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Theresa Dunlop makes a few final adjustments to Santa Claus before delivering him to his new owners.

Life-size sculpture is an amazing work of art

SANTA COMES TO LIFE

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

When Theresa Dunlop was asked if she could make a 6'3" tall Santa Claus, she naturally said yes.

"Why not," she thought. The only difference between that and her other partially-sculpted creations was, say, three to four feet. "I can do the little ones. Why not the big ones?"

And last week, after two and a half months spent creating the life-sized Victorian-look Santa in her East Jordan home, she delivered it to its new owners, Mary and Chuck Adams, who had envisioned it greeting visitors on the front porch of their stately Charlevoix home during the holiday season.

Theresa sculpted the head and hands from a flesh-colored sculpting compound, and baked them in her own kitchen oven. The rest of the materials for the towering doll's body, wardrobe, hair and other accouterments were gathered from resale shops, relatives, craft stores, and specialty shops and assembled piece by piece.

His face is eerily lifelike with blue eyes and lashes made from real hair. "Everybody looks at that and says it looks like my dad's eyes," Theresa said. She agrees — describing them as sad and droopy.

Many of her dolls' faces have similar looking eyes, almost like her trademark, though they are anything but sad. Instead the dolls are sweet, whimsical and immediately endearing.

"I love to sculpt," said the 34-year-old artist. Her favorite tool is a paring knife, and her favorite way to sculpt is, surprisingly, watching TV. Her uncanny ability to see a picture of something that appeals to her — perhaps on a Christmas card — and transform it into a larger 3-D clay figure was discovered in the late 1980s when she tried her hand at sculpting.

One of her first projects ten years ago was an



This large-as-life Santa, ornately decorated from its wreath-bedecked head to leather-booted toes, was crafted just in time for the Christmas season by an East Jordan artist for a Charlevoix family.

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A long tradition of caring

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HAS BEEN SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER FOR MANY YEARS

In 1954, Thelma Behling, with the help of two committee members started the first Boyne Community Christmas and served 35 families.

Back then, Thelma was the Boyne City school nurse and county nurse. Through her work she saw the needs of many families, especially during the holiday season — and would go to her own pantry and her husband's grocery store to help others.

Today — 44 years later — Thelma is mayor of Boyne City and this year the Boyne Area Community Christmas will assist 350 families, including 410 kids, and 110 elderly individuals in Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Horton Bay, Advance and Walloon Lake.

Thelma's home is still the drop-off point and wrapping headquarters for the annual gift-giving event, donations from which fill three of her bedrooms.

Ruth Witenski is the coordinator extraordinaire now and is in high gear with packing day just around the corner.

The committee itself has purchased \$1,200 worth of toys with monetary donations. Those, along with generous gift donations from individuals, organizations and businesses throughout the community, means each child will receive toys, hats, mittens, gloves, socks or other items come Christmas day.

But Ruth said donations are down a little bit this year and has heard the same reports from Care and Share in East Jordan and the Salvation Army. She thinks perhaps the lack of snow has something to do with it.

"But it will come," Ruth said. "We have faith."

Anyone interested in helping to pack on Thursday or Friday should just come on out to the Knights of Columbus Hall on M-75 in Boyne City on either day at the designated times. Ruth said she won't send anyone away.

On Thursday, Dec. 17, 110 fruit boxes will get packed beginning at 9:30 a.m. The boxes will all be delivered to the elderly, shut-ins or those seniors who have lost a spouse in the last year. A few more folks are needed to make deliveries. Those willing to help drive should be at the K of C hall at noon.

On Friday, gifts for nearly 410 children and food baskets will be packed beginning at 10 a.m. More delivery people are needed for this day and should be at the hall at 12:30 p.m. Those picking up their packages can come from 3-6 p.m.

Ruth said additional non-perishable food goods can be dropped off on Friday at the K of C hall as well.

EAST JORDAN'S Care and Share volunteers said they could still use toys for children who are infants up through 4 years old.

They are also in short supply of gifts for teenage boys and said board games are a big hit this year and reasonably priced too. Gifts can be sent or dropped off through Saturday at Ed's Used Cars at 203 Mill St., East Jordan 49727.

The volunteers will be packing up 200 toy and food baskets Monday, Dec. 21, from 9-11 a.m. for families in need. If you would like to volunteer your packing skills, come by that morning. Recipients can pick up their baskets on the same day from 12-3 p.m. Care and Share is located in the basement of the East Jordan Family Health Center at 601 Bridge St.

Lawsons serving a Christmas feast

Al and Jenny Lawson are at it again, planning a free Christmas day dinner for anyone who wants to stop by for a home-style meal.

A former food salesman whose work took him around the country, Al supported an Indian River restaurant for many years in its efforts to serve a community Christmas dinner. Even after he no longer worked for the meat company, he still took a turkey to the restaurant's owner.

And now fellow church and community members will join Al and his wife Jenny again this year to carry on the tradition by serving a holiday meal in Boyne City in the spirit of Christmas giving.

"It's an open invitation for Christmas dinner," Al said, "provided by gracious givers."

The traditional, festive fare will be served from 12-3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on Park Street in Boyne City, and includes turkey and dressing, ham, potatoes, cranberries, vegetable and gelatin salads.

All are welcome to join in the feast, the Lawsons just ask that you contact them ahead of time.

You can reach the Lawsons at 582-7841, or the church at 582-7983. If you get an answering machine, indicate how many people would like to eat and whether transportation is needed.



Let there be light

The light poles for East Jordan's new streetscape have found a temporary home in Memorial Park as they await their turn for installation. After several delays, the lights were finally delivered to the city and are now being put in the planters along Main Street.

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

North Pole, south annex

By DENNIS W. ANDRICK

Friday, Dec. 18, dawns as a cool crisp morning. Even as many are just rising and coffee pots are producing their warm aroma, a different scene is taking place.

In a large parking lot on the south side of Boyne City a large gathering of people is taking place. These people are boys and girls, men and women of all ages, from teen to senior citizen. The parking lot is at the Knights of Columbus Hall. However, for this day it has become the location of Santa's North Pole, southern annex. All the people gathered will soon become the ageless elves of Santa.

As the many elves enter the warm confines of the hall, they stare in utter disbelief. The place seems in total disarray. The many tables are stacked high with piles of canned goods and boxed food. A wall is lined with bread stacked to the ceiling. In a corner, bags of potatoes are piled

Please see NORTH POLE on page 10



A MOM'S LIFE

Memories take up a lot of space

By CINDI PLACE

Our kids have incredible memories. At least when it suits them.

With four children, all bringing home art creations from school, and corrected homework papers, and even doodle pages, we are inevitably swamped with school stuff. But God help us if we ever choose to discard any of their special projects. Because at some point, maybe years later, these kids who can't seem to remember directions given them five minutes earlier will ask to see something they made in kindergarten.

At first, when our oldest child started school, I saved every precious little scrap that she brought home. After a few years (and many, many filled boxes) I realized that once the other children began bringing their treasures home we were either going to need a storage barn, or become more selective in choosing what to save and what to pitch.

So each year just before summer vacation, we would sort through all the kids' valuables and choose a few special projects to save for posterity. And if sometime during the year a child created anything using sand, wax or macaroni it was certain that this would be a favored "needs saving" item. No matter how many times I would suggest that between mice and humidity, these art projects would probably not store well, our children would still insist that they were their best work yet!

As the children grow older, I find that instead of saving little art projects, we are now faced with storing huge pottery busts of famous people, models of King Tut's tomb and some of the largest paintings I have ever seen. A friend clued me into matting and framing the kid's artwork and displaying it in our home. What a great idea. Visitors think we're real art connoisseurs and we can show our children that their talents are something that we like to show off. Everybody wins, and the mice have a few less things to chew on.

The only challenge that I haven't yet managed to overcome is when our youngest child, who brings home an awful lot of "stuff," finds some of his papers in the wastebasket. Of course, I oohed and aahed over each item first, but really, just how many math papers do we need to save?

He looked at me with disgust the other day as he dragged yet another pile of school work out of the trash and with a withering glance he smoothed out the wrinkles and put the papers back up on the refrigerator where, according to him, they belong. I guess I'll just have to buy more magnets.

LETTERS

'A small school with a big future'

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the current and future students of our school, the staff, and the school board, I thank the voters of the Boyne Falls School District for passing our request for a new school.

This action is a huge stepping stone in fulfilling our slogan, "A small school with a big future." The members of our community can be assured that our school will continue to aim for excellence.

Again, THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!

Marv Schwem
President, Boyne Falls Board of Education

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS

All letters must be signed and include a daytime phone number.

Making sure no one ever went without

By THE REV. DAVID DOWNTON

After 12 years working with the East Jordan Care and Share Food Pantry, administrator Margaret Thompson has said good-bye.

Margaret's official work with the pantry ended in November.

Margaret first started working at the food pantry in 1987. The pantry needed volunteers and representatives to serve on its board. The pantry appealed to the churches to send people to help.

Margaret's church, the United Missionary Church, chose her.

Margaret served the pantry for two years as its secretary, when then-administrator, Walter Goebel, Sr. appointed her administrator. She has worked in that capacity for the last

eight years.

She loved working with the pantry from the very beginning. Margaret found great reward in knowing that her efforts, along with those of many volunteers, made it possible for the pantry to meet the needs of families in our community.

What part of her job was the easiest? "Asking my volunteers," she said. "Without my volunteers I could not have done it, because my strength was not good. I had wonderful volunteers."

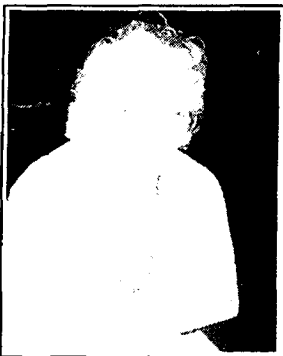
Pantry volunteers have respect for the work Margaret did. "She did a tremendous job," said volunteer Kathy Reid. "She put a lot of time and effort into it."

Her work at the pantry amounted to a full time job for Margaret who routinely put in 40 hours a week.

The East Jordan Care and Share Food Pantry serves the needs of residents of the East Jordan School District, giving out more than 12 tons of food every year. The pantry is managed by a board composed of 17 representatives elected by churches, VFW Local 7580 and UAW Local 1503. Eleven regular volunteers take turns working at the pantry during its regularly scheduled hours: 9 a.m. - noon on Mondays and Thursdays.

In the past the pantry has received as much as \$4,000 in Federal Emergency Management Assistance money. In 1999, no such funds will be available. FEMA explains that the unemployment level in Charlevoix County is too low for pantries

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Margaret Thompson

GUEST COLUMN

'My service to America'

(Editor's note: Tiffany Zavesky, a senior at Boyne City High School, took third place in the 1998-99 Voice of Democracy Contest, sponsored by the VFW, District 13. The topic of the contest was "My Service to America." Tiffany, the daughter of Bob and Cathy Zavesky, was sponsored by VFW Post 3675 of Boyne City. Tiffany played on the varsity tennis team, was a student athletic trainer for three years, and keeps statistics for the basketball team. She hopes to attend either Northern Michigan University or Hope College in the fall. Following is her winning essay.)

By TIFFANY ZAVESKY

To me, serving America is something that provides fulfillment and excitement in my life. When serving my community through community service projects, I feel I'm also helping my country. If everyone helped out in their community it will help America to stay beautiful and be a pleasant place.

Even though I belong to the National Honor Society, which requires a certain amount of community service, I like to go beyond the required and perform more. Ever since middle school I've been helping out others and the community in a number of services. As well as serving my community, I have helped in serving others also.

I have done services such as "Buff Up Boyne," the two 24-hour relays that we have had, the Paint Blitz, Top O' Michigan picnics, helping with the vacation bible school at our church, and I have gone on a mission trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, which is the poorest county in the United States.

As a teenager I don't feel adverse for performing these services like some of the other teenagers do. To me it brings a happiness that I can be helping an individual or the community out.

Cleaning up around the town is showing the pride that I have for my community. Raising money to help build a sports complex gives me the

satisfaction that the children as well as adults can enjoy getting their exercise while not having to worry about being in an unsafe place. Helping those who are in need by building porches, repairing floors as well as roofs, and painting has taught me that others are not as fortunate as I am and I should appreciate what I have. Serving people through a picnic or telling them about God has given me the gratification of seeing happiness in others.

Besides serving America through helping others and organizations I have also shown an exceptional attitude while traveling over seas. Sometimes people don't act in a well-behaved manner and it sets a bad example of where they came from. Even though the students were told to be on their best behavior and remember their manners as our band traveled to England, most of us didn't need to be reminded. Putting forth a great attitude and respecting others gave Americans a good reputation. The people in England are probably still saying the Americans are very well-behaved and respectful.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

I feel this quote fits what I have done and am doing because I have been trying little by little to bind up the nation's wounds through my services. I think I will always serve America in some way until I die. Whether it is through community service or being a competent role model for others. Doing anything I can possibly do for my country makes me feel like a better person. I can't just sit around and watch people or communities suffer when I know there is some way I can help.

Serving America helps the heart; that's why I perform services as much as I do and in my own little way.



Tiffany Zavesky

BEE Proud Committee hopes to clear up any questions

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a public letter of apology to Mary J. Matelski (Mrs. David Matelski) of Boyne Falls.

I was responsible for listing the "yes" names and placing the BEE Proud - Vote Yes ad in the Citizen on Dec. 2. The ad contained the name Mary J. Matelski instead of the correct listing of Mary K. Matelski.

I called Mary J. Matelski and informed her of my

error. I asked if she would like me to print a retraction in the paper next week. She said she would "definitely like me to do that."

I forgot to do this and must now apologize to Mrs. Matelski for this also. I take full responsibility for this and hope that this letter will clear up any questions people may have.

Mary Jo Skop

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OBITUARIES

Patricia Ann Conkle

Patricia Ann Conkle, 81, of Boyne City, died Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m. at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. Robert Faulman will officiate.

Pat was born on March 17, 1917 in East Jordan, the daughter of Dr. William H. and Violet Harcourt Parks. She was a graduate of Petoskey High School and Carleton College of Minnesota.

On Sept. 20, 1944, she married Guy C. Conkle, Jr. Pat was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

Survivors include one son, Guy "Pete" Conkle III of Boyne City; one daughter, Mary (Paul) Bray of Alpena; two grandchildren, Courtney Bray and Derek Bray; two sisters, Jane Felton of Grand Rapids and Mary Johnson of Albuquerque, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Conkle was preceded in death by her husband, Guy, on Feb. 13, 1978; a brother, William Parks; and a sister, Ruth Miller.

The family would like memorials to First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City or a charity of the donor's choice. Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City is in charge of arrangements.

Timothy Charles Roof

Timothy Charles Roof, Sr., 47, of Boyne City, died on Saturday, Dec. 12, 1998 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. Elder Raymond Ecker of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will officiate.

Tim was born on July 21, 1951, in Petoskey, the son of Harry W. and Katherine Jenkins Roof, Jr. He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1971 and worked at various jobs around the area.

Tim enjoyed fishing and hunt-

ing and was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include a son, Timothy Charles Roof, Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, Tina (Michael) Hosler of East Jordan; three grandsons, Michael, Eric, and Stephen; his parents, Harry and Kate Roof of Boyne City; a brother, David (Sheila) Roof of Petoskey; a sister, Sheila Weber of Petoskey; three nephews and a niece; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family wishes memorials to the Walleys Association c/o Pat Mitchell, 470 N. Lake St., Boyne City.

Diana L. Gardner

Diana L. Gardner, 47, died on Friday, Dec. 11, 1998 at her home in East Jordan.

Funeral services were held Dec. 15, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Pastor Mike Allen and Pastor William Bump officiated, with interment in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Diana was born on June 8, 1951 in Lansing, the daughter of Harley and Mabel (Bigelow) Rogers. On Sept. 7, 1968 in Central Lake, Diana L. Rogers and William I. Gardner were married by Pastor William Bump.

She enjoyed making latch hook rugs.

She is survived by her husband, William I. Gardner of East Jordan; two children, Deana (Steve) Evans

of Boyne Falls, and William C. (Christine) Gardner of East Jordan; nine grandchildren, Tiffany Evans, Ashley Evans, Samantha "Sami" Morris, Steven Evans, Kathleen Gardner, Joseph Evans, William C. Gardner II, Haley Gardner, and Eric Evans; one great-grandson, Austin Evans; her parents Harley and Mabel Rogers of East Jordan; two sisters, Debbie Dowdey of East Jordan, and Delores (Ron) Anderson of Au Gres; and three brothers, Darwin Rogers of Kingsley, Don (Pam) Rogers of Mancelona, and Dwayne Rogers of Petoskey. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Jenice Gardner on Nov. 5, 1995.

Memorials may be given to Samantha Morris Trust Fund.

Boyne City offers good deal on trees

After the first of the year, Boyne City residents can apply for free trees to plant on city right-of-ways adjacent to their own property, under the city's new Tree Replacement Program.

The program's policy and requirements were adopted by Boyne City commissioners at their regular meeting last week and will allow residents to apply for the trees on a first come-first served basis.

The policy requires that the 2"-3" trees be planted by a licensed and insured landscape contractor who will then be directly reimbursed by the City provided the program's requirements are followed.

The trees may be planted between the spring thaw and June 1, and between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1, but work cannot begin until the city's zoning administrator has approved the type of tree, the location and the cost.

Within the Downtown Development District and Central Business District, the following trees will be permitted: White Ash, Columnar Red Maple, Red Maple and Seedless Honey Locust.

Within other areas of the city, residents can plant White Ash, Blue Ash, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, American Elm (if disease resistant strain), Northern Hackberry, Basswood, American Beech, Red Oak and Striped Maple.

The program is open to all community residents as well as owners and tenants of residential property located within the city. Property owners would be responsible for maintenance should their tenant fail to take proper care of the tree.

Those interested in applying for the program should contact City Hall after Jan. 1, for an application and a complete copy of the Policy and Re-

quirements.

In other business, the commissioners discussed the public use of right-of-ways and their decision this fall to reject Head Start's request to place a fence for a playground in the City's right-of-way.

One of the primary reasons for the denial was an issue of safety, said city planner Tim O'Leary. "It's not a good idea for kids to play in the right of way," he said.

Another reason was that the fencing could also have created a problem for clearing snow coming down the hill.

"Protect the children, that's what I say," commissioner Steve Moody said.

The right-of-ways on residential streets are typically everything from the outside edge of one sidewalk to the outside edge of the sidewalk across the street. Alleys also fall in

this category. "We get a lot of items that pop up in the right of way without city permission," O'Leary said.

"I don't feel we can say yes in one case and no in another," Moody said about requests for right-of-way encroachments

Commissioner Sandra Stanley responded that the city attorney said they could.

Moody added that emotions and personal convictions should not influence those decisions, which should be based on consistency and whether it is acceptable in the law.

Moody said he would really rather see the requests treated on a case-by-case basis as they arise — for instance if someone asks to use the right-of-way or if there is a complaint.

O'Leary said the city could be looking preliminarily at amending an existing ordinance or drafting one which would delineate what could and could not be put in a right-of-way.

BOYNE CITY HALL NEWS

By SUE HOBBS

CITY COMMISSIONERS, as in past years, have canceled meetings during the holidays. This year those canceled are the Dec. 22 and 29, and Jan. 5 meetings. If anything comes up of an urgent nature, a meeting will be called.

MAXINE HOUGH, a member of the American Legion, recently spent many hours at the cemetery trying to compile a complete list of all veterans

buried at Maple Lawn and the old Wilson Township cemetery on Division Street. The list is at City Hall for those who would like to check to make sure their relatives and friends who were veterans are included.

BUDGET WORK SHEETS have been distributed to department heads and the budgeting process for the 1999/2000 fiscal year has begun. The city's fiscal year begins May 1 of each year. (Sue Hobbs is city clerk and assistant city manager for Boyne City.)

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

The Boyne City Police Department received 81 complaints last week and issued six citations and eight traffic tickets. They also made three arrests and investigated four accidents. Other complaints include:

Dec. 8: A report was received of a larceny of mail from a resident's mailbox. An assault and battery complaint which occurred at Boyne City High School is under investigation. A juvenile runaway was located three hours after reported missing and turned over to a foster home.

Dec. 9: A car accident on Boyne Avenue near Division Street caused a minor personal injury and major property damage to a utility pole on the east side of the road and the fence along Boyne Avenue by the football field. Officers were assisted at the scene by the Boyne City Fire Department and the Charlevoix County

Sheriff's Department. A foster home reported a juvenile runaway, along with a stolen bottle of Ritalin. The runaway was located and turned over to the Probate Court. The CCSD assisted the police.

Dec. 11: A person was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, driving with a suspended license, fleeing an officer and refusing a personal breathalyzer test, and taken to the CCSD. Officers assisted the Michigan State Police on a personal damage accident on Anderson Road to a utility pole. The person was gone by the time officers arrived. Damage to a stained-glass window on the south side of the Presbyterian Church was reported.

Dec. 13: A malicious destruction of property was reported on a vehicle parked in the lot behind the American Legion Hall.

ACE NICE COMMENT OF THE WEEK

"I'm glad I discovered this store. I've been working on a remodeling project in Walloon and couldn't ever find what I needed in Petoskey. This store has everything I've been looking for!"

Donald Taylor
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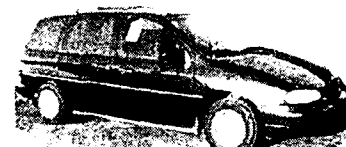
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CALENDAR

YOUNG TEEN NIGHT
Saturday, Dec. 19

A Young Teen Night will be held for Boyne City Middle School students at the middle school with fifth and sixth graders from 6-8 p.m. and seventh and eighth graders from 8-10 p.m. Those interested in chaperoning can call 582-2606.

EJ CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Wednesday, Dec. 23

The deadline to nominate the East Jordan Citizen of the year is Dec. 23. Anybody can cast a vote for the person they think best exemplifies outstanding community and civic involvement. Nomination forms can be picked up at the East Jordan chamber office or by calling 536-7351.

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Boyne Falls voters speak: Build new school

Larger classrooms, an updated science lab, an expanded playground, and room to grow.

Boyne Falls is getting a new school.

Residents came out in full force last Wednesday in what is most likely the largest voter turnout in the village's history, passing the 7 mill, \$6,575,000 new K-12 school bond issue, 426-330.

Construction could get underway as early as this summer, and if contractors hold to the timeline, students could be attending the new school on the Boyne Falls forest property on M-75 a year from next fall.

The 96-vote margin dwarfs the four-vote loss the district suffered in June on a nearly identical bond issue.

"We're real pleased," superintendent Pat Smith said. "I had the finest group of people to work with that I've ever had to work with. Their hours and dedication are unbelievable."

As the vote drew nearer, Smith said that group had come up with a reasonable "yes" list and were pretty secure they could pull in 400 votes. "As the numbers went up, I realized there was a greater chance it would get turned down," Smith said. "I had

faith in the end, but I was nervous." The BEE Proud Committee — proponents for the new school — were faced in this vote by an ad-hoc group dubbed the Be Smart Committee who were opposed to building a new school.

"It's always disappointing for those who didn't want it, but on the other hand, we think this is the best for the kids."

The 25-year bond issue will cost \$175 annually for a home with a \$50,000 market value and \$25,000 taxable value.

With interest rates at their lowest levels in 35 years, district officials believe it demonstrates good fiscal sense to construct the building now. Also, as the tax base continues to grow in the community, the millage rate to retire the bonds will decline over time.

The new building will allow for the separation of elementary, middle and high school students better than the current facility.

Classroom sizes will be standard, the science department will have an up-to-date lab and equipment and the library/media center will service more than one class at a time and allow students to use computers for research.

A new art area will allow for

potential program expansion and music and drama could be brought back into the curriculum.

The addition of vocational classrooms will provide the opportunity for in-house vocational educational programs.

The school board doesn't wish to tear down the existing building and has already passed a resolution to make a concerted effort to find an acceptable alternate use for the school.

With the votes in, school officials have now turned to securing the bond issue sale which should be complete in time for the school board to vote on at its Dec. 21 meeting.

The district plans to retain GBKB architects out of Traverse City who provided the initial research and preliminary building design, and hopes to have a contract ready to ratify by the same meeting.

There are also site development issues to iron out such as identifying property right-of-ways, as well as choosing the exact location on the site for the building.

Only minor adjustments are expected to be made to the current conceptual drawings, with working drawings being completed by GBKB no later than May. At that time the



The signs on the lawn of the Boyne Falls School told the story following last Wednesday's election. Voters approved the millage by a 96-vote margin.

project will be put out to contractors for bidding.

"This is going to impact this district and this community for a long time to come," Smith said. "It's a very good thing for this community."

TONY DOWSON'S BIG DAY IS SUNDAY

Another Eagle Scout takes flight

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Another member of Boy Scout Troop #53 has done it. Tony Dowson of Boyne Falls has reached Eagle Scout status.

A freshman now at DeVry Institute of Technology in Chicago, the 1998 valedictorian of Boyne Falls School should receive a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems a year from this coming February. Tony attends classes year round, currently taking 21 credits (six classes). He was also dual-enrolled at North Central Michigan College his junior and senior years of high school, and was a full-time student at the college his senior year.

Tony was one of the original Troop 53 scouts when he started scouting in 1992 and his parents Nora and Roger Dowson served as Scout Masters — Roger the first three years and Nora the last three years.

"He has amazed me," Nora said. "He was quite a shy young guy and scouting has brought out leadership abilities that I think have really done wonders for him."

Self confidence is probably the most important thing scouting has taught him, Tony said, which he finds most evident in things like teaching a class or leading a group project.

Communication skills rank right up there as well. "All the self confidence in the world won't help if you can't communicate your ideas to others," Tony said.

One of his favorite parts of scouting was Junior Leadership Training (JLT) — a week-long course where young scouts are taught leadership skills.



Tony Dowson

"It does a lot to boost self confidence, teamwork and communication skills and it's also a lot of fun," Dowson said. He went through the course as a participant in 1995 and then as a staff member from 1996-98.

"In those four years, I've learned more things that are applicable to everyday life — things like how to control a group, how to give presentations, and how to deal with people — than I did in 13 years of school," Tony said.

He also cites teamwork, high on the list of skills learned as a scout.

"A team that works well together can accomplish anything. I have seen amazing things happen in no time flat when scouts are involved," Tony said.

One of his favorite examples is of one night during the 1998 JLT course when there were extremely high winds and tornado watches. The entire JLT course — about 60 people spread out over a mile or so — were

all to safety before camp staff even knew there was a storm warning.

Tony was able to bring all of those skills together for his Eagle Project — his final hurdle to becoming an Eagle Scout — doing restoration work to the Hudson Township Cemetery. The main part of his project was replacing the center fence "which turned out to be a lot harder than I thought it would," Tony said.

The old cedar-post fence in the center — probably surrounding the original family plot — was falling apart and overgrown with saplings.

He and a group of scouts removed several truckloads of saplings, reattached the perimeter fencing, cleaned and leveled gravestones and mowed wherever possible.

"We found a few grave markers that were completely hidden by underbrush. There's still a lot of work that could and should be done up there but I think that it looks 100 percent better now than it did before," Tony said. "I would be happy to go up there and do some more work if anyone wanted to get a work crew together."

Aside from scouts and school, Tony is into anything outdoors — camping, canoeing, hiking, backpacking. He also enjoys bowling, trivia, playing with computers, playing role-playing games like Dungeons and Dragons, playing guitar — everything from Beethoven to Metallica — and listening to the same genre of music.

Tony will be recognized at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Epsilon United Methodist Church in Petoskey on Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

ASK THE PRINCIPAL

By SUE STEPHENS
Boyne City High School Principal

Question: How are parents informed about student progress?

Since the beginning of the school year, Boyne City High School teachers have met every two weeks to go over student progress. During these meetings, students needing extra help are identified and their names sent to academic support instructor, Margo Kuhns. She works with these students daily during extended opportunities time from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Mrs. Kuhns is also available before and during school by parent, student or teacher request.

Following these biweekly referrals, parents receive progress reports and phone calls from teachers, the assistant principal and/or the high school principal.

At this time, progress reports have been sent with students or through the mail four times and in some cases weekly.

Parents can call the school at any time and request a conference

Please see PRINCIPAL on page 11

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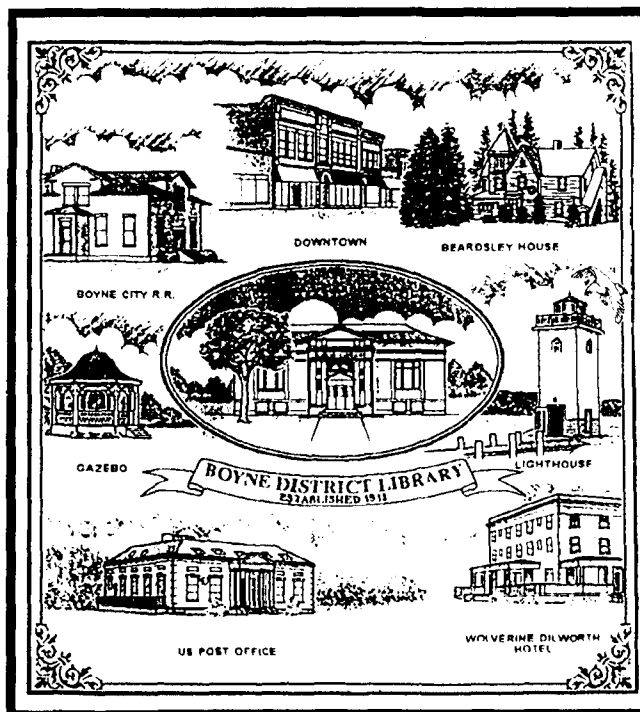
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Guests were pleased to receive a gift-wrapped coffee mug, a pair of socks, some sweet treats and a bag of fruit, all donated by the K of C, area businesses and individuals.



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Chris Bacon
PARENTS: Tom and Diane Bacon
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: cross country, track, SADD
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Running, bowling, playing the guitar and hanging out with my friends."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: go to college and pursue a career in television or major in math or history
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Chris works hard and tries to do his best," said Bill Aten. "Chris is always smiling," said Merri Sue Cardwell. "He has a positive attitude and is determined."
 "Chris is kind, friendly and hard-working," said Kathy Stangis.
 "Chris is a super kid!! He has a great sense of humor," said Bob Panoff.
 "Good kid!! A joy to have in class," said Matt Inman.
 "Chris is a hardworking, enjoyable student with a great sense of humor," said Alice McPherson.
 "Chris is a hard-working student who goes the extra mile to produce quality work," said John Ubbing.

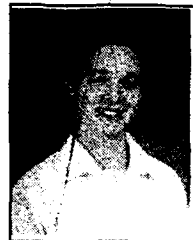


Chris Bacon



Sounds of the Season

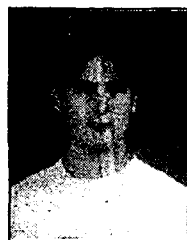
Michael Haynes directs the East Jordan High School choir through renditions of "Somewhere In My Memory," "What a Wonderful World" and "South African Folk Song" during A Christmas Festival concert over the weekend. The choir will join the East Jordan schools' bands and jazz ensemble for a concert tonight at 7 p.m. in the high school.



Kara Stark-Behling



Rob Bobowski



Dennis Crissman

Boyne City

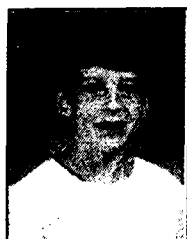
NAME: Kara Stark-Behling
PARENTS: Rex and Maxine Stark-Behling
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: SADD, drama
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Helping my father train our two dogs (one is a tracking dog and one is a narcotics dog, both for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Dept.), and going to youth group activities at my church in Walloon."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "Possibly become a Master Trainer for K-9s. I am not sure what college I'd like to attend or what to major in, but probably something in the science field (field biology, conservation of some sort)."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Kara is doing an exceptional job in US history," said Mrs. Deming. "She is a great role-model for our students here at Boyne City High School. Keep up the good work!"
 "Kara has done a super job the past two years in my classes," said Mr. Rice. "Keep up the good work!"
 "Kara is a very conscientious, consistent student," said Mr. Fry. "You can always count on her to do a job correctly and follow through on her commitments. She's a neat student to have in class."

NAME: Rob Bobowski
PARENTS: Bob and Katie Bobowski
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, basketball, track, DECA
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Reading, sports, biking
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to go to college and be successful any way I can."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Rob is a sharp student," said Ms. Marsh. "I have no doubt he will make his mark in the business world. He is an asset to DECA as the treasurer."
 "I have had the pleasure of having Rob as a student and football player," said Mr. Klooster. "Rob is an accountable young man who strives to do his best. He gets along well with others and is enjoyable to be around. Congratulations and good luck in the future."
 "Rob is an asset to the athletic department in many ways," said Raynee Brochu. "He is a true athlete, contributing to the team in several sports, as well as a leader and a model for younger players. As the athletic department assistant he portrays qualities of self-motivation, independent thinking and insights into social skills beyond his years. It is a pleasure to guide him and fine tune the skills that come naturally to him."

NAME: Dennis Crissman
PARENTS: Dennis Crissman, Sr. and Jill Crissman
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: "My most favorite school activity is drama. This is my third year in it, and every year I have enjoyed it more than the last. I am also involved in a small ham radio operators' club."
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "On Wednesday, I help out the Junior High Youth Group at my church. On Sunday I attend my own Senior High Youth Group. From drama to the youth groups, I remain busy."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I don't know the exact job I want to go into but I do know that it will be business/technology. I would like to attend a Christian college somewhere, hopefully in the midwest. I never really wanted to go too far from home. Also, I think that running a nice small business, here in Boyne City, would be nice. I like the small town, and if I am ever to have children, I can't think of no place better to raise them."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Dennis is an exemplary student," said Ms. Marsh. "He not only absorbs information, but challenges it in a polite and professional manner."
 "Dennis is doing a fine job in drama this year," said Mr. Wollenberg. "After auditions, Dennis is in a prime position to obtain one of the eight male leads in Boyne Meets Broadway, coming up in Feb. 1999. Our drama department is lucky to have Dennis Crissman!"
 "Dennis is the leader of our Bible study group," said Mr. Edwards. "He has shown excellent organization and leadership skills in his conduct of weekly meetings. Keep up the good work, Dennis."

Boyne Falls

NAME: Katie Fraser
PARENTS: Dan and Marianne Frasier
GRADE: First
HOBBIES/INTEREST: Read, draw, color ("I am good at staying in the lines.")
FAVORITE COLOR: Pink
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP: Dentist
FAVORITE FOOD: Rice with soy sauce
WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT SCHOOL: My Choice (student gets to pick)
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Katie is a delightful student," said Ms. Disney. "She is a good friend to all her classmates and is always willing to help others. Katie is a great example of a self-motivated learner as she strives to do her best at all times."



Katie Fraser

CORRECTION

Due to information applied by East Jordan High School the parents of last week's Student of the Week, Tabatha Peters, were listed incorrectly. They are Ruth and Al Joseph and Henry and Bou Peters.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

CONGRATULATIONS to Roger Korthase and Terrie Graper who "eloped" on Friday! After being married in Charlevoix and honeymooning in Traverse City, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Korthase are now at home in Boyne City.

BETTY KELTS, who had been home for a week, returned to Northern Michigan Hospital and underwent another successful surgery on Friday. Doing well, she is expected to be returning to her home today, Wednesday.

BILL AND DORIS DELL and their granddaughter of Flint, Ken and Katie Dell of Gwinn, Roger Dell of Petoskey, Dorothy and Ray Moyer and Albert and Peggy Sue Moore and children, all of Alanson, Nicole Dell of Traverse, Beverly and Chuck Clark of East Jordan, Michael, Jean, and Eric Dell of Brutus, Donna Lehto and children of Boyne Falls, Paul and Beatrice Dell and daughter of Alpena, and Bethel Lehto of Boyne City were among those attending the graveside service of Howard Dell on Saturday at Boyne City's Maple Lawn Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the home of Billie Stanley.

VIRGINIA BURNS of Boyne City was among the many friends and relatives attending the beautiful wedding of her granddaughter, Jennifer Black, the daughter of Donald and Linda Black of Petoskey, and Troy Sunbera, the son of the Frank Sunberas of Indian River, on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Trinity Missionary Church in Petoskey. A

lovely dinner and dance reception was held at the VFW Hall. The newlyweds are at home in Wolverine, where Jennifer teaches school and Troy is a mechanic in his own machine shop.

THE BOYNE VALLEY Slim & Trim Club enjoyed their Christmas dinner gathering this past Wednesday, with the sun shining in the windows of the beautifully decorated Lena's Wine Cellar.

FCI (FRAMITONE CONNECTORS INTERLOCK) of Boyne City had a great turnout of 126 attending their employee, family or guest Christmas Dinner & Dance party at the Dilworth Inn on Saturday night. There were prizes and other entertainment as well as the live music of Sagebrush 2.

MIKE AND ANGELA BOYER of East Jordan have returned from a wonderful seven-day trip to Jamaica.

CRAIG KORTHASE of Chicago arrived for a Monday through Friday visit with his mother, Jean Korthase and family. Craig has returned from spending this past year in England.

THE XI GAMMA Sorority hosted another beautiful Christmas dinner party for tenants of Litztenburger Place this past Wednesday. Those attending enjoyed the delicious variety of traditional holiday foods as well as the beautiful table centerpieces of Living Trees, adorned with fresh cut red and white carnations. After dinner, names were drawn of guests attending, and the Living

Trees, which will be planted around Litztenburger Place, went to many happy winners!

MARILYN WANIO and daughter Elizabeth of Wellington, Ohio have arrived for a couple weeks of visiting parents and grandparents Norval and Alma Korthase and family.

LINDA BROCKWAY of Lansing, representing HUD, conducted a housing inspection of all apartments at Litztenburger Place this past Wednesday.

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS gathering of the brothers and sisters of the Deming family gathered on Saturday night at the Flo Kominski home. They enjoyed sharing a potluck dinner and gift exchange and talking over old times. Attending were: Cal and Helen Deming of Boyne City, Ray and Joane Sloop of East Jordan and their daughter, Shirley Mayhew, Barb and Pete Kerr of Ellsworth, Edith Covert of Petoskey, Jim and Joanne Covert of Roseville, Cora Brooks and Mary Towne, both of Boyne City, and guest Steve Dainovics of Petoskey.

THERE WAS an excellent turnout (150-200 people) for the Jeanie and the Parabes benefit concert for the Nehemiah House on Saturday night at the Petoskey Elementary School auditorium. A nice luncheon and reception followed the concert.

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



Piles of presents

Boyne City Rotarian Steve Baker delivered sweatshirts, games and Beanie Babies to Boyne Area Community Christmas volunteers Laurie Moore, left, and Ruth Witenski, on behalf of the Rotary. Baker turned \$300 into \$600 worth of gifts with special help from Ace Hardware, Harbor Wear, and Country Now and Then stores.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

East Jordan

CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT
 Dec. 16
 The East Jordan Middle School and High School bands, choir, and jazz ensemble will hold a Holiday Gala concert at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The public is invited.

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE
 Dec. 20
 A live nativity scene will be on display at the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St., from 6-8 p.m. Church members and friends will portray the manger scene. Peter and LeAnn Elliott are providing the stable animals. The public is invited. Contact Cele Malpass at 536-2971.

Boyne City

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAY
 DEC. 18
 Boyne City Elementary School students will present "Shapin' Up Santa" at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

MESSIAH CONCERT PROGRAM
 Sunday, Dec. 20
 The children of Christ Lutheran

Church will present Handel's "Messiah" for Young voices entitled "Christmas Messiah" at 6 p.m. It will feature soloists and speakers as well as a nativity scene by the youngest children. The church is located at 1250 Boyne Ave. in Boyne City. The public is invited.

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER
 Sunday, Dec. 25
 All are invited to a free dinner from 12-3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. Call Al and Jenny Lawson at 582-7841 or the church at 582-7983 to let them know you are coming and to reserve transportation if needed.

Horton Bay

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE
 Dec. 21-22
 A live nativity scene will be presented on Horton Bay Road, 1/2 mile off of the Boyne-City Charlevoix Road in Horton Bay, from 6-9 p.m. Several local families will portray the holy family, shepherds, wisemen and angels. Stable animals will complete the manger scene. A children's choir will lead Christmas carols on Tuesday night. All are invited to share in the presentation.

Parenting workshop begins in January

A new parenting workshop, based on the best-selling book, "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk" starts Jan. 6 from 6:30-8 p.m. in Boyne City. A location has not yet been determined.

Parents will learn proven skills, such as how to set limits while maintaining goodwill, cope with their child's negative feelings, express anger without hurting, engage their child's willing cooperation and help their child become caring and responsible. Parents will also learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and create a family atmosphere of love and respect.

The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joann Townsend, ACSW. The cost of the workshop is \$60 per person; materials are included. The dates of the sessions are Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 10. Certificates of

Completion will be awarded at the conclusion of the program. Advance registration and payment is requested. Space is limited.

"The How To Talk So Kids Will Listen workshop gives parents a chance to learn practical new skills and exchange ideas and experiences with each other," said Townsend.

Hundreds of thousands of parents and professionals have benefited from the How To Talk So Kids Will Listen workshop, Townsend said. In studies in Wisconsin and in Colorado and North Dakota, researchers found that attending parents developed skills that significantly and lastingly improved the quality of their family life. They also found these new-found skills worked equally well with children of all ages.

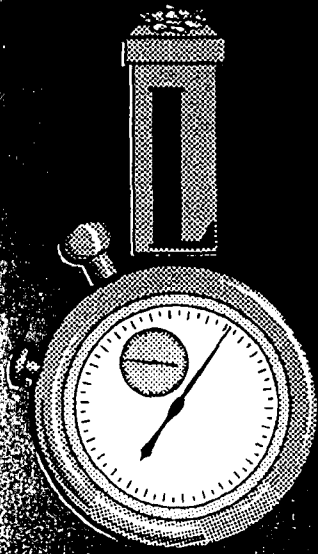
To register, call the Women's Resource Center at 347-0067.



In appreciation

Neal Colburn, left, accepted an award from East Jordan Family Health Center board of directors president Bob Vance, for his "many years of dedicated service" to the Center as its administrator. Colburn left the position on Dec. 11 after 15 years with the Center.

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Santa's elf, Mrs. Claus and Old Man Winter arrived in East Jordan atop a firetruck to spread holiday cheer while accordion-playing angel and Lioness member Ginny Carey provided heavenly tunes for the parade that made its way down Main Street. The group then convened in the Senior Center where 175 children visited Santa and received Lioness-stuffed stockings.

EJ contest winners reflect holiday spirit

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in East Jordan thanks to the participants in the community's window and outdoor decorating contest.

Rupp and Keen, Better Homes and Gardens — the contest's sponsor — judged the entrants based on lighting, creativity, originality and overall concept, and a drive or walk around town will show it was no easy task.

In the retail category, Big Meadow Equipment took first place, followed by the E.J. Shoppe and Jordan Valley Satellite.

There was a tie for first place between Busy Bridge and Plaid Pettunias in the gift shops category. Sa-

cred Sparks took second place and Upstairs At the Bridge took third.

Dick and Jane's Day Care took first in the service businesses with Charlevoix Properties taking second, and Westbrook Motel taking third.

The first place residential winners were Sid and Jodi Saganek for their home at 1104 Water St. Second place went to Matt and Billie Weisler, of 406 Mill St., and Joseph and Sharon Prevo at 03999 BC-EJ Rd. were third.

And then the people spoke, giving the nod to Ansted's By The Lake's chicken noodle soup for the "People's Choice" award in the annual soup cook-off, held at the restaurant.



Santa

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inches-high jolly-looking Santa Claus made from flour, salt and water. His boots, by now, are wearing away from moisture. But the design — Theresa's own — and minute detail are truly astounding for a first-time work, and is an object you would expect to see in any gift shop.

This latent, unexpected ability for sculpting came without any provocation or training, but seems to come as naturally to Theresa as breathing.

She eventually left the flour medium in the dust when she discovered Super Sculpey — a ceramic-like sculpting clay — and began making ornaments and smaller dolls including Santas.

"If I could just sculpt and take care of my plants, I'd be happy," Theresa said. Her summer, filled with working at the Boyne City Dairy Queen and waitressing at the Walloon Lake Country Club left little time for work in her own yard at home — an ongoing and growing flower and rock garden project, with stone paths, trellises and blooming plants throughout the growing season.

She and her sister Laura Cook also work together in a landscaping business in the summer. One of their clients is the Adams, which is how Theresa came to build the big Santa.

And as far as being "happy," Theresa really, already is. Her two sons, Jon, 15, and Devin, 12, are as confident and outgoing as she is. Her husband, Andy, is her biggest fan and partner.

"This brings us together," Andy said. He built the frame for the big Santa, which can be separated at the neck and waist so it can be taken apart easily for transporting and storing. Theresa took measurements of her 6'3" tall brother for the shoulders and legs. The head also turns for optimum positioning.

Andy also crafted the Santa's staff from Hemlock by stripping, buffing and antiquing the rod. Atop the staff is a ball made from colorful, polished Lake Superior stones, stained glass and beads.

Theresa, who was a solderer at Allied Signal for 11 1/2 years, soldered the delicate ball herself. This shop-born skill transferred easily to stained glass work, and she is currently making stained-glass doors for her brother's kitchen cupboards.

Knowledge of her special sculpting talent has spread by word of mouth and she has made commissioned pieces for clients in Chicago, Kalamazoo and Tennessee. The Quiet Moose, a home furnishings store in Petoskey, has carried a few of her Santas — she and her sister take care of the Historical Courtyards and Gardens located behind the retail shop.

Although the concept for the Santa was the Adams' — they

wanted a 6'3", Victorian-looking creation — the design was up to Theresa. The Adams never once saw the Santa in progress or completed before it was delivered, except for one hand which Theresa showed them. In fact, they had never seen any of Theresa's work before they hired her to make the Christmas decoration.

The Adams' designer from the Quiet Moose told them about Theresa's Santas. But before they got over to the store to check them out, the dolls had already been sold. That was a good enough recommendation for the Adams — and they wouldn't be disappointed either.

This particular Santa's hands are just a larger version of Theresa's own hands. One curves around the staff, the other is positioned to hold a doll, or other toy. She applied acrylic paint and make-up to give them a truer skin-tone.

The leather boots and detailing on his satchel and clothing came from a jacket of Andy's grandfather's. The boots themselves are trimmed in mink and have wreaths and antique bells on them. The sweeping, burgundy coat is also trimmed in the old mink fur which was purchased at a resale shop. Theresa spent hours cutting and sewing it. A wreath of greenery and fruit adorn his head, while a crop of white hair and bushy beard serve to remind admirers that this not-so-traditional Santa replica, is still indeed a Santa.

Theresa also crafted a doll for him to hold. She has curly hair, those trademark eyes, a white faux-fur coat, dress, tights and ice-skates. A pair of wire-rim glasses are optional.

"We never thought we would be doing this," Andy said of the consuming project for which Theresa sat on the floor in the living room for hours, sewing, sculpting, painting — bringing the vision together. Just before they delivered it to the Adams, Theresa worked for 12 hours on the boots alone.

"If I could get one of my sisters to help me out with my Santas, I could do more of them for people," Theresa said. She estimates spending 180 hours completing this one.

"It's just phenomenal," Mary said. The Adams were more than pleased. Measuring in at 6'2", they thought it too opulent to stand on their front porch, and moved it to the foyer. It will eventually find its way nearer to the Christmas tree. "It's definitely inside, undercover."

"It was just so nice because they enjoyed it and they said it fit their home perfectly. That made my day. I was smiling from ear to ear," Theresa said.

Next up for Theresa is a life-sized Marie Antoinette for the Adams.

But first a "break" to make that bunch of ornaments for Christmas that she just hasn't had the time for since Santa Claus was coming to town.

North Pole

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high. In the back is a mountain of empty boxes. In another corner it appears Santa's toy shop is just coming alive. An elf is seen pushing her head up through the toys. Out back the elves are stacking boxes of turkeys and chickens.

At first the elves fear that there is no hope. How can they possibly make order of such a scene. Just then the head elf speaks, his name is Buzz. Buzz asks for silence and the elves join him in prayer. After a moment of silence Buzz says, "Let us roll up our sleeves and get to work."

Quickly the elves become organized. Boxes are packed with food, fruit, turkeys and other wondrous goodies. Some boxes must also visit the toy store as no child will be forgotten. The scene appears as a hundred worker ants running here and there. At the end, and with much of God's help, everything is in its proper place. The boxes for HERE are

placed on tables so that a family or helper may pick it up. Those boxes that go THERE go to another elf. He makes sure that these boxes are loaded on the trusty steeds of the delivery elves. These boxes are then whisked away to be taken to their proper destinations.

Because of the hard work of the head elves, the worker elves and the delivery elves, all the boxes of love and hope have been properly dispersed.

These elves, that have worked so hard, can now go home with a warm heart and caring attitude that will spread through their families and throughout their community. These elves have truly learned the real meaning of Christmas.

That night, as Buzz drove out of sight, all the elves heard him say with delight, "Merry Christmas to all and see you all next year."

Even though this sounds like a short story written by Dickens, it is not. This little story unfolds every Christmas in Boyne City. As Buzz says, "there can never be too many elves."

Margaret

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here to be eligible in 1999. Other funding has come from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Church World Service CROP Walk, VFW Local 7580, churches, businesses and individual donors.

The pantry spends about \$15,000 each year — half of that going for food baskets given at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The other half buys food for regular distribution. In addition, thousands of dollars worth of food are collected

and donated by community groups, individuals and churches. The food pantry provides a vital safety net for people in need.

The pantry is always looking for volunteers to help with their program and for funds and food to stock their pantry. People interested in giving their time, food or money should contact First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan at 536-2941, or their local pastor.

(The Rev. David Downton is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan.)

THERE'S NOT A BAD SEAT
IN THE HOUSE AT JVX

The place is rockin'

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Before loading its lights, amplifiers, guitars, drums, gigantic American flag and chain saw back into the U-Haul and heading down to perform in Detroit and Chicago, heavy-metal band "Jackyl" rocked the house at Jordan Valley Express Friday night — its second time in concert at the East Jordan site.

A group that enjoyed its first major dose of fame in the late 80s and early 90s with a basic AC/DC style sound, Jackyl still tours the U.S. and Europe, has had gold and platinum status albums on the Geffen Records label, and recently cut another CD.

So what brought this group of Southern rockers, who have a national and international following, to this northern Michigan town?

The house — otherwise known as JVX. And the people.

"This is a good room to play," said Jackyl lead singer Jesse James Dupree. "You've got a good crowd."

"The building is a great venue — the biggest one in northern Michigan," said Jerry Dugan who describes himself as the go-between for JVX owner, Tina Malpass, and rock-concert promoter, Bob Beardsley, from Grand Rapids.

It has a basic light and sound system with impressive acoustics due in part to six inches of foam insulation throughout. "It sounds absolutely great," Dugan said.

Built in 1994 by Malpass and partner Fran Themm, the hall has hosted country music concerts and line dancing, church concerts, roller skating, wedding receptions, the Fiddler's Jamboree and more.

"Everybody kind of kept saying 'do mid-level shows, get rock and roll,'" Dugan said.

And in 1996 JVX promoted its first classic rock concerts with bands like Rick Derringer, Mitch Ryder, Humble Pie and Rare Earth.

"We did those shows and it was wonderful," Dugan said. "But it was a lot of work, for not a lot of money. At that level, you kind of had to do more. Basically when you're doing shows at that level you're depending on other sales to make money. We wanted to find a promoter and we would be the vendor."

Enter Bob Beardsley (Oasis Productions) from a Boyne Mountain ski trip. "When I walked into this place the first time, my jaw dropped," Beardsley said.

"Basically, our relationship with Oasis Productions is wonderful," Dugan said. "Bob has a real good reputation and is real good to work with. We're always looking at

other ideas that we can do, and that's to just further promote the concept that this building has many uses. If you've got an

'We haven't sold a show out yet and we really don't know what the capacity of the building is yet.'

idea but don't have the space — we've got the space."

Measuring 28,800 total square feet, its 10,000 square foot dance floor is probably the largest piece of hardwood east of the Mississippi, Dugan said. The tables and chairs which are spread comfortably around the floor's perimeter can seat 1,000, and the hall can probably accommodate 3,000 or more people.

"We haven't sold a show out yet and we really don't know what the capacity of the building is yet," Dugan said.

JVX and Oasis' initial collaborative effort was Steppenwolf. Jackyl was the first real big show and since then there's been Cinderella, Ratt The Tubes, REO Speedwagon, the Rock Never Stops Tour and more.

Most of the performers have signed the wide white wall behind the stage. Some like the Tubes and Da Yoopers have added their own creative "artwork" to the drywall canvas.

Fans come from as far as Alpena, Traverse City, Canada, Detroit and elsewhere. "All roads kind of lead this way," Dugan said. "It's in the middle of everywhere."

Situated next to Glen's on M-75, the parking lot for the Jackyl concert was packed all the way to the road.

"People buy records everywhere," Beardsley said — including in northern Michigan. Basically, a band is looking to make money.

Jackyl is just recently off a Guinness record breaking 100 date, 50 day concert tour — but is at it again. "Many bands do albums then travel," Dupree said. "We record albums to support our touring."

A crew member sold T-shirts from tables near the entrance — another staple of the music industry.

The Jackyl concert found three-quarters of the floor full with standing fans. Others stayed seated at tables. The 21-and-over

crowd, which included plenty of baby-boomers, although singing, dancing and clapping to the blasting music, were otherwise calm and under control — even during Dupree's chainsaw solo during "The Lumberjack."

JVX hires its own security crew — about 15 for the Jackyl concert — and Dugan said there have never been the problems some may think go hand-in-hand with a concert.

He tells of a couple of shows where a security guard drew an imaginary line across the floor to keep people away from the stage during concerts. Miraculously, the crowds stayed back throughout the shows.

And you never know what might happen in the 12 hours before the band comes on.

For one Jackyl member, that's finding out where the nearest Laundromat is. The others hang out in the JVX hall. And the band would like a turkey to eat for after the concert. Each band has a wish list — Beardsley refers to some of them as a scavenger hunt.

For this concert, there was a glitch with the lighting crew arriving — and then it's hurry-up-and-wait. "If it can go wrong, it will go wrong," Dugan said. "All day long there are all kinds of little things that jump up."

But sometimes things go really smooth. "You just have to learn that the show's going to go on no matter what," Dugan said.

For Jackyl, that was at 11 p.m. With blues-rock band, The Bihlman Brothers, opening up for them, following Mojo after the doors open at 7 p.m.

The promoters try to schedule concerts on the weekends because they feel it's better for the area — although those are not necessarily typical nights for concerts in larger venues. And winter concerts — when hotel rates drop in the areas — make paying a band a bit more affordable too.

"It's not always easy to get bands up here," Dugan said. Sometimes it comes down to other venues paying more than what JVX can afford. The casinos — with larger budgets — are one such obstacle.

JVX and Oasis are still feeling out what other acts would draw a crowd to the venue — perhaps country and alternative music. They've even done professional wrestling, catering to a younger and family audience. They always try to have a national up-and-comer for the opening band as well.

"Some (shows) have been profitable, some have been not profitable," Beardsley said.

But there's not a bad view in the house, Dugan said, no matter who's playing.

Principal

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with a teacher. Parents can also require their student to bring home the blue and white planner/handbook that students are required to use at school. In this planner there are daily pages for students to record their assignments for all their classes. Teachers will also record progress in the planner if parents let teachers know this is a daily or weekly expectation. Another way for parents to learn about student progress is to call school and request a conference.

Question: Why can't students wear hats to school?

The "no hats" policy at Boyne City High School represents an informal ruling that goes back decades when men were expected to remove their hats before entering a public building such as a school, church, or courthouse.

More recently, hats have been prohibited because they can interfere with the learning process. Examples of this interference include hats bearing inappropriate logos, advertisements, or language. Attention is

drawn to the hat rather than the class lesson. Other examples include students tossing them around because one student takes a hat away from its owner. These are examples of problems that can occur and interfere with the learning process when hats are permitted in school.

A number of students at Boyne City High School have requested that administration reconsider the ban on hats. At this point, it is a policy and will be enforced. However, the rule is currently under review for the 1999-2000 school year.

Question: Why isn't there a uniform dress code at Boyne City High School?

While there is a dress code at Boyne City High School, students are still allowed to exercise discretion in that a uniform is not required. Some high schools in the downstate area have moved to a uniform dress code in an effort to place more of an emphasis on learning and less on what students are wearing.

There is a body of research that indicates that where schools have instituted a uniform dress code, student performance increases. Parents and faculty report that when students dress alike, attention is on teaching

and learning and not on the latest fashion trend. However, other factors besides student dress may play a role in student achievement. These factors include parent involvement, teacher/student ratios and others.

Nevertheless, a uniform dress code is difficult to require particularly for public schools. The reason is because where a public school mandates an initiative, the local board of education must be willing to put funds behind it. In other words, if a board requires a specific course of study it must also purchase the materials or textbooks. In this case, if a uniform is required, for parents who are unable to afford one for their chil-

dren, the school must be willing to provide this service.

As it is now, schools already provide education, nutrition, transportation and recreation for students. To ask schools to provide clothing as well could place an undue burden on local taxpayers.

(If you have a question send it to "Ask the principal," P.O. Box A, Boyne City, or call Sue Stephens at 582-6587.)



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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Independent Probate File No. 98-010015-IE

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Evangeline Township is accepting bids for the refinishing of hard wood floors at the Town Hall on Wildwood Harbor Road in Evangeline Township. Project information is available through the Township Clerk at (616) 582-7539.

All bids will be opened by the township board Monday, Jan. 4, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope identified as "Town Hall Floor Refinishing - Evangeline Township." The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or parts of bids, to waive any irregularities or discrepancies in bidding, and to select the bid, if any, that it judges to be in the Township's best interest.

Josette A. Lory
Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY Zoning Board of Appeals

Public Notice is hereby given that the Evangeline Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 1999, in the Evangeline Town Hall located on Wildwood Harbor Road, Boyne City. A request for an interpretation from the Zoning Administrator regarding expansion of non-conforming structures in the Water-front Overlay District will be considered.

Further information on this requested interpretation is available through the Township Planning/Zoning Administrator's office, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or by calling 582-0337. Written comments can be submitted to the address above on this issue until noon on the day of the meeting.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 9, 1998 SYNOPSIS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on the above date in Charlevoix.

Business conducted during the December 9, 1998 meeting: resolutions adopted are as follows: Bikeway Maintenance Agreement; Humane Society Application for Funds; Grandvue Operating Transfer; amend Remonumentation Contract; Marine Grant; Highway Safety Planning Mini-Grant; Michigan Vietnam Monument; Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Application; Create New Funds and Mental Health Code Carry Overs. A report was given on the GIS Strategic Plan and several committee appointments were made. Various other reports from the Commissioners were also given.

Copies of the complete minutes of the Board are on file in the office of the County Clerk and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The Evangeline Township Board held a regular meeting 7 December 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Evangeline Town Hall. Present: Supervisor Shields, Clerk Lory, Treasurer Adams, Trustee Cortright. Treasurer's report was approved, noting a total of \$97,751.82 in the general fund as of 30 November 1998. Payables for December 7 were approved in the amount of \$2,201.90. The board authorized the purchase of a software upgrade for the township tax program, and the board appointed James Howell and Renate Smith to the Evangeline Township Planning Commission.

Josette A. Lory
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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

November 17, 1998, 12 noon meeting - Boyne City High School Principal Sue Stephens was introduced to the City Commission; a request for additional street lighting on Court Street was denied; and the North Lake Street engineering contract was awarded to Sundberg, Carlson Associates Inc.

November 24, 1998, 12 noon meeting - City Commission held a first reading of amendment A-57(1) - SNOWMOBILING REGULATIONS; a request to use City right-of-way at Cedar Street was denied; retirement bonus was awarded in lieu of a municipal benefit program; lot reconfigurations were approved on State Street and Lexamar Drive; Donna Dilworth, Tidi Litzenburger, Tom Sheets, Stephen Wiseman, and Marie Zoberski were appointed to the Boyne City Historical Study Group; and the City was authorized to proceed at Rotary Park with stump/brush removal.

Carol Clavier
Wilson Township Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WILSON TOWNSHIP CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

The Wilson Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 at 7 p.m. to propose amending the Wilson Township Zoning Ordinance to renumber the Articles and Sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

The meeting will be held at the Wilson Township Hall located at Fall Park, 02530 Boyne City/East Jordan Road, Boyne City, Michigan.

For any questions regarding the above proposed amendment, contact Timothy O'Leary, Wilson Township Planner at 616 582-0337. Send written comments, pro or con, to the Wilson Township Clerk, 00314 Rogers Road, Boyne City, Michigan 49712 to be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 1999 so they can be presented at the meeting.

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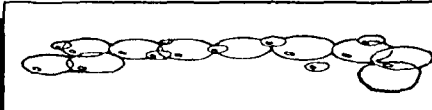
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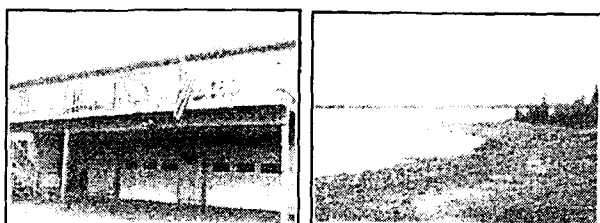
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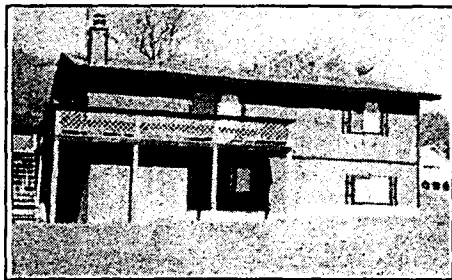
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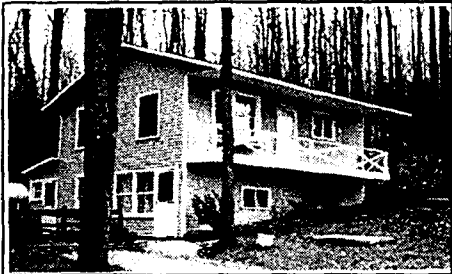
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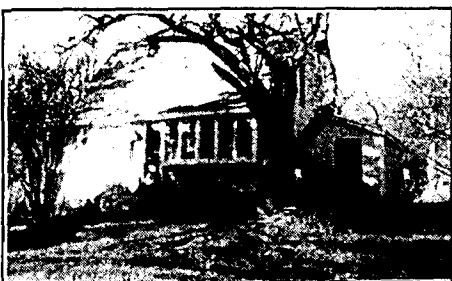
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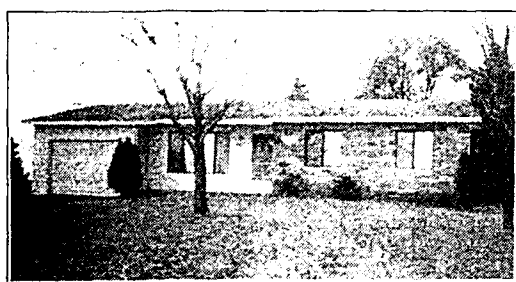


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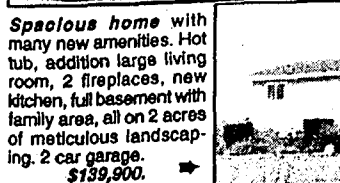
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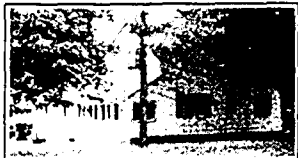
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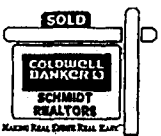
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SPORTS

RAMBLERS LOOK IMPRESSIVE IN THEIR THREE VICTORIES

Red hot out of the gate

At the start of any season there are more questions than answers for coaches as they try to predict how their team might fare.

Boyer City basketball coach Kevin Fitzpatrick was no different. With his inexperienced team he wondered how they would respond in game action.

He got the answer he was hoping for in the first week of the season as the Ramblers roared out of the starting gate and chalked up three impressive wins.

The first came last Tuesday when they defeated Rogers City 68-50. Friday they defeated Manclona 63-53 and Saturday they handed Lake City a 78-62 loss.

"Overall, I'm surprised with the three wins," Fitzpatrick said. "The foremost thing that sticks out in my mind is how hard the kids have played, especially Friday and Saturday."

"I didn't expect us to play as well as we did. We played what I consider pretty well for this early in the season. Considering the lack of experience, the kids have handled it very well."

Fitzpatrick was also impressed with his team's balanced attack. "We've just had a lot of people scoring eight to 12 points," he said.

He was hoping the Ramblers would continue their surprising play Tuesday when they hosted Petoskey and again Friday when they travel to face a "very good"

Benzie Central team.

Against Rogers City, Mike Sero led the Ramblers with 15 points followed by Jeremy Peck with 13 and Josh Hall with 10. Peck also had six rebounds and Luke Reinhardt had six assists.

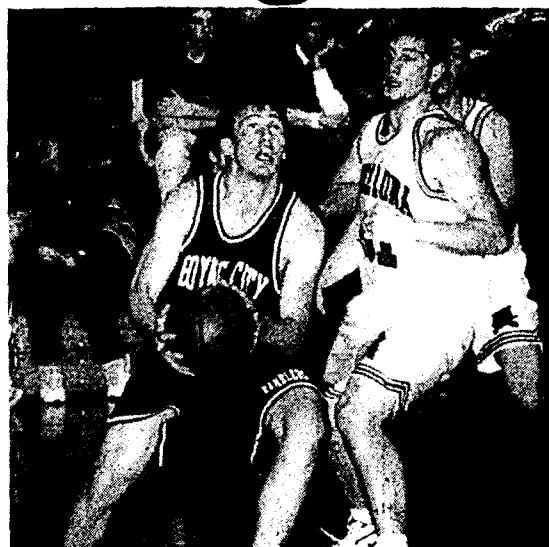
At Manclona, Noah Stanek led the Ramblers with 13 points while Peck and Hall each had eight. Grice had 10 rebounds while Hall had nine rebounds, seven steals and took two charges.

"Josh had a nice game," said Fitzpatrick, who was more impressed with the number of charges Hall had (four in the first three games) than his points.

Reinhardt again led the team with six assists. Against Lake City, four Ramblers, led by Hall, were in double figures. Hall had 18, Grice had 13 along with nine rebounds, Stanek had 12 points and a team high 13 rebounds, and Sero had 10 points. Reinhardt had seven assists.

The junior varsity didn't start as well as the varsity losing to Lake City 69-63 and Manclona 68-64. Against Lake City A.J. Spaay led the team with 21 points and 11 rebounds, followed by Dylan Hall with nine. Ryan Amesbury had four assists.

Spaay also led the Ramblers against Manclona, scoring 30 points and grabbing 16 rebounds. Amesbury had 15 points, eight rebounds and four assists.



Josh Hall's play in the first week of the season drew high praise from coach Kevin Fitzpatrick.

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Dec 18th thru Dec 24th

Volleyballers get bugs out in early-bird tournament

Boyer City took seventh place out of 12 teams in the Inland Lakes volleyball tournament and also came away with the Sportsmanship Award.

"They looked alright," coach Dorine Britton said of the team's first games this season. But it was back to the serving line at Monday's practice, after a weak serving performance in the tournament.

"The seniors really stood up and led the team," coach Dorine Britton said. "Katie Dhaseleer, April Roberts and Jenny Ortlieb had excellent ball-handling and passing."

Ann Gaudard had 13 kills, Ashley Schrader had 9, Dhaseleer had 6, Staci Seelye had 4 and Roberts had 3. Seelye had 10 aces serving. Dhaseleer had 7 aces, Roberts had 5 aces. Ortlieb had 7 points.

EAST JORDAN won three of five matches in the tournament improving with each game they played.

"The girls played as I had expected, coming out reserved and a little nervous since out of the competition," coach Duane Kujat said.

"As a team we need to improve our serving percentage which was 88 percent on the day," Kujat said.

Individual serving performance was led by Jennifer Roberts with 26 of 27 with 4 aces, Jamie Baker with 23 of 25, and Abbey Carter with 20 of 21.

"Jenny and Jamie did hustle all day and did a good job of getting to the ball to set it for our team," Kujat said.

In the hitting department Suzi Malpass led the team with 15 kills, Rachel Boss added 6, Moses had 5, Carter had 4 and Renee Roberts had 2 on the day.

"We learned the areas that need improvement, and the team has the desire it will take to make it happen," Kujat said.

RED DEVILS LOSE TO CHEBOYGAN

A tough way to start

When you play non-conference games you might as well play the best.

That's what the East Jordan Red Devils did last Friday in their season opener, a 74-59 loss to Cheboygan.

"They pretty much handled us the whole game," said Del Ingalls, who is starting his sixth season as head coach of the Red Devils.

"Defensively they are really tough and they took us out of a lot of things we wanted to do."

The Red Devils' inexperience showed, particularly in the first half when they committed 16 turnovers. But so did their heart and determination.

"We played hard the whole game," Ingalls said. "We could have rolled over, but we didn't. In the fourth quarter we cut it back to 12 points from 20."

While the Red Devils struggled with their inexperience, Ingalls gave credit to Cheboygan, which may be the best team East Jordan faces all season.

The Red Devils were led by Nate Swan with 17 points and Matt Shaw with 16. Mike Wladischkin had 9.

Shaw, along with Chris Murray and Josh

Evans are the three seniors on the team and will be the keys to the Red Devils success.

"I'm expecting to have a very competitive team," Ingalls said. "We should compete with anyone on our schedule. I like our team chemistry and team unity. They like being together and they are working hard."

Offensively, the Red Devils' strength is in the middle with Shaw along with Wladischkin. "Matt played real well (against Cheboygan)," Ingalls said. "He is really tough inside. Mike will also be a solid performer inside."

"Chris Murray has also stepped it up a notch and is a definite threat from the outside."

Murray will share the point guard position with Nate Swan, who Ingalls said is "athletic and can score."

The immediate task ahead for the Red Devils is to work on ball handling.

"We need to take care of the basketball and make plays in the fourth quarter to win games," Ingalls said.

The Red Devils played Elk Rapids Tuesday and will be on the road again Friday at Kalkaska. Then they are off for Christmas and don't play again until Jan. 5 at home against Central Lake.

SPORTS schedule

Boyer City

Dec. 16 - Volleyball, at Elk Rapids - 6 p.m.

Dec. 17 - Volleyball, Harbor Light, home - 6 p.m.

Dec. 18 - Freshmen Basketball, at Benzie Central - 4:15 p.m.; Boys Basketball, at Benzie Central - 6 p.m.

East Jordan

Dec. 17 - Varsity/J.V. Volleyball, Kalkaska, home - 6 p.m.

Dec. 18 - Freshmen Boys Basketball, at Kalkaska - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/J.V. Boys Basketball, at Kalkaska - 6 p.m.

BOYNE CITY MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ace Hardware on Sunday handed Industrial Magnetics its third straight loss, winning 105-57.

Leading the way for Ace was Hal Price with 21 points. Joel Grulmann had 18, Kevin Fitzpatrick scored 17, and Frank Sutton added 13. For I.M.I., Doug Bearss scored 20 points and Steve Daniels chipped in 14 points.

F.L.S. beat B.C. Pizza 101-89, leading at half time 52-34. For the winners, Brandon Stadt had the hot hand, scoring a team-high 37 points, while Bill Brown put in 29. Jim Brown, 17, and Luke Hausler added

10 points. For the losers, Terry McBee scored 22 points, Mike Greenman hit for 20, and Jason Scott, 16.

LexaMar, after a slow start, crushed Boyne City Lanes 97-37. At half time the score was just 38-11. For LexaMar, Jim Kissinger scored 36 points, Myron Spaay added 26 points, Travis Peck, 15, and Phil Golke put in 11 points. For Boyne City Lanes, only one player scored in double figures; Scott Beebe put in 12 points.

Next Sunday at noon, LexaMar plays F.L.S. for the second place spot,

at 1:30 p.m., Boyne City Lanes plays Ace, and then at 3 p.m. B.C. Pizza plays I.M.I.

STANDINGS	
Ace	3-0
LexaMar	2-1
F.L.S.	2-1
Boyer City Lanes	1-2
B.C. Pizza	1-2
I.M.I.	0-3

SCORING LEADERS: Jim Kissinger 32.7, Terry McBee 25.3, Myron Spaay 22.0, Bill Brown 21.3, Doug Bearss 18.7.

3-POINT LEADERS: Terry McBee 13, Jim Kissinger 12, Bill Brown 11, Kevin Fitzpatrick 9.

Tarn Leach competes with the best

Sophomore Tarn Leach of East Jordan High School competed at the Nationals for Junior Olympics held near Chicago this past Saturday.

Tarn raced in the Intermediate Division which included sophomores and juniors. His time of 17:16 was good for 44th place out of more than 250 runners.



6-10 Year-Old Division competitors are, from left to right: Larry Stone, Jason Laporte, Britanni Stolt, Justin Stolt, Christian Kirkby, Andrew Boyer, Matt Pater, Zach Pater, Justin Arnott, and Travis Long. Not pictured are Nathaniel Sotuyo, Chris Faulkner, Darryl Bingham, Chad Bannister, Dylan Dunne, Michael Cardwell, and Rebecca Bernier.



11-16 Year-Old Division, Jay Dennison, right, and Cody Britton. Not pictured are Jim Babbitt and Caitlin Hager.

Young archers close out league competition

Triple T Archery's Youth Archery League finished out its season in November.

The final standings are:

6-10 Years Old
Class A: 1st - Jason Laporte, 168; 2nd - Britanni Stolt, 161.5; 3rd - Nathaniel Sotuyo, 158.75.
Class B: 1st - Justin Arnott, 158; 2nd - Justin Stolt, 147.25; 3rd - Chris

Faulkner, 130.5.
Class C: 1st - Darryl Bingham, 129; 2nd - Chad Bannister, 112.25; 3rd - Christian Kirkby, 98.
Class D: 1st - Larry Stone, 97.5; 2nd - Andrew Boyer, 95.75; 3rd - Matt Pater, 93.25.
Class E: 1st - Zach Pater, 85; 2nd - Dylan Dunne, 81; 3rd - Michael Cardwell, 75.75.
Class F: 1st - Travis Long, 62; 2nd - Rebecca Bernier, 22.5.

11-15 Years Old
1st - Jimmy Babbitt, 161.5; 2nd - Jay Dennison, 155; 3rd - Cody Britton, 126.25; 4th - Caitlin Hager, 71.75.
On Dec. 5, the league held a tournament to benefit Muscular Dystrophy, raising \$250 for the cause.
Cody Britton took first place in the 11-15 division; for the 6-10 division, winners were Justin Arnott in

first place, Christian Kirkby in second, and Darryl Bingham in third.
In the Video Dart Shoot, Todd Culver took first place, with Art Clute and Archie Cole in second and third respectively. In the Spot Paper Shoot, first place went to Jack Jeffries, second to Ron LaBelle, and third to Sally Clute.
The league plans to hold another benefit tournament in the spring.

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