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## at a GLANCE

### Lightening is suspected cause of house fire

Frozen pipes. Furnace troubles. Chimney fires. Those are some of the worries homeowners have in the winter. After last Thursday's bizarre weather, you can add another item to the list: lightening.

Lightening is suspected of being the cause of a fire that seriously damaged the home of Joe and JoAnn Bowers on Lakeshore Road near Ridge Road early Friday morning.

Just how the fire started is not clear, but Boyne City Fire Chief Henry Erber said Mrs. Bowers heard a loud thud at about 7:30 p.m., the same time a thunderstorm was moving through the area. Shortly afterwards, her phone kept ringing and she could smell an odor, but could not find its source.

At 4 a.m. she awoke and checked the house and saw one corner of the house on fire. The fire department was called and quickly extinguished the blaze.

"They did just a great job," Erber said. "They snuffed it out in real quick order." The fire was out, he said, by the time East Jordan's Fire Department arrived on the scene.

While the thunderstorm had long passed, firemen had to battle cold temperatures and strong winds.

The extent of fire damage, Erber said, was limited to one corner of the house, but the rest of the home suffered "a tremendous amount of heat and smoke damage."

Erber suspects the lightening followed a phone or cable wire into the home.

No one was injured in the fire.

### Hot-shooting Dean Fiel wins trip for two to Las Vegas

Jason Rozycki wasn't the only shooter from Boyne City making news during Oakland University's basketball game last Saturday night.

Dean Fiel, a former teammate of Rozycki's, also earned some fame and an unexpected trip to Las Vegas.

Fiel was one of about 25 Boyne City residents attending Oakland's game against Chicago State, a victory for Oakland. Rozycki put on a good show for his hometown fans, scoring a team high 27 points and playing all but two minutes of the game.

But the other news of the evening was made by Fiel, who was selected at random from the more than 2,300 spectators at the game to participate in a shooting competition that has been held at each Oakland game throughout the season.

The object of the contest is to score as many points as possible in 25 seconds. A lay-up is good for one point, a free throw two points and a three pointer is worth three.

The score Fiel had to beat was 15 points. He did it, thanks to hitting a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded.

Fiel, who is attending school at Northwest Michigan Community College, won a trip for two to Las Vegas for his shooting heroics.

## LOCAL OFFICIALS SAY PLANS ARE ON TARGET FOR DEALING WITH BUG, BUT THEY OFFER NO GUARANTEES

# COPING WITH Y2K

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

*(Editor's note: This is the first article in a two-part series on Y2K and it focuses on what public entities are doing locally to prepare for the millennium's potential computer crisis. Another article will be published in March, looking at how other community members are approaching the Y2K bug.)*

**Y** 2K. Y for year, 2 for two, and K for thousand. Year 2000. By itself, the abbreviation seems harmless enough, and depending on the viewpoint, just a clever or irritating way to identify the first year of the next century.

But joining Y2K with the word "bug" has elicited curiosity, fear and ultimately action on the part of business, utilities, government and individuals throughout the world to spend millions of dollars to fix their computers before the end of 1999.

The Y2K bug is a date-driven computer systems problem caused when "00" indicates a year in date-sensitive software and microchips which are embedded in everything from toasters and gas pumps, to utilities equipment and defense missiles.

On January 1, 2000, those microchips — if not fixed or replaced — will think it is the year 1900, causing these systems to fail.

To what degree those failures will be, nobody knows. Predictions have been made ranging from short power outages to global chaos, and millions of hours have already been spent around the world replacing chips, equipment and rewriting billions of lines of programming.

Locally, the City of Boyne City is in the process of upgrading its computers — it has just three left to go — and is allocating money this budget year, which begins May 1, for two new



generators for the city hall building and the wastewater treatment plant.

It will spend between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to upgrade its 10 computers.

The city hall generator will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000 and keep the city building and the ambulance facility powered up in case of problems, and be at least one spot residents can go to in case of a crisis.

"We're making attempts to be ready for whatever happens," City Manager Eric Strahl said, which includes reviewing the

city's overall emergency plan.

But what will happen in the new year is kind of hard to say, Strahl added, because they don't know what's going on at other levels of government. "Nobody knows how widespread the problems may or may not be," Strahl said.

In the meantime, the old generators at the wastewater plant and wells are being replaced so that in case of a power outage the pumps, lights and heat will still operate.

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## VOLUNTEERS LEND A HAND IN HONDURAS

# On the front lines

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

With a suitcase full of medicine and another full of toys, East Jordan resident Jay Bavers set out for Honduras last month, along with 15 medical personnel.

In just 14 days, they treated 7,000 Hondurans, dispensing 4,000 pounds of medicine to people with infections, diarrhea, dehydration, intestinal parasites, cholera, malaria and other potentially life-threatening illnesses and ailments.

They distributed 2,000 pair of eyeglasses donated by the Lions Club to people who never had a pair.

They pulled rotted teeth from swollen and abscessed mouths.

They restocked three hospitals with medicine and even brought recently published medical books.

"They call them hospitals, but they are a heck of a lot smaller than a clinic," Bavers said, describing them as three to four rooms with a nurse who's been trained by a doctor.

To say the least, it wasn't exactly a vacation for Bavers. "I had no fun," he said. "I am grossly rewarded for what I've done and I feel great about it and my

children think I'm a hero. There are plenty of rewards. But it was no fun."

The trip was coordinated through Remote Area Medical Corp., an organization which provides free medical aid to rural areas in the United States and abroad. This was its 155th mission.

The Rotary International of Comayagua set up the project, inviting the group to the country. Bavers said Remote Area only goes where it's invited. "I didn't realize how impressive an operation it was until I got there," Bavers said, noting that they were waved through customs at the request of the Honduran president's wife.

All the workers are volunteers who pay their own way. A nurse from the Upper Peninsula and one from Allegan were other volunteers themselves.

Remote Area's director is Stan Brock, a man known for his years working alongside Marlon Perkins on Wild Kingdom, capturing animals. Bavers said Brock

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--Jay Bavers



Jay Bavers returned from Honduras recently, after spending two weeks distributing medicine to needy villagers.

## East Jordan family picking up the pieces after fire

When Jessica Zipp returned home late last Thursday night from running an errand, before going to her mid-night job at Grandvue, she figured her husband Dan would already be asleep.

But he decided to stay up and watch a movie, and because of that, said Jessica, her family is alive.

Dan was able to get himself and his two sleeping children to safety after a fire that broke out in the laundry room, spread and destroyed everything in their home at 206 Bridge

St. in East Jordan.

When Jessica came home, she saw flames shooting out of the house, but thankfully her family had already escaped.

By the time firefighters arrived around 10:50 p.m., the house was 25 percent engulfed. "We had strong winds that night and they were feeding the fire," East Jordan Fire Chief Glen Thorman said.

That, coupled with a power line arcing against the aluminum siding, hampered firefighters' efforts to

douse the flames.

Although they had pulled a meter from the house to cut electricity, there was still power traveling along wires from the pole to the house which energizes the whole house and can cause electrocutions, Thorman said.

"We backed everybody out of the house and fought to contain the fire until Consumers got there to cut the power line," Thorman said. The utility workers arrived about a 1/2 hour later and firefighters stayed on the scene until 3 a.m.

The home's basic structure is pretty sound, Thorman said. Dan and Jessica's bedroom was destroyed and the boys' room was smoke damaged.

Thorman said the fire most likely started in the laundry room around the clothes dryer.

Jessica had thrown some laundry into the drier before she left home. Dan, who stayed up a little later than usual, was sitting in the living room when he heard a noise which he thought were the buttons of Jessica's uniform in the dryer. He went toward

the laundry room at the back of the house intending to fold some clothes, and when he got to the kitchen it was filled with smoke. Flames were coming out of the laundry room door.

"That's when he got the kids," Jessica said.

She said Dan tried to get both two-year-old Daniel and eight-year-old Nicholas at the same time. But Nicholas panicked when he saw the flames and ran back up the stairs. By this time

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Don't give up on a good idea too early

It's old, it's been worn down over the years, but it holds so much of Boyne City's history. The old railroad depot for the Boyne City-Alpena Railroad most recently was home to Chang Kong restaurant.

Last year the business closed and the building was purchased by Mike Gabos of Boyne City.

In recent weeks there have been several rumors about the building floating around. It's amazing how quickly rumors can fly. What might start as a good idea quickly gets tarred with misinformation and before it can thoroughly be researched and studied, it is set aside, and often forgotten.

But the idea for the depot that was discussed is too good not to be researched further. Whether or not it will ever fly, who knows. But it merits more thought than it's been given so far.

The building's owner approached the city and said he thought it is a building the city should own. He's right. It holds as much history as any in Boyne City and deserves to be more prominent in the city's landscape.

That idea got some people thinking. The city has been looking at ways space at city hall could be better utilized and a practical way to find more room.

One area it looked at was the historical museum. As it is now, the museum gets very little traffic — its busiest times are rainy summer afternoons — and the space it occupies might be better used for city offices if a new home for the museum could be found.

The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce is also cramped in its office and looking for ways of expanding.

With all this in mind, the idea of the railroad depot becoming a home to the chamber office and the historical museum started to take shape.

And it's an idea worth digging deeper into. There are questions about finding the money to buy the building and doing necessary improvements, but there are ways to figure that out. Grants, a land contract, flexible financing, any number of things might work.

Whether the building is large enough to house the chamber and museum is also a concern. The museum currently occupies 2,200 square and the chamber is shoe-horned into its 600 square foot building. But taking a fresh look at how the museum is laid out and how space might be better utilized might show both uses can fit into the 1,800 square foot depot building.

Staffing is also an issue that needs to be figured out.

It may turn out that these issues cannot be resolved, but more solid information is needed before an informed decision can be made.

Just think down the road a few years: We will have a beautiful new addition to the library and we could possibly have a renovated railroad depot just a short distance away.

It has all the makings of a beautiful new addition to downtown. It's also a great way for the city and chamber to partnership for the benefit of the whole community.

--Hugh Conklin

## LETTERS

### In search of a change

TO THE EDITOR:

What are you looking for?

I am looking for God-fearing honest Americans who are more interested in their fellow man than themselves.

I am looking for God-fearing honest politicians who are more interested in their country than themselves.

I am looking for God-fearing honest Americans who think it is more important to attend church on Sunday than not to attend church on Sunday.

I am looking for God-fearing American educators who feel it is more important to teach all students the basics of education before continuing more complicated subjects.

I am looking for God-fearing honest American athletes who are more interested in providing the public with good clean athletics than how much salary they can command.

I am looking for God-fearing honest American business corporations who are interested in providing clean wholesome advertising.

I am looking for God-fearing honest Americans who will provide the public with clean family-oriented entertainment.

I believe as a God-fearing American citizen I am looking for a change.

How about you?

Margaret Burr



### Smooth as glass

Warm temperatures late last week melted the snow on Lake Charlevoix leaving a glassy surface which many iceskaters hoped would freeze over. But along with colder weather came snow, dashing those hopes for a smooth skating surface.

## FROM MY VIEW

### It won't be easy to say good-bye

By MATTHEW SHAW

I remember so clearly the day she first came into our lives. She was tiny then -- I could hold her in my 4-year-old hands.

She was my best friend. She is the best listener I have ever encountered. She never argues with me, or makes fun of my foolish blathering. Her demands are few and simple to meet. All she has ever wanted is some human attention: someone to throw a ball, or massage her black fur coat.

Early in my life, our driveway was long and winding, about a quarter of a mile, with tall banks on either side. Often, when we drove away, she would chase after us ... easily keeping pace. I would watch out the back window, impressed, and wondering how she managed to run and keep her tail wagging at the same time.

Once, in order to gauge her speed, I asked my dad how fast our truck could go. He replied, "seventy," so I told my friends that my black Labrador, Genoa, could run seventy miles an hour. She doesn't chase cars anymore, but her tail still flips about furiously, no matter what she is doing.

The old aphorism says, "A dog is man's best friend." Poet Esther M. Clark must have had that cliché in mind when she said, "Give me one friend, just one, who meets the needs of all my varying moods." When I sit down with Genoa and pour my troubles out, her expression rarely changes. When I share with her my joys and success, she

never praises me and rarely ever even looks at me. Asking her a direct question sometimes earns me some eye contact, but never an answer. She looks at me, as if to say, "You know the answer. . . just think about it."

Cartoonist Bill Watterson, author of the Calvin and Hobbes series, was very insightful in the creation of his characters. Calvin, the 6-year-old, is always questioning, arguing with authority, and experiencing some sort of trauma. On the other hand, Hobbes, the stuffed tiger, is completely levelheaded. Hobbes is the constant in the relationship, his advice and actions are always well thought out and rational. To some degree, the "Matt and Genoa" relationship is much like the "Calvin and Hobbes" relationship. I am always questioning, dubious of institution and running around in circles. Genoa is always listening, always unchanging . . . always constant.

In my early teenage years, I rode my 21-speed bike nearly everywhere. Genoa always wanted to come, but I never let her. Each time I made her stop and turn back home, I felt as if I were betraying an old friend. I have always thought that my departures were the most difficult. Now, however, I realize that her departure will be the hardest. Genoa's death will signify the end of an external existence. However, memories and thoughts of her will live on inside of me forever.

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

## LETTERS

### Students outline several needs at BCHS

TO THE EDITOR:

We are writing to let you know how Boyne City High School affects us and our ability and needs as students at the high school.

1. Too many students during lunch. It takes 20 minutes to get a lunch if you are in back of the line. We only have a half an hour.

2. Too many students in the hall. It takes longer to get to class and harder to find a book when you have two other people jammed in one locker.

3. Some classrooms are too small for the amount of students. If the classroom is too crowded it gets too loud and it is harder to concentrate on studies. There isn't even room for more than one computer because of desks and wiring in the room. There are not enough outlets to plug in what we need even if the room was half full.

4. Our science rooms don't have a lot of equipment because they are so old. There is not updated equipment and our desks are very old and they are in very bad shape.

5. Some of our classrooms need more heat because some are extremely cold in the morning. The ceilings

also leak in the hallway. It leaves the floors very slippery and dangerous to walk on. When it is wet they put up large barriers that we must walk around.

6. The carpet in the library is ripped and it is a hazard that we must face every day. The other classrooms don't even have carpeting in them.

7. Our parking lot is full of holes and it makes driving very hard and dangerous. More than once we have had fender-benders that were caused by the poor condition of our parking lot.

8. We cannot hold community events such as drama plays because we do not have an auditorium with a stage. The band room is shared by the middle school and it just puts more kids in the halls.

9. Our school does not have many of the programs and facilities that other schools have, such as a wrestling team and an outdoor biology class.

Most of our teachers love what they do and they are good at it. It would give students more opportunities and teachers better tools. We hope that the community will take this time to seriously think about a bond proposal.

Tony Renkiewicz and Joe Behling

## LETTERS

### Skateboarding enthusiast finds strong support

TO THE EDITOR:

My name is John Stevens, I'm 17 and I have a great passion for skateboarding. In the past few months, I have been working on the development of a skate park in Boyne City. We have had various meetings with 4-H representatives, Boyne City officials, and many of my skating friends.

Right from the start we had a lot of participation from the community and I would like to thank everyone who has been a part of this project. Several folks have stepped forward to help with ramp construction and even pledged the donation of some materials. The City of Boyne City has agreed to pave an area with that project starting as soon as the snow melts. I'm also very grateful to the Boyne City staff for its support, effort, and guidance of this program.

This has been a very positive first experience in working with local government. I have found that there are a significant number of individuals who really do care about us as a group of young people.

With the park being established at Avalanche Mountain there has been some concern about the possibility of vandalism. Fortunately for us, the hockey program has paved the way up there and has found that they have had very little vandalism. It is our hope that both kids and adults alike will have the same respect for our skating park as they do for the hockey rink.

This park will provide a place for kids to go and will be a big advantage to city businesses. By having a place to practice our sport, it is my opinion that we will be concentrated in one location and make everyone happier in the long run.

Our group would like to challenge our local businesses and community members to get involved by donating materials or providing a helping hand. In return for this, I feel confident that we can extend an offer to the community. During summer events, we pledge to be available to have one or more exhibitions for the community to enjoy. With portable ramps and equipment, we could provide some excellent entertainment for events like the sidewalk sale or Fourth of July festival right here in Boyne City.

When all is said and done, it is my dream that this skating park become a successful and fun addition to the community of Boyne City. Please join in helping to make this happen. To become involved, contact the Charlevoix County 4-H office at 582-6232. Our next planning meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Boyne City, City Hall Auditorium.

John Stevens Jr.

### Democrats have good reason for their behavior

TO THE EDITOR:

I am much relieved, I think. You see, I may have finally figured out why the Congressional Democrats have been behaving as they have throughout the impeachment hearings.

It's not that they are putting party before country or polling data before the Constitution. The truth is, again I think, that these stalwarts, with their intimate knowledge of the inner workings of their party, are bravely trying to protect the country from a fate worse than two more years of Bill Clinton.

Their reasoning, I hope, goes something like this: (1) With Clinton out, Al Gore becomes president; (2) It is virtually impossible to deny an incumbent president the party's nomination for the next election; (3) After close to two years of a Gore presidency, even the polished Democrat propaganda machine would be hard pressed to put a good face on the party's future prospects; (4) Exit the Democrats from any semblance of power for some time to come. BUT, keep Clinton in office, with scandal patrols around the Oval Office, and there may be time to develop a presentable candidate to run in the next election; at least it's worth a try.

See, they're not denying fact after all.

Ira Breneman

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## Souper Sunday

Youth from Boyne area churches collected and canned goods for two local food pantries on Super Bowl Sunday, putting a different twist on the annual sports celebration. Youth from St. Matthew's and St. Augustine's Catholic parishes, and the First Presbyterian Church collected \$657 altogether, which will be donated to the Trinity Fellowship and Community Service Center food pantries. Front row from left, are: Kate Neidhamer, Rachael Cassidy and Trisha Talboys. Back row from left, are: Aaron Place, Laura Cassidy, Becky Lewis and Patrick Cassidy.



## Fire

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the kitchen was engulfed in flames and smoke, but was the only way out. Dan took the baby outside through the kitchen and set him on the driveway. He went back upstairs for Nicholas, and lost sight of him again, not knowing if he had gone outside or back in the house. Nicholas had already gone outside, but not wanting to waste time in case he hadn't, Dan ran back upstairs to look one more time.

"He was in there quite a while," Jessica said.

"If it wasn't for their father," she said, with a catch in her voice, "he put his life on the line."

"The majority of it is smoke damage," Jessica said. "And we probably wouldn't have them right now, and I thank God that I do have them."

"I keep telling them, all the things that we had were replaceable, but I couldn't replace my family."

Dan was taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital by East Jordan Ambulance for smoke inhalation and first degree

burns on his back, and was released the next morning.

Some of baby Daniel's hair was singed and Nicholas' grandmother discovered his hair was burnt too, when she gave him a bath later on.

"He's a hero in our eyes," Jessica said of her husband.

And now, she said, they have been overwhelmed with the support they've received from friends in East Jordan and the surrounding communities.

The Zipp's lost all of their personal belongings in the fire. They lived in the house for just over three years.

"Everybody has just been so wonderful. We've gotten above and beyond the stuff that we had," Jessica said. "Stuff that will take my boys into fall and winter of next year. We can't describe how thankful we are."

"Jay Peck the ambulance attendant was wonderful to my family," Jessica said. "As soon as he got Dan in the ambulance, he started making phone calls to get clothing and food, to make sure that in a bad situation we

wouldn't have to worry about the little things that everyday people take for granted."

Jessica made special mention of Jay's partner Dave Campbell and his wife Lori too, who have offered support, even in the wake of the caring for their own baby, Sydney, who suffers from cancer.

"We were always the ones to give to someone else. When it comes time to take for yourself, it's hard," Jessica said. "You always know there's somebody else who has a bigger need than you do."

"The firefighters, our neighbors who took the whole clan of us in while we were waiting," Jessica said. "We can't express how thankful we are."

"There's so many people we need to thank... It's nice to see a community support a family in a time of need, because you never suspect it's going to be you."

"And it's just another validation that God is here and God does have his hands on our lives, or we may not have life at this point. To us it's a re-

*"We can't express how thankful we are. There's so many people to thank."*

--Jessica Zipp

ality check that there is a God and he is out there."

The Zipp's are now renting a fully furnished apartment, but are still in need of household items such as dishes, bedding, a vacuum cleaner and small household appliances. Though the structure of their home was insured, the contents were not. Donations can be dropped off at the Harvest Barn Church on the corner of Third and Nichols Street in East Jordan.

FUND ESTABLISHED IN HIS NAME BY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# Remembering Father Bill

In his lifetime, the Rev. William McKeon made his mark in many ways.

A kind and generous man, Father Bill served in the Navy, attended law school, became a Catholic priest, worked with volunteers in the poor regions of Mexico, ministered to migrant workers throughout Michigan, and eventually became the beloved pastor at St. Joseph and St. John parishes near East Jordan.

Of all his accomplishments, though, he is best known for his dedication to helping those suffering from alcoholism and other addictions. And it is this special compassion that will be memorialized through a new fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The Father Bill McKeon Memorial Fund, established shortly after Father McKeon's death last month, will help support substance abuse prevention and treatment projects in the area. Begun with donations from some of the families whose lives he touched, the McKeon Fund already has more than \$13,000, and it grows daily as more people learn of the tribute.

"Father Bill was an extraordinary man whose spiritual work cut across all faiths," said Bob Tambellini, director of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. "His understanding of addiction made his pastoral care especially effective, and it's clear he helped many, many people in our area. This fund is such a good way to honor his memory. I think he would be happy."

The memorial fund for Father McKeon will be a permanent endowment and only the earned income it generates will be used to support sub-

stance abuse programs and projects. Tambellini said that permanence lends even more poignancy to the tribute. "In this way, Father Bill's legacy will continue, helping generations to come," he said.

Those who would like to learn more about the fund, or want to make a contribution, may do so by calling the community foundation, 536-2440, or writing P.O. Box 718, East Jordan. Checks should be made payable to "CCCF" with the memo to the "Father McKeon Fund." All gifts are tax deductible and donors are eligible for a State of Michigan Community Foundation tax credit.

The Father William McKeon Memorial Fund joins more than 80 other funds administered by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Established in 1992 by a group of local citizens, the charitable organization collects and manages donations, manages them in a permanent endowment, and returns income to the community in the form of grants to support many worthwhile projects.

## Prayer service honors Ash Wednesday

Area residents are invited to a community prayer service in honor of Ash Wednesday.

The service will begin at noon Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St. The ecumenical service is sponsored by the Boyne City Ministerial Association.

For information, call the Rev. Kathy Slaughter at 582-9441.

## BOYNE CITY WINTER FESTIVAL OFFERS A WEEKEND OF FUN

# Curing cabin fever

It's time for the Boyne City Area Winter Festival, come Feb. 26-28, and the off-beat events lined up for the weekend are sure to cure even the worst cases of cabin fever.

But don't dawdle, because some of the action, like the Cabin Fever Snow Sculpture Contest and the Ice Fishing Contest, require pre-registration, as do team sports such as the Cardboard Sledding Competition, Slide/Glide/Five Relay, Broomball and Ice Golf. Recruit your most athletically gifted friends — or folks who just want to have a great time — and call the chamber office to sign up.

Cross Country Ski Tours — from easy to challenging — will feature food and spirits. And a Snowmobile Safari — bring your own or rent one — will offer beautiful views of the countryside.

Turkey bowling and a frozen fish toss will start things off Friday night on the 100 block of Water Street. To warm up in-between events, head indoors to the Boyne City merchants' sidewalk sales, the library's used book sale, and to the John Miller Music Festival — Hooray for Hollywood — at the Knights of Columbus.

There will be food galore too with a chili cook-off at the Wolverine-Dilworth Inn Saturday afternoon, a Cabin Fever Winter Breakfast at One Water Street Sunday morning, and snacks provided by Kilwin's on Friday night.

For information on any of the events, call the Boyne City chamber at 582-6222, or call the following for specific event information and registration: Cardboard Sledding Competition, John Wurm 582-6232; Cross Country Ski Tour, The Sportsman's Bar 582-6362, or Boyne River Brewing Company 582-5588; Ice Fishing Contest, Fosters Live Bait & Gifts, 549-2490; Snowmobile Safari, Mountainside Inn 549-3077; Slide/Glide/Five Relay, chamber 582-6222, or Jordan Valley Outfitters 536-0006; Turkey Bowling and Frozen Fish Toss, Boyne City Lanes 582-7291.

### HERE'S WHAT'S PLANNED

**ICE FISHING CONTEST**  
Friday, Feb. 26 - Sunday, Feb. 28  
The contest will run through noon on Sunday. Cash prizes will be awarded (\$100 for first place, \$75 for second, \$50 for third) for the longest fish caught in three categories: Perch, Pike, and Walleye. The long-

est Splake will win a \$75 gift certificate from Fosters. Several other prizes will be awarded in a registration drawing. Sponsor: Foster's Live Bait & Gifts. Cost: \$10 for individuals, \$15 for a family. Can register at Foster's Live Bait & Gifts on Thumb Lake Road in Boyne Falls, Tom's Bait in East Jordan, or the Boyne City Chamber office.

#### INDOOR SIDEWALK SALES

Friday, Feb. 26 - Sunday, Feb. 28  
Check out the great deals at Boyne City stores all weekend. Many stores will be open late Friday evening for the Winter Festival activities on Water Street.

#### USED BOOK SALE

Friday, Feb. 26 & Saturday, Feb. 27  
10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Boyne District Library.

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 26

**CABIN FEVER SNOW SCULPTURE COMPETITION JUDGING**  
This event will encourage individuals/families/organizations to get outside and build a sculpture(s) in their yard (call the Chamber office for an alternate location). There are lots of great prizes, and locations of the sculptures will be printed in the paper for sculpture tours. Cost: none. Information: Call the Chamber office at 582-6222.

#### TURKEY BOWLING & FROZEN FISH TOSS

7 p.m.  
The 100 block of Water Street will be closed in the evening for Frozen Turkey Bowling & Fish Tossing. Sponsored by: Boyne City Lanes. Kilwin's of Boyne will be serving up free hot cocoa and coffee during the event. Information: Call Bonnie at Boyne City Lanes, 582-7291.

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 27

**BROOMBALL**  
10 a.m. - ? at Avalanche Ice Rink  
Broomball teams of six players (men, women, or co-ed) may sign up at the Chamber office. All teams must submit a roster at the time of entry. Complete rules are available at the Chamber. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams.

**CARDBOARD SLEDDING**  
1 p.m. at Avalanche Overlook  
Awards will go to the top three places in two divisions, Creative and Performance. Contestants may use unlimited quantities of the following materials: duct tape, cardboard and paint. No other materials may be used. Sponsors: Shooting Star 4-H Club, Charlevoix County 4-H Council, Ace Hardware, and Mavericks 4-H Club. Information: Call John Wurm at 582-6232.

**SLIDE/GLIDE/FIVE RELAY**  
2 p.m. - ?  
The relay will be approximately five miles in total length. Each course is about 1/4 mile. The race consists of five parts, in-

volving cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding. Teams must be made up of either three men and two women or three women and two men. Registration forms available at Chamber office or Jordan Valley Outfitters. Prizes will be awarded. Sponsor: Jordan Valley Outfitters. Cost: \$15 per team. Information: Call 536-0006 (Jordan Valley Outfitters will be offering cross-country ski and snow shoe rentals for \$3 per person for teams in the relay; call ahead to reserve your size)

#### CHILI COOK-OFF

2:30-4 p.m. at the Wolverine Hotel  
A chili cook-off is tentatively planned. Plans will include a cash bar and nominal admission. Watch the paper for updated information on this event.

#### FOOD & SPIRITS CROSS COUNTRY SKI TOUR

Register at one of the sponsor establishments by 11 a.m. and pick up a ride on the trolley to the head of the trails. Choose between an easy route or a more challenging one. Refreshment stations will be set up along the way, and a hot meal will be served at the host restaurant. Sponsors: The Sportsman's Bar and Boyne River Brewing Company. Information: Call The Sportsman's at 582-6362 or Boyne River Brewing Company at 582-5588. The cost is \$10, which includes using the trails at Boyne Mountain's Nordic Center, refreshments along the trail, a meal at the end of the tour, and shuttle rides to and from the start and finish.

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 28

**CABIN FEVER WINTER BREAKFAST**  
9-11 a.m.  
At One Water Street. Breakfast Buffet menu includes: eggs benedict, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, link sausage, assorted muffins, orange juice, coffee, fresh fruit. Cost: \$6.95 per person.

#### SNOWMOBILE SAFARI

10 a.m. - ?  
This family event will start out from the Mountainside Inn in Boyne Falls. Snowmobile rentals are available. Sponsors: Northwest Lower Promotions and The Mountainside Inn.

**"HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD" JOHN MILLER MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
2-8 p.m.  
Cash bar, free snacks. Sponsor: Knights of Columbus. Information: Call 535-5071 or 347-9450.

**ICE FISHING AWARDS**  
3 p.m.  
Prizes for winners of the Ice Fishing Contest will be awarded at Foster's Live Bait & Gifts. Free cocoa and coffee will be provided.

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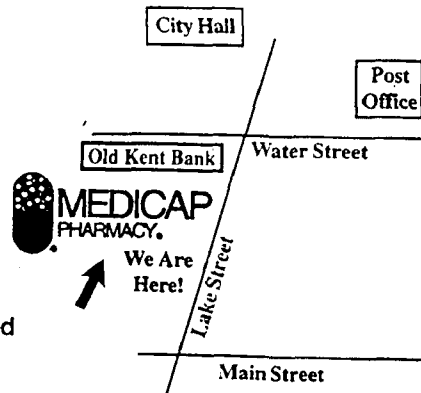
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OBITUARIES

Otis T. Hale

Otis T. Hale, 95, of Lake Placid, Fla., died Jan. 23, 1999 in the Lake Placid Health Care Center...

Mary Sue LaVanway

Mary Sue LaVanway, 50, of East Jordan, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1999 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey...

Edgar H. Lotspeich

Edgar H. Lotspeich, 82, retired vice president-advertising of Procter & Gamble, died on Feb. 9, 1999 at his winter home in Ft. Myers, Fla...

member of the Civitan Club, Rotary and Archery in Detroit. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Placid.

He is survived by his wife Bonda; two daughters, Sue Butler of Belvedere, S.C., and Linda Linsin of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; and one son, John C. Hale of Greenville, N.C.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; three children, Kevin (Holly) LaVanway of Ellsworth, Kristen LaVanway of Traverse City...

"The man's name is Ed Lotspeich and he lives in a distant southern Ohio town where he works for a large soap company, and in fact is a wheel in the outfit...

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP Mondays

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers educational support group meetings for past or present victims of domestic abuse.

BOYNE CITY MUSHROOM FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Boyne City Mushroom Festival Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. at One Water Street.

30 HOUR FAMINE Feb. 19-20

The senior high youth group of the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City will hold a 30-hour fast to raise money for World Vision...

CONTRA/SQUARE DANCE

A contra/square dance will be held at 7 p.m. in the Ellsworth Town Hall.

JAPANESE TEA EXHIBIT

Rick Straus will discuss Japanese culture and U.S. relationships at 2 p.m. at the Jordan River Arts Center.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Andi Gerring will discuss the influences and relationships of Japanese art and Western art.

Block Printing workshop

Block Printing workshop by Chad Pastotnik at the Jordan River Arts Center from 7-9 p.m.

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

The Boyne City Police Department received 93 complaints last week, which included the following: Feb. 8: A juvenile runaway was picked up and taken to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department...

Japanese Book Binding workshop at the Jordan River Arts Center from 7-9 p.m. Cost \$20 for JRAC members, \$25 for all others.

SNOWFLAKE BREAKFAST

Boyne City High School students will host the first annual Snowflake Breakfast at the high school in the Media Center at 9 a.m.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

A Lenten discussion group will be held at 6 p.m. at the Nativity Episcopal Church next to the Boyne District Library on Main Street.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

The Community Health Education Center at 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey will hold a program entitled "Stress Management and Habitual Response" from 7-8:30 p.m.

EJ COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

The East Jordan Middle School student council is sponsoring the annual Community Carnival from 5:30-8 p.m. in the middle school gymnasium.

BOYNE CITY AREA WINTER FESTIVAL

The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce will host Business After Hours at Carter's Food Center on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 5-7 p.m.

Senior Center. Call Rose Elzinga at 536-2380.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SUPPORT GROUP

The East Jordan Area Independent Living Support Group will meet the first Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. on the lower level of the East Jordan

Senior Center. Call Rose Elzinga at 536-2380.

FIDDLER'S JAMBOREE

A Fiddler's Jamboree and old time square dance will be held at the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan from 1-5 p.m. Open mike from 5-7 p.m.

Workshop's focus is on setting goals for South Arm Township

South Arm Township will be holding a workshop on Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at the South Arm Township Hall to gather input for establishing long and short term community goals and objectives.

visioning exercise to identify long-term desired conditions within South Arm.

The meeting is the first of a series of workshops being held with a committee consisting of members of the township board, planning commission and Wade-Trim, a firm retained by the township to assist in updating its master plan.

After goals and objectives have been established, the Future Land Use Plan component of the master plan will be developed, representing the "preferred future" of how the community would like to grow.

The purpose of the Master Plan is to provide guidelines for future development, while protecting natural resources, preserving the township character and maintaining a sense of community.

To date, background studies have been completed on the social-economic characteristics, existing community services, natural resources and existing land uses.

Input from the committee and residents is key to the workshop which will begin with an exercise to identify existing strengths and weaknesses within the township, followed by a

The township Hall is located at 2866 M-66 South.

Conservation district begins tree sale

The Charlevoix Conservation District's annual spring tree sale is underway. The district is accepting orders for seedling trees, wildlife shrubs, conservation packets, apple trees and ground cover.

West Main St., Boyne City (Water Street Mall, where Pippins Restaurant is located), or by calling the office at 582-6193 or 582-7341.

Order blanks are available at the Conservation District office, 5-D

Orders are filled in the order they are received. A pick-up date is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 24.

Carter's hosting Business After Hours

The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce will hold Business After Hours at Carter's Food Center on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 5-7 p.m.

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## Boyne City Schools business assistant takes job at Char-Em

After 10 years working in the Boyne City Schools superintendent's office, business assistant Pam Gibson is leaving to work for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District as an accountant.

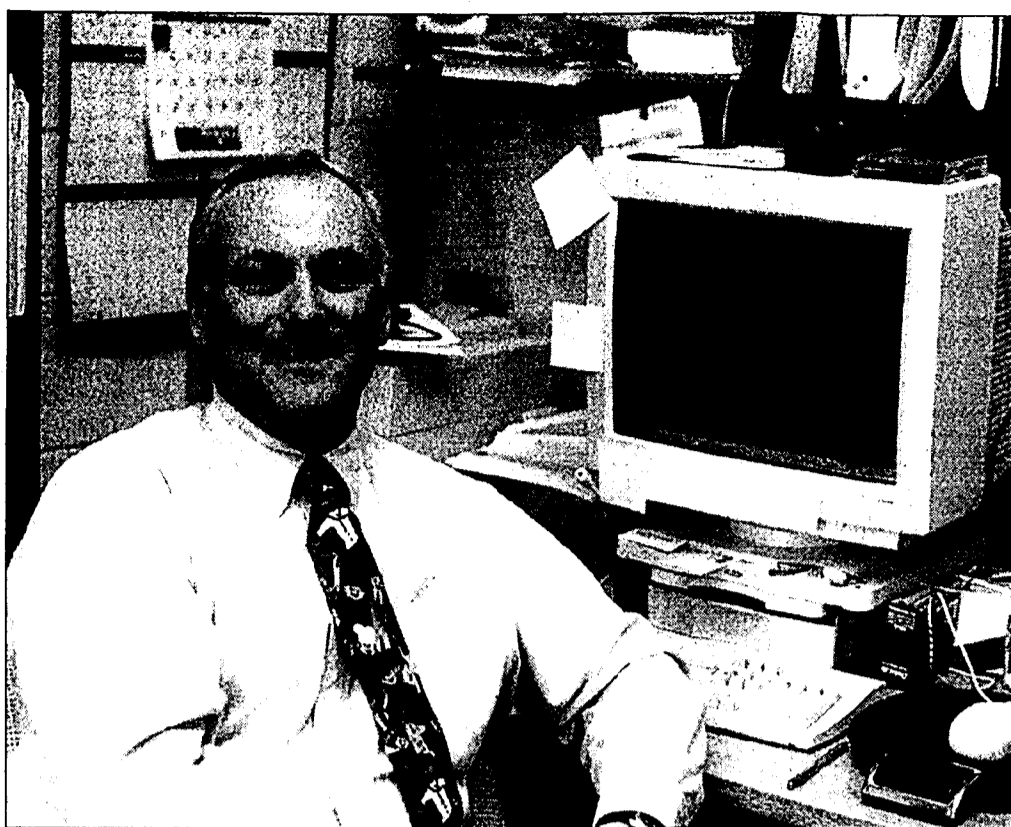
Gibson's last day at Boyne City will be Feb. 26, but she has agreed to assist the district through the June budget process and with this summer's regular audit.

The move doesn't come without sadness for Gibson, who said she will miss the people with whom she's worked. She also said Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny has been wonderful. "I can't thank him enough for all he taught me. I really have enjoyed working here."



Pam Gibson

After 11 years, Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny is leaving the Boyne City School District.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT, ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS WERE TOP SUCCESSES FOR RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT

# The end of an era

When Bob Nakoneczny came to Boyne City as school superintendent, he planned on staying no more than three or four years.

Eleven years later, he's calling it quits. The years as head of Boyne City schools were not always easy ones for Nakoneczny. They were often marked by controversy.

First there were tough teacher negotiations in the early 90s, followed by budget cuts in the fall of 1994. Then came an uproar over closing the old middle school gym.

There also were several building proposals that were rejected by voters during his tenure.

As superintendent, he was often times pegged as the reason for all the schools' woes.

In short, he was the lightning rod for the district. Criticism was so intense at times, that a comment often heard was that voters would not pass a building proposal as long as Nakoneczny was superintendent.

Yet in the recent community survey of district voters regarding their support for three plans under consideration for addressing the schools' long-term building needs, one of the questions asked was: "What don't you like about the schools, what are their weaknesses?" and only six percent cited the superintendent.

Controversy greeted Nakoneczny when he moved to Boyne City at the start of the 1988 school year. That's when the district was in the midst of severe budget cuts, bussing was getting the axe and the community was in an uproar.

Controversy comes with being a superintendent, which explains why superintendents on average move every three to four years.

"You have to make tough decisions," Nakoneczny said in an interview a few years ago when he was in the eye of the middle school gym storm, "and when you do, the shine wears off."

"My philosophy is to make decisions based on what's right and try to create a win-win situation."

That is not always possible, however. "You have to represent the best interests of the district as you see it, but some people can't see that," Nakoneczny said. "They can't separate the person from the job he is responsible to do."

As he looks back over his 11-year tenure, Nakoneczny cites three areas he feels were his greatest accomplishments. First and foremost is the growth and development of the school district staff. "When I came in 1988, the administration made all the decisions," he said.

His goal was to give the staff the responsibility to do their jobs and in many areas they responded. He's also proud of the quality of people who have joined the school staff. He credits the administrative team for that accomplishment. "It was not always easy," Nakoneczny said. "There are some factions who think you should hire an individual near and dear to their heart. I always felt you hire the best."

The growth of the district's alternative programs, like Hemingway and Porter Creek schools, is another area of pride. Many students in Boyne City and surrounding areas might not still be in school without the alternative programs, he said.

"The whole program has paid big benefits, not just for those kids but for all students" since there are fewer disruptions in the classroom.

The district's budget is also in far better shape than when Nakoneczny arrived. "In the area of finances we are very stable right now," he said.

Nakoneczny biggest regret was the numerous building proposals that were defeated by voters. "The one thing we have not been able to accomplish is the inability to provide quality educational space for kids. That the biggest disappointment," he said.

Nakoneczny grew up in Redford Township in southeastern Michigan. Both of his parents moved from Poland to the United States as children.

He graduated from Michigan State with a degree in accounting. He earned a master's degree in mathematics with a minor in teaching and his Doctorate of Education from Wayne State University.

He taught 4 1/2 years in Detroit and spent one year teaching accounting and business courses at Adrian College.

His first administrative job was in Howell where he was an assistant principal. In 1976 he moved to Pinckney where he was also an assistant principal. By the time he was 30 he was a building principal and two years later he was assistant superintendent.

Prior to moving to Boyne City, Nakoneczny was deputy superintendent at Bedford Public Schools near Toledo.

Nakoneczny's tenure comes to an end on April 1, although he will be available to assist the district through June. He is looking into other opportunities and although uncertain about what might come next, he and his wife Pat plan to continue to make Boyne City their home.

"We love Boyne City," he said. "We want to continue to live here."

### School board begins search for a successor

The Boyne City School Board was expected to take the first step in finding a successor to retiring Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny Tuesday night when it met with a representative from the Michigan School Board Association.

Carl Hartman of the MSAB was expected to make a presentation to the board at a special meeting Tuesday on the services provided MSAB for superintendent searches.

The board hopes to hire a new superintendent by July.

## Jordan River's friends earn award

Friends of the Jordan River Watershed (FOJ) received the 1999 Clean Waters Award of the Michigan Outdoor Writers Association (MOWA) on Feb. 5 at MOWA's winter meeting in Marquette.

MOWA Clean Waters Award chairperson Carol Swinehart, communication specialist with Michigan Sea Grants, said the Friends group was a natural for the award, designed to recognize volunteers' continuous efforts and demonstrated effectiveness in preserving, protecting and enhancing the waters of the State of Michigan.

In 1998 Friends of the Jordan River Watershed was successful in its bid to block oil and gas drilling in the Jordan Valley Management area and is currently seeking to have the area become the first to be protected through Michigan's new State Land Reserve Act, which would permanently restrict such oil, gas and mineral extraction activities.

"We are very grateful that MOWA recognizes our efforts in challenging the people of our region and around the state to work together to protect this 'Crown Jewel' of the Lower Peninsula," said John Richter, president of Friends of the Jordan.

In addition to annual spring and

fall river cleanup outings, FOJ also helped develop public access for the Cosner Preserve on M-66, co-hosted a series of workshops on sustainable development, and also received grants to publish a watershed handbook.

The handbook will feature geographical and historical information, watershed and land protection methods and other issues relating to management of and public involvement in watershed resources.

"It's very encouraging for this organization to be accomplishing some of its major goals and to gain statewide recognition for its achievements," said the group's director, John Hummer, in accepting the award.

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### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

## East Jordan

**NAME:** Renee Roberts  
**PARENTS:** Ed and Connie Roberts  
**GRADE:** 11  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Basketball, volleyball, softball, SADD, National Honor Society, E.J. Thespians, choir, junior class vice president.  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Girl Scouts, skiing, snowmobiling.  
**FUTURE PLANS:** "I would like to live in New York and be a news broadcaster."  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** Woods and art.  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Renee is an interested learner," said Darrin Podskalny. "She is self-disciplined and very creative."  
 "Renee is driven by a desire to do her best at all times," said Bill Aten.  
 "Renee is an excellent student in class and is a leader among her peers," said John Ubbing. "She is a role model for excellence."  
 "Renee is always pleasant in class," said Alice McPherson. "She always puts her best effort into her work."  
 "Renee is a bright student who is a hard worker," said Matt Inman.  
 "Renee has a positive attitude," said Merri Sue Cardwell. "She is friendly and always does her best."



Renee Roberts

## Boyne Falls

**NAME:** Amanda Lester  
**PARENTS:** Lorri Forman and Chris Beebe  
**GRADE:** 6th  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Basketball, skiing.  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Help fix cars (Dad's), gardening for 4-H.  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** To go to college and become a chiropractor.  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Amanda is very considerate and helpful to all of her classmates," said Mr. Reinhardt. "She has a good sense of humor and her assignments are always of high quality. She is a real pleasure to have in class."



Amanda Lester

## Boyne City

**NAME:** Lacey Ott  
**GRADE:** Sophomore  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** "I like to draw and paint."  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** "On Aug. 25, 2000 my friend and I are going to move to San Francisco."  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "I have Lacey in this year's biology class," said Mrs. Hemming. "Lacey is self-motivated and she makes sure she thoroughly understands the material we cover in class. I enjoy having Lacey in class and seeing her enthusiasm towards her education. Congratulations Lacey!"  
 "Lacey is a splendid addition to our child development class," said Mrs. Neidhamer. "Her sense of humor, optimistic outlook on life and class contributions help make our class productive, fun and interesting. Keep up the good work, Lacey!"



Lacey Ott

**NAME:** Carey Rouleau  
**PARENTS:** Joe and Joy Rouleau  
**GRADE:** Senior  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** DECA, drama, track, athletic trainer (football).  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Reading, ice hockey, tap dancing.  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** "Take a year off school following graduation to travel the world. Then I'd like to attend Davenport and study to become a CPA with a minor in marketing."  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Carey is a very reliable person," said Ms. Marsh. "As the secretary for DECA, I know I can count on her to get conference registrations sent out on a timely basis. As a student she is conscientious. Her work is consistently well done and turned in on time."  
 "Carey has been an asset to the athletic department for several years in many ways," said Raynee Brochu. "She was our athletic trainer, contributing as an athlete to several sports, as well as a leader and a model for younger students interested in being a trainer. As the athletic department assistant she portrayed qualities of self-motivation, independent thinking and insight into social skills. It was a pleasure to have Carey in the office and to help cultivate her natural talents with people."  
 "Carey has been a student of mine for the past three years," said Mr. Rice. "During this time she has done a fantastic job. Keep up the good job!"



Carey Rouleau

**NAME:** Jason Grace  
**PARENTS:** Susan Grace  
**GRADE:** Sophomore  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Football, JV basketball.  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** "I like to have fun with my buds, and hang out with my friends too."  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** "I plan to graduate in the year 2001."  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "I cannot commend Jason enough on his change in character from last year to this year," said Ms. Marsh. "It is a pleasure having someone as polite and conscientious as him in class. Keep up the good work Jason!"  
 "Jason is doing a really nice job here at Boyne City High School," said Mrs. Deming. "He is a pleasure to have in class. Excellent job Jason!"



Jason Grace



## Tumbling Funds

Eta Nu donated \$1,700 to the Boyne City Gymnastics Club last week. The group raised about \$5,500 during its 1998 home tour, and divided the proceeds equally among the gymnastics group, Charlevoix County Humane Society and the Boyne District Library. The gymnastics club will apply the money toward a new building fund. Standing in the center from left, surrounded by gymnastics students, are 1999 home tour chairperson Nancy J. Wright, 1998 home tour chairperson Lynn Osterbeck, gymnastics instructor Kari Strelman, and Eta Nu president Julie Wright.

## NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

**SEVERAL FROM** the Boyne City area attended the Harbor Light Chapel on Sunday to hear guest speaker, the Rev. Ernie Weaver of Fort Wayne, Ind., who presented a ministry of music in the morning and evening service as well. About 150 people attended the chapel's Valentine's Day Banquet.

**DON AND SUE KARLSKIN** of Boyne City have returned from a 14-day vacation in Florida. They enjoyed touring Universal Studios and just walking on the beach in the Clearwater area.

**PETE CONKLE** has returned to his Boyne Ridge Condo after a week of skiing on the slopes of Vail.

**PEE WEE AND BARDEL** Belford of Boyne City honored their daughter, Carrie with a BIG surprise party for her 18th birthday. Bearing gifts and cards, many friends and relatives gathered at their home on Friday for the party.

**BOYNE CITY'S** Bob and Marty McCullough honored their daughter, Julie, a community health nurse in Ypsilanti, with an engagement party. Many friends and family members enjoyed the Saturday afternoon and early evening of sharing this special time, with good food, and fun conversation. Julie will become the bride of Dean Perreman of Fraser on June 19.

**STEVE RYDER** of Boyne City and friends enjoyed a "get away" weekend in Brimley.

**PHYLLIS HARDY** and daughter-in-law Penny visited Zola Hardy of Independence Village in Petoskey over the weekend. They took her a beautiful miniature rose plant as a "new" housewarming gift. Zola has moved to a new apartment there. Friends and family will now find her at home in #203.

**MONICA AND STEVE DELANEY** of Big Rapids were here over the weekend to visit her father, Kise Mackowiak, at Grandvue.

**LOVE AND PRAYERS** continue for Sally McGeorge of Boyne City, who underwent major surgery at Northern Michigan Hospital on Monday.

**ROBERTA KORTHASE**, her mother, Alma, and sister-in-law, Jane all have returned from spending the weekend in the Cleveland area, where they visited their sister and daughter, Marilyn Wainio.

**DEE NAGLE** and Linda Felton have returned after having spent a few days in Detroit visiting Dee's daughter Mary.

*(If you have an item for Nancy's column, please call 582-9174.)*

## Monday School is for students in grades K-5

The Boyne Falls United Methodist Church is hosting Monday School which is open to all children from kindergarten through fifth grade. Monday School begins on Monday, March 1, and will be held right after school until 4:15 p.m. Monday School will continue through the end of the school year. "Monday School is a way to reinforce Christianity during the week, not just on Sunday," said Betty Simon. "We will be having activities, lessons and crafts reinforcing a Christian theme. Children will be learning about God while having fun in a safe environment."

For more information or to register your child call Mary Massey at 549-2051, Betty Simon at 549-2257 or MaryAnn Zimmerman at 549-2898.

## Parenting class starts Feb. 24

The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City is offering a 12-week parenting class using "Growing Kids God's Way" written by Gary and Ann Marie Ezzo. Classes will meet at the church, 401 S. Park St., starting Feb. 24, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Baysitting will be available for \$1 per child. To register, call Faye Gerster at 582-7983 or 582-2502.

## CLUBS & organizations

### School Boosters

The Boyne City All School Boosters will meet March 10 at 7 p.m. in the high school home economics room. Anyone interested in the Boosters is invited to attend.

At the February meeting, the Boosters approved funding requests made by:

Chris Brillinski for students to attend the Women in Sports Leadership Conference sponsored by MSHAA. Karen Krusel for the "Reading Celebration" for the elementary school.

Nominees for the Booster of the Year were accepted and voted upon. The Booster of the Year Award will be presented at half-time of the boy's varsity basketball game on March 5.

For more information about the Boosters, call president Pat O'Brien at 582-2400.

### BC Foundation

The Boyne City Foundation for Educational Excellence will meet at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the high school home economics room.

Discussion will take place regarding Phase II of the project which includes the new proposed locker room and restroom facility. Everyone is invited to attend.

## ACE NICE COMMENT OF THE WEEK

"I'm not saying nothing!"

Andy Poineau

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## COLLEGE NEWS

**JOSH BARNES**, son of Shellie and Sue Barnes of Boyne City, was named to the dean's list for the fall term at Lake Superior State University. Josh is a sophomore majoring in Criminal Justice and is a 1997 graduate of Boyne City High School. He was the lead actor in Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" performed at the university.

**MARK PENZIEN** of East Jordan, a freshman at Alma College, is a cast member in the Alma College Theatre production of Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart." The play will be performed Feb. 18 - 21 in the Heritage Center Theatre at Alma.



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# SPORTS

IN THE SHOWDOWN OF THE SEASON, BOYNE FALLS WAS NEARLY FLAWLESS IN ITS VICTORY OVER PREVIOUSLY UNBEATEN HARBOR LIGHT

## Joy in Logger land



**T**he mark of excellence for future Boyne Falls boys' basketball teams may have been set last Friday night. Many years from now, when all those young Boyne Falls Logger boys who had their faces painted in green and white, grow up and wear the green and white, their best performance might well be measured against what the Loggers accomplished against Harbor Light.

And individually they might be compared to Chad Matelski, Ben and Matt Britton, Paul Howard and Ryan Fiel. Those five, along with strong bench help, put on a show Friday that could well become Logger Legend.

They say it's only a game. It is, but it is a whole lot more, judging by the atmosphere at the Boyne Falls gym for the showdown of the season. By 6 p.m., it was standing-room only. Well before the varsity game started, standing-room only took on new meaning as more than 700 spectators crammed into every nook and cranny of the gym. Some fans never did have a clear view of the entire floor. They really didn't need it. They could

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--Frank Hamilla

tell by the roar of the crowd what was happening at the far end.

The game, all by itself, would have been more than enough for the fans. Harbor Light was 13-0 and ranked in the top 10 in Class D while the Loggers had suffered only one loss in their 13 games. That one loss came against Harbor on the road, just two games after the Christmas break.

But it was also a Homecoming celebration for Boyne Falls, a time when memories are made and remembered. As the homecoming court was introduced and Amber Giem and Ryan Fiel crowned queen and king, Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla walked in and out of the lockerroom worried that the distractions would take something away from his team's intensity and lose their focus on the game plan he had prepared.

They did not. They executed to near perfection. "They stepped up and played their best game of the year," Hamilla said. "They had a challenge in front of them and met it."

"They stuck right to the game plan. They believed in what we said and did what we wanted."

When it was all over the Loggers, incredibly, had beaten Harbor Light 71-47.

"Our biggest key was to stop their penetration," Hamilla said. "The first time we played, they broke us down and found the open man."

Secondly, he said, the Loggers executed their inside-outside offensive game perfectly. "We hit the outside shots they were giving us."

The two teams played an even first quarter, with Harbor leading 17-15, but "early on Chad and Ben established the inside game for us," Hamilla said.

In the second quarter, the Loggers took off and outscored Harbor 20-0, giving them a 16-point lead. Inside, outside, pressing, easy baskets, the Loggers could do no wrong.

Harbor Light, however, showed its toughness and never-say-die attitude and cut the lead to 11 by intermission. At the start of the third, Harbor took the breath away for Logger fans as it quickly trimmed the lead to 3.

On this night, though, the Loggers were not to be denied.

In their next three possessions the Loggers took command. First it was Fiel nailing a three, then Howard, then Matt Britton. Suddenly they had a 12-point lead and never looked back.

The win gives the Loggers the lead in the Northern Lake Conference and an inside track to at least a share of the conference title.

And there is a chance the Loggers and Harbor could meet again in the post-season tournament. If they do you'd better arrive early if you want a seat.



As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the celebration began for the Boyne Falls Loggers who played a nearly perfect game against Harbor Light. Above right, Logger fans Ben Kondrat and Amanda Lester show their true colors.



The inside play of Ben Britton, left, and Chad Matelski was a key factor in the Loggers' win. At right, Matt Britton penetrates Harbor Light's defense.



## Charlevoix's inside strength too much for Ramblers

Even with Noah Stanek, the Boyne City Ramblers knew stopping Charlevoix's inside game was going to be tough. Without him it would be even harder.

The Ramblers had to play Friday without Stanek who injured his ankle Tuesday night in Boyne City's 68-55 victory and his absence was a big loss.

League-leading Charlevoix powered its way to an 85-74 win over the Ramblers Friday but it didn't come easy.

After trailing by more than 10 points in the second quarter, the Ramblers fought back to tie the game at the half, 34-34. Charlevoix built another 13-point lead by the end of the third quarter, but despite its best attempt and some outstanding free throw shooting, the Ramblers could never get closer than eight or nine points.

"Our kids played really hard," said head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick. "We did a nice job offensively but we just

couldn't stop them inside. Fouls played a big part in the game, and the Ramblers took advantage of their opportunities at the free throw line. For the game they hit 32 of 44, and in the fourth quarter they were nearly perfect, hitting 20 of 22.

The Ramblers were led by Jeremy Grice who had 26 points and turned in an outstanding all-around performance. "He played really hard," Fitzpatrick said. Also hitting in double figures were Jeremy Peck and Mike

Sero, with 11 points each. Grice and Peck shared rebounding honors with seven each.

Last Tuesday, the Ramblers traveled to Lake City and except for the injury to Stanek, the game couldn't have been better for Boyne. Everyone played and contributed.

"It was a good game for us," Fitzpatrick said. "We held them to 16 points in the first half and played good defense the whole time."

Josh Hall led the Ramblers with

20 points and 14 rebounds.

The Ramblers are now 7-7 as they head into the final weeks of the regular season. They had Tuesday night off, then travel to Elk Rapids on Friday and host Harbor Springs Saturday. The Harbor game is a makeup game from earlier this season when the game was postponed because of the weather.

"We've got a couple of tough games," Fitzpatrick said. "Right now our focus is to get better and contend

for the district title."

The junior varsity split its two games last week, losing to Lake City 59-53, and defeating Charlevoix 74-58. Against Lake City, Ryan Amesbury led the Ramblers with 14 points. A.J. Spaay and Kellan Smith each had 10. Amesbury also had five steals. Spaay had 10 rebounds and five steals, while Mik Martin had five assists.

Against Charlevoix, Spaay had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead the team. Jason Rostar had 10 rebounds.

LEGACY PROGRAM IS TRAINING GROUND FOR ASPIRING YOUNG OFFICIALS



Working with Brandy Barren on the court this season has been veteran official Norm Vogt.

# Learning the rules

Since she was 8 or 9 years old, Brandy Barren has loved to play basketball. She played in elementary and middle school and just last fall completed her four-year career for the Boyne City Ramblers. But Brandy isn't ready to give up the game. So she is pursuing a different path on the hardwood court. She's in training to become an official. This winter she has had an opportunity to practice what she is learning officiating games at Boyne City Middle School. "It's been fun," Brandy said. "I'm getting to know it better." Brandy is learning officiating through the Michigan High School Legacy Program for aspiring officials. Her mentor is Kirk Kujawski, BCHS assistant athletic director and the district's buildings and transportation director. He is also a well respected high school official. She is also picking up tips from veteran official Norm Vogt, who has been working as her partner for some games this season. The Legacy program is based on the belief that

properly and adequately coached from the outset, young people with an interest in officiating can develop as capable officials so that in the future they will be prepared to follow in the footsteps of their adult guide or leader. The program is open to high school seniors who are required to study, practice and learn officiating skills as well as officiate seventh and eighth grade basketball games. As her mentor, Kujawski teaches Brandy the practices and procedures of officiating and arranges games for her to officiate. He also assists with tests and clinics. "She is doing well," Kujawski said. "She is professional on and off the court. She needs to be more assertive with her calls which will come with time." Following completion of the program Brandy will become a "real official," eligible to work up to the high school varsity level. Brandy plans to pursue officiating next year in the Detroit area. She will be attending the University of Detroit where she plans to study pre-med.

## Runners post personal bests

East Jordan's Mullet Track Club competed indoors at the Saginaw Valley Invitational last Wednesday night with two runners clocking their personal bests in the 300 meter dash. Chris Bacon ran the dash in 42:28 and Eric Fischer finished in 41:40. Scott Fisher placed third in the 600 meter dash at 1:28. In the 1600 meter run Chris Bearden ran a 5:11 and Kevin Penzien ran 5:15.

# Skiers set their sights on state meet

Three skiers from Boyne City high school and one from East Jordan will be heading to Marquette Mountain for the state meet next Monday, after qualifying at a slippery regional meet last Thursday at Nubs Nob. Boyne City's Andrea Gerling, a state qualifier last year who made second team all-state, qualified this year in the slalom with a second place finish and in the G.S. with fifth place. Her sister Meghan Gerling secured a spot in G.S. with her ninth place finish. Nick Richl finished fifth in G.S.

Tarn Leach, a cross-country state champion, finished eighth overall and will represent East Jordan at state. He was the fourth qualifying individual. Petoskey won the girls meet, followed by Harbor Springs and Iron Mountain. Boyne City took seventh and East Jordan 11th place. In the boys meet, Boyne City placed fifth and East Jordan was eighth. Harbor Springs took first, Petoskey second and Iron Mountain third. Although Boyne City coaches thought the girls as a team had a shot at qualifying for state, soft snow

meant lots of falls during the races. "But you can't blame it on that," coach Bob Simpson said. "Everybody had a rough day." He estimated that 50-60 percent of the skiers ended up on the ground that day. Simpson said he was happy with his finalists' focused performance. "That's a real good accomplishment for them." "They skied fine, they did the best they could and stood up." "They've got a chance to medal in the state meet if they ski to their potential," Simpson said.

East Jordan coach Rob Berquist said Leach was dependable all season. "He had a good line in the G.S. he's a smart skier." The teams met a final time at the conference meet on Tuesday.

## EJ snaps losing streak

The key to East Jordan's offense is to get the ball down low into the hands of Matt Shaw and Mike Wladischkin. Last Tuesday night against Mancelona they were able to do that as they snapped their losing streak with a 66-57 win. Shaw had 25 points to lead the Red Devils while Wladischkin and Chris Murray each had 12 points. Shaw also had 12 rebounds and six assists. Wladischkin had 11 rebounds.

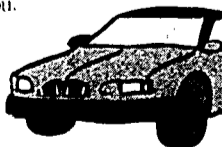
## East Jordan Youth Basketball results

Two games were played in the Third and Fourth Grade Division of the East Jordan Youth Basketball League on Saturday, Feb. 13. The Pistons and Timberwolves played to a 6-6 tie. For the Pistons, Mackenzie Brennan, Adam Daneff, and Lucas Spence each hit a basket, and Ben Archer was mentioned for solid defensive play. For the Timberwolves, Daniel Sanchez had 4 points and Paul Schneider had 2 points, with Benson Massey and Kevin Blaha providing defensive support. The Raptors topped the Bulls, 16-12. Kyle James and David Mellios paced the Raptors with 6 points each, and Marcus Gee added 4. Justin Arnott gave a strong showing on defense. Scott Hansen had 12 points for the Bulls, with Duane Skrocki being cited for great defensive play.

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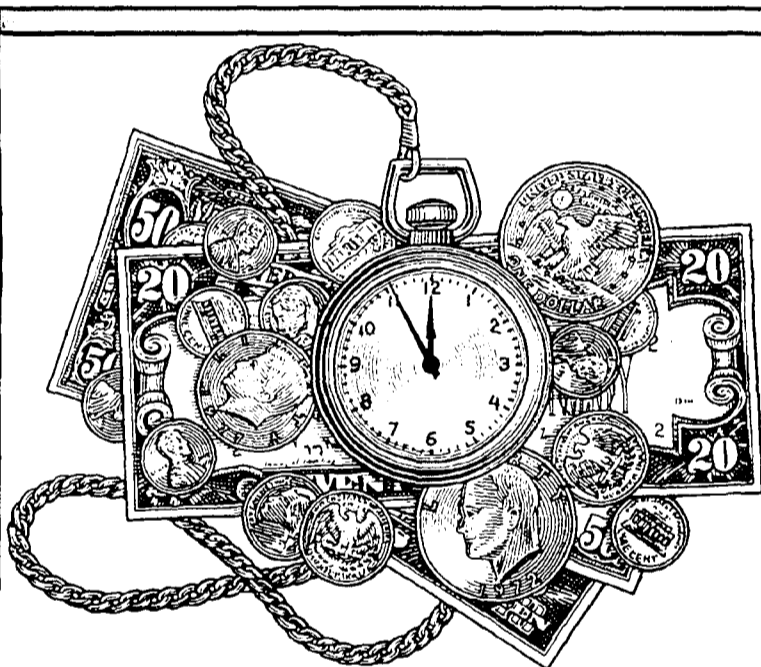
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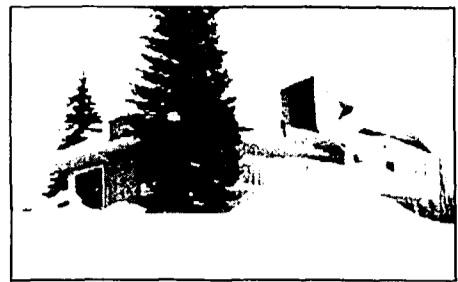
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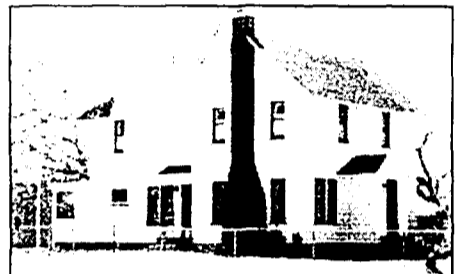
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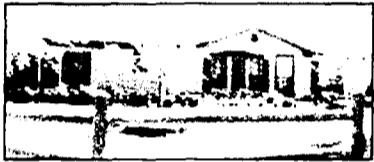
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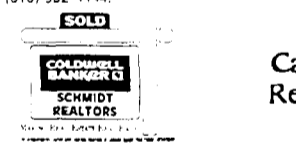
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