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at a GLANCE

Gymnastics club receives tentative okay to build facility at Rotary Park

Boyne Area Gymnastics is one step closer to having a place to call home.

The city commission last Tuesday night gave tentative approval to the non-profit organization to build a facility in the northeast corner of Rotary Park.

Boyne Area Gymnastics is proposing to construct a 120-foot by 60-foot facility at the corner of Vogel and Call streets.

The facility will include a 6,000 square foot gym area permanently set up with equipment and a 1,000 square foot dance area that would be open for community use.

But before final approval is granted, several issues need to be worked out. They include working out a lease agreement on the property; defining the city's involvement with community — both profit and non-profit — facilities; and what happens to the facility if Boyne Area Gymnastics ceases to exist.

Currently the gymnastics club has raised \$50,000 for the building which is expected to cost around \$150,000 to construct.

The gymnastics program, started in 1981, has grown from 25 students to more than 250. The majority of students are from Boyne City, but programs are also offered in East Jordan and Gaylord.

Committee will review survey results

The Boyne City Educational Facilities Committee meets Thursday at 7 p.m. in the high school home economics room.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the recent community survey.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Snowplowers have little time for rest

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

From the first snowfall until the spring thaw, Dick Hoffman doesn't get a full night's sleep. Before he goes to bed, he sets the alarm clock to go off every two hours.

When the buzzer sounds, he looks out the window and checks the local weather reports to see if

it's time to plow and sand parking lots in East Jordan. And since about mid-December, it seems that's all he and his wife Carol and their two-to-three-person crew have been doing.

They've worked some 20-hour stints this year, and three hours of sleep between plowing isn't all that unusual. "Some of them you'd get

done and turn right back around and start over again," Dick said.

"Last year you starved to death, this year you work to death," Dick said referring to the extremes between the two winters.

A "thaw" last weekend — with temperatures rising high into the 30s — has given Dick and other independent snow removers a

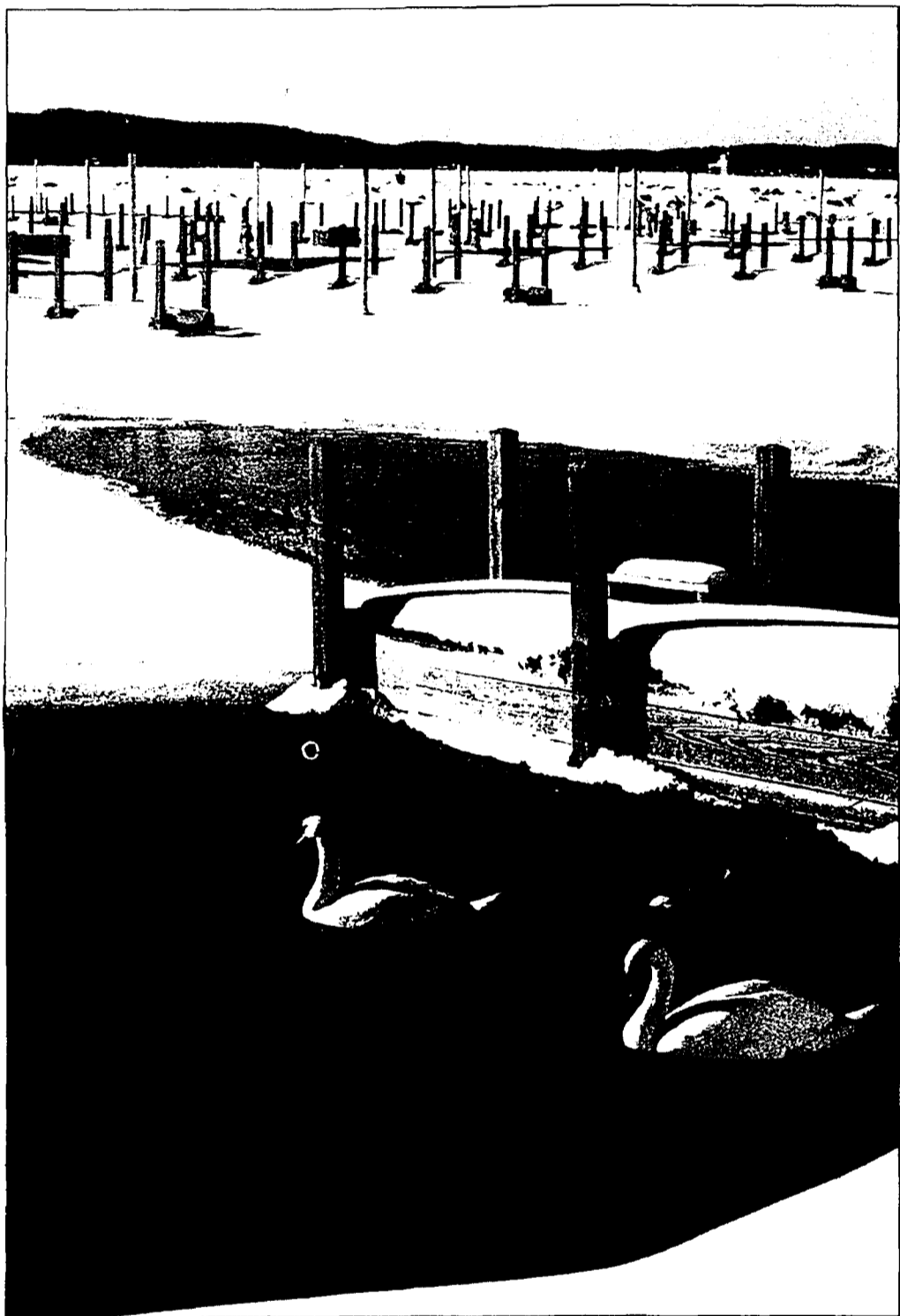
breather and time to make equipment repairs.

But rain Sunday night sent Steve Peck out with a front-end loader to clean up the rutted and slushy mess left behind on one of the dirt roads he plows near Walloon Lake. The continual snowfall has also turned that same narrow road into a trough, sided with steep snowbanks.

Steve has already plowed as much snow this year as he did over the whole of last winter. "It all of a sudden slammed us."

Beginning about mid-December through last week, Steve said it seems like it's been "day after day after day" pushing snow off the 65

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Swan pond

A pair of swans had the water to themselves at the Harborage Marina last week. As temperatures plummeted last week, finding open water was no easy task.

WATER SYSTEM, PARKS' UPGRADE NEXT ON THE LIST FOR EAST JORDAN

More projects on tap in '99

For a city that hadn't seen an update to its Main Street since 1912, East Jordan certainly kicked up some dust last year. And with even more projects in the hopper, the community can expect the transformation to continue right through 1999.

New streets, water and sewer lines, a police station and even basketball courts in 1998 have all contributed to the revitalization of the lakeside town.

For 1999, a major water project is already a go, with plans for city-wide park enhancements, updates to Mill Street and even a bike path on the agenda if funding can be secured.

Most visible last year were updates to the downtown. With a price-tag right around \$2 million, the streetscape revitalization was the city's premier project. Financing came through tax increment funding and private contributions.

A new street, curbing, sidewalks, fieldstone planters and turn-of-the-century lighting have aesthetically transformed Main Street in the downtown business district, all the way from Mill to Williams Street. Spring Street and a stretch of Esterly Street were also paved with updates to curbing and sidewalks. And visible only while being installed were the new

water and sewer lines placed under the streets.

City Manager David White said the city uses state grants, tax increment financing (TIF funds), inter-governmental cooperation with townships, Charlevoix County Community Foundation funds, private donations, and its own general fund to pay for the projects.

He credits past city commissions for building a healthy general fund to help finance the projects, and the Downtown Development Authority, founded in 1995, for helping to put the projects in place. With a \$250,000 grant from the Malpass Foundation and \$80,000 from the city's general fund, a new police station was built over the summer on the site of the old Spike's Standard Station on Main Street. The station at Spring and Esterly streets was demolished to make way for the new street.

The East Jordan Air Industrial Park was completed off M-32 next to the East Jordan Airport with a \$600,000 grant from the state and \$120,000 from the city's general fund.

It includes 11 lots ranging from one to almost two acres on a paved road.

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Last year, the downtown streetscape was the city's premier project.

WINTER STORMS ARE NOT FOWL WEATHER

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

It seems that the wild turkeys have been left out in the cold this winter and are now looking for hand-outs to survive. They're getting just that from the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association which is setting up portable corn feeders wherever they find the stranded flocks.

"The snow came in so fast they didn't have a

chance to move to normal feeding areas," said Errol Lee, an area representative for the Traverse Bay Area chapter of the turkey association who lives just outside Boyne Falls.

Now the snow pile-up has become a matter of life and death for the 12,000 to 15,000 fowl estimated to live in Charlevoix and the surrounding four counties.

"It's literally left these birds standing in their tracks," said Linda Gallagher, another area representative of the association, a turkey hunter and outdoor writer.

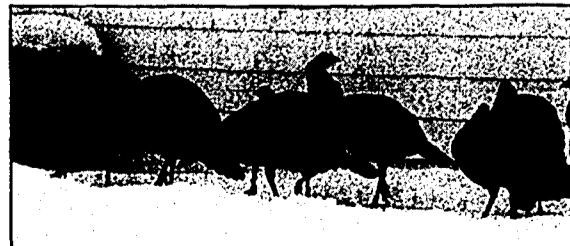
More than 1 1/2 feet of the powdery stuff can snowbound the birds, Gallagher explained. This year's rapid snow accumulation prevented them from migrating to their winter feeding areas just a few miles away and has also made it nearly impossible for the ground-feeders to scratch through to the snow to find food.

It's not unusual to see them on snowmobile trails because it's the only packed-down path of snow around. They can also frequently be spotted crossing Park Street in Boyne City where they've beaten down a noticeable path, and hanging around a herd of cows at Fineout Road just beyond the city limits. The largest flocks in the five-county area are in Boyne Falls on Camp Ten Road and Cobb Road. The association has received calls from folks in East Jordan as well who have spotted and are interested in feeding the turkeys.

Feeders — usually elevated 55-gallon drums to prevent deer from eating — have been set up in some of those areas. Last year the turkey organization spent \$13,000 to shell out 87 tons of corn to the turkeys, this year it's already distributed 50 tons. This amount allots a quarter pound of shelled corn per turkey, per day.

Once the snow melts down to a certain level and bare patches of ground show through, they quit feeding them. The turkeys eventually disperse once

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The harsh winter has made finding food difficult for wild turkeys.



What's up ref?

During a timeout in last Friday's Boyne City-Elk Rapids game, Sari and Tara Hufford stroll leisurely back to their seats. The game was anything but that as the Ramblers lost a tight one 77-73.

EDITORIAL

Plenty of talk, but no action

Some thoughts about the impeachment crisis:

- Did you ever think in your lifetime Larry Flynt would be such a feared man in Washington? You hear more about him these days than you do any political figure. When you get caught in the gutter, this is what you can expect.

- Why is it that our senators find it necessary to spend so much time talking about a trial they are sitting in judgment on? Last Sunday one-fifth of the senators were on talk shows. It's time for them to keep silent. At least on the impeachment subject.

- Watching and listening to senators these past couple of weeks makes me think they are an arrogant bunch who are trying too hard to be dignified.

- An enormous amount of time, energy and money has gone into President Clinton's impeachment. I wish our government would put forth the same effort to stop the slaughter in Kosovo. We are the most powerful nation on earth, yet we have done very little to bring an end to the insanity.

- Considering the climate in Washington these days, was it any surprise when Colin Powell announced he was not running for president in 2000? That's a casualty of the whole episode. Capable men and women who have the ability to lead, can't stomach the process.

— Hugh Conklin

THE BRIBE ATHLON FIRST EVENT OF THE 2002 SALT LAKE CITY WINTER OLYMPICS



A MOM'S LIFE

It's down to a simple choice

By CINDI PLACE

I knew when our only daughter left for college, we would be faced with many changes in this family. One less person to keep track of, feed, clothe, organize and talk to on a daily basis.

And I knew that having the only other female in our family leave the nest, I would be faced with having to deal with many things on an entirely different level.

At least with one other girl in the house, I could almost always count on an ally. When someone asks another woman to clean up something, it generally gets done the way another woman would do it. But when I ask a house full of men to do the same task, I have to prepare myself for the job being done in an entirely different way than I would do it. Which isn't to say it won't get done or that it won't be done well. It's just that the process may be painful for me to watch.

Weighing the importance of washing the dinner

dishes right after dinner as opposed to waiting until the basketball game is over, then tackling the cleanup job becomes an important decision. Either way, the dishes will get done. Just not exactly the way I would do them. Or on my schedule.

Which is actually the point. The guys in our household don't "schedule." What needs to get done, will get done but when they feel the urge to do it. Imagine the pain of living with that kind of atmosphere for someone who begins each day ticking off her "to do" list before even getting out of bed.

So my choice is simple: Do absolutely everything myself and dream of the good old days when there was someone else in our home who was made like me.

Or step back, relax and know that everything has its place and time. And season. Like spring-cleaning in August. It'll get done, sooner or later. And preferably not just by me.

FROM MY VIEW

A creamy way to make a point

By MATTHEW SHAW

As part of the curriculum at East Jordan High School, students watch a televised news program for 20 to 30 minutes each day.

Three recent stories caught my attention. The first, I am vaguely familiar with, dealt with the situation in Iraq. The next story was about the presidential impeachment trial. Well, it really wasn't about the trial, it was about opinions. A bunch of senators, in "anticipation" of the upcoming trial, were making a racket about this and that — not really important, and it is now a regular occurrence.

The last story, and most interesting, was coverage about some twenty-something adults who were prosecuted for throwing pies in the faces of public officials.

The strange thing is, all of these stories were somehow related. Aside from the widely touted, "Wag the Dog" theory that would connect the Middle-Eastern strife with the Lewinsky saga, there are some legitimate correlations.

Imagine an already frustrated Generation-Xer in their mid-twenties. They have a comfortable job, steady income, nice apartment — everything that should bring happiness. But they are not happy, because they cannot understand why society so highly values money, home, security — the supposed "essentials" of life. Everything in their life is a cycle. They work to make money, they make money to pay rent, they rent to have a place to live, they live to make money.

Flip on the news: violence, bombings, hatred. A couple minutes later they see the face of the senator that they helped elect. He is talking... about homelessness, welfare, crime, violence? Not quite. Rather, he is enjoying every minute he has in front of the TV camera so he can belittle the president, or the president's accusers, or the absurdity of the trial itself.

Rather than doing as he probably promised before his election — to make a difference — he is doing just the opposite. He is contributing to the stranglehold around Uncle Sam's throat, that directly results in a lack of oxygen to the political brain. The original ideas and ambitions that he once had are now nullified by his commitment to a political party. No longer is his job about the American people, it is now about the American public, and the American public opinion, and the latest polls. Though he claims his job is to fight corruption, he would be unable to define it for fear of condemning himself.

Now even more frustrated and fed up with the pseudo talk and actions of the government, this Gen-Xer decides to take matters into his own hands. Because of the violence that he sees on the national news, he knows that is not the answer to his problems. But still, he needs to make a statement — so what better insult to this politician and his ideas than a pie in the face?

(Matt Shaw is a senior at East Jordan High School.)

At this point, preference for school fix is too close to call

TO THE EDITOR:

We have had the survey and just what have we found out about the new school proposals? Plan A was the most acceptable. It held out some hope but not too much optimism. Forty-four percent for it, 42 percent against it, 14 percent undecided and an error margin of 5 percent. That adds up to being too close to call.

I think the main thing the survey pointed out was the need for the school board, panels, and the administration to regain the trust, approval, and support of the voters. How can they do that? I have a suggestion.

In as much as we have already spent the better part of at least \$100,000 and gotten nowhere, why doesn't our school board contract about half a page of our local paper and open it up to readers viewpoints? It should run exactly the same number of letters for both pro and con.

Limit the number of words and keep it fair and equal to both sides. The board should answer pertinent questions raised. People should be encouraged to express their thoughts freely and openly.

Now on a personal note, I should be flattered I guess. The grapevine tells me we have a teacher in our school that uses my letters as subject matter. That's nice except that I am described as a red-necked so and so that gets my information from the local bars and coffee shops and I simply don't know what I am talking about.

I think I'll use a quote from Sir Winston Churchill, to respond to this teacher, when he was faced with a somewhat similar situation - but certainly more noteworthy. Sir Winston said: "An ignorant wise man is far less dangerous than an educated fool."

Everett Sayles

(Editor's note: There is no need for the Boyne City School Board to contract with this newspaper to run letters to the editor concerning any topic. Unless there is libel, blatant misinformation or a personal attack, all letters are printed. And for a topic as important as addressing the school district's facility needs, everyone is entitled to express their opinion and everyone's letter will be printed. But due to the number of letters expected, we will limit one per writer.)

In regards to Mr. Sayles' reference to \$100,000, the majority of it must apply to the last bond issue. For the most recent attempt, the board has spent less than \$10,000 to hire Beta Design Group, a Grand Rapids architectural and engineering firm; \$8,000 for the community survey, and less than \$1,000 to print and mail the newsletter explaining the three proposals used in the surveys.)

LETTERS

Gifts will provide shelter, safety to abused women

TO THE EDITOR:

The community support shown during our recent Harvest Food and Supply Drive was truly outstanding and heart warming. Area schools, churches, service organizations, social clubs, agencies and individuals donated literally thousands of items (food, household supplies, toys, books, holiday gifts, etc.) to the Safe Home.

These gifts will allow our agency to provide shelter and safety to hundreds of abused women and their children from Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Otsego, and Antrim counties.

We are fortunate and proud to be part of such a giving and caring community. On behalf of the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc., many thanks to you all.

Jamie Winters
WRC Domestic Abuse Program Shelter Coordinator

Winter's finest

Winter can be harsh, brutal, frigid, bone-chilling -- pick your adjective. But it also can be, with the landscape covered in a blanket of white on a cloudless day, one of the most beautiful and spectacular times of the year.



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Left: Billie Jo Williams of East Jordan pitched lobs from a snow-covered mound in a game of Softball in the Snow. Above: East Jordan's Mica Lambert, bedecked in an unusual batter's helmet, took his turn at the plate.



Royal contestants cruised Main Street atop a float during the Sno-Blast parade.



Courtney Fender won first prize for depicting a Red Wings hockey player in the parade.



Darlene Bolser and Tom Griffin, joined by Old Man Winter, were crowned Sno-Blast '99 Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight.

EAST JORDAN'S SNO-BLAST Celebrates the season

Temperatures rose above freezing just in time for East Jordan's city-wide Sno-Blast '99 festival, providing a window of opportunity for participants and spectators to enjoy the great, white outdoors for more than a fleeting moment.

A Main Street parade complete with firetrucks, snowmobiles, children and even a dog, culminated with the crowning of Darlene Bolser and Tom Griffin as Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight — in an election which most importantly raised \$300 to help cover festival expenses.

Then it was on to the snowmobile races and Murphy Park for sports in the snow. Around town, folks were busy competing and collecting prizes for driving the fastest snowmobile, sculpting the best statue from snow, catching the longest fish and more.

The winner of the 1999 Yamaha snowmobile raffled off by the East Jordan Rotary was Bill Skrocki.

Other winners were:

Parade: Civic, Charlevoix County Snowmobile Council; Commercial, Fun-B-Us Rentals; 7 years and under, Courtney Fender; 8 years and up, Bruce Woodcock the Barber and his dog. **Sno-Sculpture:** 1st place tie (\$50 each), Coca-Cola Bear by the Argetsinger Family, Blue's Clues Dog and Bone by the 7th and 8th grade East Jordan Girl Scouts; 2nd place tie (\$30 each), Ladybug by the Kling family, Kid's Club After School Program; 3rd (\$40), Caterpillar by the 5th grade East Jordan Girl Scouts; Business category: 1st, Citizen's Bank; 2nd, McDonald's.

Snowmobile Stalom: 1st, John Stark, East Jordan; 2nd, Greg Baker, East Jordan.

Sno-Shoe Follies: Age 10-14, Trevor Campbell, Troy; Age 15 and up, Denny Erickson, Boyne City.

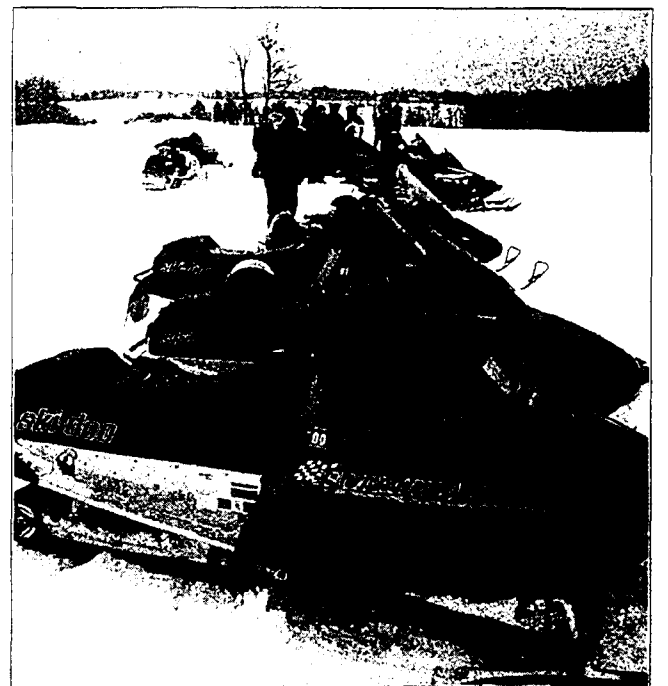
Antique Snowmobile Club: People's Choice and Captain Sno-Blast, 1964 Fox-Trac, Don Massey, East Jordan; Participant's Choice, Passe Par Trout, Fred Edgerton, Hale.

Fourth Annual Sno-Blast Fishing Contest: Trout: 1st, Allan Peterson, East Jordan, 24 1/4 Lake Trout; 2nd, Doug Fetting, Petoskey, 23" Brown Trout; 3rd, Scott Fetting, 19" Brown Trout. Blue Gill: 1st, Peter Hammond, East Jordan, 9 5/8"; 2nd, Pete Hammond, 9 1/4"; 3rd, Doug Lavisier, East Jordan, 9". Perch: 1st, Mike Ostlund, East Jordan, 13 1/4"; 2nd Dale Reich, East Jordan, 12"; 3rd, Pete Hammond, East Jordan, 11 3/4". Pike: 1st, Matt Smith, Petoskey, 35"; 2nd, Leo Evans, East Jordan, 33"; 3rd, Cal Gillespie, East Jordan, 27". Walleye: 1st, Amos Skrocki, East Jordan, 23 3/4"; 2nd, Ken Sieradski, Horton Bay, 23"; 3rd, Darlene Sieradski, Petoskey, 22 1/2".

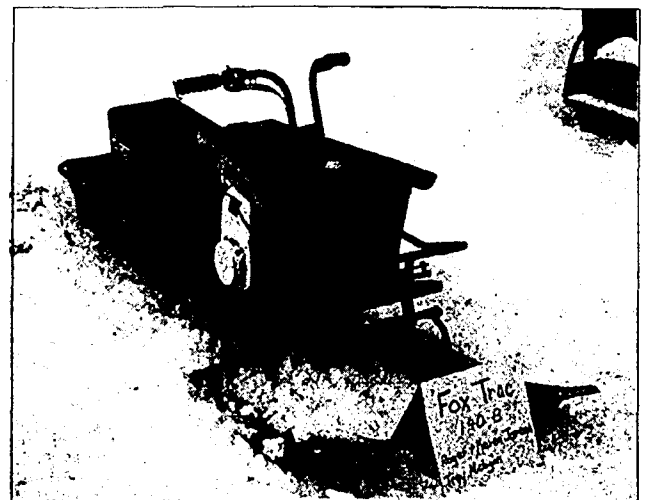
Kids Contest: Adam Erving, 28" Pike; Andrew Erving 26 7/8" Pike; Shanna Chaney, 26 1/4" Pike; Willie Skrocki, 8" Bluegill; Gage Bur, 7 1/16" Perch. **0Grand Door Prize, Shappill Jet Sled:** Pete Hammond, East Jordan.



Although the sun was scarce on Saturday, the glasses of Boyne Falls resident Bill Nottenkamper reflected what Sno-Blast is all about.



From sleek, above, to square, below, snowmobiles old and new took over the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse grounds during a weekend of racing and riding.

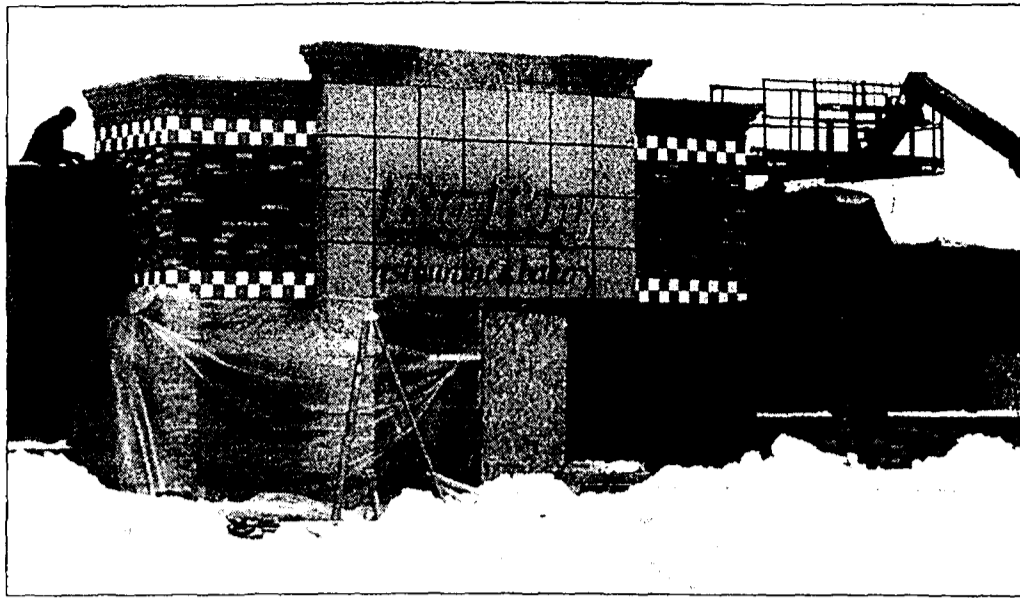


PHOTOS BY GINA KENDELL

Up goes the sign for Big Boy

A new facade and signage were installed at the Big Boy restaurant on M-75 in Boyne City last week.

The former Country Star Restaurant is also undergoing interior renovations and is slated to open in late February or early March.



BOYNE CITY HALL NEWS

By SUE HOBBS

CLARK ROUSE and Lou Awodey were reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, each for four-year terms.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED that, due to the amount of time it would take for the Little League and Soccer groups to raise enough money to make the fields in Rotary Park usable and the unsightly appearance of the park during a lengthy construction period, perhaps the city could budget funds to assist the two groups with the development at Rotary Park, or perhaps fund the project with a pay back agreement from the Soccer and Little League groups. It was further suggested City Commission might set aside money, above and beyond the proposed Parks and Recreation budgeted funds, to assist with the construction of ball and soccer fields at Rotary Park. If there are questions about this project, or direction for the City Commission, call City Hall or one of the city commissioners.

THE CITY RECENTLY submitted an application for Coastal Zone Management Funds for construction of a walkway along the lakeshore in Veteran's Park. The proposed walkway would be an extension of the sidewalk along the Marina and would connect to the parking lot to the north of City Hall, behind the Little League Field. This would include lighting and park benches.

IN ORDER TO KEEP more accurate records of violations, the Planning and Zoning Department is implementing a new complaint monitoring system in 1999. In 1998, an estimated 138 complaints were received. This number accounts for complaints generated within the city itself and does not include the townships which contract with the City for zoning and planning services. This is only an estimate, since an individual tracking system was not in place for the 1998 reporting year.

IN 1998 THE PLANNING Department issued 82 zoning permits in the city. Of these, 27 were for new construction, 44 for addition/remodeling, and the remaining were for decks, sheds, etc. New dwelling permits are down from the 51 permits issued in 1996 and 40 in 1997. However, total permits remain quite constant with 98 total permits issued in 1996 and 83 in 1997. In Melrose Township, the Planning Department issued 38 permits in 1996, 45 in 1997, and 61 in 1998. In Evangeline Township 22 were issued in 1996, 24 in 1997, and 33 permits were issued in 1998.

(Sue Hobbs is city clerk and assistant city manager for Boyne City.)

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

Last week the Boyne City Police Department received 88 complaints and issued 36 traffic citations. They were called to seven traffic accidents, and also made three arrests — one for fraud and two for obstructing justice. Other complaints included:

Jan. 12: The department assisted with a traffic accident on N. Lake Street. There were no injuries. They also responded to a complaint of a slashed tire in the Boyne City High School parking lot.

Jan. 13: The department is investigating a report of a fight at the Sportsman Bar.

Jan. 15: Officers have received numerous complaints of snow-

mobilers trespassing, speeding, riding on sidewalks and riding against traffic.

Jan. 16: It was reported that a home on North Street and on Hemlock Street were struck with paintballs.

Jan. 17: An assault in front of the Tannery, resulting in minor injuries, was reported. A report was made of malicious destruction of property to a car-door window parked behind the theater. An officer assisted the Boyne City Fire Department at a fire at the Air Industrial Park. A person was arrested and transported to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on an domestic assault complaint.

CALENDAR

COALITION TO REDUCE UNDERAGE DRINKING

Wednesday, Jan. 20
The Northwest Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking will meet from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at 220 West Garfield in Charlevoix. Anyone interested in joining in the effort to help reduce underage drinking is invited to attend. Call Mary Ann Cox at 616-547-7603.

TOBACCO REDUCTION COALITION MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 20
The Charlevoix-Emmet-Antrim Tobacco Reduction Coalition will meet from 9:30-11 a.m. at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at 220 West Garfield in Charlevoix. Anyone interested in joining in the effort to reduce the use of tobacco products and the exposure to secondhand smoke is invited to attend. Call Mary Ann Cox at 616-547-7603.

BOYNE CITY CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 21
One Water Street Restaurant will host the

chamber's annual meeting from 5-7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Boyne City School Boosters. The cost is \$5.

MSU ALUMNI MEETING

Thursday, Jan. 21
The Top of the State MSU Alumni will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Bear River Brewery in Petoskey. After the meeting, they will watch the MSU televised basketball game. The meeting is open to all area Michigan State Alumni.

EJ CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Jan. 23
The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Meeting at the Jordan Valley Express. Cost: \$20. Information: 536-7351.

HOLINESS CAMP HYMNING

Sunday, Jan. 24
The Northern Michigan Camp Hymning will be held at 6 p.m. at the Boyne City Church of the Nazarene, 225 W. Morgan St. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy a time of fellowship and finger foods following the service.

OBITUARIES

Joanne Carpenter

Joanne Carpenter, 95, of Boyne City, died on Monday, Jan. 11, 1999 at her home.

Her funeral Mass was Thursday, Jan. 14, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls. The Rev. Francis Partridge officiated, with burial in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Joanne was born on Oct. 14, 1903 in Mendon, Mich., the daughter of Howard and Marie Haas Hopkins. She graduated from Mendon High School in 1922 and received her teaching certificate from Western Michigan University. She taught at a county school and worked for Macy's and Upjohn. In 1946 she moved to Boyne City.

She worked for the Agricultural

Soil Conservation Service for 23 years and Nulph's until her retirement in 1972. Mrs. Carpenter was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City and traveled extensively throughout Europe.

Survivors include one son, Stanley (Faye) Carpenter of Mesa, Ariz.; two daughters, Joanne Edson of Fountain, Colo., and Nancy Carpenter of Muskegon; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Bartlett in 1994.

The family wishes memorials be made to Charlevoix County Humane Society Building Fund or to St. Matthew's Church Building Fund.

Robert James Cousineau

Robert James Cousineau, 83, of Boyne City, died on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1999 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. A celebration of his life will be held in the spring.

Robert was born on July 25, 1915 in Erie, Mich., the son of Cornelius and Charlotte Cousino. He grew up in Erie, and graduated from Central Catholic High School of Toledo in 1934. He played football for Central Catholic and went on to play for Michigan State College, now Michigan State University.

Robert received his Bachelor of Science in chemistry. He then enlisted in the United States Army Air Force where he was a test pilot for prototype airplanes for six years. After the service he returned to Birmingham where his love for technology did not stop. He invented a thermal couple that Ford Motor Co. wanted. Temprel, Inc. was founded in his basement.

On July 7, 1972, he married Susanne Collins Sorensen. They moved to Boyne City bringing Temprel, Inc. along with them. Bob loved many things and enjoyed making an art of them including golf, na-

ture, and sports. He held great emotion for his alma mater, Michigan State University. He was a member of Petoskey Bay View Country Club. Bob lived in Boyne City in a home that he finished himself.

Survivors include his wife, Susanne, of Boyne City; three children, Ronald Cousineau of Bloomfield Hills, Judith Cousineau of Birmingham, and Clark Sorensen of Kaneohe, Hawaii; 10 grandchildren, Renee, Tara, Shane, Kristin, Melissa, Allison, Jacob, Joel, Janet, and Suzanne; three great-grandchildren, Madison, Hudson and Carissa; two brothers, William Cousino of Wesleyville, Ohio, and John "Jack" Cousino of Erie, Mich.; two sisters, Rita Hahn of Hesperia, Calif., and Net Myers of Erie; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Terrell and Rocky; a brother, Herman; and a sister, Mary.

The family suggests memorials be made to Charlevoix County Humane Society or to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City was in charge of arrangements.

Vivian M. Brudy

Vivian M. Brudy, 75, of Mesa, Ariz., and formerly of Boyne City, died Jan. 12, 1999 at Hospice of the

Valley in Mesa, Ariz. A memorial service will be held in the spring in Boyne City.

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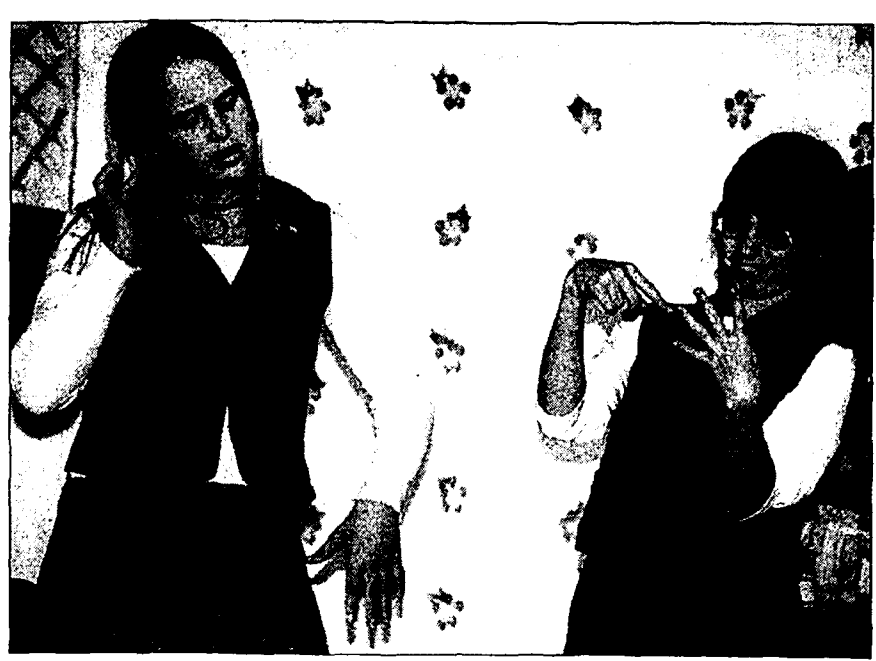
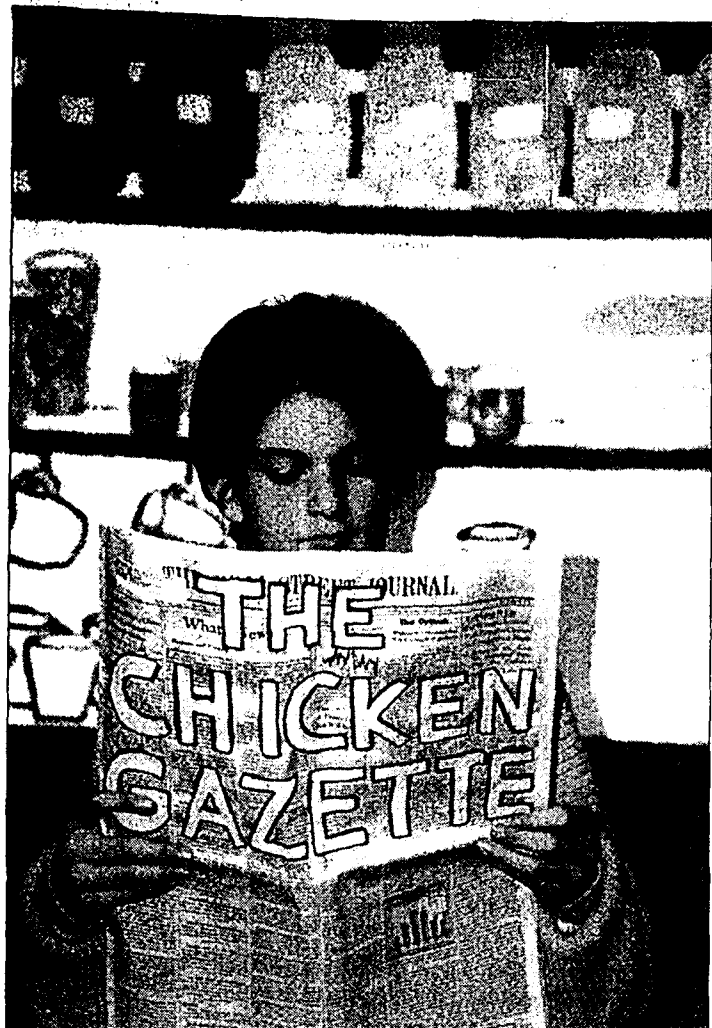
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Murder Most Fowl

Left: Jon Hoaglund, portraying blue-blood Reggie VanCan, peruses the Chicken Gazette during a scene from Murder Most Fowl, a comedy about two feuding families whose chickens are being murdered. Above: Mallory O'Brien and Emma Dunne rehearse their parts as sisters Maisybell Pruitt and Daisybelle Pruitt. The play was performed Tuesday night by 21 seventh and eighth grade Boyne City Middle School drama class students.

Boyne Falls gets moving on building

The Boyne Falls School Board voted at its meeting Monday night to retain Traverse City architectural firm GBKB to serve as project architect for building the district's new K-12 school.

GBKB provided the initial research and preliminary building design. The board also authorized that Comstock Construction Company of Petoskey be hired as the construction manager.

In December, Boyne Falls voters turned out in record numbers to pass a 7 mill, \$6,575,000 bond issue to build the new facility on the school's M-75 forest property. A nearly identical millage proposal was defeated in June by only four votes.

A Building Transition Committee has been formed to work with GBKB until the school opens. It is an expansion of the former architectural committee which worked with GBKB prior to the millage passing, and is made up of parents, teachers, students, community members and local business and industry members.

"They will help us tackle each of the small decisions as they come along in the building process," superintendent Pat Smith said.

Smith anticipates the project will go out for bid in June, with construction starting in late June or early July. If construction timelines are adhered to, students could be attending classes in the new building a year from this coming fall.

In other business, board president Marv Schwem has received the MASB Certified Membership Award. Schwem completed 30 hours of instruction in school law, community relations, budget and finance, and labor relations and technology to receive the certification. He is currently the only board member with the award.

"He just goes above and beyond for our district, over and over again," Smith said. "He's an outstanding leader and this is one more indicator that he excels in what he does."

EJ school board approves budget amendments

At its regular meeting Monday night, the East Jordan School Board reviewed and approved amendments to this year's general fund budget, based on the recommendations of the superintendent and its finance committee.

The amended budget reflects revenues of \$7,840,215 and expenditures of \$8,040,772. The \$200,557 difference is attributed to the loss of \$120,000 in anticipated state aid due to the freeze in the Student Foundation Grant and overages in the elementary school renovation project. The district had anticipated the current overage and will cover it from the district's \$912,000 fund balance.

In other business the board:
 •Visited the high school's vocationally-certified Furniture and Woodmaking and Automotive Technology programs and visited with instructors Mike Gee and David MacQuarrie who shared the objectives of their programs and shared students' work in progress.

•Approved a resolution authorizing the current school year's 180 day calendar.

•Reviewed recommended materials and texts for the elementary school mathematics program with principal Chuck Hershberger.

•Granted fourth year probationary status to high school faculty member Jennifer Richardson.

Texas company buys Huntington Bank properties

Cardinal Capital Partners, Inc. announced last week that it has purchased 59 Huntington Bank properties for \$181.5 million.

The sale-leaseback transaction includes the Boyne City office, according to Gwen Jones of Cardinal Capital, a Dallas, Texas company. East Jordan's branches are not a part of the sale.

According to Jones, "Huntington will continue to operate the bank and clients will see no difference in the business. It is a real estate investment

for us and will have no affect on the way they do business.

"This is a very typical transaction, it is done all the time. It is not at all unusual."

The advantage for Huntington,

Short power outage dims the lights in Boyne City

An eight minute power outage cut electricity to 993 Consumers Energy customers in Boyne City last Thursday just after 3 p.m.

According to Consumers Energy spokesperson Kevin Keane, an oil

Jones said, is it removes debt from its balance sheet and lowers its monthly debt. Basically, she said, Huntington is a tenant and will pay Cardinal Capital rent.

Huntington Bankshares is a re-

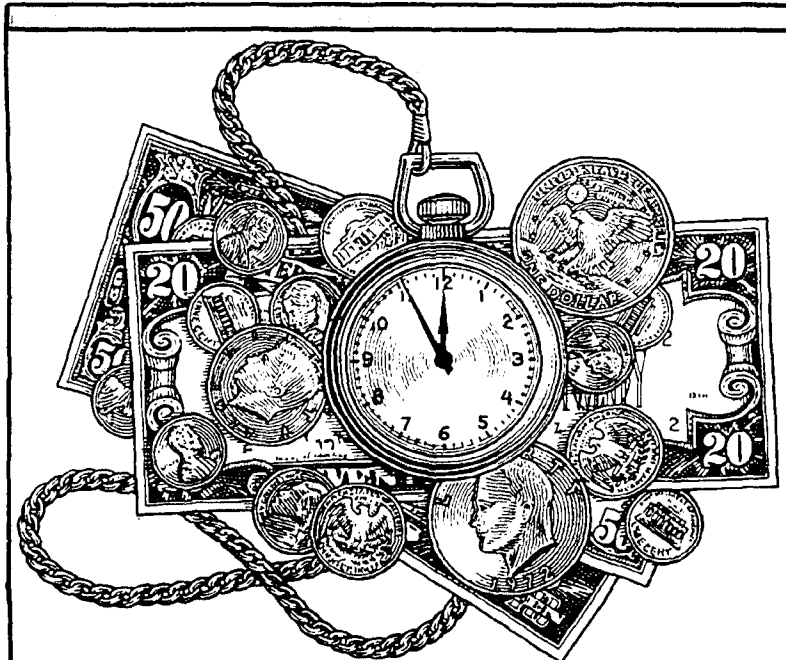
cooled reclosure (OCR) was tripped at the electrical substation in the city, probably due to interference on the wire.

An OCR is a device similar to a circuit breaker and will automatically

gional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio with assets of \$28 billion, Jones said.

The company's subsidiaries operate 339 offices.

shut down the power until the interference — which could come from someone bumping the pole, branches falling on a wire or even the wind — passes through. If it doesn't clear, the OCR completely cuts off the power.



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Steve Kempton
PARENTS: John and Chris Kempton
GRADE: Freshman
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Freshman basketball team, golf team
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Snowboarding, freestyle biking, dirt biking.
FUTURE PLANS: Go to college and get into the medical field.
FAVORITE CLASS: Mr. Inman's biology
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Steve is a hard working, focused learner," said Darrin Podskalny. "He is polite and eager."
 "Steve is a positive role model for his peers," said Gretchen Goebel.
 "Steve is a hard worker," said Bob Panoff.
 "Steve is a hard working student," said Kathy Stangis. "He has a good sense of humor."
 "Steve is extremely bright," said Matt Inman. "He is polite and courteous with a good sense of humor."



Steve Kempton

Boyne City

NAME: Ellie Neidhamer
PARENTS: Tom and Debbie Neidhamer
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: basketball, softball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I like to play basketball, softball, and hockey. Also be with my friends."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to go to college and try to play college sports."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Ellie is a hard working young lady who comes to class prepared and with a smile on her face," said Mr. Klooster. "She is fun to be around and a joy to have in class."
 "Ellie is an attentive learner," said Ms. Marsh. "She asks questions to clarify information and checks references for understanding. I enjoy having her in class."
 "Ellie has been an excellent art student this year," said Mr. Ewald. "Always on task, she completes her assignments with interest and enthusiasm. She is a joy to have in class."
 "Ellie is a very contentious student, always having homework complete," said Mrs. Clausen. "She works to understand the concepts we cover and is willing to ask questions when she doesn't understand. Ellie always strives to do her best both in class and in sports. I truly enjoy having Ellie as an advanced algebra student."



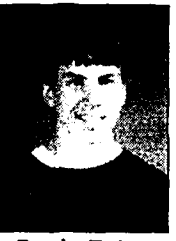
Ellie Neidhamer

NAME: Andy Moriarity
PARENTS: Rex and Mary Moriarity
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Skiing
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Skiing, computers, graphic design, reading.
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: College, medical degree.
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Andy is an excellent student in advanced algebra," said Mr. Parsons. "His test scores are usually at or near the top of the class. Andy is always willing to help other students and is deserving of being 'student of the week.' Way to go Andy!"
 "Andy is a self-motivated student who will graduate to become a success in whatever field he chooses," said Ms. Marsh.
 "This is my second year with Andy, who is an excellent all-around student in art," said Mr. Ewald. "His computer skills are legend. Andy is also one of my amateur radio students who spends several days each week after school learning that hobby. He is always fun and challenging to have in class."



Andy Moriarity

NAME: Devin Eaton
PARENTS: Bob and Frances Eaton
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: DECA (an association of marketing students)
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I like to surf the internet, go snowmobiling, watch the stock market, and I especially like working with my friends at Stallord's One Water Street."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to go to college for something related to business, like restaurant management or marketing."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Devin is doing a great job in U.S. history," said Mrs. Deming. "I appreciate his attitude, work ethic, and willingness to do his very best on his work. It is a pleasure having him in class."
 "As a student, an aide, and DECA member, Devin is conscientious and dependable," said Ms. Marsh. "He takes the initiative to start new projects and go beyond basic requirements. He has what it takes to be an effective leader."
 "Devin is a good student," said Mrs. Clausen. "He is attentive in class and works to do his best. He works to understand concepts and asks for help when he doesn't. Devin is polite and respectful to myself and others. I enjoy having Devin as an advanced algebra student."



Devin Eaton

Boyne Falls

NAME: Josh Hellwege
PARENTS: Angela and Jerry Hellwege
GRADE: kindergarten
HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Shovel snow, play hockey.
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP: A bus driver.
FAVORITE FOOD: Carrots, ham
WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT SCHOOL: Making projects - Christmas things; "My Choice," when we get to choose what to do.
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Joshua always has a smile on his face and is a joy to have in class," said Mrs. McNitt. "He is always willing to help others."
 Joshua's classmates said:
 Logan: "Josh helps pick up things in our room."
 Lacy: "He helps other people clean up."
 Zackary W.: "Josh doesn't argue about things."
 Ali: "Josh cleans the floor."
 Zachary D.: "He never says mean stuff to people."
 Tracy: "He always eats with his mouth closed."
 Mitchell K.: "He helps Mrs. McNitt."
 Reggie: "He helps people."
 Luke: "When Mrs. McNitt calls his name he comes right up."
 Kaitlan: "He never plays with toys on his cot."
 Derek: "Josh does good things."
 Joey: "He plays with me on the playground."
 Mitchell M.: "He helps other kids."
 Jake: "He is a good friend."



Josh Hellwege



Learning to play

Musician Tom Kaufman gives East Jordan Elementary School student Misti Massey hands-on musical instruction during a special program for fourth and fifth graders. Kaufman and fellow musicians from his Tinkertoons music studio out of Traverse City, performed a concert later in the day for the entire school. The program was sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council and partially funded by the Crooked Tree Arts Council and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

NEIGHBORS

By EDNA MAY

KEN AND THERISA Nelson were here this week visiting his mother Vernice and Therisa's parents, the Hammontrees. While here Ken shoveled snow off his mother's roof!

NANCY NORTHUP is enjoying sunny Florida with her daughter and family at Palm Harbor. Nancy celebrated her Jan. 13 birthday with her granddaughter Sarah Maria Foster who was 1 year old Jan. 19. Also while there she will visit her brother Bill Northup and cousin Jane Charvat at Winter Park.

CHRISTOPHER CHRISTENSEN, son of Bill and Lynda Christensen, came home this past weekend with college friends Jamie Treadeau and Paul and Melissa Cooper to attend a wedding at Green Sky Hill. The group, including the bride and groom, were all friends when they were at NCMC.

VERLIN AND DOROTHY Thompson spent the weekend with son Darryl and Marcie in Ashley where Darryl and Marcie are opening a gift shop.

BETTY KELTS is back in the hospital in Petoskey. Her room number is 280 if you wish to send her a card.

VERNICE NELSON returned this past week from Dallas where she visited her daughter Robin Wright. They were joined by daughter Linda Magner while

she was there. Vernice reports she was "snowed out" because of her difficulty getting into Metro Airport. She arrived home four days later than planned to our winter wonderland.

MERLA VOUGHT came home this past Sunday to go to church and to spend the afternoon in her home. Merla lives at Fuller's Adult Foster Care Home in East Jordan and enjoys trips home to attend church and to see her many friends.

THE BOYNE CITY-EAST JORDAN Ladies Bridge Group met at One Water Street Jan. 14 for lunch and a pleasant afternoon of bridge. The group meets the second Thursday of each month.

MARYANN WATKINS is recovering nicely at her home from her surgery Dec. 22 at Northern Michigan Hospital. Her many friends welcome this good news.

AUDREY ELIZABETH SHIOTELIS was born on Dec. 31, 1998, at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. to Kevin and Beverly Shiotelis. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 19 1/2". Paternal grandparents are George and Judy Shiotelis of Boyne City. Maternal grandparents are Ken Howard, Sr. and the late Winona Howard of Boyne City. Audrey has two siblings, Jessica, 4, and Andrew, 2.

A GROUP OF 15 friends from the Bently Wesleyan Church (near Flint) spent the weekend with Billy Stanley at her home on South Lake Street this past weekend. The group included Pastor Budde and wife Donna

and children Lindsay, Ester, and Drake and a youth group consisting of Sarah Adams, Ashlee Orr, Ryan Mead, Jennifer Most, Mary Lapeer, Tim Helfinbein, John Parker, Jenny Anderson and Billy's niece, Becky Howard. They enjoyed devotionals and readings as well as time spent at Avalanche where they skated, slid down the hill and enjoyed winter fun in general in Boyne City for two days.

IT WAS REPORTED that Lake Charlevoix froze over Jan. 1, and a few shanties are showing up near the shore. Five cars and numerous people were seen on the ice also.

HOCKEY GAMES in Boyne City were canceled Sunday due to the warm temperature on the rinks.

THE BIGGEST NEWS of the day seems to be the weather conditions and how people were coping with the abundance of snow, sub-zero temperatures, ice, and heavy snow build-up on roof tops. To date, people have reported accidents when driving, white-outs on the hills, the closing of schools, churches, and some businesses. Also the delays at airports have made traveling difficult. There is concern for the turkeys and deer who may have trouble walking and finding food in the snow. People who have seen many winters here are in agreement this one is severe and most unusual. The weekend thaw and rain is welcome.

(Edna May is filling in for Nancy Northup while she is vacationing. If you have an item for next week's column, call Edna at 582-6319.)

Search begins for Sheldon's successor

The assistant administrator position at Boyne City Elementary School which will be left vacant by Sherry Sheldon on Jan. 29, was posted internally last week, and will soon be posted outside the district with letters of interest due back to the superintendent's office by Feb. 26.

Sheldon will leave her post after 26 1/2 years to work as a literacy consultant for Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District in Charlevoix. She is currently splitting her time between the two jobs and will take her new position on Feb. 1. "She will be greatly missed at the

elementary school," principal Ed Snyder said.

Although the district hopes to find someone as soon as possible, Snyder said because it's the middle of the school year, it's conceivable they may not find a qualified candidate until June.

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SPORTS

Ramblers let one slip away

The Boyne City Ramblers may be near the bottom of the Lake Michigan Conference and Elk Rapids near the top, but very little separated them on the court Friday night.

The Ramblers, who fell behind early, steadied themselves and had their chances to win, but failed to make the plays when they needed it in the closing minutes. The result was a 77-73 loss, the Ramblers' fifth straight after they won their first three games of the season.

The game was tied twice in the final minutes and twice the Ramblers had the ball but failed to score.

"We are real pleased with the effort," said head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick, "but it's time we start figuring out how to win games down the stretch."

"To Elk Rapids' credit, they figured out how to win. We will, we've been there a couple of times."

Elk Rapids, which is now 4-1 in the conference and 6-1 overall, faced the Ramblers in the district tournament final last March and has four of five starters back from that team.

While the Ramblers found success with their outside shooting, they struggled at the free throw line, hitting only 12 of 24.

"We had 11 threes," Fitzpatrick said, "unfortunately we didn't shoot that well at the free throw line."

Leading the Ramblers was Jeremy Grice whose 28 points were almost evenly divided in thirds: three pointers, inside the paint and free throws.

Tim Bouters had 14 points including three 3-pointers, and Noah Stanek and Jeremy Peck each had 11. Peck also had eight rebounds, four assists and three steals. Luke Reinhardt had eight assists.

The Ramblers were on the brink of falling behind big early in the game, but then changed their defense. "We couldn't stop them playing man defense early," Fitzpatrick said. "We adjusted and put in the zone to stop their point guard. It did what we wanted to do."

The Ramblers held Elk Rapids to 29 points in the second half, the same total the Elks had in the first quarter when they built an eight-point lead.

"We played hard and had the opportunity to win," Fitzpatrick said.

The Ramblers resume action this Friday when they host Harbor Springs. They will be playing without Bouters, Peck and Josh Hall, who are participating in a school trip.

Elk Rapids won the junior varsity game, 55-40. Dylan Hall had 11 points and A.J. Spay 10 for the Ramblers.



Whenever East Jordan and Boyne City meet, the intensity level on both teams is high, and last week's game was no exception. On this play, the Ramblers' Tyson Johncheck is all over Andy Brouwer.

RED DEVILS OVERPOWER RAMBLERS IN SECOND HALF Taking it inside

There's no substitute for experience. Matt Shaw, the senior leader for the East Jordan Red Devils, used his experience last Tuesday night to lead the Red Devils to a satisfying 67-53 win over Boyne City.

"Matt played a super game," said East Jordan head coach Del Ingalls. "I was real proud in the second half how he used his experience to make plays and carry us through and get over the hump."

"He knew what needed to get done and did it." The hump East Jordan faced was rather large. In the first half the Red Devils fell behind early and were down by eight at half time. The second half was all theirs as they outscored the Ramblers 41-19.

In the lockerroom at half-time, Ingalls said he told his team that "we needed to pick up our defense and be the aggressor."

"I didn't think we played that poorly in the first half but I knew we were capable of more. We gained momentum and got stronger and Boyne lost momentum and got weaker."

In addition to notching up their defensive pressure, the Red Devils also made some offensive adjustments. "We felt we could control the low block," Ingalls said. "We rearranged our offense to keep our big guys down low."

Ingalls had high praise for his other "big guy," Mike Wladischkin, and Josh Evans.

"Mike had a real solid game and I thought Josh really stepped it up a notch. He gave us a spark in a number of areas."

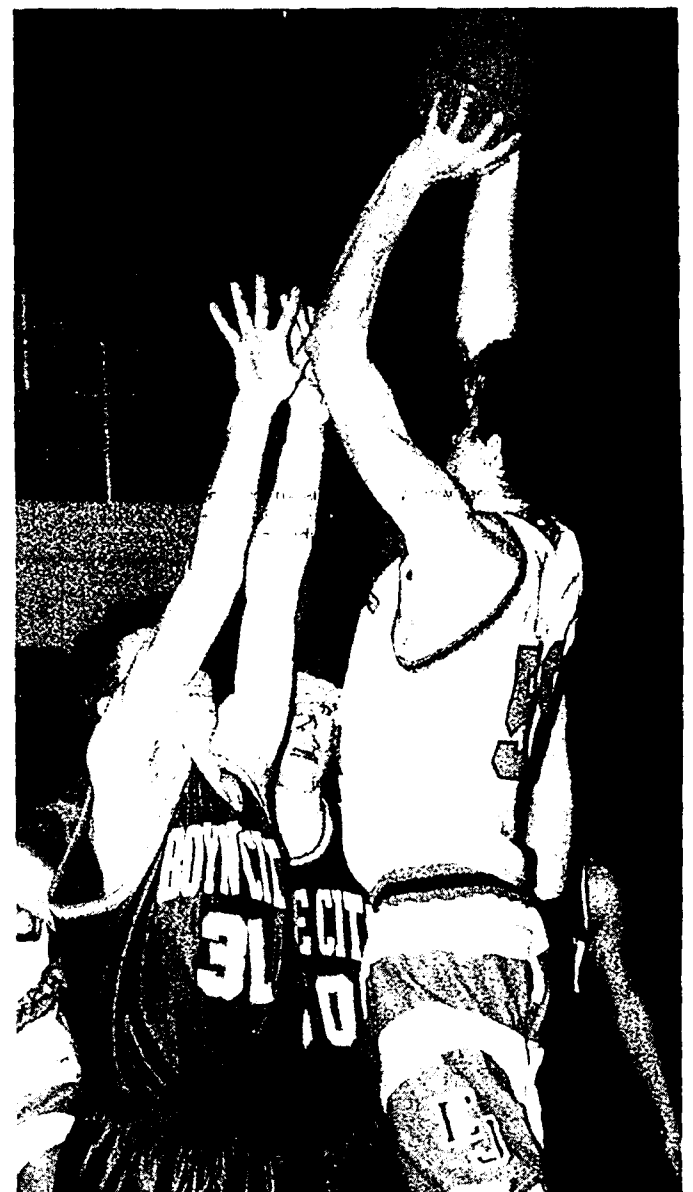
Evans had 12 points and six assists, while Wladischkin had 12 points and a team high nine rebounds. Shaw led the Red Devils with 21 points and grabbed six rebounds.

"Anytime you are behind and come back, and on top of that in a Boyne City game, it builds momentum. We are a team trying to gain momentum. We started out with tough games but we are gaining confidence," Ingalls said.

"At the beginning of the season I said we are not a dominant team, but we are a team that can be very dangerous if we play our kind of game. In the second half we were able to establish our style of play."

For the Ramblers, Noah Stanek had 11 points. Boyne City coach Kevin Fitzpatrick gave credit to the Red Devils for "earning" the win in the second half, but he was disappointed his team didn't take control of the game when they had a chance.

Boyne City won the junior varsity game 57-34. For the Ramblers, Ryan Amesbury led the team with 20. For East Jordan Ken Slough had 18 points and eight rebounds.



Matt Shaw goes up for two of his 21 points.

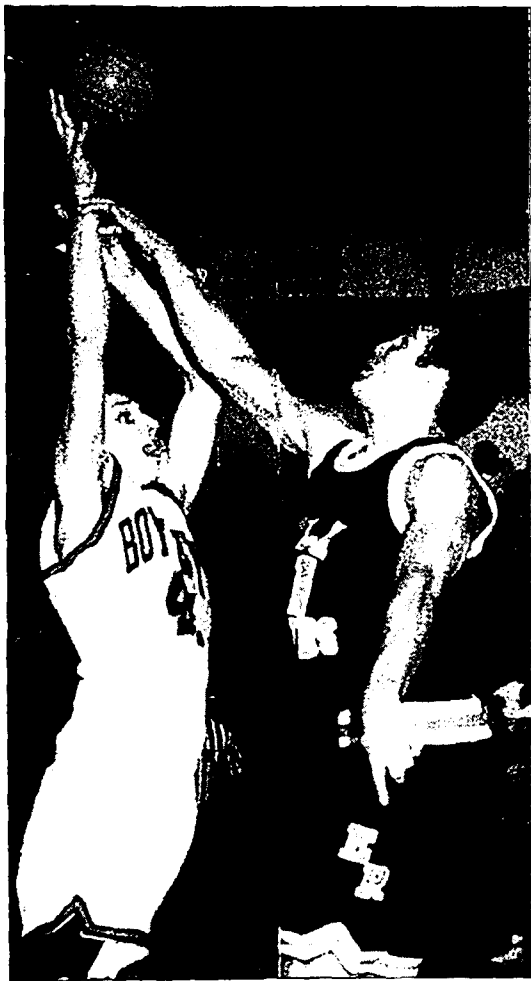


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From inside or from the outside, Jeremy Grice was the Ramblers go-to guy Friday night. He scored 28 points.

Red Devils' momentum stalls against Harbor

Just when it looked like East Jordan was building momentum, they suffered another setback when they lost to Harbor Springs 69-56 last Friday.

"It was very frustrating," said East Jordan head coach Del Ingalls. "There were no surprises. They didn't throw anything at us that we didn't expect. We just didn't go out and get it done."

The loss was particularly disappointing because early on it looked like the Red Devils were picking up right where they left off Tuesday night when they defeated Boyne City.

East Jordan was up 8-0 and led 33-27 at the half. "We jumped out to a lead and thought everything was going to come easy," Ingalls said. "They outlasted us the rest of the way." The wheels came off for the Red

Devils in the third quarter when they were outscored 22-8 and temporarily lost the services of center Matt Shaw, who suffered a sprained ankle. He returned to the game in the fourth quarter and was expected to play Tuesday night against McBain.

Despite his injury, Shaw scored 23 points, had 11 rebounds and seven steals to lead the Red Devils. Nate Swan had 11 points and Mike Wladischkin had nine points and eight rebounds.

The Red Devils, 1-3 in conference and 2-4 overall, return home Friday to host St. Francis, 0-3 in conference and 1-7 overall.

In the junior varsity game, Harbor Springs won 72-57. For the Red Devils, Ken Slough had 16 points, David Dyer 12, and Micah Middaugh, 10.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Boyne City

- Jan. 21 - Volleyball, at Harbor Springs, 6 p.m.; Skiing, Kalkaska, East Jordan, Harbor Springs at Nubs Nob - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 22 - Freshman Basketball, Harbor Springs, home - 4:15 p.m.; Junior Varsity/Varsity Basketball, Harbor Springs, home - 6 p.m.; Skiing, Cadillac Invitational at Cadillac - 9 p.m.
- Jan. 23 - Junior Varsity/Varsity Volleyball, at JV Inland Lakes Tournament - 9 a.m.; Cheerleading - Cheer Michigan West Competition at Grand Rapids
- Jan. 25 - Junior Varsity/Varsity Volleyball, Kalkaska, home - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 26 - Freshman Basketball, at Kalkaska - 4:15 p.m.; Junior Varsity/Varsity Basketball, at Kalkaska - 6 p.m.; Skiing, Glenlake at Crystal Mt. - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 28 - Junior Varsity/Varsity Volleyball, Elk Rapids, home - 6 p.m.; Skiing - Elk Rapids, East Jordan, at Boyne Mountain - 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29 - Freshman Basketball, at TC St. Francis - 4:15 p.m.; Junior Varsity/Varsity Basketball, at TC St. Francis - 6 p.m.

East Jordan

- Jan. 21 - Varsity/J.V. Volleyball, at Elk Rapids - 6 p.m.; Varsity Ski Team, Harbor Springs, Boyne City, Kalkaska, at Nubs Nob - 5 p.m.
- Jan. 22 - Freshman Boys Basketball, TC St. Francis, home - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/J.V. Boys Basketball, TC St. Francis, home - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 23 - Junior Varsity Volleyball, at Inland Lakes - 10 a.m.
- Jan. 25 - Varsity/J.V. Volleyball, Charlevoix, home - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 26 - Freshman Boys Basketball, at Charlevoix - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/J.V. Basketball, at Charlevoix - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 28 - Varsity/J.V. Volleyball, at TC St. Francis - 6 p.m.; Varsity Ski Team, Boyne City, Elk Rapids, at Boyne Mountain - 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29 - Freshman Boys Basketball, Elk Rapids, home - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/J.V. Boys Basketball, Elk Rapids, home - 6 p.m.

EJ volleyball team downs Harbor, plays well at tourney

The East Jordan varsity volleyball team defeated Harbor Springs in two games last Thursday, winning the match 15-8, 15-8, 10-15, despite a serving percentage (87.5) lower than where they want to be.

Nevertheless, coach Duane Kujat was pleased with how the team communicated and played together.

"Our passing game still needs to improve," Kujat said, "and has each time out on the court."

Catey Moses led in passing with Rachel Boss and Suzi Malpass close behind. "Jamie Baker's sets continue to improve and will be helped when our passing comes up to the needed level," Kujat said.

Abbey Carter, Moses, Boss and Malpass did a good job on the net, with all contributing to the win. Boss led in serves with 21 of 23 and four aces, while Carter was 14 of 16 with five aces.

The junior varsity lost to Harbor

Springs in two games.

AT THE INLAND Lakes Tournament Saturday, East Jordan started slow but played well overall, Kujat said.

"Our girls learned a lot and enjoy the level of competition at these meets," he said.

Moses led the team in passing and serves with 34 of 34 on the day. She also was voted team M.V.P. for the day.

"Her leadership and efforts deserved the honor," Kujat said.

For net play, Baker had seven blocks; Carter, four; Malpass, 18; Boss, four; and Roberts, three. Kills: Moses, six, with two assists; Carter, seven; Malpass, 21; Boss, 10; and Roberts, one.

"Baker did a great job hustling to the ball and ended up with 38 assists," Kujat said.

"I was proud of how the team did on the day."

Boyne 4-H will help soccer coaches with clinic fee

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) will hold a soccer coaching clinic on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29-30, at Charlevoix Elementary School. Class times are 6:30-10 p.m. on Jan. 29, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Jan. 30.

The cost is \$40 per person. The Boyne Area 4-H Soccer Board will pay half of the fee for anyone who will coach in the program's fall '99 soccer season. Call the 4-H office at 582-6232 for more information on the reimbursement.

To sign up for the clinic itself, or for further information, call Hagan Manker at 547-5507.

The NSCAA is the largest soccer coaches group in the country with members coming from all levels — youth to professional — whose purpose is to educate, provide services and promote and stimulate interest in the game.

Blake Glass, NSCAA state director of coaching, will be the instructor. Glass coached the men's soccer team at Western Michigan University for 15 years, and prior to that, coached at his alma mater, Spring Arbor College. He was a four-year starter at Spring Arbor at the sweeper position, and was captain and MVP of the 1977 team that was undefeated and ranked

fourth in the country.

Glass also worked for the professional team Detroit Express, in the North American Soccer League. He has coached the Michigan Olympic Development program, led a Kalamazoo area team to the Michigan Premier League U-15 state championship, coached AYSO and been a soccer camp director for 20 years.

Manker, Charlevoix girls' varsity and Harbor Springs boys' varsity soccer coach, will assist at the clinic. Glass and Manker each hold a national diploma from the NSCAA.



Young scholars

Nine students from Boyne Falls School were recently recognized as Great Lakes Scholars. The award is given to fourth through eighth grade students who have made outstanding achievements in their pursuit for knowledge and a better world. The following students are listed on a Great Lakes Scholars Internet site and also published in a book. Front row from left: Shawn Kilmer, Andy Schwem, Paige Smith, Christian Hodgkin and Michelle Balog. Back row: Ashley Mauchmar, Brittany Matelski, Amanda Lester and Dan Clark.

Three Boyne Falls School students had poems published in the 1998 fifth grade edition of The Teachers Selection Anthology of Poetry. The poems were nominated for inclusion in the book by teacher Nicole Phillips. Ashley Mauchmar (left) wrote Happy Snowman, Amanda Lester composed The Life Of Four Seasons, and My Window was written by Anthony Hawkins.



Boyne netters lose to St. Francis

The Boyne City volleyball team lost its match to Traverse City St. Francis last Thursday 15-11, 15-7, 13-15.

"We had a few mental breakdowns that cost us some points, but overall I was pleased with the girls' play," coach Dorine Britton said. "We were hitting the ball well, playing the net tight and we sided out well, but unfortunately when we needed good

serves we struggled."

Staci Seelye and Jenny Ortlieb led the team in serving scoring 8 and 7 points respectively. Corrie Belford had eight kills, Katie Dhaseleer had seven and Ann Gaudard and April Roberts had 5 kills each. Roberts, Ortlieb, Dhaseleer and Leeann Schrader came through in passing. Ashley Schrader had six blocks and Belford had five.

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Land conservancy gets financial boost

With just a few months of operations under its belt, the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy is already gaining momentum and making an impact on local environmental and land preservation efforts. Now the new organization will have some financial support to help it grow.

Two new funds have been established within the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for the specific purpose of nurturing the upstart organization.

The first, a special projects fund, will accept and manage donations for the land conservancy until the newly formed group completes the necessary legal requirements for its own nonprofit tax status. Once that tax-exempt status is obtained, the fund will be turned over to the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy.

The second fund, a permanent endowment with the community foundation, will help meet the conservancy's long-term needs. Donations to the endowment will be invested and managed over time, and only a portion of the earned income will be used for programs and operations - so the fund can continue to grow and generate financial support well into the future.

Jo Anne Beemon, director of the new land conservancy, expressed her gratitude for the support. "It's so important to have this kind of help at such a critical time in our development," she said. "Without the community foundation's technical assistance and the special projects fund, we'd have a much harder time getting up and running - while the endowment fund will give us a solid financial base to continue our work."

The Charlevoix County Land Conservancy was initiated to encourage greater local involvement in land stewardship, and to protect the area's significant natural, agricultural, and scenic areas.

As part of that effort, the conservancy will work closely with schools and youth groups to cultivate a better understanding of, and appreciation

for, the county's special ecological assets.

Like the conservancy, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation stresses the involvement of young people in addressing local issues, and directs a portion of its grantmaking to local environmental initiatives.

Skateboard park at Avalanche gets parks commission support

A plan for a skateboard/rollerblade facility at Avalanche Park in Boyne City was supported by the parks and recreation commission at its meeting last week.

John Miller, representing a group of skateboarders and rollerbladers, presented a plan to the commission to use the recreational ice rink at Avalanche in non-winter months for the facility.

The group has been working the past several months with 4-H and Boyne City city staff developing the plan.

A key to creating the facility is to have a base of either pavement or concrete for the recreational ice rink. The city has budgeted \$15,000 to do that, but the work has been delayed until the master plan for Avalanche Park is finalized. While the parks com-

mission wants to improve and enhance the ice skating facility at the park, the exact location of where the ice rink might be located has not yet been decided.

The Avalanche site was chosen by the group after they researched other areas in the city for the park. One area in particular was the parking lot on the north side of city hall, but that was ruled out because of concerns that small children would be inclined to use the equipment and because of conflicts with parking during special events in Veteran's Park.

The group plans to start with simple structures and expand as time and money allows. Initially, the group hopes to install three slide rails and 4 to 6 ramps. All the equipment will be removed in the late fall and can easily be moved so the rink can be used for

other activities.

4-H is working with the skateboarding group to help it get organized but will phase out of the program when its "feet are planted on the ground."

All funding for equipment in the park will be raised by the skateboarding/rollerblading group.

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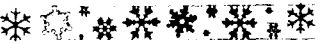
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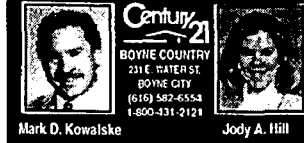


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At a cost of \$19,900 per site, sales will offset the construction costs contributed by the city.

East Jordan Iron Works Hydrant and Valve Assembly were the first tenants to buy a lot, and they moved into the park early last year. They also purchased an additional adjacent lot. A building is currently under construction for the park's second tenant, The Shutter Network.

"It's a wise use of the people of East Jordan's money by the city commission," White said. "We've expeditiously spent the general fund money to match grants."

A \$40,000 grant from the

Charlevoix County Community Foundation, combined with \$17,400 from the city, provided the funds to build new basketball courts in Murphy Field last summer.

The East Jordan Fire Department also purchased two new firetrucks. A tanker was paid for by surrounding townships per a formula based on the portions of the townships covered by the department. The city is purchasing a pumper through a lease-purchase program, with the down payment coming from the municipality's fire-equipment fund.

Without losing any momentum heading into 1999, commissioners gave the go-ahead for what will be the largest water project ever under-

taken by East Jordan.

It will most noticeably improve water pressure to homes in the community and the city has secured approval for a \$2 million low-interest (2.5 percent) loan for financing.

The project will include the construction of a new well and storage tank, a rebuild of both the city's booster stations, new water lines installed throughout the community, and a new connection under the river. Upgrades to various lines will increase pressure and service to those not currently served or with inadequate service. Construction is slated to begin in the summer.

The State Bureau of Aeronautics will pay 90 percent of the cost — es-

timated at \$262,000 — to pave the East Jordan Airport runway and to construct a terminal building. The city will pay for the remaining 10 percent.

Other projects on the agenda for which the commission will seek grant funding include improvements to Mill Street between Bridge and Second streets, park enhancements and maybe even a bike path stretching down M-32 from State Street to Boswell Field.

The city is currently pursuing grants to allow the implementation of phase one of its master plan for Boswell Field on M-32. The estimated cost is \$400,000 and would include demolishing and removing most of what exists at the old high

school football stadium, renovating the existing locker room for concessions and restrooms, and constructing soccer fields, a parking lot and installing utilities. The total cost for the five-phase plan, to be implemented over several years, is estimated at \$1,428,000.

Murphy and Tourist Park are also high on the list for renovation, as outlined in a parks' feasibility study unveiled this fall by Capital Consultants, should grant funding become available. As a result of that same study, a primary goal even prior to any other park improvements, will be the relocation of waterfowl from Sportsman's and Tourist parks to better accommodate park usage.

Boyer leads the county in building

For the fourth year in a row, Boyne City has had the largest concentration of construction in Charlevoix County.

In 1998, 145 building permits were issued for projects in Boyne City, contributing to a record year for the county itself which issued 1,350 permits valued at \$61.3 million.

"The economy is good and people are continuing to move to Charlevoix," said Charlevoix County building inspector Ken Doty.

The City of Charlevoix pulled the second highest number of permits with 135, followed by Eveline Township with 128.

East Jordan fell at about the middle of the 17 townships and municipalities with 65 permits. Over half the new homes were modular units.

Of the 92 permits pulled by Hayes and Boyne Valley Townships, 44 were for the condominiums (22 buildings) being constructed at Boyne Mountain.

County-wide, construction has consistently risen over the past few years. In 1996 there were 986 permits (\$40.6 million) issued, and 1,015 were issued in 1997 (\$38.4 million), while new commercial construction rose from 27 in 1997 to 54 last year.

Turkeys

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they realize the food source is gone.

Turkeys are opportunistic, and can eat just about anything, Gallagher said, preferring acorns and beechnuts which are plentiful in the fall.

Lee said the ones near Boyne Falls have nearly picked the fields clean of corn, packing down the snow between rows, so that even he could walk on it without sinking in last week.

So far 45 percent of the birds in the five-county area have been located with the help of hunters and non-hunters alike, who make up about

half each of the turkey association's membership.

The group hopes to identify the whereabouts of the remaining 55 percent with the assistance of sportsman's groups and other concerned citizens. So far about 20 have been reported dead, which is not necessarily above normal, Lee said.

"We can afford to lose a few, but don't want to lose 50 percent of what's been accomplished," Gallagher said.

Nearly two decades ago, 28 turkeys were transplanted to the area because of its vast public land and

forests which they require to survive. They are north of their historical winter range which is probably between Mt. Pleasant and Claire, explained Lee. That's why they need to be fed about three months of the year.

"They're real industrious and do a lot of digging," Lee said. "But when you get three feet of snow, it's nearly impossible."

Gallagher said they can survive for about 30 days in bitter cold and snow depending on the conditions. A break in the weather this weekend came just at the end of that time-period. Also, because of the long, warm feeding season, the birds were in excellent shape going into winter which boosts their chance of survival.

"We're hoping they'll be O.K., but we don't know," Gallagher said.

Contrary to popular belief, they are very intelligent birds, Gallagher said. "That's why they've done so well."

"If this weather keeps up, we're absolutely terrified," Gallagher said. But this weekend's thaw may have allowed them to pack the snow down and move toward their traditional feeding areas. If a crust forms, the stronger birds can walk across the top of the snow. Also at that point, snowshoers and skiers can more easily get into the woods to locate the flocks.

"They just assume they're O.K.," Gallagher said of the hunters. "They don't know that our birds need help. They expect the birds to be here."

"We're just getting them through the winter. It's going to be very tough to do this."

-- Linda Gallagher

She said the main focus of the 400-member chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association is hands-on management of the birds, such as the winter survival feeding program. The group is entirely dependent on membership dues and donations to

keep this and other programs afloat.

Gallagher said turkey hunting is the fourth most popular hunting sport in the country. In addition to the 7,000 hunters residing in this area, the late April and May season brings thousands more hunting and wildlife viewing tourists to the area.

"We're not in the process of fattening up these birds. We're just getting them through the winter. It's going to be very tough to do this," Gallagher said. "We don't expect to save them all."

If you would like more information about the feeding program, call Linda Gallagher at (616) 544-3302, Errol Lee at 549-2179, or chapter president Rick Riley at 549-2705.

Plowing

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day starts at 5:30 a.m., and finishes up around 3 p.m. He estimates that he's plowed each one from 10 to 13 times this season.

John Nagle, working only part-time plowing between Boyne City school-bus runs and maintenance work, estimates he's been putting in an average of four to six hours per day during the heavier snow periods.

He services local citizens as well as tourists, moving snow at 5:30 a.m. until he has to drive his bus, and then heading back out following the afternoon run.

The Hoffmans clear snow from the parking lots of East Jordan Schools, East Jordan Iron Works, East Jordan Family Health Center and some of the city sidewalks with two pickup trucks with plows, two loaders and a tractor with a snowblower. Typically they'll start at midnight and work through to morning when the cars begin arriving.

"The odd hours are tough to get used to at first," Dick said. You never know when you'll have to work, and you can't trust the forecast with the lake affect snow, he added.

"It's kind of a job not too many people want," Dick said. He station-surfs on the radio to help break up the monotony and insists that he likes the work which he's been at since he was 18.

"It's a nice change in the fall to go to plowing, but by the time spring gets here I'm ready to go back to digging dirt," he said. Between the flurries, he's owner of Smith and Hoffman Excavating. Carol keeps the business' books.

And even though predicting weather can be futile, Steve wistfully said, "I think the worst of it is over."

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