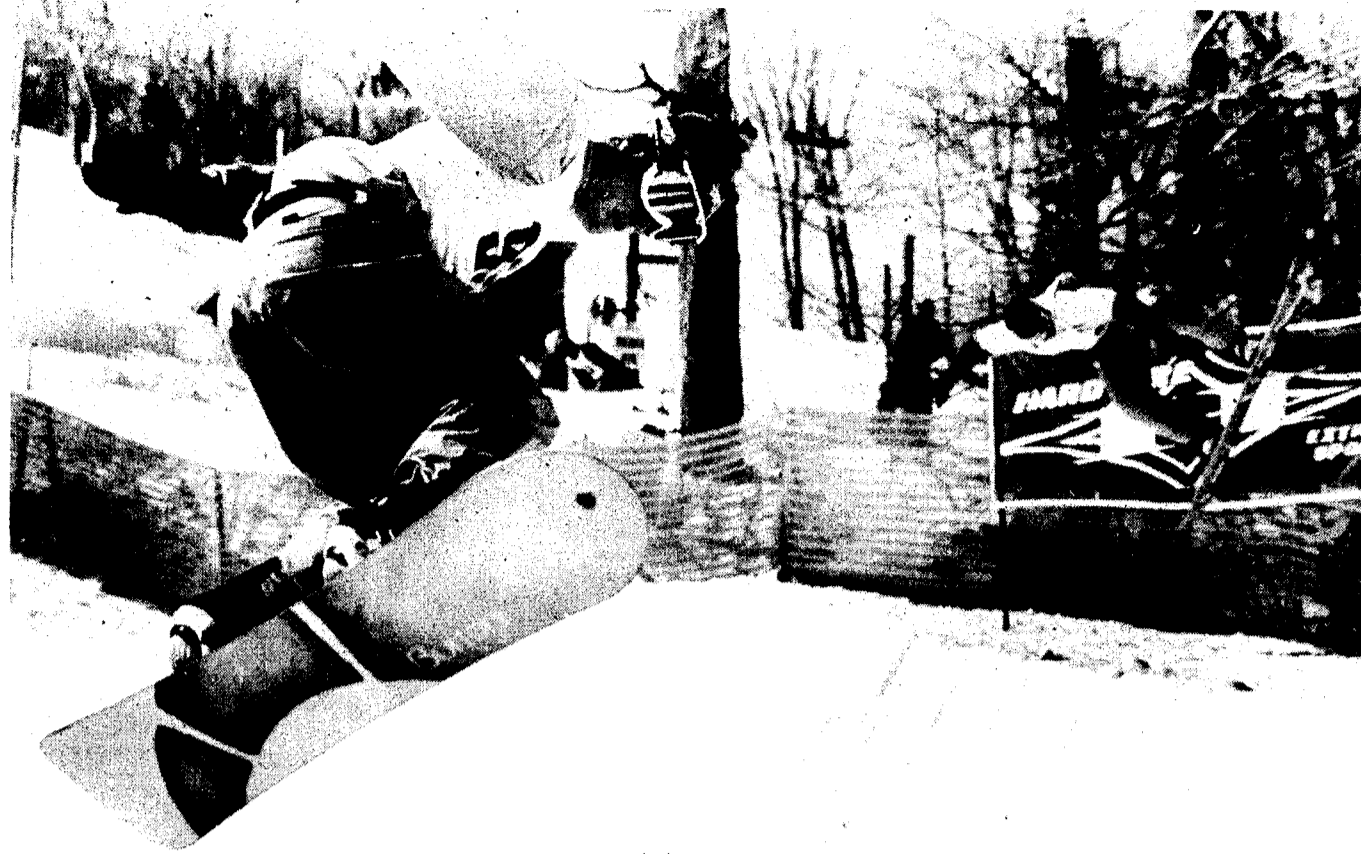
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Two snowboarders fly out of the halfpipe during warmups of the World Pro Snowboard event at Boyne Mountain on a sun-soaked Saturday afternoon. The competition attracted snowboarders from all over the country as well as three from South Korea. Fox Sports taped the event and will broadcast it at a later date.

Concord students presenting 'Theatre for a Small Planet'

Concord Academy Boyne is presenting "Theatre for a Small Planet," on Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14, at 7 p.m. A special Saturday Matinee will be held at 2 p.m.

"Theatre for a Small Planet," performed by the sixth and seventh grade drama class, consists of three one-act plays that are blended together by three narrators who help the audience navigate from country to country.

"10,000 Treasure Mountain," a drama from China, portrays a story of a young boy, K'oli, who befriends an old man and is rewarded by the keys to a wonderful treasure cave. His mother will not allow him to take anything except one helpful tool. Even though he obeys, he rebels in his heart and makes a vow to take full advantage of the treasure as soon as his mother dies. Because of the evil intent of his heart, a dragon is born.

The English fairy tale, "The Travels of Farley the Fox," is a comedy that deals with the insatiable curiosity of mankind and all the troubles that can come by telling someone "don't look in my bag, just watch it and make sure no one steals it." The comedic situations that arise as the Oxford-educated rooster, the dumb ox, the hungry pig, the spoiled child and all the "adults" who contribute to the hilarity make this a real favorite.

Then on to Hollywood, Calif., to "Fairy Tale Court" where Judge Marvin must decide "who is suing whom and whatever for." Cinderella, the Frog prince, the three pigs, and the fairy godmother are all involved.

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Boyne chamber director earns state award

Deborah Thompson, executive director of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce, recently received the Michigan Chamber Professional Award.

The award, from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, is given to those who have achieved specific educational and training goals. The program was developed in 1990 to encourage and maintain high standards among chamber of commerce executives in Michigan.

The Michigan Chamber Professional program requires recipients to meet certain minimum educational requirements annually in order to maintain the designation. Eighteen chamber executives from throughout the state received this award last month in Lansing.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives is a statewide organization of individuals involved in the management of chambers of commerce. It represents more than 125 local chambers in Michigan.

BACPAC meeting Monday at BCHS

Planning for Boyne City's senior class all-night party will continue when BACPAC meets at 7 p.m., Monday, March 16, in Room 5 at the high school.

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SPORTS

1,537

Hard work, dedication and help from his uncle puts Jason Rozycki in the Boyne High School record books

By CHRIS WINKLER

When Jason Rozycki broke the Boyne City High School scoring record of 1,533 points on a spectacular dunk Friday, it was the culmination of years of hard work and the help of his uncle, Jim Rozycki.

Jason, a four-year varsity player and a first-team all-stater last season, has been playing in the summers in inner-city Detroit. He owes that opportunity to Jim.

The story begins with the family that included Jim, his brother and Jason's father John, and their seven brothers and sisters. "I come from a close family," Jim says. "There are nine of us, and we've always supported each other."

Or in this case, each other's kids.

Jim was living in California when he heard about this nephew who liked to play basketball, and his ears perked up. "I was a basketball player in high school, so Jason and I started talking when he was in seventh grade," Jim said.

'He's just a really good kid, and that's what I'm proud of him for. It is fun watching him play.'

--Jim Rozycki

Jim moved to Detroit five years ago and works as a substance abuse counselor. He then started to get involved with Jason's basketball career. The two traveled to Indiana for a camp over spring break of Rozycki's freshman year.

During the 1995-96 basketball season, Jim started to make the trip north more often. He could see that Jason was looking for a game and

told him, "I live in Detroit, I can hook you with some games, and Jason said 'cool.'"

That summer, Jason lived with Jim, and the uncle set up games for the nephew. Game sites included the famous St. Cecilia's gym, and other shoot-outs, camps, and all-star games in the area. Jason was facing the top ball players in Detroit nearly every day, and that was only the beginning.

Jason's successful junior season brought Jim back for more. "And then I just started traveling 1,000 miles a week just to see him play," Jim said.

So now, after seeing almost every game since that sophomore season, Jim has racked up 190,000 miles on his Blazer, but he doesn't travel alone. One of Jim's many birds, a cockatiel named Ernie, rides along on his shoulder.

"I can say the standard things," Jim says of Jason. "The kid works hard, is dedicated, is a gym rat, has improved every year, and the scoring record speaks for itself. He's able to create his own shot and break down defenses."

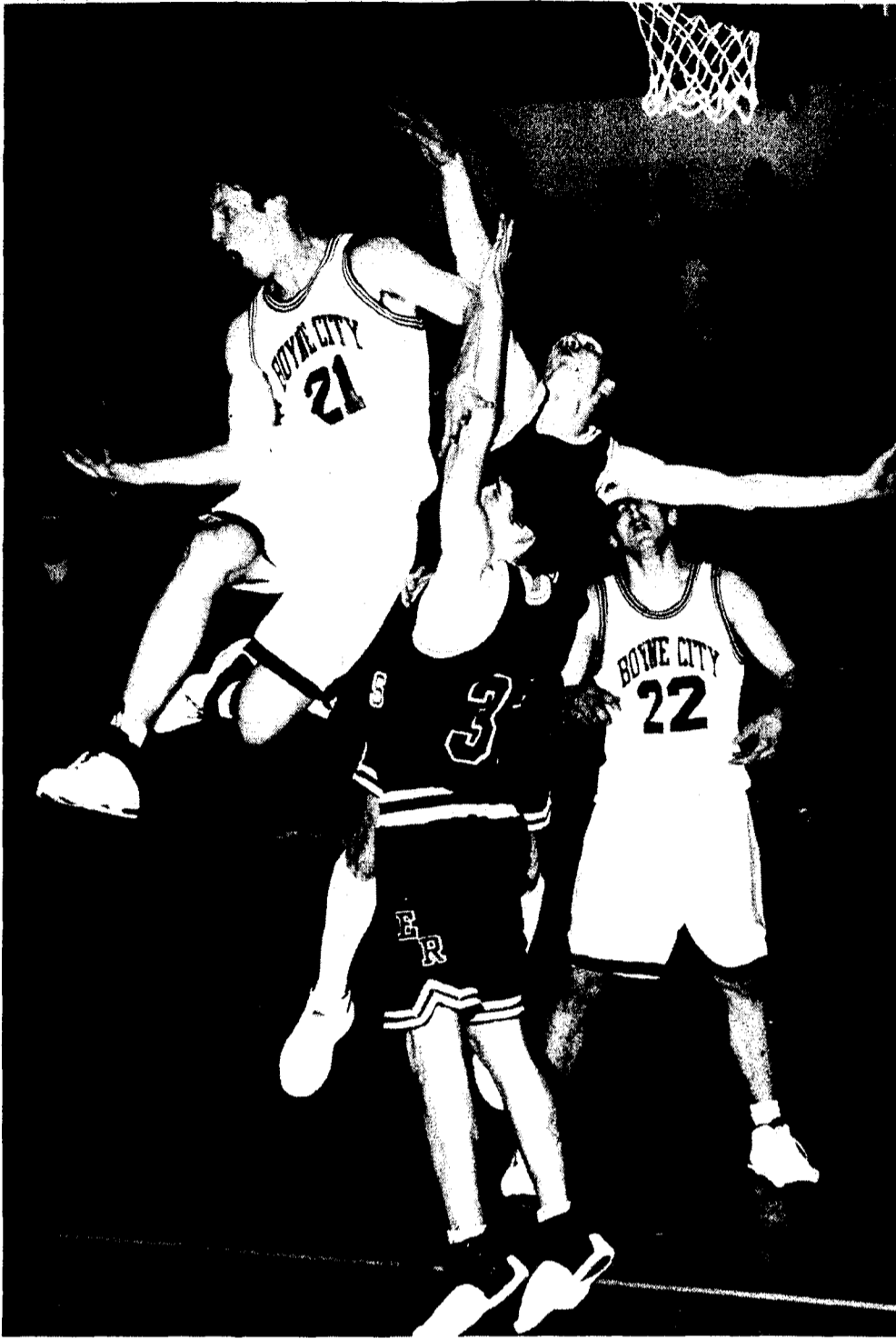
"But the main thing is, he's just a really good kid, and that's what I'm proud of him for. It is fun watching him play, and I work my schedule around Jason's ball playing."

Jason is appreciative of all his uncle has done for him.

"He's been a real big help," Jason said. "He can talk to people, and he makes things a lot easier on me. He won't coach me, but he won't lie to me if I do something wrong."

And all this brings us back to Friday night, the final regular season game for the Ramblers, when Jason became Boyne's all-time leading scorer.

"It's so fitting that Jason broke the record in such grand style," said his coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "In a big game, on a big play, just



makes it all the more special. And he can do so many other things besides scoring. He probably holds other school records that we don't even keep track of."

So how does Rozycki feel about all this? "When I think about it, it feels good," he says. "On paper, I've scored more points than anybody else, but I don't feel any different, and nothing's changed in my game today."

Jason broke the record held by Eric Smith, a 1991 graduate of BCHS who played 3 1/2 years on the varsity, and is the son of Steve and JoAnn Smith. Steve is the principal of the middle school. After graduating from BCHS, Eric went on to play four years at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids and in his senior year he was all conference and an Academic All American. He graduated in 1995 and now works as a certified public accountant for the Beene Garter Corp., in Grand Rapids. He is married to Amy Cadarette.

Starting on Thursday when the playoffs begin, Jason will try to add to his point total of 1,537, and Jim will be there. Then comes college. Jason hasn't decided where he will go yet, but Jim is looking to lessen the wear and tear on his car.

"I'm hoping that he'll get into someplace closer, like the MAC Conference."

Many of Jason Rozycki's points this season were scored on athletic moves, like this one against Elk Rapids. The four-year starter for the Ramblers broke the scoring record of Eric Smith, who after graduating from Boyne City played four years for Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

Red Devils may get another crack at Ramblers

No matter how hard you try, there is one opponent you can never beat — Mother Nature.

She roared in Sunday afternoon and decided to pay a rather lengthy visit. As a result the first round of the district tournament at East Jordan on Monday was postponed.

The tournament was rescheduled to open Tuesday and the semi-final round will be played Thursday. The championship game will be played Friday at 7 p.m.

Boyne City drew a bye in the first round and will play the winner of the East Jordan-Mancelona game Thursday at 6 p.m. Elk Rapids also drew a bye and will play the winner of the Harbor Springs-Charlevoix game at 8 p.m.

Tickets for each game are \$4.

In their final tune-ups for the district tournament, East Jordan defeated Bellaire last Friday 74-49 and gained some revenge by handing Charlevoix a 73-66 loss last Tuesday.

Against Bellaire, the Red Devils roared out of the starting blocks and never looked back, while against Charlevoix they proved to themselves they could come back in the fourth quarter.

The Red Devils were down by 13 in the third quarter against Charlevoix before they started to claw their way back.

"It was a tough uphill game," said head coach Del Ingalls. "At the half we had two starters with three fouls and three with two. I thought I was going to have to suit up."

The Red Devils kept their composure, however, and the game started to go their way. They got hot at the free throw line and by the fourth quarter started to roll. They outscored Charlevoix 27-13 in the final eight minutes.

Parke Bluhm led the Red Devils with 23 points, Scott Haley had 13, Matt Shaw 11, and Chris Murray 10.

Against Bellaire, Ingalls said, "We played a solid ball game against a good opponent. They may have been a little off their game, but we really took it to them."

"We seemed to be a step quicker throughout the game and I was real pleased with our defensive effort, in particular the play of Josh Evans and Chris Murray."

For the Red Devils, Shaw led the team with 16 points and nine rebounds. Also scoring in double figures were Murray with 15 points, and Bluhm and Evans with 14 each.

The Red Devils were without Scott Haley and Josh Luck who have been suspended for violating team training rules.

No conference title this year for Loggers

It was a game that lived up to its billing. Two good teams evenly matched and playing with a lot of emotion. You could feel from the beginning the game was going to be decided on the final shot.

That's the way it was for the Boyne Falls Loggers and Mackinaw City last Friday. Unfortunately for Logger fans, Mackinaw's shot went in, while Boyne Falls' shot rolled out.

The 45-43 win earned Mackinaw the Northern Lakes Conference title. The loss gave Boyne Falls added incentive for the district tournament which opens Wednesday when they play Vanderbilt at 7 p.m.

It's possible the two teams could meet again in the regional final. The Loggers are the favorite to win their district while Mackinaw has a good chance of winning its district at Pellston. Cheboygan will host the regional March 17 and 19.

If the Loggers defeat Vanderbilt they will play the winner of the Northern Michigan Christian-Wolverine game Friday at 7 p.m. in the district championship game.

Against Mackinaw, the Loggers were trailing by nine points with less than three minutes left to go when Jason McNitt came off the bench and nailed two 3-pointers and another

Cheerleaders on their way to state

Boyne City and East Jordan cheerleading squads jumped, shouted and tumbled their way to first and second places respectively, at the Class C regional meet in East Jordan on Saturday.

The placings guaranteed the two teams a berth at the state meet this Saturday at Saginaw Valley State University for the fourth year in a row.

"They've worked a long time for this,"

said Boyne City coach Andy Place of his team.

The competition included two rounds of cheers. The first was judged on leadership. The second was more creative and show-cased stunts, tumbling and a team's own expertise.

Nine certified judges from throughout the state officiated the competition. Seven Class C teams competed in the meet. The

state meet will be of the same format.

East Jordan coach Phyllis Olszewski said, "I just couldn't be more proud of these kids, they have worked so hard."

East Jordan will prepare for the upcoming state meet the same as they have all season — practicing for a minimum of two hours every night that they don't have a ballgame. Not only do they work on precision and athletics, but Olszewski said

they have concentrated on sportsmanship and respect this year as well.

"At this point it's a concentration thing," said Place, whose team received the highest score in the first round of cheering. He said they know they can do it, they just have to put it all together at the same time. "That's the difficult part."

The Class C competition will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.



Both the Boyne City and East Jordan cheerleading squads will be competing at the state meet this Saturday at Saginaw Valley State University. Boyne took first at regionals while East Jordan was second.



Boysen City Ramblers' Heidi Van Hoosier, April Roberts and Stacy Amesbury get set to receive a serve at last Saturday's district volleyball tournament. At right, East Jordan Red Devil Misty Callaway serves to the Charlevoix Rayders.



Volleyball season ends at districts

Inland Lakes won the Class C Volleyball District tournament held at Boyne City High School on Saturday.

Harbor Springs schools rounded out the meet's competitors.

East Jordan lost to Charlevoix in the first round. Boyne City lost its first match in three games to Harbor

Springs. And Harbor Springs lost in two to Inland Lakes.

Inland Lakes' final win over Charlevoix advanced them to regionals.

Final games go down to the wire for Ramblers

By CHRIS WINKLER

March Madness just couldn't wait until tournament time for the Boyne City Ramblers. In last week's four games, counting both the junior varsity and the varsity, three came down to Boyne's final shot.

In the regular season finale on Friday in Traverse City, the jv's Kevin Metzger hit a buzzer-beating three pointer to give the Ramblers a 61-59 victory. In the varsity contest, a St. Francis lay-up with 20 seconds remaining put them up for good at 52-51.

The jv's won easily 73-58 Tuesday in Kalkaska, but the varsity had a harder time, winning 54-53 on a last-second play.

In that game with the Blazers, early Rambler leads meant little. Jason Rozycki, needing only 17 points before the game to break the school scoring record, went to the bench early in the third with four fouls and just as many points. In his absence, Bill Case and the rest of the Ramblers picked up the slack to take a 14-point lead late in the third.

But Kalkaska battled back, and with five seconds left in the game, scored a lay-up that put the Blazers on top 53-52. Boyne called a time-out with just three seconds remaining and the ball at the opposite end of the court.

"Going full-court in four seconds," said Rambler coach Kevin Fitzpatrick, "all we can ask for is opportunity and a look at the basket."

The team got more time to survey the situation after Matt Johncheck threw the ball to half-court, where Case caught it and instantly called for another time out. Only one tick had been knocked off the clock.

Then in a play eerily reminiscent of the Ramblers' buzzer-beating win

in East Jordan last season, Bo Reinhardt threw the ball over a defender's head into the hands of Jesse Belford who calmly sank the baseline jumper as time expired, just as he did in East Jordan.

Case had his best game since early in the season, scoring 19 points and making three steals. Belford finished with 15, while Johncheck had 13 points and nine rebounds.

The Ramblers were out-rebounded 33-25, committed 19 turnovers, with seven in the fourth quarter, and were eight of 14 from the free-throw line.

ST. FRANCIS WENT on a 7-0 run to open the game Friday, but in a slow-paced first quarter, the Ramblers were moving the ball well, and had four blocks in the period.

Rozycki needed 13 points for the

record, but went scoreless in the first quarter. He was passing well, and would get three points before the half ended. St. Francis was up 23-21 at intermission.

Just over a minute into the fourth, Rozycki took the ball and dunked it, in the process getting fouled, to break the school record.

After a period of applause and congratulatory handshakes from both coaches and teammates, play continued. The dunk and bonus gave the Ramblers a nine-point margin, their largest of the night, but it wouldn't last.

Belford made a big shot with 36 seconds left to take the lead, but Greg Doherty, who hit a game-winner against Boyne last year, scored with 20 seconds to go for another game-winner.

Rozycki ended with 16 points,

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

The season is over for the Boyne Area Hockey mini-mites, while the association's other teams travel this weekend to Sault Ste. Marie for their year-end tournament. Following are results of last week's games:

THE MINI-MITES, sponsored by Sky Electric, played their year-end tournament in Cadillac last weekend. The team lost to St. Ignace 4-3 in an exciting first-round game.

Boyne scored the first goal and held the lead until the second period when St. Ignace scored twice. St. Ignace scored a third time, but Boyne came from behind and tied it up at 3-3. St. Ignace scored the game winner in the final minutes.

Travis Reinhardt earned a hat trick with an assist from Trevor Price, while Kyle Wright played a tough game at goal. St. Ignace went on to win the tournament.

Boyne's second game was a 6-1 victory over Gladwin. Travis Reinhardt earned a hat trick and his first playmaker award with three assists. Also scoring was Zach Shuler with two goals, Trevor Price with one goal, and Nicholas Thomas had an assist. Playing a strong defensive game were Taylor Korthase, Henry Wolf and Paris Taylor, with special mention to Blake Kroondyk, Neil Anderson, Taylor Reinhardt, Zeke Galloway, and Jack Hufford. Kyle Wright was in goal.

THE JUNIOR RAMBLER Mites, sponsored by Dan's Concrete Service, beat both Cadillac Mite teams Sunday at the Wexford County Civic Ice Arena. In the first game, the Cadillac White Mite team came out fast and scored in the first 20 seconds. The Boyne defense did not allow another goal the rest of the game. John Miller scored a goal to tie the game later in the

first period. Amy Anderson scored a goal early in the second period. Tyler Price wrapped up the scoring with a hat trick with assists by Anderson and Dylan Clark, as Boyne won the game 5-1.

In the second game, the Junior Ramblers shut out the Cadillac Teal team by a score of 6-0. John Miller scored a hat trick with assists by Charlie Courtright, Amy Anderson and Tyler Price. Samantha Dunwoody scored two goals with assists by Miller and Price. Taylor Voice had one goal assisted by Price. Dylan Clark recorded the shutout with an excellent game in the goal.

THE SQUIRTS, sponsored by Premier Construction, played Mackinaw City Sunday at Traverse City's Howe Arena, winning 4-3.

Boyne hit the scoreboard first with Greg Holland finding the net, assisted by Ryan Hennessy. Also scoring were Nick Dunwoody with an assist from Eric Makarewicz, Evan Keller popping in his own rebound, and Eli Barsy assisted by Trevor Maps. Goalie Russell Williams recorded another win.

BOYNE'S PEE WEES, sponsored by Boyne USA, lost to Gaylord Sunday 9-3 in Cheboygan. For Boyne, Tyler Barsy had two goals and Garrett Bergman one.

THE ACE HARDWARE bantams had another exciting week of hockey. On March 4, the Bantams traveled to Cheboygan with a partial team and were beaten by Cheboygan's indoor team 11-1. Boyne's only goal was scored by Gordie Selph with an assist by David D'Amour.

On Saturday morning, Boyne went back for a rematch, and this time lost 7-1. Boyne's goal was scored by Ben Van Dam with an assist by Gordie Selph. On Saturday afternoon, Boyne went to the Big Bear Arena and played Mackinaw City. Boyne's players were tired after the morning game, and struggled with a 4-1 loss to the fresh Mackinaw team. Boyne's only goal was scored by David D'Amour.

On Sunday, they traveled to Traverse City and had two games against outdoor league rival Gladwin. Boyne won the first game 4-1, and the second game 6-0. Boyne's goals in the first game were scored by Justin Rouleau with two goals, Collin Keller one goal, and David D'Amour one goal. Assists were by Justin Rouleau, Ben Van Dam, Aaron Westrick, and Chuck Bedford. The second game's goals were scored by Aaron Westrick, Zack Bajos, David D'Amour, Justin Rouleau, Neil Howie, and Collin Keller. Two assists were provided by Ben Van Dam, and one by Justin Rouleau. Mike Bingham had the shutout in goal.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF BOYNE CITY BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Boyne City will meet at City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, as follows:
Wednesday, March 4, 1998 - 9 a.m. Organization Meeting. No public input.

Public Meetings:
Monday, March 16, 1998 by appointment:
12 noon to 3 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18, 1998 by appointment:
9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 - 4 p.m.

The Assessment Roll will be available at City Hall beginning March 5, 1998 during normal working hours.

The City of Boyne City tentative ratios and multipliers, subject to change by the Assessing Officer, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization are as follows:

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Sue Hobbs, City Clerk

Loggers

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basket to tie the game.

The game see-sawed back and forth and was tied with 20 seconds left when Mackinaw scored what turned out to be the winning basket.

"Our kids gave a great effort," said coach Frank Hamilla. "It was a fun game."

Had the Loggers won they would have shared the conference title with Mackinaw and Harbor Light. Boyne Falls won the conference two years ago and shared it last year.

Chad Matelski led Boyne Falls with 17 points.

Boyne Falls finished the season 15-5 overall and 9-3 in conference.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 19, 1998

All board members present. Acceptance of resignation of Michael G. Stolt, Zoning Administrator. Appointment of Bernard A. Hellstrom as Zoning Administrator. Next regularly scheduled meeting on March 12, 1998 at 7 p.m. The Bay Township Annual Meeting of Electors will be held on March 26, 1998 at 7 p.m.

s/David L. Simmons
 Bay Township Clerk

CITY OF EAST JORDAN ADOPTION OF INDUSTRIAL PARK ZONING TEXT

The City of East Jordan has adopted a zoning ordinance for the City's Air Industrial Park located at the Airport in South Arm Township. The adopted ordinance is based on an agreement reached between the City of East Jordan and South Arm Township in 1989. It places restrictions on the property that are specifically designed to promote and create an environment that is safe, attractive and answers the needs of a Light Industrial Complex. The ordinance will take effect March 18, 1998.

A copy of the complete ordinance is available for review and copying at City Hall during normal office hours.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, Mayor Peck presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$83,673.

Further Commission Action: adopted a Zoning Ordinance for the Air Industrial Park; scheduled a Special Meeting for Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the recently prepared Water Reliability Study; authorized an additional \$21,000 expenditure on the new ladder fire truck; authorized Capital Consultants to proceed with a Master Plan Study of the Tourist Park/Murphy Field area; and conducted an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with the City's Attorney.

A copy of the official minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review and copying during normal office hours.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mitchell E. CUNNINGHAM and Connie L. CUNNINGHAM, husband and wife to OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, f/k/a Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 1996, and recorded on May 23, 1996 in Liber 300, on Page 713, CHARLEVOIX County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Thirteen And 60/100 Dollars (\$96,013.60), including interest at 9.00% per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 6/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on April 24, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MARION, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at an iron stake at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 33 North, Range 8 West and West 1/4 line, being the Point of Beginning for this description; thence South 200 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence North 200 feet; thence East 200 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 11, 1998

OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY

For Information, Please Call:
 (248) 642-4202
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys for OLD KENT MORTGAGE COMPANY,
 30150 Telegraph, Ste. 100
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 File #98021725

Mar. 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1, 8, 1998

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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

February 24, 1998, noon meeting - City commission approved a preliminary plan for Rotary Park improvements, and postponed the second reading of amendment no. 66 designating communication towers as conditional uses.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY BIDS WANTED - 1998 SWEEPER

The City of Boyne City is accepting bids for a 1998 four-wheel, self-propelled, mechanical sweeper. Bid specifications can be obtained from the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, Mich., 49712.

All bids must be received by Friday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m., at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope identified as "Street Sweeper Bid/City of Boyne City, Michigan". For specifications, please call City Hall, at 616-582-6597. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids or parts of bids, to waive any irregularities or discrepancies in bidding, and to select the bid, if any, that it judges to be in the City's best interest.

Eric Strahl, City Manager

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by WILLIAM R. BARNETT; AND DOTTIE HOPE BARNETT, HUSBAND AND WIFE to FMB-NORTHWESTERN BANK, now known as THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Mortgagee, dated February 17, 1995, and recorded on February 24, 1995, in Liber 282, on page 0442, CHARLEVOIX County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty nine thousand six hundred seventy four and 66/100 Dollars (\$39,674.66), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, MI, at 11:00 AM on April 24, 1998.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF EAST JORDAN, CHARLEVOIX County, Michigan and are described as:

Land located in the City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as:
PARCEL #1: Beginning at a point on the west line of Main Street 193 feet South of the intersection of said line with the North line of Section 23, Town 32 North, Range 7 West and running thence in a Westerly direction 137 feet to a point 187 feet South of said North line of Section 23;

thence South about 80 feet; thence in an Easterly direction 133 feet to a point on the West line of Main Street, 80 feet Southward from the place of beginning; thence Northward 80 feet to the place of beginning; the South line of lot being parallel with the North line.

PARCEL #2: Beginning at a point on the West line of Main Street 273 feet South of the intersection of said line with the North line of Section 23, T32N, R7W; thence Westerly 133 feet to a point on the alley 267 feet South of said North line of said Section 23; thence South along said alley 60 feet, more or less to a point 327 feet South of said North line of said Section 23; thence Easterly 130 feet more or less to a point on the West line of Main Street; thence North 60 feet to the Point of Beginning. The South line of the lot being parallel with the North line. All being within the corporate limits of the Village of East Jordan, MI. The intention being to convey all the land in the lot East and West which lies between the North and South line from Main Street to the alley, on the West, being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 23, T32N, R7W. EXCEPT THE SOUTH 12 FEET OF SAID LOT.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 11, 1998

THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, Mortgagee
 ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee
 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
 401 S. Old Woodward Ave., Ste. 300
 Bingham, MI 48009-6616

March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 1998

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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.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, MI, at 11:00 AM

on March 27, 1998.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF BOYNE, CHARLEVOIX County, Michigan and are described as:

LOT 35 OF BAILEY AND WILSON'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF BOYNE, NOW CITY OF BOYNE, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 6 days from the date of such sale.

cordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 6 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: February 11, 1998

USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT Mortgagee ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 S. Old Woodward Ave., Ste. 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

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Joyce

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students with respect and interest. She uses her students' previous knowledge to build on, insisting that they start out knowing more than they think they do, and commending them warmly upon their smallest accomplishments.

Joyce has put this ability to work not only in the writing of her book, but also in the workshops she leads throughout the year.

Joyce teaches a winter series of classes in Boyne City at the Health Circle, covering such topics as "Herbs and Mental Health," "Native American Herbology" and "Medicines From Your Kitchen." During the growing season she leads field walks every six weeks, as well as conducting seminars for the beginning and experienced herbalist. She also gives talks across the nation on her topic — healing herbs. She uses these speaking engagements as opportunities to vacation with her family — she is speaking at MSU this summer, and the family is looking forward to a few days in the "city!"

All this, headquartered in a little house outside of East Jordan. She and her husband, John Hagen, are building their dream house, too. It is little more than a rough draft, now, though already impressive in its structure, with logs and heavy rafters all stretching upward towards a bright windowed cupola, like trees reaching for the sun.

They do not intend to bring any more plumbing indoors than the water from the artesian well, and the house will still be heated with wood. But John and Joyce have thought that through. "When I'm 90, I know I will still be able to carry enough wood to heat this house," Joyce says. It is designed efficiently in a circle with sleeping lofts. Much of the exterior of the house will be underground, the roof will be covered with sod — hence the sturdy and numerous ceiling beams. The refrigeration will be old fashioned, root cellar style, lined with the "guts." Joyce says, of several old ice chests. In the new house the root cellar will be accessible from inside, too, which will be all the convenience Joyce requires — though she admits to looking forward to water INSIDE the house.

Outdoors, again, Joyce says that it is more important to know a few

plants well. "I would rather have you know one plant, and two hundred uses for it, than two hundred, and not be able to remember which plant is used for what," she said. She prefers to start her students off with the plants they already know — like the dandelion.

The dandelion is "very good medicine," she says, and explains that what one is going to use a plant for should influence when and how it is gathered. The root is best for medicinal purposes, for instance, in the fall, when its nutrients are retreating into the deep taproot, preparing for the ground to freeze.

The leaves are most edible in the late winter and early spring, before the flowers appear, when the plant's energy is going into them. Mullein, Joyce points out, is a natural exfoliant, its thick, furry leaves having a gently abrasive quality. They are also slightly astringent, doing double duty as a beauty treatment. (Besides the roughness of the leaf gives the cheek a healthy blush.)

A strawberry leaf, she said, stays green all winter, and is a wonderful source of vitamin C. She sprinkles her teaching with stories, telling of a Native American girl whose job it was to keep the wild strawberry patch clear of snow. The leaves kept the tribe free of scurvy, and improved circulation. This, Joyce believes, is because of a perfect balance of nutrients that are necessary to the functioning of the heart. In strawberry leaves!

Joyce picks a February bud from the tip of a maple twig. It is still tiny, a tightly packed promise of leaf, but she pops it in her mouth, explaining that the tree's tap root can reach 60 feet into the ground, pulling up minerals and nutrients absent from many diets. With the mad dash of sap that warmer weather brings, the tree is taking all these nutrients right to those buds. Joyce said each one is like a potent multi-vitamin — only natural and easily used by the body, with no capsule to break down.

Joyce objects when she hears herself referred to as "my herbalist." She lives by the old adage, "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime." She wants each person she teaches to go on to learn on their own, to become their own herbalist, to teach their children.

Joyce's book, "The Herbal Home Remedy Book," is a compilation of recipes, folk tales and Joyce's wit and world of knowledge. It is written for the beginner, but it is written as she speaks, with respect for the understanding of her readers.

It covers a wide range of ailments and interests. Joyce is fully and comfortably aware of our vanities and bad habits. She includes herbal aids for eczema as well as weight loss (this you have to read), tooth decay as well as smoking cessation. She teaches clearly, and her own tiny kitchen comes to her readers' aid, as her recipes are easily followed without unusual implements — though she does recommend a few simple items to be kept on hand for administering the herbal medicines once they have been made.

Joyce doesn't undermine the doctor's skill, however. She simply thinks that we can take much of our health, healing and longevity into our own hands. And she convinces us that the process itself will enhance and enrich our lives.

The impulse to refer to Joyce Wardwell as "my herbalist" is understandable. She is a person one wants to claim in some capacity — as herbalist, mentor, hero, or friend. Perhaps the most wonderful thing about Joyce is not her intelligence, or her abounding energy, and enthusiasm or her native ability, but her accessibility. For anyone interested in Joyce Wardwell's "The Herbal Home Remedy Book," she will have a book signing at noon March 20 at Therapeutic Massage of Charlevoix. For more information, call 547-6797. It will be a good opportunity to meet her and perhaps find the incentive to get started learning on your own. That would make Joyce happy.

Concorde

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the JFK runway at 250 mph. Seconds into the flight, the power is cut back, as if the pilot is lightly touching the brakes. The power and noise are too much for the city that never sleeps.

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One passenger is a retired Concorde captain

who took advantage of Saturday's flight to visit his son, a WMU international flight training student since last November.

He declines to be interviewed, but shares a story or two. Tom Cruise, John Travolta, Paul Newman and the U.S. Ryder Cup team flew on this particular Concorde, he says. He once flew the plane around the world. "But we couldn't land in Japan," he says. "Too much noise."

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A crowd gathers at the foot of the stairs leading to the plane. The temptation is to wave like a politician on a campaign swing.

(Joe Conklin, a staff writer for the Grand Rapids Press, is the brother of Citizen-Journal publisher Hugh Conklin. The story is reprinted with permission of the Grand Rapids Press.)

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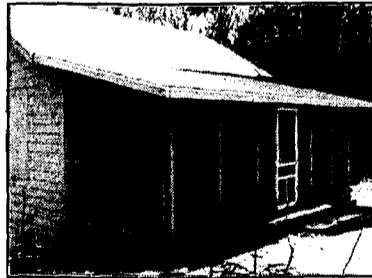
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