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Site for school selected

Boyne Falls board picks M-75 location

If Boyne Falls votes to build a new school, it will be constructed on the 65-acre tract the district owns on M-75.

Monday night, school board members approved the site for inclusion on the June ballot along with the demolition of the current facility and sale of the land.

The \$104,880 estimated cost for demolition would be built into the bond issue. Superintendent Pat Smith said he doesn't know if it's possible, but if the district sold eight lots on the razed site for \$13,000 each, it could recoup that money.

"I personally feel this is the way to go," said board president Marv Schwem.

He added that the district would still look at every other option for selling the building and property in the mean time.

Board member Joe Skop relayed a suggestion of retaining the cleared property and starting up a school building trades program to build homes on the lots.

If a better offer did come along, the unused bond money would be used toward the bond issue.

The plan to build a new school was embraced by the board recently when it found the cost of \$4.7 million to be only a million more than remodeling and renovating the existing facility.

Architects will present schematics of the proposed building to the board at a meeting Wednesday for inclusion in a package it is completing for a presentation to the state on March 26.

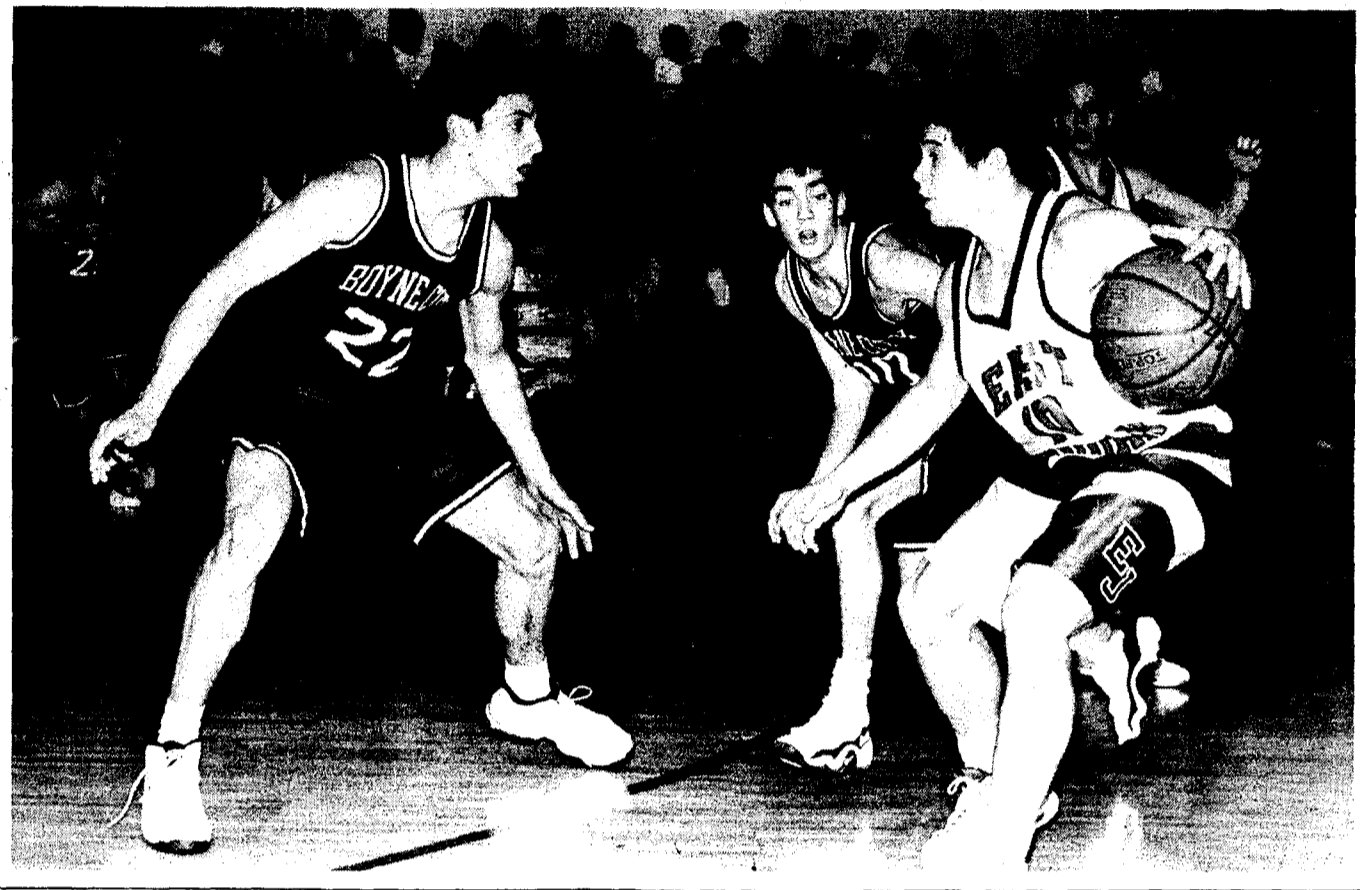
4th of July fireworks are a go

Boyne City's Fourth of July fireworks will go off with a bang again this year, but with a few changes.

After the fireworks tragedy in Charlevoix last year, the Boyne City 4th of July committee began planning for a safer Independence Day celebration this year.

"Safety is our number one priority," said committee chairperson Liz Kroondyk at Tuesday's City

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Taking charge

Parke Bluhm came through in a big way for the Red Devils in the opening round of the district tournament last week against Mancelona. He scored 43 points and set a school record with eight 3-pointers. He also had a strong game against Boyne City, scoring 21 points. For a story about the senior guard, see page 9.

HE WAS A FRIEND TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

East Jordan says good-bye to 'Shorty' Clark

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Most would agree, he'd give you the shirt off his back.

And Richard Clark, better known as Dick or Shorty, probably did just that in his lifetime. He died Friday, March 13. He was 55.

"Where do I start?" asked Bud Pardee of how to describe his good friend of 28 years. "He always did something good — it seemed like for everybody."

Born and raised in East Jordan, Shorty knew most folks in town. He had bestowed a favor or two on many of his neighbors, but didn't ask for anything in return.

Whether he was working at his auto parts business, Jordan Auto, Inc., or taking care of business at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club, Shorty could be counted on to listen.

The backroom of his store was a hub — a break room of sorts — for friends, neighbors and business associates. The perpetually-brewing coffee pot lured many a person through the doors, and ultimately to Shorty, who would always lend an ear. Whether there be troubles or

laughter, he was the one you went to. "No matter what your question was, he made you feel important," said his wife Agnes.

Shorty took the fear out of auto store shopping that too many women — and men — still face today. He and Agnes designed this, their second store, to make it more appealing to the "mechanically-challenged." Agnes explained that it has lots of windows, is well-lit and very clean to make it a more comfortable atmosphere. "Nobody told us to do it that way, we just did it."

Shorty's love of anything motorized led to an automotive degree from Ferris State University in 1967, and ultimately to owning his own auto parts store for the past 19 years.

That fondness, of course, went hand-in-hand with racing — snowmobiles, cars, boats.

"If it would run and race, we went as spectators," said Agnes.

Except, of course, for the time when he and a buddy ran a four-cylinder, hobby-stock, red station wagon against a line-up of six-cylinders back when Elmira was in its heyday. "They won and lost and blew it

up a couple of times," said Agnes.

He owned boats and snowmobiles and lots of cars.

"I asked his wife how many cars he's had," said his brother Roger. "Nobody's ever kept count."

His snowmobile collection was relegated to the same inventory list as his autos and he devoted more than his share of time to the snowmobile club.

"He was probably one of the best mechanics I've ever known from the standpoint of engine design and general repair," said long-time friend Tom Graham. "Not only a fine mechanic, but a decent person — his honesty and integrity rose above everything."

As for the nickname, his pal Bud isn't sure where it came from, being that Shorty was only a bit shorter than average.

His humor and good naturedness are what many will remember.

"He was humble and fun," said Roger.

"That was an important part of him," said Tom. "The energy and environment around him and all the fun stuff. There was never a dull

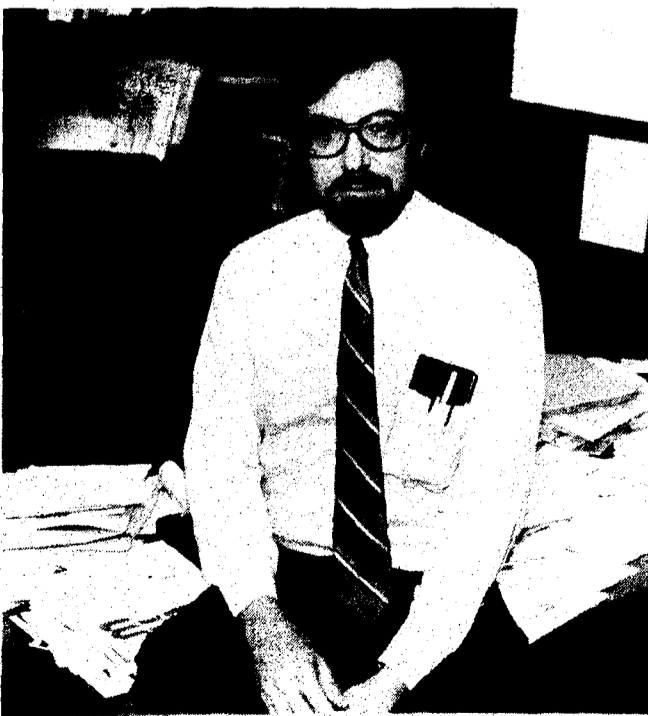


Richard Clark loved racing, whether it was snowmobiles, cars or boats. He was a founding member of the East Jordan Snowmobile Club.

moment." But usually by the time

Agnes described their gambling forays as penny-ante stuff, "we're not

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Boyne City Manager Eric Strahl

ONE OF HIS FIRST ORDERS OF BUSINESS WAS COMPLETING BUDGET

Boyne's city manager is settling in

He knows where Division Street is, knows more than most about the airport, has a good understanding of the growth pressures facing Boyne City and he's getting up to speed on city projects in progress and those on the drawing board.

It's not easy moving into a new community, and it's even more difficult when you're the person in charge. But after 4 1/2 months on the job, Eric Strahl is getting a good lay of the land and settling into life as Boyne City's city manager.

He took over the reins of the city on Oct. 31, nearly a year after former manager Randy Frykberg left for a position with Wade Trim. Strahl moved to Boyne City from Berea, Ky., a community of about 10,000, where he served as city administrator.

He and his wife Vicki had been wanting to move to the midwest for some time. Eric was raised in St. Joseph, Mich., and Vicki grew up in Ohio.

"We always wanted to get back to the midwest," he said. "It is a good area to raise the

two little ones."

The Strahls have two older children and two-year-old twins.

Eric is a graduate of the University of Michigan where he received a bachelor's degree in English in 1969. He earned a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University in 1978.

His municipal administration experience includes assistant to the city manager, City of Marshall, 1978; assistant city manager, city of Portage, 1979-80; village of Vicksburg 1980-84; Town Manager, Town of Kittery, Maine, 1984-88; and director of Finance and Administrator, City of Courtland, New York, 1989-91.

As city manager, Strahl said one of his top goals is to determine "how we can do things better and get everyone on the staff involved." Keeping open lines of communication and setting clear priorities and evaluating them is also important, he said.

One of the first tasks facing him when he started work on the last day of October was to begin work on the 1998-99 city budget.

The proposed budget is now complete and Strahl presented it to the city commission at its meeting last Tuesday evening.

With an estimated increase of \$4,835, 237 in taxable value, the millage rate of 18.91 (15.53 for operations and 3.38 for infrastructure debt) is slightly lower than last year.

The proposed budget includes the addition of two new staff positions: a zoning administrator and director of the water and waste water department.

The zoning administrator position will be shared by the city with the townships of Wilson, Evangeline and Melrose, a similar arrangement the city has with the position of planning director Tim O'Leary. He works approximately 60 percent of the time for the city with the rest divided among the townships. The cost of the city's portion for the zoning administrator is approximately \$18,000.

Although the city budget is only proposed at this point, the commission gave Strahl the

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OPINION

They love to score

By HUGH CONKLIN

Ask Ashley Adkison, Amy Anderson and Samantha Dunwoody what they like most about playing hockey and they blurt out: "Scoring."

Then after a slight pause, they'll say "and assisting."

And that's not all the girls share.

All three are third graders at Boyne City Elementary School. They each play forward, and occasionally fill in at center. All three play on the Junior Ramblers, a mite team (for players 8 and under).

Each has played four years of organized hockey for the Boyne Area Hockey Association with the same coach, Steve Anderson, Amy's dad.

And they are the only three girls in the program.

A couple of years ago, that wasn't the case. There were several girls on each team through the squirt (11 and under) level, and for older girls Boyne City had a girls' team which attracted players from all over the region.

The girls' team moved to Gaylord two years ago when the indoor rink opened and for whatever reason fewer girls are playing at the younger age groups.

That may change in the near future, though, since several girls are participating in the hockey association's learn-to-skate program.

This past season, which concluded with the association's end of the year tournament last weekend in Sault Ste. Marie, was not the best for Ashley, Samantha and Amy and the rest of the players when it came to using their own rink at Avalanche. The mild winter made it difficult to maintain the ice surface.

Next year, however, the Boyne Hockey Association hopes to gain an upper hand on Mother Nature.



From left: Samantha Dunwoody, Amy Anderson and Ashley Adkison. They are pictured at the Big Bear Arena in Sault Ste. Marie, host of the hockey association's year-end tournament.

For the past several months, the association has worked hard at developing plans for an indoor rink somewhere in Boyne City. But realizing their dream may be a few years off, the association decided to take a smaller first step.

They want to install a refrigeration system at the Avalanche rink that would guarantee dependable ice from mid to late November to early March. Association members presented their idea to the city commis-

sion last Tuesday and received unanimous approval to move ahead.

The city was also asked to contribute \$20,000 toward the estimated \$100,000 to \$150,000 price tag. While commissioners did not make a commitment, they did indicate the city might be willing in the future to make a financial contribution.

The refrigeration is the first phase of a three phase plan the association has for building an indoor

rink. A site next to Parkview Apartments has been tentatively designated for the indoor rink, but after this week's commission meeting, several items need to be resolved.

An indoor rink is a lofty goal. An outdoor refrigerated rink is an achievable goal for next winter. The city commission's support for the idea is much appreciated by young players like Amy, Ashley and Samantha.

A MOM'S LIFE

Spring's arrival means it's time to make changes

By CINDI PLACE

The weather started to change. The snow was melting, flower bulbs were beginning to peek out from their winter blanket, even the birds were starting to return. Spring was nearly here and that could mean only one thing at our house.

Time to move the furniture again!

I'm not sure why variations in the seasons spur me on to make massive interior decorating changes, but they do. I usually begin slowly. I'll change the quilt on our bed from the one with Christmas trees, to one filled with flowers. Then I'll go around the house removing all the leftover holiday decorations that somehow were missed in the January 1st de-frocking.

If the weather really cooperates, I'm usually the first person in our neighborhood with deck furniture out. Of course this year I'm especially early, mainly because I simply left the stuff outside all winter.

My husband swears that I get a certain look in my eyes, kind of crazed he claims, right around the middle of March, that tells him that his back is about to get a workout. We're usually sitting in the living room, enjoying a rare evening of leisure, when the urge to rearrange strikes me.

Actually, I think that we are generally so busy during the winter months that the first chance I get to relax confuses me, and I begin to feel guilty about not "accomplishing" something. Whatever the reason, the living room is about to be transformed.

This year looked to be no different. We recently had a weekend without skiing, basketball, or any other obligations. I woke up Saturday morning knowing that this would be the day to move furniture. I noticed that my husband was unusually cheerful, which surprised me considering that this is not his favorite springtime activity. Then I looked out the window, and found the explanation for his sunny disposition.

Here I was with my moving-person hormones at full alert, and the beautiful, warm, sunny weather that had greeted us for several days had become covered with cold, wet snow. Now I know that God has a sense of humor.

It should be quite a show

By JANE BROCK

My kids are both in the chorus of East Jordan's production of "Bye Bye Birdie," which opens March 21. I bought 15 tickets — you'd think they were the main characters. I hope it's enough.

What a lot of work has gone into this play! The hours have been unbelievable, often four weeknights from six to nine, and some Sunday practices. Katie went to Miss V's house for a fitting Saturday, and the living room was filled with kids and adults and tons and tons of clothes.

Kate was given a couple things to try on, and someone else was having his suit coat looked at to see if the sleeves needed to be shortened. After the right dresses were found for Kate, she still had

to be matched up with gloves and earrings. What would have taken me a month in the mall was accomplished in about 15 minutes in that chaotic living room. Her clothes were labeled "Margie" and we went home. Just like that.

Miss V's mom is the prop mistress, and she takes her job seriously. Sunday morning, she went out for breakfast and saw a coat she needed for the character Kim. Unfortunately, it was on someone. "Mom" Vollbach didn't see the setback. She asked for the coat — and got it!

Miss V, her mom, and a multitude of students will be putting on quite a production over the next couple weekends. But the scenes behind the scenes might be the best of all. I'm so glad my kids have gotten to be part of them.

Rhetoric has no facts to support it

TO THE EDITOR:

I suppose that it is inevitable that every issue has two sides. The right to freely express one's opinion is fundamental to our American way of life, and therefore I will use this opportunity to take issue with a letter written by a Mr. Karl Waldner that appeared in last week's paper.

To regular readers Mr. Waldner's poison pen is well known, and I am sure that most people take his writings no more seriously than a parking ticket in Petoskey. Usually my reaction to his rantings are a low curse or loud chuckle, depending on how absurd the content of his letter.

Last week, however, Mr. Waldner chose to attack the efforts of a citizens group (the Boyne City Schools Facilities Committee). The committee held an informational town meeting on the sixth of March to inform the community about the district's needs, and to gain public input. After attending about 20 minutes of a two hour meeting, Mr. Waldner felt himself well educated enough on the committee's efforts to draft a very critical and inaccurate letter. This has prompted me to respond and challenge some of his statements.

Mr. Waldner claims that the Facilities Committee is "naive, allowing themselves to be dominated by two faced school officials putting yet another spin to the same old so-called facts, numbers and estimates." Nothing could be further from the truth. This is simply rhetoric forwarded by Mr. Waldner in an attempt to discredit the new Facilities Committee. Had he bothered to attend any of the meetings that he was invited to, Mr. Waldner would have known that this committee was formed specifically to research what the school's

NEEDS (not wants, wishes or demands) are, and to act as a liaison between the school board and community to meet these needs.

Mr. Waldner claims that the current school enrollment figures quoted during the meeting were an "out right lie" but he presents no basis, let alone proof for this claim. If any proof exists, Mr. Waldner, let's see it. The new Facilities Committee is dedicated to finding the true needs of the schools, and we are not "afraid of embarrassing the school board, their hired officials or anyone else" as Mr. Waldner suggests. Indeed, from what I have seen at some of the meetings, this is far from a concern.

Mr. Waldner seems to think that the school board, and especially the superintendent have some type of hidden agenda. I would challenge him to explain what this is. Does he really believe that they are going through this much work, aggravation and personal sacrifice to have their name inscribed on a plaque in the hallway of some new school building? Again, Mr. Waldner, if you have any facts supporting your innuendos of impropriety by any members of the Board, Facilities Committee, or the Superintendent, let's see it.

Finally I would like to take Mr. Waldner on his offer to help. If you were sincere in your offer, the best way to make a difference is just the like the rest of us do -- attend the meetings, provide input, offer suggestions, and most importantly, be constructive. The next meeting is Thursday, March 26th, 7-9 p.m. at the high school. How about it, Karl? Will we see you there?

The general committee meetings are open to any interested citizen and all are encouraged to attend. Please come and bring a friend.

Todd Wright

LETTERS

Enrollment information was inaccurate

TO THE EDITOR:

As much as I hate to enter a "Battle of Words," I feel I must write to voice my disagreement with the information in Karl Waldner's Letter to the Editor in the March 11 edition.

The numbers of students enrolled in BCPS is currently 1430 (February 1998). I have read Mr. Waldner's previous information on school enrollment. You cannot disagree with his assertion that not all 1430 students show up for school on a daily basis due to illness, family business, etc.

I don't recall his figures exactly, but what if on a district basis 75-125 students are absent? That same number of students would fit into 3-5 classrooms. Can we save on space by reshuffling our students on a daily basis? I don't believe so. Should we eliminate computer labs, resource rooms and special education classrooms so that all of our students fit within the walls of our three buildings? I don't believe so.

As for "estimates" on future enrollments, the numbers presented were based on a percentage of projected live births for Charlevoix and Emmet counties. These numbers do not take into account a possible influx of families into the district. The live birth rate may not hold, but with the building all around us it might. Can anyone say with certainty what the future will hold? I don't believe so.

Mr. Waldner has stated to me that because I am on the school board and because I am a parent that I cannot be 100 percent objective. But I ask you, with his obvious dislike for Bob Nakoneczny and his "hired accessory principals" (accessory to what?) and his long standing position against government influence and taxation, how objective is he?

The school board is working hard through its Educational Facilities Committee to provide better facilities for our students. I hope more people will come to school to see for themselves. Mr. Waldner and I have agreed to disagree.

The community at large will have to decide for themselves whom to believe.

Kathy Anderson
Boyne City School Board President

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Shorty

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they were coming back from a casino trip, he was trying to figure out the next time they would go back. Agnes wishes he would have won the last time he went.

"He was always having fun," said Roger. "If he was there, something was going to happen and it was going to be fun."

"His favorite thing to do was sneak the gavel and bell from the Lions' meetings," said Roger. "Of course he would take them back."

His humorous antics sometimes paired up with his love of cooking and eating — especially hot peppers. He and Boris Daneff would rival each other to grow and eat the hottest ones.

Roger recalls Shorty discussing the food he ate on trips he had won during his salesman days at the cop — not the sites themselves.

And Shorty didn't care that potatoes and bread qualified as two "starches." After dinner, he'd pile leftover mashed potatoes between some bread and head out the door to a motor that needed tending.

"He always had something good to say," said Bill Tison.

"He was always willing to help

others," said Bud. "He did a lot of things that people don't even know about."

"We're brothers, but best friends," said Roger. They spent a lot

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of time together.

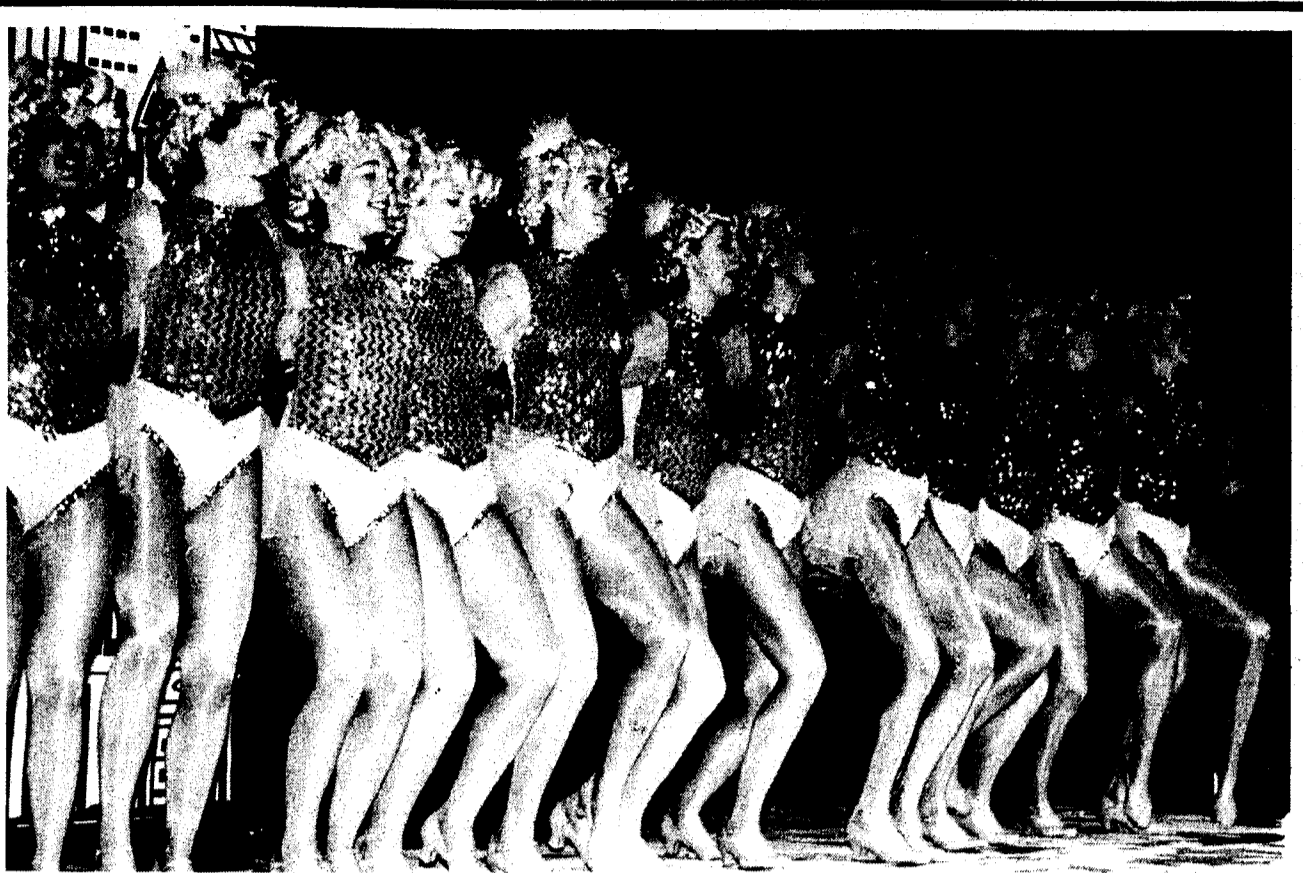
Shorty's son, Rich, will continue at the store. For 12 years, since he was 16, Rich worked alongside his father in the family business.

"They learned to bend and flow with each other," said Agnes. He was a mentor and father.

His daughter Jeannie is expecting a baby. She lives in Florida.

"If there was anything I would have wished for him," said Agnes. "I would have wished he could see his grandchild."

He will be missed.



After months of practice, the high-stepping chorus line is in top form.

City manager

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go-ahead to begin advertising the zoning position. He hopes to have it filled when the fiscal year begins in May.

In the past the city has had a water and wastewater superintendent. But when former superintendent Mike Banfield left the city in 1996 to work for Wade Trim, the city contracted the work to Wade Trim.

Capital improvements proposed in the new budget include:

- Construction of a bicycle path on Division Street from Wilson Street to Front Street. A portion of the project — \$48,577 — will be funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

- The reconstruction of Division Street from Pleasant to Second Street, including the installation of storm sewer and the replacement of water and sanitary sewer lines. The storm sewer portion of this project will be extended to LeRoy Street.

- The reconstruction of Second Street between Division and McKinley Street, including widening, the installation of storm sewer, and the replacement of sanitary sewer.

- Paving the Second Street hill and the installation of storm water drainage system.

- Reconstruction of South Park

Street from Pine to Cedar Street, including the replacement of water and sanitary sewer lines.

- Construction of new handicap-accessible restrooms at city hall. The project will involve shifting some office space and using the area currently occupied by the UAW. It will also result in more storage area and will bring the building into compliance with federal and state requirements.

- Purchase of a new police cruiser, a street sweeper, backhoe, a tractor with a mower deck, and a walk-behind mower.

- Placing temporary restroom facilities at Avalanche Park.

- Replacing 300 in-service water meters with new digital meters, plus purchasing new computer software to analyze data and prepare it for billing. To fund the upgrade, an average increase of \$3 in the quarterly meter charge. The fee increase is expected to raise about \$18,000.

The city's portion of an \$800,000 grant for upgrades at the airport is also included in the proposed budget. Following the recommendation of the airport board, the city commission recently selected Wade Trim to assist with the project. Improvements include extending the runway 150 feet, and widening it 75 feet. Wade Trim will work with the state on engineering contracts and to prepare bid documents.



Irene, played by Amanda Hoagland, and Bobby, played by Mike Houser, work on their lines during last week's dress rehearsal of "Crazy For You." The play opens Wednesday after the schedule was juggled due to the regional tournament.

It's crazy in more ways than one

The Boyne City High School basketball team's post-season success, coupled with the high school's "Crazy For You" musical, really have combined for a kind of March madness in Boyne City. Sorting it all out can get a little daunting.

Boyne City High School's Drama Department will open "Crazy For You" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18.

But depending on the basketball team's results against Rogers City, Thursday's show may be switched to Saturday.

So here goes the schedule again: Tonight, March 18, 7 p.m.; Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m., if the team loses on Tuesday; Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m. if they win; Friday, March 20, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Tickets are still available for all shows. Call the high school at 582-6587 with any questions.

Curtain rises on Bye Bye Birdie

The curtain will go up for the opening night of "Bye Bye Birdie" in the East Jordan High School auditorium this Saturday at 7 p.m.

The East Jordan Thespian production of this rock and roll musical will also be performed on Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m., and on March

26, 27 and 28 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students/senior citizens. They are available from 3-5:30 p.m., Monday-

Friday at the high school auditorium.

The play is directed by Paula Volland and the cast includes more than 40 students.

Freedom Festival Committee meeting March 19

Anyone interested in working on the East Jordan Freedom Festival is encouraged to attend a meeting on Thursday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Lakeview Manor Meeting Room.

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IF THEY CAN'T BE AT HOME, ATTENDING A FLORIDA PICNIC IS THE NEXT BEST THING

Reunion re-creates faraway home

Editor's note: For the past 20 years Boyne City residents and former residents have been gathering in Florida in early March for a picnic where they visit and reminisce about their town. This year they had a special guest, a writer from the St. Petersburg Times. Following is her story which appeared March 5 on the front page of several editions of the St. Petersburg Times.

By WILMA NORTON

Marilyn Roberts scans the small crowd, gathered 1,500 miles from the place they all think of as home, and sees people who have known her since she was a child.

"All these people I know," says Roberts, 66. "They've all watched me get old."

They have come together on a cool but sunny Florida Wednesday afternoon, under a picnic shelter in Philippe Park, just as they do for a couple of hours each March. All 30 to 35 of them live or used to live in Boyne City, Mich., a town of about 3,500 in northwest Michigan about halfway between Traverse City and Mackinaw.

If they don't know each other they know the same people. It doesn't matter that some have not lived in Boyne City for 30 or 40 years. They are still hometown folks.

"See that guy standing over there," Dick Erber says, pointing to Hylon "Doc" Heaton. "He used to be the veterinarian in town. His dad owned a theater."

Erber and his wife, Jean, now spend their winters near Spring Hill. Heaton, who winters in Holiday with his wife, Vivian, boasts he used to be the best vet in four counties. "Then another guy moved in," he says.

He can name almost everyone here.

There is Jim Matthews, he says, who used to own an auto repair shop. He now lives in Lady Lake. And John Clark, now of Holiday, who managed the rural electric power plant. And Jack Dickout of Floral City, who used to be the postmaster.

"That was in the days when somebody could send a letter just addressed to Marilyn in Boyne City and it would get delivered," says Marilyn Roberts, who comes each year with her husband, Marvin, and her mother, Eula Martin.

Roberts points to her husband, a former builder. "Marvin's over there talking to people he



The Boyne City crew gathered at Safety Harbor, Fla., for the 20th annual reunion.

built houses for," she says. The Roberts winter in Largo.

This gathering started with a birthday party 20 years ago and grew into an annual tradition. The annual picnic gives people a chance to catch up and to do a little bragging, Heaton says. "I do woodcarving, and I brought along a piece to show off."

Erber points to picnic organizer Gladys Howie, who left Boyne City for Pinellas County in 1959 with her husband, Jim, and their four daughters. Erber still refers to her as Gladys Kurchinski, the name she had when she graduated from high school in Boyne City 50 years ago.

Howie, now a widow, says she will head back to Boyne City this summer for her high school reunion, just as she does every five years.

"They're big on class reunions," she says.

"That's nice. People should stick together."

Everybody brings food to share for the gathering: ham, potato salad, deviled eggs and a ton of cakes and pies. They visit for about an hour before Howie gives the go-ahead to eat with the blessing that thanks God for "a lovely sunny day

in which all these friends can be together to share friendship and fun and food."

The crowds used to include as many as 100 who came from all over Florida. Some people from Boyne City would actually plan their Florida vacations to coincide with the picnics. In recent years attendance has been closer to 50 and Wednesday's gathering drew just over 30.

The participants, who range in age from their 60s to their 90s, are getting older, Marilyn Roberts says, and the younger people don't seem to care about these kinds of things.

Howie keeps working to maintain the tradition. She compiles names and addresses in a small card file. She sends postcards each year reminding people of the date. If you don't show up for three straight years, your card gets tossed.

She also keeps track of the picnic "budget." Last year, according to the handwritten report she attached to the sign-in sheet, the account had \$6.92 in it on picnic day, but the coffers swelled by \$58 from donations that day.

She only spent \$15 on postage, gifts and name tags, so there was no need for a collection

"All these people I know. They've all watched me get old."

--Marilyn Roberts

Wednesday. The account still has \$49.92.

The gathering, marked as the 20th annual, began in 1978 as a birthday party for Howie's mother-in-law, Lois, she says. Everybody had a good time, so they decided to do it again the next year.

Some people in the crowd have been coming every year, and a few swear it is at least a 25-year tradition.

The conversation is filled with questions such as: "Did (fill in the blank) die?" And answers such as "No. It's his wife who is in bad shape now." And "Do you have Don and Lucille's phone number?" and "How are those grandsons of yours?"

Marilyn Roberts is wearing a sweat shirt from Walloon Lake, near Boyne City. "Is the skating rink still out there?" Gladys Howie asks.

"No, Marcy died," Roberts says. "But they have a nice resort wear store out there now."

Wanda and Charlie Ford, who came from Zephyrhills, are the outsiders in the group. She's only been in the Boyne City area for 45 years; he came from Detroit about 25 years ago. They don't even live in the town. They live in East Jordan, which is about 10 miles away, but both worked for the rural electric cooperative in Boyne City.

"I told them I wouldn't adopt (Boyne City) completely until they got a McDonald's," Charlie Ford says. "Now, they've got one."

Lena Gerrie, who has attended almost every picnic and used to be the coordinator, moved to Boyne City in 1968, when she bought the Dairy Queen. She married the town jeweler shortly after that. He shared shop space with his brother, the town pharmacist, in a building their father opened in 1903.

She still recruits newcomers to the picnic when she can. "All these good people from small towns," Gerrie says. "They never forget."

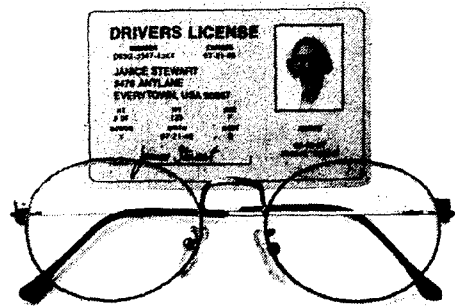
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Spelling no problem for these students

It could be something in the water. But more plausibly, four Boyne City area junior-high students, who placed in the top 10 of a recent regional spelling contest, are simply stellar spellers.

Jane Stieber, a Boyne City Middle School eighth-grader, took first place for the second year in a row at the Scripps Howard bee in Indian River. Concord Academy Boyne eighth-grader Jessica White was runner-up. Also competing were Rebecca Hoesli, a Harbor Light Christian School eighth-grader and Andrea Cooper, a seventh-grader at St. Francis Xavier.

Each student won their respective schools' spelling contests, which qualified them for the regional competition earlier this month.

Stieber's placing will advance her to the state-wide spelling bee later this month in Livonia. If for some reason she cannot attend the competition, White will step in as alternate.

This year Stieber spelled 'spangle' correctly in the eighteenth round of the regional contest, securing her a chance at national-level competition.

The winner of the state bee will advance to nationals in Washington D.C. Last year, approximately 25 students competed at the state level.

Stieber prepared for regionals by studying a little bit every day out of the National Spelling Bee book she was awarded for her school victory.

Although her spelling skills may come naturally, Jane said, "studying comes along with it."

Her most recent win coincided with another success she had on the Mathcounts team which took first place at a regional academic competition two weeks ago in Petoskey. The four-member math squad will compete for the state title at Western Michigan University on March 21, merely nine days before Stieber heads to the spell-off near Detroit.



From left are Jessica White, Andrea Cooper, Jane Stieber, and Rebecca Hoesli.

Gaillard String Quartet in concert at Grey Gables

A dinner-concert on March 20 at the Grey Gables Inn will feature the Gaillard String Quartet, whose members are from Charlevoix and Emmet county, with guest artists David and Joan Raeburn Holland from the Interlochen Arts Academy.

The evening, sponsored by the Jordan Valley Arts Council, begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at the Grey Gables in Charlevoix. Music begins at 8 p.m. with a program featuring pieces by Ravel, Sandoval, Grandjany, Claude Debussy's classic "Claire de Lune" and Mozart's Quintet No. 6.

David Holland, a violist, is an instructor of viola and chamber music at Interlochen. He is also conductor of the Interlochen string orchestra and musical director of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. He has been on the music faculty of several universities and while at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, was principal violist and soloist with the Duluth/Superior Symphony. He spends summers on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music in northern Pennsylvania.

Harpist Joan Raeburn Holland is an instructor of harp at Interlochen and has performed with such orchestras as the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, the Cleveland Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony and Baltimore Symphony. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music, she is currently harpist with the Sault Symphony of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and performs as a substitute harpist



Quartet members are, clockwise from top left: Krista Knight, Margaret Beck, Prudence Kurtz, and Marlys Mathei.

with several Michigan orchestras including the Traverse Symphony.

The Gaillard String Quartet was formed in 1995 by four local artists with strong professional backgrounds. Before retiring to East Jordan, violist Margaret Beck spent 20 years as a member of the Opera

House Orchestra at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. In addition to her quartet work, Beck also currently performs with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. She is a graduate of American University in Washington.

Violinist Krista Knight, a graduate of the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, has been a Suzuki violin instructor in the Charlevoix/Emmet county area for 17 years. She also teaches music at St. Mary's School in Charlevoix and performs with the folk band Dr. Goodhart's Home Remedy.

Violinist Prudence Kurtz is a Hope College graduate and holds a nursing degree from the Mercy Central School of Nursing. A two-time Interlochen National Music Camp attendee, Kurtz is a former member of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra and the West Shore Symphony Orchestra. She currently performs with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra.

Cellist Marlys Mathei holds a music education degree from Arizona State University where she performed with both symphony and chamber orchestras. She has taught instrumental and choral music privately and in schools in Arizona and Michigan, and is active in the Charlevoix/Emmet area as a freelance musician.

The cost for the evening is \$25 per person. Reservations are recommended and can be made with the Grey Gables Inn at 547-9261. The cost for the concert alone is \$10.

The event, part of the Jordan Valley Arts Council spring concert series, is sponsored in part by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Industrial Magnetics Inc. of Boyne City.

SEE-North offers families an evening of math and science

How come the cars on a roller coaster don't fall off when they go upside down? How can Water Striders walk on water? How can you tell when a bubble is going to pop?

SEE-North, a center for science and environmental education, will offer children in grades 3-6 and their parents an opportunity to explore these and other questions at Family Math and Science Night. The event is Tuesday, March 31, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Camp Daggett.

Family Math and Science Night offers a variety of hands-on activities to choose from. In addition to experiments investigating roller coasters, water, and bubbles, there are explorations of electricity and balance, the chance to solve an ancient puzzle, and dozens of other activities. A team can do as many as they like because each family works independently.

Teamwork is an important aspect of the program, with children and adults working together as learning partners. "Families find that working together to reach the answers challenges them to talk in a new way. The process can carry over into improved communication and problem solving at home with day-to-day questions," said SEE-North Program Specialist Marty Samson.

The evening will include a drawing for a number of simple science toys and refreshments will be served. Admission to Family Math and Science Night is \$4 per person. Advance registration is required because space is limited. For more information or to register, call SEE-North at 348-9700.

Family Math and Science night is one of many programs conducted by SEE-North. The nonprofit environmental education center serves as a regional source of materials and continuing education for science and math teachers. It also offers day and overnight field trips for school groups, and school-based programs including Green Earth Gangs (Grades 1 and 2), ELF (Environmental Learning for the Future for kindergarten-6th graders), and the North Wings birds-of-prey program (K-12).

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OBITUARIES

Richard Clark Jr.

Richard Clark Jr., 55, of East Jordan died on Friday, March 13, 1998 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 17, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Joseph Lima officiated, with interment in Rockery Cemetery, Jordan Township.

Richard was born on Dec. 6, 1942 in Petoskey, the son of Richard, Sr. and Viola (Carson) Clark. On July 27, 1963 in East Jordan, he married Agnes Zoulek.

He grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1960. He earned his degree in automotive machines and automotive mechanics from Ferris State University in 1967.

Richard was the owner-operator of Jordan Auto, Inc., a Parts Plus Auto store, in East Jordan, also known as "Shortie's" or "Dickie's" Auto.

He was a charter member, current board member, former vice president, and past president of the East Jordan Snowmobile Club.

Richard was an avid conversationalist. He enjoyed collecting die

cast model semi-trucks and cars, coins, antique tools, and especially friends. Dick also enjoyed hunting and snowmobiling. He was known as the "Ruppman" for his collection of Rupp Snowmobiles. Richard loved to travel and go casino hopping.

Richard is survived by his wife, Agnes Clark of East Jordan; one son, Richard "Richie" Clark, III of East Jordan; one daughter, Carol Jean (Tom) Healey, Jr. of Englewood, Fla. who are expecting their first child; two step-grandsons, Brandon and Travis Healey of East Jordan; two sisters, Patricia Clark of Charlevoix and Mary Lou Clark of Oregon; two brothers, Robin (Sandy) Clark of East Jordan and Roger (Joyce) Clark of Alanson; his step-mother, Emily Clark of East Jordan; three step-brothers, Nick (Nan) Poole of Shelby, Steven (Linda) Poole of East Jordan, and Gary Poole of Petoskey; three aunts; one uncle; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Clark on Jan. 20, 1975 and his father, Richard Clark, Sr. on March 1, 1992.

Memorials may be given to the East Jordan Snowmobile Club.

Dale B. Decker

Dale B. Decker, 38, of Roseville died on Monday, March 9, 1998 at BI-County Hospital in Warren.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 13 at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Eugene L. Baughan of the East Jordan United Methodist Church officiated. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Dale was born on February 12, 1960 in Mt. Clemens, the son of Carl and Janie (Rogers) Decker. He lived in East Jordan until he was 11 years old. Dale graduated from the Sterling Heights High School.

Dale was a carpenter and had helped in the family business of making saunas. He helped to build the family cabin in the Manistee Forest.

Dale loved it there.

Dale was a gentle soul who was concerned about other peoples feelings. He liked animals and being outdoors. He loved to read science fiction books and keep up on politics and world events. He also enjoyed bike riding, swimming and canoeing.

He is survived by his mother, Janie (George) Jacob of St. Claire Shores; his father, Carl (Shirley) Decker of Central Lake; paternal grandfather, Franklin Decker of Central Lake; maternal grandmother, Eva Hartung of East Jordan; one brother, Randy Decker of Sterling Heights; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given to the Salvation Army.

Warren E. DeRosia

Warren E. DeRosia, 77, of Boyne City, died on Sunday, March 15, 1998 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

He was born on June 2, 1920, in Hamtramck, the son of Edward and Agnes Ammon DeRosia.

Warren worked for many years as a security guard in California. In 1988 he moved to Boyne City. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Boyne City.

Survivors include a sister, Lillian (Peter) Cikalo of Boyne City; a son,

William DeRosia of Westland; two grandsons, William and Scott; nieces and nephews Peter (Diane) Cikalo, Lillian (Olney) Potter, Daniel (Shirley) Cikalo, Susan (Randy) Hamilton; and 14 great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruby and two sisters, Geraldine and Beverly.

A memorial service was held on March 17 at the First Baptist Church in Boyne City. Pastor Frank Carey officiated.

Donald S. Klekotka

Donald Stanley Klekotka, 47, of Boyne Falls, died on Sunday, March 15, 1998 at his home.

His funeral Mass will be on Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls. The Rev. Francis Partridge will officiate. Burial will be in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Don was born on Aug. 19, 1950 in Grand Rapids, the son of Stanley and Lorraine Pachulski Klekotka. After high school he worked for the United States Postal Service in Detroit. He then enlisted in the US Army and served in the Vietnam conflict. After his service he worked for various factories in Detroit.

In 1980 he moved to Boyne Falls. He went to work for Wick's (Dura) Mechanical in East Jordan. He retired in 1989.

Don was a member of St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls, American Pheasant and Waterfowl

Association. He served on several boards for Boyne Valley Township. He loved the outdoors and raised exotic pheasants.

On July 1, 1989, he married Mary Rebec and she survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Archie Chad Griffin Klekotka and Mathew Paul Klekotka, both at home; parents, Stan and Lorraine Klekotka of Boyne Falls; two brothers, Richard (Mary) of Boyne Falls and Robert of Ionia; two sisters, Sharon (Tim) Handlon of Mt. Clemens and Diane Murray of Roseville; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by one brother, Stanley, in 1998.

Memorials may be directed to the family; a fund will be set up for the children. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 18, from 2-8 p.m. and a rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. at the Stackus Funeral Home.

Vera R. Kraemer

Vera R. Kraemer, 85, died on Saturday, March 14, 1998 at her home in Wilson Township.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 17, at the East Jordan United Methodist Church. The Rev. Eugene L. Baughan of the East Jordan United Methodist Church officiated. Interment was in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

She was born on July 2, 1912 in East Jordan, the daughter of Herman and Effie (Bolser) Hammond. She grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1925. She then attended Michigan State University for one year. On December 23, 1933 in Boyne City, she married Richard Simmons. He died on Dec. 22, 1945. On May 15, 1947 in Boyne City, she married Leonard W. Kraemer. He died on March 27, 1988.

Vera worked at Kaden's Clothing Store in Boyne City from 1953 to 1964. She then worked at Courier Products, now known as Allied Signal, in Boyne City until a short retirement in 1977. She then went to

work at the Ben Franklin Store in Boyne City until 1990.

Vera was a member of the East Jordan United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, embroidering and other crafts. She also loved to read, tend her garden, feed birds, snowshoe, and win scrabble games.

Vera is survived by six daughters, Margaret Simmons of Boyne City, Betty (Niley) Louiselle of Springfield, Mo., Beverly (Edmond) Jensen of Gaylord, Susan (Bruce) Bergmann of Trout Lake, Dixie (Dale) Cosier of Boyne City, and Vera (James) Arnott of East Jordan; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth Looze of East Jordan; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel Kowalske on Feb. 28, 1931 and Helen L. Bartholomew on Jan. 9, 1981; and one brother, Floyd Hammond on Dec. 5, 1984.

Memorials may be given to East Jordan Senior Center.

Unemployment agency moves to new office

Jobless workers in the Petoskey area who file unemployment claims have a newer, larger and more convenient office to visit when applying for benefits.

Michigan's Unemployment Agency (UA) staff in Petoskey has moved to new quarters at 2225 Summit Park Dr., where it joins the area's Michigan Works! Agency — JOBNET.

"Our customers should find the new office to be much more convenient," said Valerie Winans, acting Petoskey UA manager. "The location is a No Wrong Door center where individuals can file for unemploy-

ment benefits, register for work, receive information about training programs and improve their reading, learning and computer skills."

Although the Petoskey UA office has changed its address, the phone number did not change from 347-5150. The MARVIN number also remains unchanged at 347-7088. MARVIN is an automated system claimants phone once every two weeks to certify they meet eligibility requirements for continuing to receive benefits.

The UA office is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Thursday, when it opens

at 9 a.m.

The Petoskey UA office primarily serves residents in Emmet and Charlevoix counties but also draws some claimants from the neighboring counties of Antrim, Cheboygan and Otsego.

The Unemployment Agency moved from its former offices at 911 Spring St., which it had occupied for more than 20 years. The move was completed on March 5.

The Unemployment Agency takes claims for unemployment insurance, determines eligibility and issues jobless benefits to unemployed workers who qualify.

State testing pesticide applicators

The Michigan Department of Agriculture will be conducting examinations on March 30 from 1-4 p.m. for anyone interested in becoming a certified pesticide applicator or for those needing to renew their present certification.

Cost of the exam is \$10 for private applicators and \$50 for commercial applicators.

If you are interested in taking the exam, call the Charlevoix County office of MSU Extension at 582-6232 by Friday, March 27.

Study manuals for the examination may be purchased from the extension office.

Sheriff issues reminder about numbers on houses

If you haven't already, the Charlevoix County sheriff's Department is asking one more time for you to display numbers on your house.

"Many citizens have complied," said Sheriff George Lasater, "but we still need compliance from many who do not have their house numbers

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As outlined in the county ordinance, a house number displayed should have the numbers not less than three inches in height, should be visible from the roadway, and all house numbers must be in block or script.

The Kiwanis Clubs of Petoskey,

Charlevoix and Cheboygan have a 911 House Numbering Project. For \$21 club members will create the numbers and install them. An order form is available at the sheriff's office.

Rep. Bodem plans visit to county

State Rep. Beverly A. Bodem, R-106th District, will meet with Charlevoix County constituents on March 20.

Each month, Bodem is available at area locations to discuss issues or solve problems. Her schedule for Friday is as follows:

• Noon-1 p.m. at Boyne City

City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City.

• 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Community Room, East Jordan Family Health Center, 601 Bridge St., East Jordan.

For more information, call 1-800-29-BODEM.

BC POLICE REPORT

The Boyne City Police Department received 99 complaints during the past week. Among them were:

• March 9 - An accident was reported in the lot at S&K Foods. There were no injuries.

• March 10 - A suspect was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department. A shoplifting

complaint was received from Glen's.

• March 11 - The department received a larceny complaint from the Division Street area.

• March 12 - Several complaints were received about snowmobilers riding on private property.

• March 13 - A vacuum at the Sportfisherman was reported damaged.

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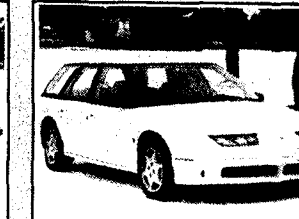




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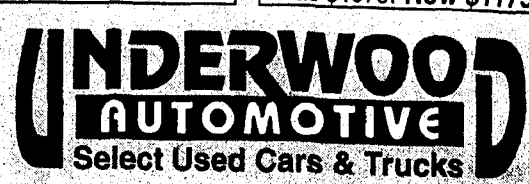
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SPRING IS just around the corner and Eleanor Sutliff can verify that because on Friday the 13th she saw about eight robins in her back yard.

LINDA MCGEORGE has been hospitalized for several days. She is in room 218 at Little Traverse Hospital.

ON SUNDAY, March 15, Jim White had a birthday. Yes, the Jim White of ACE Hardware. His employees gave him a BIG birthday party.

MARY CLOUGH of East Jordan has spent several days in Northern Michigan Hospital, room 267.

A SMALL BIRTHDAY party was given for Doris Biddick on Wednesday, March 11, by Jessie Willson. Pizza, birthday cake and lots of laughs were on the menu.

JIM AND JANET Sheperd visited her dad, Joe Tison, at Grandvue on Friday. Colored balloons helped make the St. Patrick's Day celebration a festive one.

GERRI BURGESS, Flo Davis, Thelma Bentley and Jessie Willson attended a very delicious corn beef and cabbage dinner at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix on Sunday.

STEVE FAZENBAKER, campus minister of Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga., and some of the faculty and students (30 in all) will go on their annual mission trip over spring break to Los Angeles, Calif. They will leave March 18 and return March 24. They will be working on homes for Habitat for Humanity and other much needed projects. Sherry Edlund (Jean Korthase's daugh-

ter) who is one of the faculty members will be doing a lot of the cooking while on the mission. They have gone on other missions to Jamaica, Greece and now the USA.

JERRY AND BETTY KELTS will be cooking a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 21, for the Trinity Church missions.

KATHY DAGLEY from Lapeer spent Tuesday with her mother, Ruth Yahr.

THE RESIDENTS of the Litzenger Place were saddened to hear of the death of a former resident, Warren DeRosia. Warren passed away at Grandvue Medical Facility on Sunday, March 15.

JEAN KORTHASE spent Sunday afternoon in Petoskey visiting her sister, Shirley Sassin, who is very ill.

ANDREW AND JOE KAPAPA went on a two-day trip to Indianapolis, Ind., where Joe attended a "Promise Keepers" Conference.

SANDY NEWVILLE and sister Kathy Dagley had a wonderful trip to Las Vegas. All went well until Monday, when Sandy wanted to get home to Boyne City. She was coming from Lapeer and got to West Branch where she had to spend the night because the visibility was so bad. On Tuesday, it took her four hours to make the two hour trip. This was not the first time Sandy had trouble getting home from March vacations. Maybe you should schedule your trips in May, Sandy!

Next week's **NEIGHBORS COLUMN** will more than likely be back in the very capable hands of Nancy Northup. Hopefully, she had a wonderful restful vacation. To submit news items, call her at 582-9174.

Boyne Valley Garden Club ready for another season

By BETTY SHAVER

We hope that spring is just around the corner, because members of the Boyne Valley Garden Club look forward to their first meeting of the new year on March 26, at 1 p.m. in the community room at Litzenger Place. Hostesses for the day are Irene Grundner, Sherry Wolcott and Jean Grimm.

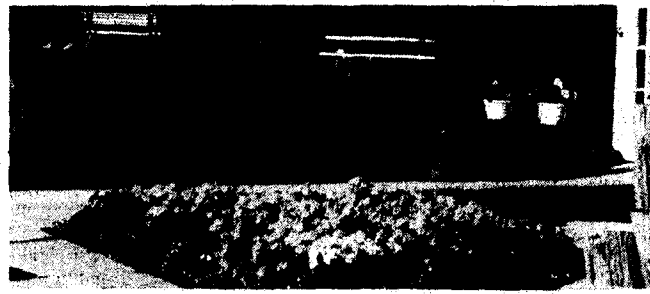
When warm weather arrives members will begin an ambitious array of activities, beginning with the annual spring shrub sale. Members will begin taking orders and distributing the traditional pink fliers in April.

The shrub selected for 1998 is a Viburnum, a dwarf European cranberry, in a two-gallon container, hardy for our zone 4. It is similar to a Highbush cranberry, only smaller and has clusters of white flowers in late spring, followed by brilliant red berries in early autumn.

Another of the important community beautification club fund-raising projects planned for the weeks ahead includes the sale of 50-50 tickets during the annual Mushroom Festival. Members will be at Sunset Park on May 16 selling these tickets, as well as at other locations.

They will also be on hand with their rakes and shovels to help out with the annual "Buff Up Boyne" day on May 2.

In conjunction with National Garden Week, June 7-13, members will be busy with their annual planting of flowers around the community. Areas that will be planted on June 8 are the flower boxes on both sides of the bridge, the flower boxes around four sides of the public restrooms by the river, the flower boxes and gardens at the Chamber of Commerce building and the shade bed at the triangle of Cedar and Pleasant streets.



The Boyne City marina is one of the areas where the garden club works its green-thumb magic.

New this season are the flower boxes at the Chamber of Commerce building and flower boxes at the windows of the public restrooms by the river.

On June 9, the planting of flowers will continue at the post office, city hall, the lighthouse and the fountain and gazebo in Old City Park.

Also, in early June six flowering memorial trees will be planted at various locations around town in honor and memory of deceased members Violet Manglos, Lois Pollock, Sally Ruggles, Dorothy Mariage, Stella Kuhs, and devoted volunteer Bill Rowe.

The election of officers for the next two years, the annual pot luck picnic and the indoor/outdoor plant exchange, will all take place on June 25 at noon in Old City Park.

The 4th of July celebration brings forth the club's homemade pie sale in the morning at the pavilion in Veterans Park. All pies are made by members and the event is always a swift sellout and very popular with the community.

Over the past year, everyone has been busy collecting their favorite recipes for the publication of a cookbook, "Recipes From The Heart of The Boyne Valley Garden Club." It is hoped the cookbook will be ready for sale in time for Christmas, if not before.

New members who joined the club in 1997 include Tracy Wilmot, Luellen Newmann, Susan Dickow, Shirley Crozier, Dee Reiher and Sharon LeBuda.

Master Gardeners in the club are Bernice Mandeville, Arthella Dickerson, Tracy Wilmot and myself.

New members of all ages are welcome, both male and female. If you are retired and would like to be part of an enthusiastic group, come and join our club.

Club members take pride in the fact that they pull together as a team to earn the money through their various projects, which buys the many flowers, shrubs and trees which are planted each year to bring beauty to our town.

Contributions and/or memorials to this non-profit organization would be greatly appreciated and can be mailed to the Boyne Valley Garden Club P.O. Box 0387, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Goals of the club are to stimulate the love of gardening and to share knowledge with each other and the community. For more information contact me at 582-5545.

(Betty Shaver is president of the Boyne Valley Garden Club.)

Historian speaking at Flywheelers' meeting

Allen Pifer, speaker and historian for the Michigan Humanities Council will present a program on the French and Indian fur trappers in Michigan during the 1720s at the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers meeting on Saturday,

March 21.

The meeting will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, on M-75 in Boyne City. The program begins at 8 p.m. and will last 45 minutes to

one hour. The public is invited to attend.

The Pifer presentation is made possible through a grant from the Humanities Council.

Writer's Guild first meeting is March 30

The first meeting of the Writer's Guild will be held Monday, March 30, at the Jordan Valley District Library, and the first Monday of the month, thereafter (excluding April). The guild will be meeting from 6:30-9:30 p.m., and encourages participants to bring ideas for future meetings — and perhaps a snack to pass.

The Writer's Guild is open to anyone who has an interest in writing — even if all you've written lately is the grocery list, this might be the place to start.

'Munch for Music' benefits Boyne band program

The third annual "Munch for Music," a fund raiser for the Boyne City Schools' music department, is Thursday, March 19, from 4-8 p.m. at McDonald's.

The restaurant is donating a portion of the proceeds during those hours to the school band program.

"Join us for dinner as band members and parents work toward opportunities for our school musicians," said band director Rebecca Palminter.

CLUBS

American Legion Post # 228

The veterans of Boyne City American Legion Post #228 and the Auxiliary celebrated the 79th birthday of the American Legion at a potluck dinner March 5. The auxiliary provided the ham for the dinner and treated with a birthday cake decorated with the American Legion emblem.

Following dinner, Boyne City Police Chief Randy Howard outlined plans for a work program within the community that would employ at-risk teens. The purpose of the program is to keep the teens in school and gainfully occupied during out of school hours. Howard is calling upon the community to cooperate by offering supervised employment opportunities to these teens.

During the Legionnaire's regular meeting which followed Chief Howard's talk, Adjutant Warren Davis gave a work-in-progress report concerning the construction of the handicap accessible restroom facilities in the Legion Hall.

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SPORTS

Stand up and holler for cheer teams

Boyne City takes fourth, East Jordan eighth at state meet

The Boyne City Cheer Team captured fourth place at the State Cheerleading Championship held at Saginaw Valley State University on Saturday.

The fourth place finish is the first time Boyne City has finished in the top five in the competition. The 1995 team finished sixth.

"After our regional championship, our goal at state was to be in the top five and we hit it," said coach Cindi Place. "We are so excited for the girls, especially the seniors."

The state meet caps off a successful season in which the Ramblers won the Houghton Lake Invitational, the Lake Michigan Conference Championship, and the MCCA Region 1 Championship. The only team to beat the cheer team,

prior to the state meet, was Saranac, who was state runner-up on Saturday. Boyne City placed second to Saranac in the Cheer Michigan West Invitational.

Boyne City finished only two points behind third place Lake Fenton. Allendale was crowned state champions with 549 points, Saranac finished second with 541 points, then Lake Fenton 500, Boyne City 498, Manchester was fifth with 497 points. East Jordan finished eighth with 467 points.

"The top two teams were awesome. They were far and away the two best, which left a fight for third place," said coach Andy Place.

This year's team includes two girls from the

1995 team which placed sixth. Amy Place and Beth Stackus, who were freshman on the 1995 team, were selected to receive the team's trophy at this year's state championship.

"The seniors really wanted to do well. They knew we had the best talent we have ever had. I'm so happy for them," Andy said.

Amy and Beth are four-year team members. Seniors Alanna Simonsen and Country Stewart are third-year team members; seniors Emily Wright and Jennifer Weisler are two-year team members, along with sophomore Susan Noeske; first-year members are junior Nicole Sulak, sophomores Liane Deming and Carleen Pearsall, and freshman Brandy Kennedy.



After their highest finish ever at the state championships, Boyne's cheer team was all smiles.

BOYNE CITY WINS ITS THIRD STRAIGHT TITLE

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

By CHRIS WINKLER

Three in a row and six out of the last eight. It's been quite a run for the

Boyne City Ramblers.

They made sure no one stood in the way of their third straight district title as they thrashed Elk Rapids last

Friday 87-52. The victory pushed them to 18-4 overall and earned them a berth in the regional tournament in Houghton Lake.

The regional bracket is exactly the same as it was two years ago when Boyne played Rogers City and Manton played McBain in the first round. That year Manton and Boyne met in the final, which was won by Manton. This season Manton is undefeated and highly rated and if both teams make it to the regional final, it could be one heck of a game.

The Ramblers have faced Rogers City twice this season

winning 77-74 and 90-73.

"The last two games were two of our best games all year," said coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "Teamwise, offensively, defensively, and overall. So we are taking care of business at the right time and hopefully we can keep the season going."

Elk Rapids, coming off a win over Charlevoix that put them in the finals, came out to play with Boyne. The score was even through much of the first quarter. But then the Ramblers went on a 9-0 run to finish the quarter leading 25-15. Jason Rozycki pushed the Elks back almost

single-handedly, scoring 15 points, and went on to score 24 for the first half.

By half-time, after fending off another Elk comeback bid, the Ramblers had opened up a 45-30 margin, and wouldn't let up. After three periods, Boyne was ahead 64-41.

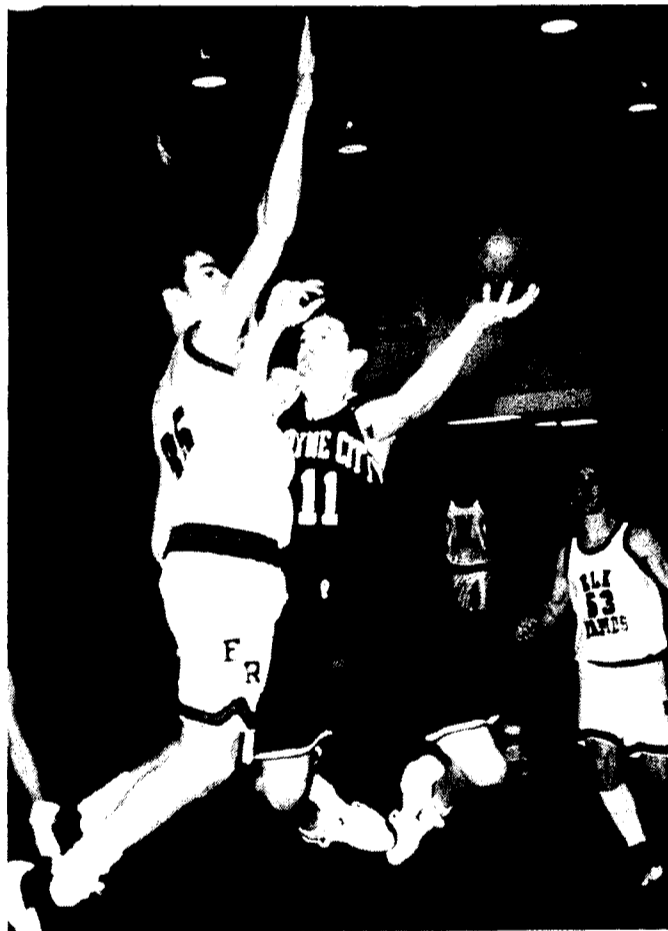
"There was no difference between this game and the last time we played Elk Rapids," Fitzpatrick said. Boyne had topped the Elks 79-57 and 82-72 during the regular season. "We didn't do anything different, and they were trying to do

the same things. It was just a matter that our seniors, led by Jason, stepped it up."

Rozycki scored 37 points, a career high. A large percentage of those came off pull-up jumpers, a shot Rozycki is known for, but he

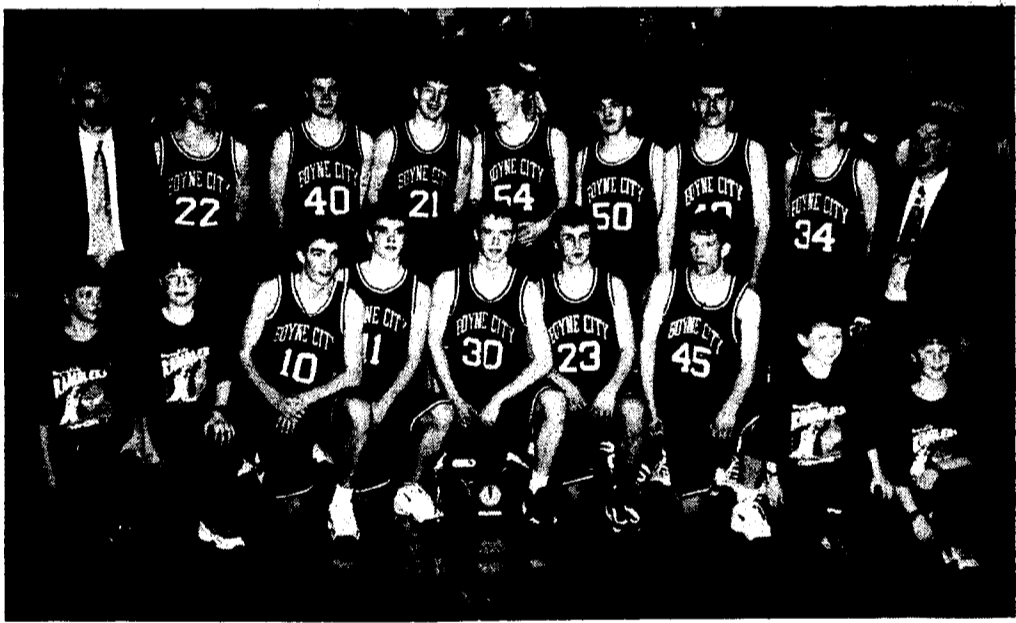
"We are taking care of business at the right time and hopefully we can keep the season going."

—Kevin Fitzpatrick



Bill Case shows his skill around the basket as he goes hard to the hoop with a left-handed layup.

Photos by Vic Ruggles



Their evening's work done, the Boyne City Ramblers celebrated their third straight district title at East Jordan Friday night.

really brought it out Friday.

"He just took control of the game and he did it in a very team-like manner," Fitzpatrick said.

The four senior Ramblers, who have been averaging double figures for the Ramblers (Rozycki, 23 ppg in the regular season, Jesse Belford, 15, Matt Johncheck, 13, and Bill Case, 11) all performed well. Rozycki also had eight rebounds, four assists and three steals. Case had 14 points, Johncheck 12 points and six boards, and Belford scored 13.

Boyne won the rebounding battle 45-33 and committed a minimal six turnovers, with none in the first quarter. By committing only 10 fouls during the game, the Ramblers held Elk Rapids to just four points from the free-throw line. Meanwhile, Boyne was fouled 20 times, and made 22 of 29 at the line.

"Right now, we seem to be right on the top of our game," said Rozycki. "We can always get better, but we're pretty happy with how we are for the district championship."

Loggers' district title is first since 1993

The Boyne Falls Loggers are venturing into territory they haven't been in since 1993.

That's the last time they won the district tournament and it's the same year they advanced to the regional finals.

The Loggers are hoping to go that far and even farther this year.

They won the district tournament last Friday at home against a stubborn Northern Michigan Christian Academy, 64-51. That victory earned them a ticket for the regional semi-final Tuesday against Cedarville at Cheboygan. The winner of that game advances to the regional final Thursday at 7 p.m. against the winner of the Alanson-St. Ignace game.

"We're looking forward to the regionals," said head coach Frank Hamilla, who has guided his team to a 17-5 record this season.

Despite being the favorite to win the district tournament, the Loggers were severely tested by two teams they had defeated during the regular season.

"They played a great game," Hamilla said of Northern Christian.

"We played in spurts."

Fortunately that was good enough, but there were several tense moments.

One of them was at the beginning of the game when Hamilla had to make an unscheduled trip to his Boyne City home.

Both Northern Christian and the Loggers showed up with their white uniforms and while the two head coaches had no problem with it, the referees decided it would be best if Boyne Falls wore its green uniforms.

Hamilla said the uniform mixup was due to some confusion with the bracket. In the opening round of the district, Boyne Falls was in the lower bracket and wore white. For the championship game the Loggers were also in the lower bracket and assumed they would be white again.

That wasn't the case and Hamilla had to run home to get the uniforms. Fortunately they were clean. "I drove as fast as I could," Hamilla said.

It wasn't fast enough and because of the 25-minute delay, Boyne Falls was assessed a technical at the start of the game.

After a tight first quarter, the Loggers started taking control of the game midway through the second quarter when they built an 11-point lead. "I thought we were going to blow them out," Hamilla said, "but we went into a lapse and let them get back in the game."

Northern Christian not only avoided the blowout, they took the lead in the third quarter and were in control heading into the final period.

"We weren't moving the ball real well," Hamilla said. "We made some changes in the fourth quarter and that helped."

Among the changes were going from a 2-1-2 zone defense to a 3-2 zone, and mixing up its presses.

Chad Matelski led the Loggers with 27 points and seven rebounds. Also in double figures were Matt Britton, 14 points, and Ryan Fiel, 13 points.

The Loggers earned a berth in the district championship game with a 70-53 victory over Vanderbilt. But don't let the final score deceive you: it was a much tougher game than that.

The Loggers led by three at the half, thanks to Matt Britton's long-range shot as the buzzer sounded to



Boyne Falls' players gathered around their district trophy after their victory over Northern Michigan Christian Academy.

end the half. In the third quarter the Loggers started to pull away and led

52-38 at the end of three.

Matelski had another great night,

leading the team with 30 points while Ben Britton had 14.

Wrapping up a creative court career

By JANE BROCK

Say the name Parke Bluhm, and for many folks in the East Jordan and Boyne City area, basketball leaps to mind.

Talking about Parke necessarily means talking about basketball, but the sport becomes the analogy for Parke's vitality, not the reason for it.

Parke is the third of Ken and Franny Bluhm's four sons, and a senior at East Jordan High School. He has just finished his third season on the varsity basketball team, and with a flair that coach Del Ingalls said "we knew he was capable of." Brad Jones, assistant varsity coach said, "Shooting well is not surprising, he shoots after practice a lot — more than anyone else on the team."

"(Parke) is our leader and our anchor, no doubt. As Parke goes, we go also."

These remarks were not merely in reference to Parke's record-tying 43 points in a single game, or the record setting eight 3-pointers he had last Tuesday against Mancelona. They are a response to Parke himself.

Matt Shaw, a junior who has played with Parke for two years said, "He's never negative, he encourages the rest of the team. When you look at Parke, he's steady as a rock. He's got a strong mental game."

"That positive attitude is not just his game. I've never seen him in a bad mood. I can't think of a time when he hasn't been positive. I've never seen him shift the blame — in fact, he'll shoulder some of the blame even when he doesn't deserve it."

Maybe that is why the most commonly named characteristic of Parke Bluhm is that he is nice to everyone. Ingalls described him as "universal," saying that Parke gets along with everybody, and yet still seems to go his own way.

Parke's younger brother, Darin, sees another facet of this quality. Is his brother kind, indiscriminating, as he is often described? Darin says yes, and then adds seriously, "He works at it." Darin pointed out that Parke works hard at anything that is important to him. "You don't see him sitting around watching TV. He's always out and about, doing something."

Ken Bluhm describes his son this way: "Parke is level headed, even keeled, unprejudging. He doesn't demean himself, but he doesn't ring his own bell." He notes that when Parke was younger he was so easy going that he was sometimes overlooked. Ken is quick to say that all his sons are good, but the others he described as "vociferous, typical boys."

Parke was sometimes "too good for his own good." It hasn't seemed to hurt him any.

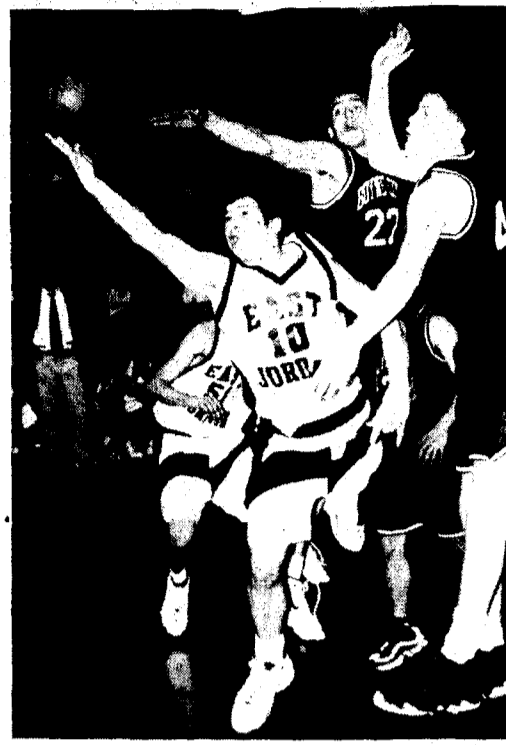


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Slicing through Matt Johnecheck, 22, and Jesse Belford, Parke Bluhm gets off this "creative" shot against the Ramblers.

The basketball season started hard for Parke. He was recovering from a recent sprained ankle, and it had gotten him down. He was discouraged and the Red Devils were having a slow start. Coach Ingalls described Parke's two previous years on the varsity team this way: "Parke had played well as a sophomore, and really well as a junior." But he noted that as a senior Parke was the "marked man," the one player that other teams spend half their practices planning how to control.

Parke wasn't having the kind of games that coaches Ingalls and Jones knew him to be capable of. They, as well as the other teams and the fans, expected it — perhaps unrealistically. Ingalls thinks, "While he did indeed meet these expectations in grand fashion in the last few weeks of the season, there were those who guessed that maybe Parke was ready to concentrate on his art."

Parke's art. That is the other side of Parke

Bluhm, the side that the fans may not realize they are seeing when they watch him take to the floor.

But Del Ingalls says that they are. Parke's "biggest characteristic," he says, "is that he's creative, artistic. He's imaginative and good at a lot of things. That free will, free-flowing thing that is a result of his artistic nature is also the way he plays basketball. He is free-flowing, strong and gifted-coordinated."

Parke liked that observation. He agrees that creativity "ties in with the game, making it a little funner for me." When his play is most imaginative he says he is the "King of Junk," (a style of play around the basket in which the player has to be a little crafty and "have a few tricks up his sleeve.")

What the fans see is a living trompe-l'oeil — Parke Bluhm fooling the eye. Bluhm has had to develop a strategy to overcome the height deficiency that teammate Scott Haley says Parke never let bother him. Instead, he handles the ball like an illusionist, making it go places it isn't expected to. Parke's dad says that Parke used to look forward to attaining a height of over six feet, but when the realization hit that his stature was likely never to exceed the current 5'8", he responded by training in vertical jumps. Now, Ken muses, it is not an uncommon sight to see a loose ball surrounded by several six-footers, and when all the tall bodies and long arms clear, there is Parke, crouching over the ball.

If his height bothered him, he never let his teammates know about it, any more than his opponents. Parke uses his ball handling, says Shaw, to gain a mental edge over his challengers. He is so quick he can make them feel slow — his speed is intimidating. But Ingalls doesn't think that Parke uses intimidation against other players. He sees Parke's strength rather in being impervious to intimidation himself.

"Parke has the ability to block out psychological tactics from adversaries," he said. "He doesn't get too fired up, or come into play unprepared." Parke himself thinks he is a combination of the two. He does try and intimidate if the situation calls for it, but he does not feel easily intimidated.

Referring to Boyne City's Jason Rozycki, Parke admitted to always looking forward to playing against him. "Jason's really good," Parke said. "He's always kind of overshadowed us. I kind of like that." He enjoys the challenge of a good player and besides, Jason's popularity takes some of the spotlight off him, which can be a relief. However, Parke is no stranger to the spotlight, and often is at his best under pressure. The self-proclaimed King of Junk enchants the fans with his high energy antics on the court.

Parke plans to go on to college to study art. Though a couple of smaller colleges have been anxious to sign him, Parke says he will either try to get a scholarship or "try to walk on. If I could play for a bigger college where I wouldn't normally be recruited — that would be awesome."

Darin said he was surprised, though, when his older brother seemed to be looking at schools more for their art programs than their basketball opportunities. Parke is ready to pursue his dream of studying art, either graphic arts, design or printing. He may also concentrate more on his music. Parke plays the guitar and drums and writes much of the music he plays with his friend, Shtwin. "We play a lot of funky stuff — slow and easy-going or fast and heavy. Shtwin's lyrics are kind of twisted," Parke said. "I don't know, you'll have to listen to it." He paused, laughed and said, "Actually, no, you better not."

Parke has several heroes, though, and if heroes tell you anything about where a guy's heart is, his is still on the basketball court. When he was younger, Dan Majerle of Traverse City (and Miami) was his hero, mostly because he was a northern Michigan basketball player who made good. Really good.

Andrew Otis, a point guard for East Jordan when Parke joined the varsity team, is another hero. Haley feels that Andrew strongly influenced Parke's game. "He wanted to prove that he could play with Andrew and could play as well as Andrew," Haley said. It is perhaps typical of Parke that this competition gave birth to admiration, not jealousy or intimidation.

Another hero is coach Ingalls, Parke said. "Over the years he wouldn't let me fall short of anything. He got after me to get good grades — or almost good grades," Parke laughed. "He kept pushing me to be the best I could be. He is a role model."

Parke also said his father was a hero to him. "Just because," he said. "He's my dad." The feeling is mutual.

When asked what he would want people to say about him, Parke answered that he hoped they would say he was nice to everyone, that he was easy-going, that he didn't discriminate against anyone. And, he added, "that I am extremely handsome." Though he insists that he was just joking about that last part, the signs waving around at games indicate he is covered on all counts.

The Red Devils and their rivals will miss the energetic, universal, artistic, free-flowing Parke Bluhm next basketball season. But he is wished the best, with confidence that the best is exactly what he'll get.

He'll work for it.

Boyne's depth and athleticism wear down East Jordan

By CHRIS WINKLER

As so often happens in the district tournament, Boyne City and East Jordan squared off.

And as expected, the game in East Jordan on Thursday came with a packed house, excitement on the floor, and a well-executed game both ways. The 80-68 Boyne victory boosted the Ramblers into the district finals, where they would meet Elk Rapids.

The first quarter was defined by a barrage of three-pointers. Nine treys burned the nets in the period from all areas of the court, and some were made with a limited view of the basket. Four lead changes in the frame found Boyne City on top 24-22.

East Jordan took its final lead of

the game early in the second, on a Parke Bluhm three-pointer. Rambler junior Jeremy Peck hit two big three's shortly after to open up the difference, and the first half finished 44-34, to the Ramblers' advantage.

The Red Devils opened up the third quarter on a 9-2 run, and had closed the gap to three, before Boyne pulled away. Aided by a fourth quarter slam dunk by Jason Rozycki, the Ramblers kept the momentum on

their side and were able to put East Jordan away.

"We came out in the third," said Boyne coach Kevin Fitzpatrick, "and got a couple of looks that didn't go, and they made a couple of baskets. We slowly took control, and our guys were able to respond and make big plays of their own."

"We don't have the depth or athleticism to play an up and down game with Boyne," East Jordan

coach Del Ingalls said. "I thought the difference was that Boyne was able to come out in the second half, pick up their defense, and get a couple spurts. We got a little bit shook, and we just didn't have the energy or depth."

Bluhm led the Devils with 21 points, and he also dished out four assists and made three steals. Junior Matt Shaw scored 15 points, and had eight rebounds. Chris Murray finished with 13 points, and Denzil Wilson had 11.

For the Ramblers, Rozycki paced the squad with 22 points and five rebounds. Bill Case drained five treys for his 15 points, and Jesse Belford scored 15 as well, in the process grabbing eight rebounds. Matt Johnecheck had another marvelous game doing a lot of the dirty work for Boyne, with 14 points, 15 rebounds, and five assists.

Ingalls was complimentary of his seniors. "It's been a good class, and they've given a lot to this community," Ingalls said. "We've had some ups and downs this year, but the way we finished shows character, and I can't say enough about the seniors. I'm just proud to be associated with them."

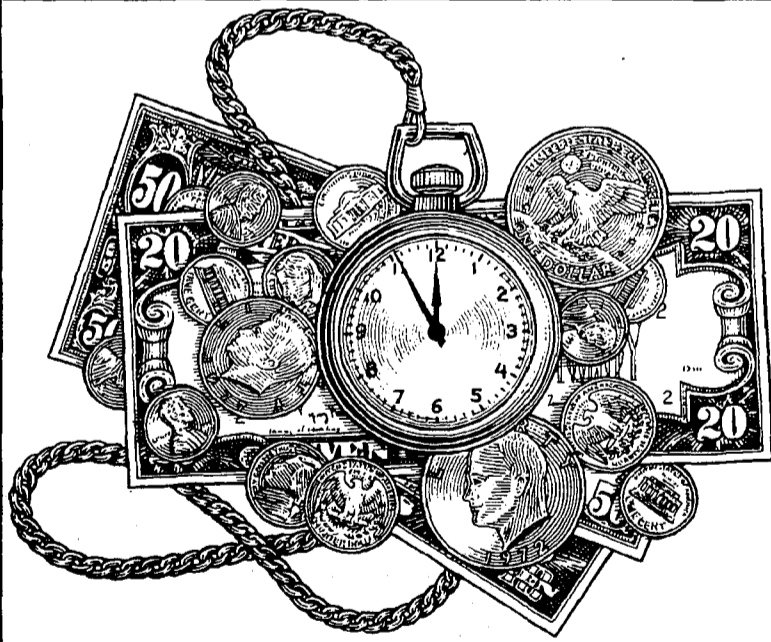
The Red Devils finished the season with a 10-12 record.

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Petoskey hosting clinic for soccer coaches and referees

The Petoskey Youth Soccer Association is hosting referee and coaches clinics March 20-22.

The clinics are open to anyone interested in youth soccer and the Boyne Area 4-H Soccer Board is willing to pay the registration fees for those participating in the local program.

The coaches clinic is an 18 hour "E" License clinic with instruction by MSYSA coaches. It is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. The cost is \$5, which includes lunch on Saturday and Sunday. The clinic meets in Petoskey on Friday from 6-9 p.m.,

Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. To register, call Diane Rellinger at 347-8387.

The referee certification course is open to anyone 12 years of age or older and the fee is \$30. It meets Friday from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday from 10-5 p.m. Those completing the course will be certified through FIFA and will be able to referee youth soccer games throughout the area during three seasons.

For more information, contact Susan Conklin at 582-7897 or Petoskey Youth Soccer at 348-2947.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls

NAME: Ben Britton
PARENTS: Bill and Lori Britton and Cindie and Carl Olstrom
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Baseball, basketball, cross country, yearbook, Student Council
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hunting, fishing, video games (Play Station)
FUTURE PLANS: Go to Tech School (ITT or UTI)



Ben Britton

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Ben is a very good student and a great young man," said Doug Tippett. "He is hard-working, honest, and dedicated to success. He achieves a high level in my classes by going on past the expectations of the assignment. He is respected by his fellow students and teachers, and in turn, he shows respect for each of them. He is a role model for the younger students."



Molly Bricker



Shawn Weisler



Jennifer DeNise

Boyne City

NAME: Molly A. Bricker
PARENTS: Robin and Dave Bricker
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, volleyball, track and field, Class Treasurer, Student Council Treasurer, Journalism/Yearbook
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I enjoy spending time with my girl friends and playing sports."
FUTURE PLANS: "I hope to attend Aquinas College next fall where I will possibly get a degree in education. Following college, I plan to join the Peace Corps."

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Molly is a very hard working student. She sets high goals for herself and then works to attain them," said Mrs. Clausen. "Molly is a responsible person and follows through on assigned tasks. She is a good student whom I truly enjoy having in Physics class."

"Molly is a very hardworking young lady in my Journalism class," said Mr. Fowler. "She accepts work without complaint and is mindful of deadlines, so important to this class. Thanks, Molly."

"Molly is a hard working, dedicated athlete," said Coach Britton. "She strives for excellence on and off the court. Her up beat positive attitude and level headedness earned her a tri-captain position in volleyball. Not only is Molly a three sport athlete, she is also very involved in other school activities and maintains a high G.P.A. Her dedication to her school, her family and her peers has earned her the respect of all who know her. She is a joy to coach and will be sadly missed when she graduates in June."

NAME: Shawn Weisler
PARENTS: Marty and Debra Weisler
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cross Country and Track
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Running, drawing, listening to my collection of CDs"
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan on going to college and studying to be some type of an engineer, or go into a field of forestry. I plan to keep running for the rest of my life, and enjoy life day by day."

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Shawn has quietly earned a 4.0 in my English class so far," said Mr. Wollenberg. "He continually comes up with good responses during class in regards to difficult literature, and writes a fine essay!"
"Shawn is a wonderful student to have in class," said Ms. Forlinsky. "He always applies himself, participates in class discussions, and does well with assignments. Shawn's interest in biology is high, and it's a pleasure to watch him explore the biology curriculum. Keep up the great work. Your attitude and willingness to learn will take you far. Congratulations, Shawn!"

NAME: Jennifer Lynn DeNise
PARENTS: Dennis and Nancy DeNise
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Drama - actor and student director, National Honor Society - secretary and Senior class representative
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I enjoy hiking, snowmobiling, spending time with my dogs, drama practice, and going out with friends. I also enjoy volunteering at Northern Michigan Hospital during summers."
FUTURE PLANS: "After graduation, I plan to attend Grand Valley State University and get my Master's Degree in Physical Therapy. I hope to eventually see the world."

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jennifer is our Assistant Student Director for the 1998 drama season," said Mr. Wollenberg. "She helped with our Children's Theatre, Boyne Meets Broadway, and now Gershwin's 'Crazy For You'. Jennifer gets the job done whenever you need it. I would hire her in a second if I owned a business."

"Jennifer has been a student of mine each of her four years in high school," said Mr. Edwards. "She is very mature, responsible and possesses the skills to succeed in college and in life."

"Jennifer has done a real fine job in my classes this year," said Mr. Rice. "It has been my pleasure to have known her at BCHS."



Kevin Paul is an eighth grader at Boyne City Middle School.

Hard work pays off

Kevin Paul competing this week in Junior Olympics at Steamboat Springs

For a young man, Kevin Paul has already learned a valuable lesson in life. "Hard work gets you where you want to go," said the Boyne City Middle School eighth grade student.

Where Kevin wanted to go at the beginning of the ski season was the J-3 Junior Olympics at Steamboat Springs, Colo.

He's there, having arrived last Saturday evening.

Monday and Tuesday were training days for the four events he will be competing in: downhill, Super G, slalom, and giant slalom. Racing begins Wednesday and continues through the weekend.

He will be racing against some of the best young skiers in the country. He has no illusions of winning. He said his times are a few seconds behind the leaders, but there are a lot of skiers with slower times.

He's just hoping to gain some experience, ski hard and do his best.

Kevin, who's been racing the past four years, qualified for the Junior Olympics following his performances at the Central United States Ski Association championships held earlier this month in Marquette. He is an eighth grader at Boyne City Middle School and is the son of Robert Paul and Regina Paul. When he's not racing, he'll be working on the homework he took with him.

The central association region covers the central United States from North Dakota to Kentucky. To qualify for the CUSSA championships Kevin had to earn a qualifying spot in the series of eight Region III qualifying races.

The ski season started in early November for Kevin and other members of the Hurricane Racing Team, coached by Bob Vial of Boyne City. Vial will be in Steamboat Springs with Kevin.

The Hurricane team trains at Boyne Mountain and Boyne Highlands. Racing started around Christmas.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

Following are results of the Boyne Area Hockey Association's year-end tournament played last weekend at Sault Ste. Marie:

THE MITE-E PUCKS, sponsored by B.C. Pizza, played their first tournament game at the Norris Arena, home of LSSU Laker hockey. Boyne faced the more experienced Cadillac Teal team and was defeated 2-0. "These kids skated for all they were worth and didn't give up," said coach Dick Katz. "They showed good teamwork." Boyne also lost a consolation game played against the Gladwin White team in the Big Bear Arena.

THE JUNIOR RAMBLERS Mite team, sponsored by Dan's Concrete Service, lost two close games at the tournament.

In the first game, the Junior Ramblers played an excellent game while losing to St. Ignace 1-0. The game was a close defensive battle with Boyne goalie Charlie Courtright making many outstanding saves to keep the game even. St. Ignace finally broke the stalemate with three minutes to go in the third. Boyne played tough and equaled St. Ignace's shots on goal, but could not put the puck in the net. St. Ignace went on to win the Mite Championship.

In the second game, Boyne came out flat against Char-Em and allowed four goals in the first half of the game. Boyne got its game together and came back strong with two goals by Tyler Price with assists by Alex Bajko and Taylor Voice, and one

unassisted goal by Voice.

BOYNE SQUIRTS, sponsored by Premier Construction, took to the ice in their first game of the tournament against Ludington on Saturday afternoon. The team played aggressively and with great heart, but lost 5-2. Ryan Hennessy scored both Boyne goals unassisted. Also skating strong on the offensive line were Aaron Hardy and Trevor Mapes. Great defense was played by Matt Haver, Eli Barys and Tyler Kalbfleisch.

In their final game, Boyne faced off against the Gladwin Black team. Coach Kevin Moore said, "they skated one of the strongest games of the year," but were outscored 6-3. Hennessy scored two goals and Nick Dunwoody scored the other, assisted by Nate Herrera and Greg Holland. Terrific defensive effort was turned in by Josh Aown, Evan Keller, and Eric Marakewicz. Strong on offense were Derik Moore and Ron Orlarey. Russell Williams was in goal both games.

THE PEE WEES, sponsored by Boyne USA, took advantage of a

good first-round draw, handing Gladwin an 11-0 loss. Tyler Vogt and Chris Grice each had a hat trick, while Tyler Barys and Justin Conklin scored two goals each. Darren Looze had the other goal. Barys and Grice also had four assists each. Other assists were credited to Looze and Keith Dafoe.

In the second game Boyne lost 4-2 to Cadillac, but played their best game of the season. Scoring for the Pee Wees were Scott McDowell and Barys. Assists were credited to Garret Bergman, Barys, Grice and Vogt. Cadillac went on to win the tournament.

THE ACE HARDWARE Bantams had an exciting weekend of tournament hockey. The first game was a 3-2 loss to Cadillac. Boyne's first goal was scored by David D'Amour with an assist from Robert Cunningham. The second goal was by Gordie Selph.

In game two, Boyne romped past St. Johns 14-0. Ben Van Dam and Gordie Selph each got a hat trick (three goals). Van Dam also had three assists, and Selph had two. The other

goals and assists were: Justin Rouleau, two goals and one assist; Evan Helms, two goals and one assist; Collin Keller, one goal; David D'Amour, two goals; D. J. Adkison, one goal and two assists; Aaron Westrick, one assist; Zack Bajos, one assist; Chuck Bedford, one assist; Robert Cunningham, three assists; and Neil Howie, two assists.

Mike Bingham had his fifth shutout, and was in goal for both games.

The Bantams played a total of 36 games before their tournament, 20 of which were league games. Their league record was 9 wins, 7 losses and 4 ties.

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Steady hand

East Jordan sixth-grader Elizabeth Ballard concentrated on the gameboard she was painting during last week's Fun Friday at the middle school. As part of the district's strategic plan, junior-high schoolers can learn new skills from local community volunteers as well as teachers, a few Fridays per year. The students participate in a variety of activities including arts exploration, body building, foreign languages, photography, first aid and cooking.

Grand Rapids ballet coming to Petoskey

Jordan River Arts Council organizes free bus ride to Sunday matinee

The characters of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass" have delighted children and adults since the stories were first published and read to the children of Henry George Liddle the summer of 1862.

Now, northern Michigan residents can take a new look at "Alice" — in a production of the Grand Rapids Ballet.

"Alice" was chosen in the Spring of 1995 as a part of the Grand Rapids Ballet silver anniversary, celebrated during this 1997/98 season. The Crooked Tree Arts Council will present a performance of the Grand Rapids Ballet on Saturday, March 21, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. The performances are at the Petoskey Middle School.

The performance of "Alice" was made possible through a major grant from the Frey Foundation to the Crooked Tree Arts Council along with support from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Petoskey Plastics, Inc., and Old Kent Bank.

Partnerships, sponsors and volunteers have been the key to making "Alice" become a reality. Northern Michigan Hospital has contributed meal tickets to the more than 38 dancers and technical staff, and dancers will be housed at the Perry Hotel.

Several local residents were chosen by Grand Rapids Ballet choreographer Robert Estner to be a part

of the performance. They include Ursula Anderman, Molly Brien, Betony Ferguson, Kelly Brouwer, Rachel Reichlin, Nicole Tollenaar, Christina Alexander, Ann Jaquith, Kelly Simmons, Nick Miller, Perhansa Skallerup, Nellie Skallerup, Erin Evashevski, and Amy Hotchkiss.

High School students in East Jordan, Harbor Springs and Petoskey designed drawings used on the Grand Rapids Ballet's Alice posters and distributed throughout Emmet and Charlevoix Counties.

Marge Teske and Jane Diller, members of the Jordan River Arts Council, are organizing free transportation for the Sunday Matinee, from East Jordan and Charlevoix into Petoskey. One bus will leave the East Jordan Middle School at 12:25 p.m. Another bus will leave St. Mary's School in Charlevoix at 12:15 p.m. For transportation reservations, call Marge at 536-3128.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students through high school age. Children six and under, accompanied by an adult, are free. Tickets are available in Petoskey at the McCune Arts Center, in East Jordan at the Busy Bridge Antiques and Gifts, in Boyne City at Roast and Toast of Boyne, and in Charlevoix at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

For more information about the Grand Rapids Ballet production of Alice, call the Crooked Tree Arts Council at 347-4337.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

March 3, noon meeting - City commission approved transferring a liquor license from the Boyne River Inn, Inc. to The Bear, Inc., and reappointed James Howell, Bruce Hubble, Pete Friedrich, and Ralph Stowe to the Boyne City Economic Development Corporation/Local Finance Authority boards.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TRANSIT REGIONAL RIDE SYSTEM PROPOSED STATE APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that Charlevoix County Transit has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for Fiscal Year 1998/99 as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for Federal Section 5311 (former Section 18) assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act as amended.

Charlevoix County Transit is requesting \$626,182 in State assistance for regional transit services and \$274,000 for the purchase of (1) bus, (4) vans and (20) bus shelters.

The proposed application is on file at Charlevoix County Transit, 1050 Brockway, Boyne City, and may be reviewed during a 30-day period ending April 18, 1998 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Written comments are invited on the application. Alternatively, any citizen may request in writing that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic and environmental effects of these proposals. Written comments or written requests must be received on or before April 14, 1998. Should a hearing be requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX ENACTMENT OF AMENDMENT NO. 66 TO ORDINANCE A-28

At a monthly meeting of the City Commissioners of the City of Boyne City, County of Charlevoix, Mich. held at Boyne City Hall the 10th day of March 1998 at 7 p.m., the following amending ordinance to City of Boyne City Ordinance No. A-28, the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance, was presented for a second reading and enactment. The following is a synopsis of the approved amendment No. 66:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BOYNE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS, ALTERNATIVE TOWER STRUCTURES AND ANTENNAS AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, AS CONDITIONAL USES; AND TO ADD AND AMEND CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

THE CITY OF BOYNE CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish general guidelines for the location of wireless telecommunication towers, alternative tower structures and antennas. The City recognizes that it is in the public interest to permit the location of wireless telecommunication towers, alternative tower structures and antennas within the City. The City also recognizes the need to protect the scenic beauty of Boyne City from unnecessary and unreasonable visual interference, and that wireless telecommunication towers, alternative tower structures and antennas may have negative aesthetic impacts upon adjoining and neighboring uses.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 1.40 - Definitions.

Section 3 through 11. Amendment of certain Sections which would allow telecommunication towers in certain zoned districts and further require:

Public utility transformer stations, sub-stations and gas regulator stations without service or storage yards shall comply with the requirements of this Ordinance and lists requirements for all zoning districts.

Section 12. Amendment of Section 5.20

Telecommunication towers, alternative tower structure and antennas shall be permitted in any zone as a conditional use. This section provides the list of additional requirements which must be met.

A copy of the entire amendment is available at the City Clerk's office, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, Mich. 49712, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This amendment shall be effective March 11, 1998.

First Baptist hosting several activities at church

Weigh to Win, a weight loss ministry of the First Baptist Church in Boyne City, invites anyone who is interested to attend-- its weekly meetings Mondays at 9 a.m.

The scripturally based support group meets in the Emma Sundquist Hall at 875 State St., in Boyne City. The weight loss plan is based on the

buddy system and prayer.

For more information, contact Barb at 582-2793.

THE CHURCH also invites all area teens to "Western Night." The evening of fun begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 21. Bring a snack to pass and a friend to share in the

"Rootin', Tootin' good time." For more information, contact Youth Pastor Jeff Gwilt at 582-9561.

CREATION SEMINAR Part 4a "What's in the Textbooks" will be shown free to the public at First Baptist on March 22 at 6 p.m. This part in the series seeks to answer the ques-

tion "Are public school science students being taught false information?" Dr. Kent Hovind, Creation Science Evangelist shows how textbook authors, in his opinion, use outdated and false information to support the evolution theory.

For more information, call 582-9561.

Area agencies sponsoring grief recovery program

Losing a loved one, parent or child due to death is sometimes more than a person can bear. Also emotionally taxing is getting divorced, ending a long-term relationship or even losing a pet. Loss of any kind is the focus of a series designed to help people cope with their loss.

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be

held from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., April 20 through May 18 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.

The Grief Recovery program is sponsored by Charlevoix County Hospice, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Northern Michigan Community Mental Health and the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency to provide help for anyone

who is recovering from a loss of any kind.

The Rev. Buzz Walls, Charlevoix County Hospice spiritual advisor, will lead the grief recovery sessions. Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of

others.

Class size is limited to 10. Anyone interested must pre-register by phone and registration will be closed with no one admitted to the sessions after the first class.

Call the Hospice office at 536-2842 for more information or to register.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BAY TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING BUDGETS

The Bay Township Annual Meeting of Electors will be held on Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 7 p.m. at the Bay Township Hall, 05045 Boyne City Road in the Village of Horton Bay. The meeting will include a public hearing on the proposed General Fund and Road Fund budgets for the year ending March 31, 1999.

A copy of the budgets may be obtained by calling the Township Hall, (616) 582-3594.

David L. Simmons
Bay Township Clerk

CITY OF EAST JORDAN REQUEST FOR BIDS CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

The City of East Jordan will accept sealed bids for the lawn maintenance of the City's Sunset Hill Cemetery. All bids must be submitted by 2 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 1998 to: City Hall, P.O. Box 499, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Mich. 49727. A written description of the required maintenance work is available at City Hall. Bids should be submitted in a "lump sum" seasonal bid, not per hour or per job. Bidders must be able to provide proof of liability and workman's compensation insurance.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive bid irregularities and to award bid in the best interest of the City.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TRANSIT PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5311 APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

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Charlevoix County Transit is requesting \$353,600 in State operating assistance for general public transit services and \$45,000 in Section 18 funds. Also (4) replacement buses equipped with wheelchair lifts at an estimated cost of \$184,139 are requested.

The proposed application is on file at Charlevoix County Transit, 1050 Brockway, Boyne City, and may be reviewed during a 30-day period ending April 18, 1998 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Written comments are invited on the application. Alternatively, any citizen may request in writing that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic and environmental effects of these proposals. Written comments or written requests must be received on or before April 14, 1998. Should a hearing be requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

CITY OF EAST JORDAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of East Jordan will hold a public hearing on the proposed Water System Project Plan for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, at the East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Mich.

The purpose of the proposed project is to increase reliability of the City water supply, to provide additional water storage, and to correct deficiencies in the water distribution system. The proposed project construction will include an additional water well, a 300,000 gallon ground storage tank, approximately 5,400 feet of new and replacement watermain, and improvements to an existing booster pump station. Impacts of the proposed project include a more reliable, safe water supply, increased pressures and volumes, increased fire fighting capabilities, and increased system redundancy and reliability. The estimated cost of the proposed project will be \$1,500,000. The City of East Jordan contemplates requesting a low interest loan from the State of Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Fund to finance the project.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for public inspection at City Hall.

Written comments received through Friday, April 17, 1998 will be entered into the public hearing record and should be sent to Mr. David M. White, City Administrator.

Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk
City of East Jordan

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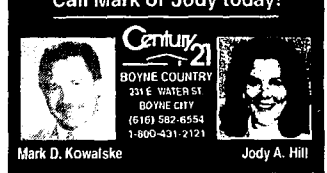


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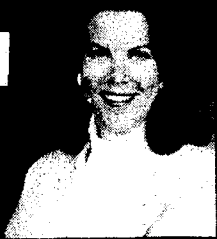
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East Jordan ninth and tenth grade Girl Scout Troop 362's recent fashion show fundraiser, A Golden Night, brings them one step closer to visiting the Big Apple this summer. Ruth Griffon (second from right) won a \$150 grand prize prom gown gift certificate from Formal Affair in East Jordan. She is pictured here with Tracy Roberts (left), Katelyn Bender and scout Jennifer Roberts.



Fireworks

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Commission meeting. The group will delineate a 620 foot safety circle from where the shells will be fired, which only authorized personnel can cross. The DNR and Sheriff's Department will enforce the water boundaries, with committee members and volunteers keeping spectators from crossing the land boundaries.

Parking will probably not be allowed within the boundaries at all during the day of the event and will be prohibited altogether while the works are being fired.

Fire chief Henry Erber said if the boundary-line is crossed, the fireworks display will immediately be stopped.

"The alternative is no fireworks," said Kroondyk.

The committee has taken several more measures to ensure the safety of the event including purchasing smaller shells.

Erber said the size, six inches, will be made up for in number — more than 600 rounds — and in showiness.

At least two Boyne City firefighters will attend a training class to become certified in pyrotechnics and will be in charge of detonating the fireworks.

As added precautions, this year's shells will be shot out of plastic tubes, which simply melt down during a mishap, not eject shrapnel. Also, each firework will be electronically lit in separate tubes rather than reusing

tubes and lighting by hand, as was done last year.

In other business, Control Engineering updated the city on its plans for a 25,000 foot warehouse expansion and asked for a tax-abatement if it grows as anticipated. The company currently uses a warehouse in Cheboygan.

The manufacturer is in the process of purchasing a laser system which plant manager Dennis Tippet said could increase its production of sheet metal enclosures — electrical cabinets — by two-fold in 1999.

Tippet said that there is a \$500 million enclosure market in the U.S. and that, "we are looking at a small piece of pie and we are very confident we can do it."

He estimated that Control Engineering would add three to four more employees this year and 10-15 more next year as a result of the new technology.

PEAT-MOSS COULD temporarily stall Boyne Area Gymnastics and Boyne Ice's plans to build new facilities at Avalanche Park.

At Tuesday's meeting, fire chief Erber said that some of the land surrounding the Avalanche site contains peat moss. Not only is it unstable to build upon, but Erber said the fire department has had difficulty extinguishing underground moss fires near there in the past.

The groups will need to have soil boring tests performed on the prospective site to assess its stability for building.

Plan to move Boyne's fifth grade to high school on hold

The plan to move Boyne City fifth-graders from portables at the middle school to classrooms at the high school was tabled by the Boyne City Board of Education at its meeting Monday night.

Board member Jerry Kelts presented a relocation plan which included four classrooms for the fifth-

graders. The rooms are located right inside the door of the school's Brockway entrance which would limit mingling with the older students -- a concern of many parents.

Approximately 12 parents of current third and fourth graders attended the meeting and felt that, given the choice between portables

and relocation to the high-school, they would rather see their children stay where they are.

The board also discussed the high school attendance policy which it will revisit at a future meeting.

Superintendent Robert Nakoneczny also presented a report on the proposed budget.

Changes may make driver's training program more costly

Driver's training to new technologies were on the agenda for the East Jordan School Board Monday.

The board previewed the new "Video Capture" and CD-ROM Writer technologies that are being used in the high school's Math, Science & Technology Center.

The technologies were shared with the board by MST faculty member Alice McPherson.

The board also discussed delivery options associated with the Driver Education Program, based on the new state laws governing the programs. High school principal Gus Bishop explained that the state is adding additional time and expense to the Driver Education process, but has not provided additional funding.

As a result, the board may need to pass some of the expenses for the program on to students and parents.

A decision is expected at the board's April meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Todd Parker to an after-school tutoring position with the Indian Education Program, and Debbie Harm to the vacant School-to-Work teacher assistant position.

- Granted probationary contract and tenure contract extensions to 24 eligible faculty members.

- Approved the bid of Burdco/LVI of Traverse City, in the amount of \$52,590, for the removal of asbestos ceiling compounds and floor tile in the portions of the old middle school that are being renovated.

- Rescheduled the April meeting from April 20, to Monday, April 13. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Middle School Media Center.

Big readers

If Olympic medals were given to students for reading, David Klevorn of Concord Academy Boyne might have brought home the gold. In the school's recent Olympic reading contest, Mr. Gengle's second grade class posted Olympic rings to represent every book report completed. David, front, sits among the 335 books he read to propel his bobsled around all four walls. Fellow Olympic competitors who kept pace and were not lapped were, back row from left, Keegan David, Heidi Olsen, and Ryan Clubine.



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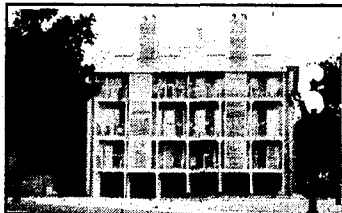
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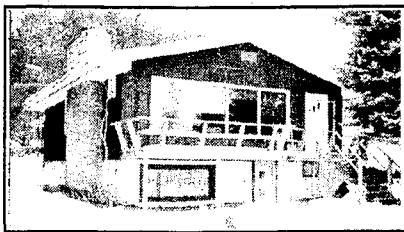


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Priced to sell at \$113,500.

Call Pat O'Brien for more details!
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Antrim Dells

A beautiful wooded five acre building site in the Antrim Dells Association. Close to public

golf, tennis and private shared beach frontage.

\$20,000.

Call Donna Dilworth Today!

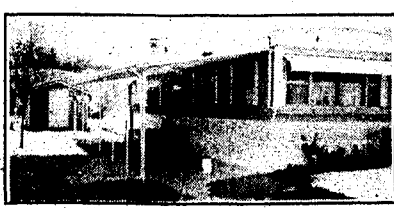


Tired of Renting?

Well maintained mobile home in Boyne City's Lakeview Village. Features include 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths and a woodburning fireplace. Huge awning and storage shed.

Priced to sell at \$19,900.

Call James Lindsay for your personal tour!



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This impeccable, contemporary ranch style three bedroom, two bath home with attached two car garage is waiting for you! On 135 feet of lake frontage with over 5 acres. Great swimming, boating and fishing abound.

Priced at \$380,000!

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