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Boyne City holding goal-setting session

The City of Boyne City will hold its annual goal setting session on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall, 1303 Boyne Ave.

Citizens are invited to join the city commission, city advisory boards, and city staff at this open forum to brainstorm, goal set, and prioritize Boyne City goals.

The city is hoping for a large turn-out.

"The more the better, in terms of perspective," said assistant city clerk Josette Lory.

Information from the session will assist the city in preparation of next year's budget and will aid city administration in assessing community needs for the upcoming fiscal years.

"We really want to emphasize that this is a chance for anybody to give their thoughts on how they want the city to develop," said Lory.

The session will be facilitated by James Wiesing of Resource Dynamics, a Traverse area firm. This is the second year that Wiesing has facilitated a goal-setting session for Boyne City.

Food and beverages will be provided. For more information, call city hall at 582-6597.

Teen dance is fund-raiser for Freedom Fest

Though winter has only just begun, it's never too early to think about planning for the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival.

The Freedom Festival committee has organized a Teen Dance for Saturday, Jan. 20, as a fund-raiser for the annual event.

The dance will be open to all high school students, and will run from 8-11 p.m. at the Civic Center in downtown East Jordan.

DJ Dan Bennett of Extended Play will provide the tunes, and concessions will be available.

Admission is \$4 per person. For more information, call Ann Crick at 536-3300 or 536-9941.

Boyne City students will have half-day next week

The Boyne City Public Schools will have a half day of school on Tuesday, Jan. 23, for a teacher inservice.

The elementary and high schools will be dismissed at 11:13 a.m., and the middle school will be dismissed at 11:28 a.m. There will be no afternoon kindergarten.

Breakfast will be available to all students. No lunch will be served.



Snow Fun

On Friday, Boyne Falls students kicked off Homecoming festivities with a snow sculpture contest, sponsored by the National Honor Society. Sheriff George Lasater will judge the students' handiwork, as the Homecoming celebration continues throughout the week.

Persistence pays off

Ken Schrader appointed to Boyne school board

For Boyne City's Ken Schrader, persistence has paid off.

At last week's meeting of the Boyne City Board of Education, Schrader was officially appointed to fill the vacancy created with the recent resignation of long-time board member Jerry Kelts.

It wasn't the first time Schrader had made a bid for the position.

"I missed [applying for one position] by 15 minutes a couple of years ago," Schrader laughed. He applied again for an opening, and then ran last June in an election he lost by a scant 11 votes.

This time, though, Schrader made the grade, so to speak. And, some might say, he's already made his commitment to serving on the board clear.

His commitment to the schools is something that's also in evidence in his various services over the years.

"I've been on the curriculum

council for five years, and the technical committee for as long as it's existed," Schrader said. He also served on the school improvement committee a few years back. Serving on the school board, he noted, is just "a natural progression."

Though Schrader was born in Ubyly, which he said is in the "thumb-nail" of the state, he's spent the last 22 years living and working in Boyne City, as a member of the Boyne City Police Department.

He's been married for 24 years, and he and his wife have four children, daughters Ashley and Leeann, both of whom are students at Saginaw Valley, and two sons, Dustin, a high school junior, and Nick, a sixth-grader.

"I know how to balance a budget," Schrader joked.

Of the other skills he brings to the table, Schrader believes his ability to

communicate will be key.

"It's really hard to get communication back and forth," he said. "I'm out, obviously, as a police officer, and I'm very approachable." He hopes that local citizens will take advantage of that, and bring concerns to him.

Schrader is looking forward to the chance to prove his ability in the months before the regular school election in June, at which time his board seat will be up for election.

He plans to run, and would love a chance to spend a little more time on the board.

In the meantime, he wants to be a resource for citizens concerned about school issues. "I'm accessible," he said. "My number's in the book. I encourage people to call with concerns and questions."

Schrader can be contacted by calling 582-2653.

Budget worries have BC schools exploring options

Three building configuration under consideration by board

In response to a decline in enrollment and subsequent budget issues, the Boyne City Board of Education passed a resolution at a recent meeting to move forward with a renovation of the current high school to accommodate grades 5-8.

The move is in line with a recommendation from the construction project's steering committee that the possibility of continuing with a reconfigured three-building system rather than move into a four-building system in the district should be considered.

In the initial plan, the district was to move from a three-building system, including an elementary, middle, and high school, to a four-building system, with the elementary divided into upper and lower buildings.

Under the three-building system, the current high school would be renovated to house grades 5-8, with the current elementary keeping grades K-4. A new high school building is under construction on property adjacent to the current high school.

According to Boyne City schools superintendent Dana Compton, a major factor in considering a three-building system is an unexpected drop in enrollment figures in the last two years.

"Projections that were done for the district in planning for the bond proposals demonstrated that there would be growth," said Compton, noting that numbers as high as 1,500-1,550 students were indicated.

"At this point, we're really looking at 1,350 [students]," he said. "So not only has there not been growth,

we've actually been in a modest decline for the past two to three years. It's definitely impacted our revenue picture."

The influence of Proposal A, which created open enrollment of students across district boundaries, "hasn't really helped us any," said Compton, noting that the majority of the budget is based on student enrollment. While the school district has open enrolled 49 students from other districts this year, the school at the same time lost 74 students to other districts, creating a net loss of 25 students, representing almost \$165,800 in lost revenue.

An additional 163 Boyne City students attending area charter schools represent a \$1,063,901 in lost revenue to the Boyne City School District, according to Compton.

Much of the loss in enrollment can be attributed to factors beyond the control of the school, specifically to the housing market. Compton points out the fact that many traditional family homes in the area have been sold and are now weekend, seasonal, and retirement homes.

"We've lost a family base that contributed to our schools and school enrollment to non-homestead property owners," he said. And for young families with school age children, finding affordable housing within the district is often a challenge.

"There's still a grave concern about will those people be able to find affordable housing in Boyne City," Compton said.

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Sno-Blast ready for winter fun

With winter in full swing, it's time to really get down to the business of celebrating the wonders of the season. The perfect opportunity to do just that will happen this weekend, Jan. 19-21, at the annual Sno-Blast in East Jordan.

Snowmobile enthusiasts can get their first taste of what the weekend has to offer on Friday night with the annual Snowmobile Safari, to depart from the East Jordan Sno-mobilers clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road, with a chili supper available prior to the ride.

On Saturday, the Antique Snowmobile Club of America will be in town to show off their vintage machines, and for those with a competitive streak, snowmobile drag races will highlight the day.

And if you're not a snowmobiler, never fear — the weekend holds plenty of opportunities for fun for all ages. On Saturday, the Sno-Blast 2001 Parade will march down Main Street beginning at 10:30 a.m., followed by the crowning of the Belle of the Blizzard and the Winter Knight and a Sno-Blast Ice Cream Social.

The Sno-Box Trot begins at 11:30 a.m., a daring race of sleds created using only a cardboard box, tape and paint. Judging and racing will take place at the skating rink on State Street.

Other chances to put yourself in the middle of the action on Satur-

Please see SNO-BLAST on page 3

City, local agencies prepare for Dura closing

With a target closing date set around the end of July 2001, the city and other local agencies are continuing to work closely with Dura Automotive as it prepares to shut down its plant in East Jordan.

In August of 2000, Dura announced that due to changes in production, it would be closing its location in East Jordan. About 300 jobs will be affected by the closing.

According to East Jordan city administrator David White, a committee formed to assist with issues created with Dura's closing will meet on Jan. 19 with representatives from the Rural Development Council and the Michigan Economic Development Council to explore options for the

community, including ways to revitalize the downtown and the replacement of jobs lost in East Jordan.

Also participating the meeting will be Tom Johnson of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, an area agency which has been involved in the situation since Dura's announcement last year.

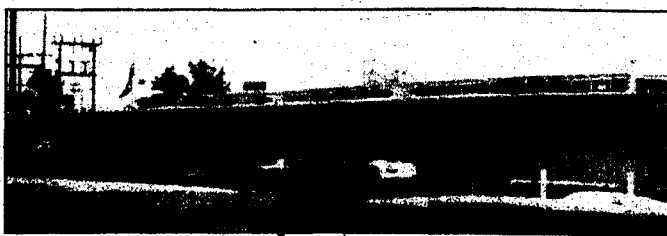
The process so far has been in the research stages. "I've been meeting with Dave [White], talking about how to increase the awareness of East Jordan as a location for business," said Johnson.

The NLEA has also been looking at marketing techniques and funding sources, as well as checking out funding sources for different options.

In dealing with the Dura situation, Johnson said, "We have a multi-million dollar facility. We have 300 jobs. To replace that is no simple, fast or inexpensive task."

The costs of marketing can add up to "many thousands of dollars," he said, noting that it's necessary to find the funding to do so in light of the fact that the loss of Dura means a loss of over \$100,000 per year to the city tax base alone.

And because the length of the process is indefinite, Johnson noted that they "have to be sure to be aggressive" from the start. "Because we're talking about the future, we don't have a crystal ball," he said. "It could be a year."



Dura Automotive in East Jordan will be closing its doors in July of this year.

"We take it seriously when a plant of that size closes," said Johnson. "We take it very seriously because it takes time for a company to grow to that size, and [it comprises] a significant part of the economic base."

Dura Automotive, for its part, has been "very willing to work with us," said Johnson, who has met with representatives from the company on a

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EDITORIAL

Let's keep the dialogue productive

It's hard to say how the community will react to the news that the Boyne City school board and administrators are looking at revising the planned four-building school configuration to a three-building system (see story on page 1 and guest column on this page).

For some, the news will come perhaps as a disappointment in that the original vision, so hard won, may have to be altered, if not permanently, at least temporarily.

For others, these developments may provide an opportunity to say, in so many words, "I told you so."

I think, though, that the issue is not as simple as that. While I was not personally involved in the advancement of the bond issue, I supported, and still support, the fact that our high school was not adequate on many levels, that we needed to eliminate portables at the elementary school, and that overall updates to all the schools are in the best interest of our children.

Unfortunately, despite projections that told us otherwise, we have less students at the moment to look out for.

From my experiences with the Boyne City Public Schools, both professionally and as a parent, I can't imagine that the construction project's steering committee, the school board, or the administration have taken this decision lightly. Certainly, if nothing else, they are all aware of the fallout that could result from such a revision to the plan that finally won the community's support, and have deemed the reconsideration important enough to move forward in the face of that knowledge.

I hope, then, that those of us in the community will react in kind. Those who might oppose the changes are entitled, most certainly, to that opinion, and should voice it. Those who support it should likewise speak up.

Most importantly, though, I hope that any dialogue that does result from these recent developments will be undertaken with thoughtfulness and careful consideration.

Our kids, after all, are watching.

- Angela Shultis



GUEST COLUMN

An update on Boyne City schools

By DANA COMPTON
Boyne City Schools Superintendent

At the January board of education meeting the board voted to move forward with a recommendation to renovate the current high school to potentially accommodate grades 5-8 in 2002, when the new high school will open.

Even though the final grade level configuration has not yet been determined, this action allows the district the flexibility that will be required to provide the best programming, while keeping the district financially sound.

Unfortunately, the district has been experiencing an unexpected, significant loss in enrollment which is causing great concern for both programming and budget. In the past three years we have seen a decline of 150 students in our K-12 enrollment, which translates into a loss of \$979,050 from our annual revenues. This loss is almost 10 percent of our annual revenue budget. At a time when we are entering a new era of educational opportunities with a new state-of-the-art high school just around the corner, we are faced with the challenge of declining revenues.

The board of education, the business office, the district administrative team, and the project steering committee have been working with this information for some time, asking questions, looking at alternatives, and attempting to make sense of many complex and changed facts.

In the final analysis we have been charged with providing options that will meet our students' needs, serve our community, and maintain the fiscal viability of the district. As we have worked through these issues we focused on maintaining quality education, eliminating the need for all portables in the K-12 operation, and providing first-class facilities K-8 to compliment the outstanding new high school.

This resulted in a recommendation to renovate the current high school to a capacity that could hold the current configuration of grades 5-8. Secondly, to review plans for the elementary school to assure that it could house grades K-4 without using any portable classrooms. Thirdly, to project optional uses for the current middle school that would minimize the need for renovation expenses, would maximize the benefit to the district and community, and would generate

revenues to help offset the cost of its operation.

Throughout the process, we have recognized the challenge of explaining our changed circumstances to the community. At every step we have reviewed and questioned our enrollments, our budget, and our future. At no time have we discussed closing or selling the current middle school.

In fact, we have looked at re-utilization options that would allow the current middle school to be configured for office space and other programs such as Head Start, At-Risk-Fours, pre-school, latchkey operations, community education, senior citizens, a community activity center, etc. We feel very strongly that within any district configuration we must provide the best use for all of our buildings, including the facility downtown.

Therefore, with all facts considered, the priorities for renovation can be stated to include sufficient classrooms in the elementary and current high school to house the K-4 and 5-8 student populations. Additionally, there must be room for future growth to include up to 100-plus additional total students in grades K-8. There are also necessities for larger classrooms than are currently available in the high school facility and the availability of technology to all students, with specialized facilities for science, music, art, life skills, woodshop, computer education, special education, RTC, ILS, and HOTS. The current renovation plans carry out these priorities while still allowing the District the alternative of an upper elementary (grades 4-5) in the current middle school if it is found to be affordable in 2002.

The necessity of these decisions is based in our current circumstances, and realities. As any good organization, we must be prepared to adjust to changes in our population/enrollment, our program needs, and our economic conditions. We must do this in a manner that allows us to meet (and exceed) all of our obligations.

We hope that as the people in our community reflect on our circumstances they will see the reasons behind these decisions, will recognize that our contributing factors have changed, and will be able to join in making these changes work for each of our populations. As an organization we are doing everything possible to be forward thinking, pro-active and effective as we move to the future.

A MOM'S LIFE

What won't a mom do for the family pets

By CINDI PLACE

We've had to deal with an ailing new pet recently. Not a fun activity and certainly one that places a strain on family harmony.

Actually, we had one pet for a very short time that wasn't healthy when we got him. His 'replacement' was bigger, healthier but still somewhat susceptible to the same disease that the first animal succumbed to. All of which has gotten me thinking that my choice for the perfect Christmas gift may have been a real loser!

The first milestone was getting hamster #2 to live longer than hamster #1 (which wasn't that great a feat given that #1 didn't make it to his sixth day). Every day was a vigil. The poor animal, being nocturnal, was awakened every half hour just so we could be sure she was breathing. I didn't realize hamsters could have the same facial expressions as a nine-year-old, also awakened earlier than he wanted to be.

Once we were more comfortable that this one might live, we followed some sage advice and went to purchase 'medicine.' For the hamster.

First stop, the pet supply store, who didn't know exactly what we were looking for, but were more than willing to order it. Next stop was the vet. Now, I don't know about anyone else, but asking a veterinarian for rodent advice was a little embarrassing. I mean, who doesn't know how to keep a hamster alive? Luckily, the good people in the office were in contact with their hamster 'expert' (their words, not mine) and we got the information we needed.

So now my days are spent with putting teeny tiny drops of 'pet' antibiotic in the mouth of one of the world's smallest creatures. And reassuring our children that yes, mommy is the crazy one.

LETTERS

Theatre tickets good through February

TO THE EDITOR:

The members of the St. Matthew/St. Augustine Youth Group would like to notify all those who bought theatre tickets from them that the new owners of the Boyne Cinema will be accepting the tickets only through Feb. 28, 2001.

Thank you to all of you who so generously supported our fund raising for mission trips and community service projects through the purchase of these tickets.

Rosemary Karkosak
St. Matthew's Youth Group Volunteer

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BC school board exploring building options

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Ultimately, though, he said, "The bottom line in terms of our even looking at this [issue] is that conditions have changed in our system." "We have to be forward thinking enough to recognize when these conditions are changing," he said. "We have a fiscal responsibility as a business to keep the thing viable, to keep our organization fiscally viable. We do have to make some tough decisions sometimes."

The project steering committee, which has been in place since the bond was passed, has been monitoring enrollment right along with construction elements of the project.

"They have a very strong commitment to servicing students," said Compton. After following enrollment numbers, the committee requested that the school board and administration look at "what it would cost to look at three buildings versus four buildings."

Additional costs involved with a fourth building would include duplicate staffing (in a Responsive Thinking Center, for example) and additional administrative support staff. "When we have a sufficient staff in three buildings, we have to take a good hard look at whether that's a good use of dollars, particularly when we're in a downturn in enrollment."

Other considerations in maintaining a three-building system on a common campus are the ability to provide a common bus schedule and optimize the utilization of staff.

Reconfiguring to a three-building system though, does not preclude an eventual move to a four-building system, nor does the district intend

for the additional building, currently the middle school at the corner of Park and Main Streets, to stand idle if not in use as classroom space.

Some possibilities being considered for the building include space for Head Start, pre-school functions to blend with K-12, before and after school tutorial or latch-key types of programs, meeting facilities for the community, and possibly even programs for senior citizens.

"I've heard discussion in Boyne City about the need for some type of community building, and we have an excellent facility there for that purpose," said Compton. Business offices for the district could also be located in the building, so as to have administrative staff on site.

Financially, the programs being considered are "self-supporting programs," Compton said, which would generate sufficient revenues to offset operation costs as well as contribute to running the building, so as to not become a burden of the general fund budget.

Maintaining the building would also give the district the chance in the future to expand to a four-building system in the event that enrollment improves. "Ultimately if our student population did turn around, we may need that building for part of our K-12 operation," he said.

According to Compton, the reconfiguration will not interfere with the district's main objectives, including the total elimination of portables, the construction of a state of the art high school, and to maintain and continue to develop quality programs for grades K-8.

"We still want to maintain good positive programs for the students and the community," said Compton.

"I think there's been a very responsible approach to this. It's the only thing we could responsibly do at this point."

EJ Middle School evacuated over false bomb threat

Last week, authorities were called to the East Jordan Middle School in response to a bomb threat, which was later determined to be a hoax.

According to East Jordan Schools superintendent Chip Hansen the threat was made in the form of a handwritten note left in one of the building's restrooms.

Upon discovery of the note, the building was evacuated and city police were notified. The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department was also called to the scene.

The police and sheriff's department were on site immediately, said Hansen, and were supported by the East Jordan Fire Department and EMS personnel.

While students were evacuated to the adjacent high school building, a thorough search of the building was conducted by law enforcement officers with assistance from school personnel and fire department personnel.

According to Hansen, the search took approximately one and three-quarter hours, and included every area of the building and the adjacent grounds.

After officials determined that the threat was a hoax, students and staff were permitted to return to the building.

"The response to the threat was both immediate and effective, and I applaud the work of the police agencies, the fire department, and EMS

responders," said Hansen. "Their assistance made the response effort very thorough and we appreciate their help a great deal."

Hansen also noted the "outstanding" response of school faculty and staff members.

The incident is currently under investigation.

"It is our expectation that the person responsible for this hoax will be identified and dealt with to the fullest extent of the law," Hansen said.

Boyne City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing

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A Sno-Blast poster contest was held recently at East Jordan Elementary. Winners are, from left, Rosemary Egan, third place; Josh Force, second place; Ashely Skrocki, honorable mention; and Glen Gee, first place. Not pictured is Principal's Choice winner Savanna Testa.

Getting ready for sno-blast

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day and Sunday include Sno-Blast Softball in the Snow, the popular Broomball, Sno-Bowling, and Sno-Golfing. A Moonlight Sno-Shoe Hike will leave from the Evangelical Lutheran Church parking lot at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, with snowshoes, headlamps, energy bars, and hot chocolate provided at no cost. Pre-registration at Jordan Valley Outfitters is required.

And if you've worked up an appetite, either as a participant or spectator, there will be plenty of food to keep your energy level high. Sno-Ribs will be available at Ansted's by the Lake at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and from 4-7 p.m., a hearty stew supper at the Evangelical Lutheran Church on Rogers Road should hit the spot.

In addition, a Sno-Lover's breakfast will help sno-goers start the day off right on Sunday at the Sno-mobilers clubhouse.

Also on Sunday, winners of the Sno-Blast fishing contests, which began on Jan. 13 and 14, will be announced.

For a complete schedule of events, see page 4.

City, agencies prepare for closing of Dura

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a couple of occasions. "Dura has been very open," he said.

"I'm very pleased."

Through a collaborative effort coordinated by Michigan Department of Career Development and the Michigan Works! Agency, Dura Automotive and the UAW Union have joined forces to address the needs, questions, and concerns of workers being dislo-

cated by the impending closure of Dura's East Jordan plant.

A Joint Adjustment Committee has been formed with members from the local UAW, Dura Management members and representatives from Michigan Works! and the Michigan Department of Career Development. Meeting on a weekly basis, the committee is working to determine needs in order to identify resources, oppor-

tunities, and available training to help dislocated workers find new employment or educational opportunities.

Although layoffs are not expected until mid-February, the committee is currently engaging local and state agencies to assist with unemployment services, job skills and training workshops, and educational opportunities.

"We know this is a very difficult time for our employees and their

families, but we will do everything possible to assist them in whatever path they choose to take," said Dura spokesperson Grant Barnes.

Barnes also noted that recent reports of an early closing were erroneous. To clarify, he said, early reports of the closing did not include a timeline. "The end of July has pretty much been firmed up now," said Barnes.

New home almost ready for Boyne Area Gymnastics

As crews continue to work on the new Boyne Area Gymnastics facility, director Kari Streelman is looking forward to a late February/early March move-in date.

Gymnastics classes currently being held at the Boyne City Elementary School will end on Feb. 8, and spring classes are scheduled to be held at the new building.

In addition to the gymnastics classes, a dance program will begin, including tap, ballet, jazz, aerobics, yoga, and, said Streelman, "other dance activities" as interest dictates.

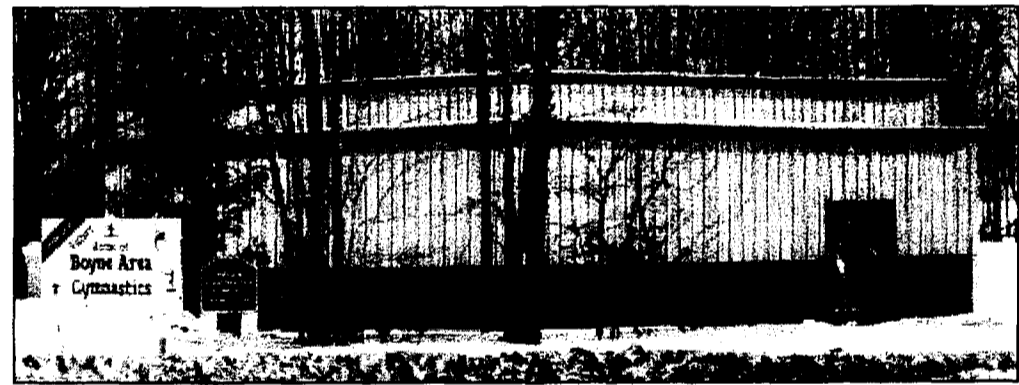
The new building, located on Beardsley Avenue, boasts over 7,500 square feet, and will feature a 5,400 square foot gymnastics area as well as 1,000 square feet designated for the dance programs.

In seeking out funding for the new facility, Streelman found plenty of local support, and continues to rely on the generosity of donations.

Recent grants include \$9,400 from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for a spring floor in the tumbling area and \$1,000 from the Preston S. Parish Foundation out of Kalamazoo.

A \$13,000 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund is contingent on the organization raising an additional \$35,000 in matching funds, services and materials.

Donations being used towards that \$35,000 include: \$1,500 from the City of Boyne City; \$1,500 from the



Construction of the new Boyne Area Gymnastics facility began last fall with site preparation, and is expected to be completed by March.

Boyne Valley Lions Club, to be paid over three years; \$100 from Kiwanis; lighting from Lexalite; office furniture and supplies from Dr. Robert Streelman; labor for tree clearing from Hartwick Tree Service; architectural plans from Poineau Woodworking; discounts on materials from Wojan Windows and Doors; and the Boyne City High School Building Trades class will donate labor to erect the interior walls.

Streelman estimates that "we have approximately \$25,000 so far towards that \$35,000. We're still trying to raise that additional \$10,000."

Besides writing grants, Streelman and the organization have been holding fund-raisers, which included a cartwheel-a-thon last year, and a

Kooze nut sale which recently raised approximately \$3,500. "I am continuing to write grants," said Streelman.

"We will be continuing fund-rais-

ing." For more information or to make a donation, call Streelman at 582-3493.

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



HEALTH TIPS FROM MEDICAP PHARMACY

Hypothermia Poses Risk Even In Mild Conditions (Part Two)

Hypothermia is defined as an abnormally low body temperature. The symptoms may appear so gradually that those around him or her or the person himself might not realize what is happening. The person may be slow, clumsy, shiver, slur words, and then feel lethargic. According to one study, nearly half of all body heat is lost through an uncovered head. When outside dress in layers. Keep your head covered. A person with even a mild case of hypothermia should seek emergency medical help.

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Sno-Blast 2001 Parade - 10:30 am.
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In front of City Hall steps. Crowning of the 2001 Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight. Sponsored by East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Sno-Blast Committee. Candidates are: (Belle of the Blizzard) Jan Hammond, Teresa Verellen, and Tammy Jackson. (Winter Knight) Keith Bulmann, Marty Ernst and Victor Patrick.
Sno-Blast Social
After the Crowning Ceremonies, enjoy a complimentary frosty eat Ice Cream Social sponsored by East Jordan Market.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2001
Sno-Box Trot - 11:30 am.
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Snowmobile Drags - 11:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2001
Sno-Lover's Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to noon
East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse, Mt. Bliss Road off M-32. Sponsored by East Jordan Sno-Mobilers, Inc. Menu: "The Works" consists of pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes, eggs, and toast. Price: \$4 - adults, \$2 - under 12, free - under 5.
Sno-Blast Kids Fishing Contest - 12:30 p.m.
Winners announced at East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse.
Sno-Blast Sno-Bowling - 12:45 p.m.
At East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Grounds. Sponsored by Gemini Lanes. Bowling for children under 12 FREE! Prizes given away. Contact Jan Hammond at 536-7599 or Ann Werner at 536-0682.
Sno-Golfing - "Closest to the Pin Contest" - 1:15 pm
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East Jordan Rotary Raft Drawing - 1:30 pm.
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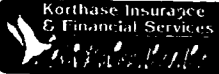
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

NAME: Chuck Bedford
PARENTS: Ken and Sherry Bedford
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Enjoy activities in Spanish class
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Play hockey for Boyne Area Hockey Midgets, skateboarding and snow boarding
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan on going to college in California and being involved in computers."



Chuck Bedford

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Chuck has a great understanding of Biology," said Andy Bryant. "He always makes sure to share his insight on the topics in class. Chuck makes Biology class fun and interesting for the rest of his classmates."

"Chuck is a very enthusiastic Spanish student," said Carrie Nelson. "He regularly works hard in class. This past week his class went Christmas caroling, singing songs in Spanish to staff members and elementary classes. Chuck led the class in enthusiasm and desire to share the joy."

NAME: Tiffany Simmons
PARENTS: Lorraine Lynn Simmons
GRADE: Junior
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Bowling and dancing
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: To attend college and major in business to open my own day care center
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: "I would like to thank my family and teachers for all they've done for me."



Tiffany Simmons

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Tiffany is always happy and fun to be with," said Linda Simpson. "She has a great attitude and positive outlook." "The past three years I have worked with Tiffany," said Pam Crouch. "I enjoy having her in class and she is a hard worker. Keep up the positive attitude. You have a great sense of humor and people enjoy being around you. Good luck always."

"Tiffany is a wonderful person to know," said Jill Patton. "She has always brought a smile to my face, which has always been a reflection of her own."

Boyne Falls

NAME: Shelby Pedigo
PARENTS: Randy and Kimberly Pedigo
GRADE: First
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Swinging on my swings
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: To be a doctor
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE BOOK: Dr. Seuss books
FAVORITE MOVIE: Dr. Seuss movies
FAVORITE CARTOON: Scooby-Doo
PETS: A cat named Megan
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Shelby is a very polite, considerate and helpful student," said Rebecca Disney. "She is a hard worker and strives to do her best. Shelby is a good friend to all of her classmates."



Shelby Pedigo

OBITUARIES

Daniel Ray Grienke

Daniel Ray Grienke, 28, of Big Rapids, Mich., formerly of Carson City, Mich., died Friday, Jan. 12, 2001 at the Spectrum Downtown Campus.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Lux and Scnepp Funeral Home in Carson City, with the Rev. Ray Grienke officiating. Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, St. Joseph, Mo. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Big Rapids High School.

Dan was born Aug. 30, 1972 in Battle Creek, to Ray and Beverly June (Hoffman) Grienke.

He had been a teacher and basketball coach for the Big Rapids School District for two and a half years. Pre-

vious to that, he was a teacher and coach at Carson City-Crystal High School. He was cherished by many for being a great friend and listener. Dan was always thinking of others. He was a good man.

He is survived by his parents, the Rev. Ray and Beverly Grienke of St. Joseph, Missouri and formerly of Boyne City; his fiancé, Kristyn Kurka of Ovid, Mich.; a sister, Beth (Andrew) Kar of Northville, Mich.; and a brother, Paul (Jessica) Grienke of Lansing. Dan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Margaret and Evert Hoffman.

Memorials may be made to the Carson City United Methodist Church Building Fund.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHP

THE ANNUAL Rozycki Family reunion was held in Rochester over the long weekend. All nine brothers and sisters, one flying in from Haiti, and another from California, gathered at the Hilton. They also attended Saturday's Oakland/IPUI basketball game, with their son and nephew, Jason Rozycki, scoring 19 points for the winning team, Oakland University. Following the game, as Jason entered the Rio Bravo for dinner, he received a round of applause from the entire Rozycki family!

MARY JUDAY of Boyne City was admitted to Northern Michigan Hospital on Jan. 4 for surgery. After a week there, she has now transferred to the home of her son and daughter in law, Gene and Janice Juday, 2800 Depew Rd., Petoskey to recuperate.

GREG BOSWELL of East Jordan is rehabilitating at Grandvue, following recent surgery.

ANN PARKS of Boyne City was honored by her children, Natalie Peck, Laurie Parks, and Scott Parks, with a lovely birthday dinner right in her own home on Wednesday evening. The whole family, including the grandchildren, enjoyed a fun time. Instead of traditional birthday cake and ice cream, Mom's favorite cream puffs, made by Natalie, were served.

KATIE BRICKER, daughter of Dave and Robin Bricker of Deer Lake, graduated from Grand Valley State College in Grand Rapids on Dec. 9, 2000, with a degree in photography.

Now at home with her family, she hopes to soon be working in this area.

MARION HARTWELL of Boyne City remains a patient at Northern Michigan Hospital, following surgery this past week.

NAOMI DAVIS of Boyne City will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Jan. 21. Friends are welcome to share in her celebration party on that day, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the VFW Hall. No gifts please, but cards would be enjoyed.

MARK AND DAWN FELTON of Boyne City enjoyed celebrating the first birthday of their son Logan on Friday with grandparents, Jim and Linda Felton, and Brenda and Jerry Swartz, great-grandparents, and Jean Limron, great-aunt, and uncle Betty and Rick Austin, of Durand, and aunt Michelle Felton and friend Todd Gorney of Petoskey.

CHARLOTTE HINER of Boyne City is recuperating from pneumonia at Charlevoix's Boulder Park Terrace.

ON DEC. 24, 2000 family and friends were present at the dedication of Hannah Marie Smith at Trinity Fellowship Church. Her parents are Kevin and Connie Smith of Boyne City. Her godparents are Eric and Amy Smith from Grand Rapids. That evening was spent with Hannah's older brothers and sister opening Christmas presents and a dinner. Christmas day was spent with her grandparents Steve and Joann Smith, and her great-grandparents Drewann and Donnell Smith and Uncle Kregg, home from Central. Aunt Amy and

Uncle Eric. All enjoyed a wonderful time of games and laughter and holding Hannah.

BETTY BRADLEY of Boyne City had a great but busy week, just being a grandmother. Her twin grandsons, born a day apart, on the 11th and 12th of January, each had their own party. On Thursday, Josh Wiesenaer celebrated his 11th birthday with a pizza party and on Friday, brother Jeremiah celebrated his 11th birthday with a delicious lasagne supper! On Sunday, her granddaughter Heidi Armstrong and friends came from Mio for a visit.

AMANDA SUE EVANS of Litzemberger Place is now a resident of Grandvue.

ELWOOD DUNLAP of Boyne City is now a resident of Grandvue.

JUSTIN AND LAURIE KELTS shared the fourth birthday celebration of their daughter Morgan with a family party on Sunday. Attending were Betty, Jo, Jerry, Jeffre, and Janet and their families and Grandma Sandy Adams.

FRED LEHTO of Boyne City, his daughter Mallory, and her friend Kathleen Adkison had a great time, among other home town fans, in attending Saturday's Oakland University basketball game and watching Jason Rozycki score!

(To submit an item for Nancy's column, call her at 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@nmo.net.)

CALENDAR

NMMSA FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
 Wednesday, Jan. 24
 NMMSA in Petoskey will hold January food distributions under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) from 11 a.m.-12 noon, at the East Jordan VFW Hall, M-32.

BLOOD DRIVES
 Friday, Jan. 19
 Boyne City Lexamar Corp. and American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m. in the Lexamar Training Room, 100 Lexamar Drive.
 Friday, Jan. 26
 Boyne City Community and American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. at the Boyne City Hall, 319 N. Lake Street.

EJ LEARNING ALLIANCE
 Second Monday
 The East Jordan Learning Alliance will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary Media Center, for the Jan. 8 meeting. This meeting will focus on the third through the fifth grades. The EJLA was created to marshal the resources of parents, faculty, staff and the community at large support academic excellence in East Jordan Schools. Membership is open to all East Jordan School district residents 18 years or older.

BOYNE FOOD PANTRY
 First & third Mondays
 Food pick-up hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon and third Monday from 5-7 p.m., or on Tuesday if a holiday falls on Monday.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE
 Thursdays
 A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance - financial, medical, disability benefits, etc. - may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main

streets in Boyne City or call 582-7811.

AL-ANON
 Tuesday nights
 Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

AA MEETINGS
 Weekly
 The Boyne Valley Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the basement of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. All meetings are closed and non-smoking. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday 12 noon, 8 p.m.; Tuesday 12 noon; Wednesday 12 noon (Big Book Study); Thursday 12 noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m. The first Friday of each month, an "Open Speaker" meeting is open to family and friends.

CLUB NEWS

BV Lions Club

Boyne Valley Lions holds meetings every Wednesday at 12 p.m. at the Boyne City Lanes. This week's speaker will be Joyce Williams, District 11-E-2 Zone Chairman. The Boyne Valley Lions is a service organization and anyone interested in joining is invited to attend.

Boyne City Friendship Club

The Boyne City Friendship Club will meet Monday, Jan. 22, 12 noon at the Boyne City Hall Auditorium. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share and table service. Anyone over 50 years of age is welcome to come.

Computer classes offered by Boyne community ed

Two adult education classes will be offered this winter at Boyne City High School.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000 and Word Processing will be held on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m., beginning Jan. 23 and running through Feb. 20. The class will focus on mastering Microsoft Word's features in five easy-to-follow lessons, to help students create outstanding documents for business, home, and the World Wide Web.

Introduction to the Internet, Win-

dows, and Word will be held on Thursdays, from 7-9 p.m., beginning Jan. 25 and running through Feb. 22. Students will learn the basics for surfing the World Wide Web for useful information, learn to use tools for shortcuts and time savers, and visit free, easy-to-use e-mail sites.

Each five-week class is \$35 per person.

Pre-registration is encouraged. To register, call Nancy Magill at 439-8153, Mary Jason at 439-8154, or Ron Grunch at 582-6974.

Mid-Winter Ball to raise funds for BC playground

The Boyne Creative Playground Committee is in the midst of planning a February fund-raising event, proceeds of which will be used towards the proposed community playground planned for Boyne City.

The Mid-Winter Ball will be held on Feb. 17 at the Boyne City Knights of Columbus Hall, on Boyne Avenue. The event will feature a sit-down dinner with choice of chicken or prime rib, with delectable desserts supplied by local restaurants. Dinner will be followed by an evening of dancing, with an auction to be held throughout the evening. A silent auction will also be held.

The cost for tickets is \$15 per person, and only 200 tickets will be sold.

While the committee has plenty of volunteers to help cook and serve, according to organzier Barb Brooks, the

group is still looking for items to be donated for auction. So far, some larger items have already been committed, including golf foursomes at Tree Tops and Boyne Mountain, casino packages, and a kayak.

The group is seeking donations of goods and services of all sizes and types. In addition, said Brooks, if someone would like to donate but doesn't have an appropriate item or service, it may be possible to sponsor a portion of the evening, such as the DJ or part of the dinner. To make a donation, contact Brooks at 582-7331.

Tickets for the event are on sale now, and are available at City Hall and Sunburst Marine. Tickets may also be obtained by calling Brooks, Tim O'Leary at 582-0337, or Rene Mac Naughton at 582-2879.

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Boyne making strides despite loss to St. Francis

For the Boyne City Ramblers, the season has proven to be a challenge at every turn.

Last Friday, the team lost to Traverse City St. Francis, 73-66.

But, according to head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick, the losses do not mean the team is not making progress.

"Friday after the game, we talked about the fact that we've gotten much better as a team," he said. They've acquired some of the necessary skills, but now, Fitzpatrick said, "it's time to toughen up" mentally, and "figure out a way to win."

"We're playing some pretty good teams pretty tough," he said. "We've got enough game experience. It's time to use what experience we've gotten so far this year."

Top scorers against St. Francis were Dylan Hall with 19, A.J. Spaay with 12, and Brian Metzger with 11. Spaay led the team in rebounds with six, followed by Kyle Gibbons and Kellan Smith with five apiece.

The team shot 44 percent from the field, including 6 of 15 three-pointers.

"That's much better than say a week ago at Harbor Springs," said Fitzpatrick, who added that while their percentage from the field "isn't too bad," the team is getting outscored at the free throw line.

"We're not getting to the free throw line enough, and we're letting the other teams get there too much," he said.

"It's a combination of not being aggressive enough offensively and being out of position defensively."

Boyne travels to Charlevoix on Friday. "It's a big rivalry," said Fitzpatrick. "They are probably one of the better teams we'll play. I'm sure we'll play hard."

Games begin with junior varsity at 6 p.m., followed by varsity.



There was a lot of pushing and shoving under the hoop as the Ramblers' Cass Dolbow fights for position against a tough St. Francis defense.

Red Devils give it their best against Kalkaska

The Red Devils extended an already-painful losing streak last week, losing to Kalkaska 80-64, taking the team's record to 1-6.

"We started off quite well and led after the first quarter," said head coach Steve Hines. By midway through the second quarter, though, Kalkaska took the lead, and East Jordan was down by five at half-time.

During the third quarter, Hines said the teams "played even," but the Red Devils still weren't able to turn the game in their favor. With three and a half minutes left in the game, East Jordan was down by eight, and, said Hines, "we started fouling."

"[Kalkaska] got hot in the second quarter," said Hines. "We turned the ball over a couple of times, gave them some easy baskets. You can't do that against good teams."

Overall, though, Hines was

pleased with his team's performance, noting that the game was closer than the 16-point spread would indicate.

"Overall, Friday night's game was the best game of the season," he said. "Our defense was still better [than they have been]."

Top scorers for the Red Devils were Ken Slough with 20, Scott Jones with 18, and Corban Shaw with 12. Slough and Shaw led the team in rebounds.

On Friday, East Jordan will host Elk Rapids. Of the match-up, Hines said, "[Elk Rapids is] in the same boat we are as far as win-loss record. It should be a real good ball game. Both teams are in a winless drought and are looking forward to picking up another win."

The JV game begins at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Boyne City

Jan. 19: Boys Basketball, at Charlevoix, 6 p.m., Freshman Basketball, at Charlevoix, 4:15 p.m.
Jan. 20: Volleyball, at Inland Lakes, 9 a.m.
Jan. 22: Volleyball, East Jordan, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 23: Boys Basketball, at East Jordan, 6 p.m.; Freshman Basketball, at East Jordan, 4:15, p.m.
Jan. 25: Volleyball, at Lincoln/Alcona, 6 p.m.; Skiing, at Harbor Springs, 5 p.m.
Jan. 26: Freshman Basketball, Inland Lakes, home, 4:15 p.m.
Jan. 27: Skiing, Boyne Mountain, home, 6 p.m.

East Jordan

Jan. 17: Skiing, at Schuss Mountain, 5 p.m.
Jan. 18: Elk Rapids, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 19: Freshman Basketball, Elk Rapids, home, 4:15 p.m.; Boys Basketball, Elk Rapids, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 20: JV Volleyball, at Inland Lakes, 9 a.m.
Jan. 22: Volleyball, at Boyne City, 6 p.m.
Jan. 23: Freshman Basketball, Boyne City, home, 4:15 p.m.; Boys Basketball, Boyne City, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 25: Skiing, at Nubs Nob, 5 p.m.; Volleyball, Harbor Springs, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 26: Freshman Basketball, at Harbor Springs, 4:15 p.m.; Boys Basketball, at Harbor Springs, 6 p.m.
Jan. 27: Varsity Volleyball, at St. Ignace, 9 a.m.

Boyne Falls

Jan. 18: Volleyball, at Wolverine, 6 p.m.
Jan. 19: Boys Basketball, Wolverine, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 22: Volleyball, Bellaire, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 23: Boys Basketball, Ellsworth, home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 25: Volleyball, at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m.
Jan. 26: Boys Basketball, at Alba, 6 p.m.
Jan. 27: Volleyball, at Harbor Light, 6 p.m.; Boys Basketball, Brimley, home, 3:30 p.m.

EJ YOUTH BASKETBALL

Two games were played in the East Jordan Youth Basketball League on Saturday, Jan. 13.

In the third/fourth Grade Division, the Blacks topped the Reds, 40-24. Darryl Bingham led the Blacks with 20 points, while Michael Hines added 16. Nate Peters and Zach Crothers had two apiece. Chelsea Carson was the top rebounder and Tony Pentcost led the defense. For the Reds, Marlon Yaldo and Jeb Doebel had eight points each, while Josh Williams had four. Levi Warnos and Neil Schneider added two each. John Thompson led the defense and Mike Manville was the top playmaker.

Also in the third/fourth Division, the Greys stopped the Teals, 20-12. For the Greys, Zach Shuler had eight points, with Andrew LaCount adding six. Beau Fuller and Jared Danbert chipped in with four and two, respectively.

For the Teals, Grayson Myas and Cody Morris had four points each, while Tyler Ingalls and Zak Pater had two. J.D. Bennett led the defense and Tanner Olstrom was the top playmaker. Jordan Richards and George Patton were strong on the boards.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

On Jan. 6, the Boyne Area Mini-Mites took two games over St. Ignace. In game one, Boyne won 4-2, led by Chase Kragenbrink, who had a hat trick. Mitchell Carlson assisted on one of Kragenbrink's goals, and Bryan Wonski scored an unassisted goal. Keegan Reynolds was in the net.

Boyne won game two 4-1, with two unassisted goals from Wonski, one unassisted goal by Kragenbrink, and a goal from Reynolds assisted by Carlson. Freddie Seagraves was between the pipes.

THE BOYNE Bulldogs girls' hockey team placed third in their division at the Midland Rainbow Girls' Hockey Tournament last weekend.

On Friday, the girls defeated the Alpena Thundercats 1-0 with a lone goal by Samantha Dunwoody with an assist from Thereseann Zimmerman. Goalie Allison Aown had the shut-out.

On Saturday morning, the Bulldogs played the Midland Icebreakers, losing 0-1. Allison Aown was in goal. On Saturday night, Boyne lost to the Mt. Pleasant Miss Conducts 0-4.

"The team gave an outstanding showing as a new team playing against teams that have been playing together for years," said coach Steve Anderson. "The girls really picked up their level of play against the tough and experienced downstate teams."

Boyne frosh stay perfect

The Boyne City freshmen kept their unbeaten streak alive by defeating Petoskey last Tuesday, 48-46. The Ramblers are now 6-0 overall and 3-0 in conference play.

Justin Houck and Tylor Daniels came off the bench and did a great job on offense and defense to pace the Ramblers, according to coach Scott Hausler.

Daniels came up with some big rebounds at crucial moments, and Houck got a key steal near the end of the game and scored some important buckets to give the Ramblers the lead.

Houck and Robert Noeske led the Ramblers with 10 points each, while Nick Follette added nine points and Daniels contributed seven. Daniels and Brenton Rozycki were the top rebounders, grabbing five apiece.

The freshmen also defeated St. Francis Friday night.

The Ramblers travel to Charlevoix Friday for a 4:15 p.m. game.

THE EAST JORDAN

freshman basketball team lost to Kalkaska on Jan. 12, 75-53. The Red Devils got off to a slow start and just couldn't catch up behind their 25 percent shooting.

Josh Sheridan led the Red Devils with 17 points and six rebounds. Ted Slough added 11 points. Az Ahmed, Richard Derenzy, and Alan Arnott each contributed two assists, with Ahmed also pulling down four rebounds.

The Red Devils are 0-5 on the season.

Red Devil boys ski to second place

East Jordan took to the slopes on Thursday, with the boys placing second to Petoskey's first at Boyne Mountain. Also competing were Boyne City, Charlevoix, and Harbor Springs.

Top skiers for the boys were Tarn Leach, who, according to coach Fred Hunt, "had an exceptional night," took fourth in the slalom and seventh

in giant slalom. Paul Teske took seventh in slalom and eighth in GS. Evan Chappuis took ninth overall.

Hunt was "very pleased" with the boys performance. "We're told Petoskey is pretty much unattainable, but we almost nipped them in the slalom," he said.

The girls placed fourth overall.

"They're very consistent," said Hunt. "I'm really proud of them."

East Jordan will race again at Schuess Mountain in a meet with Bellaire, Clare, and Gaylord on Wednesday, Jan. 17. "We're very confident going into that meet," said Hunt.

The meet begins at 5 p.m.

EJ netters earn win over Kalkaska

East Jordan traveled to the Inland Lakes Tourney on Jan. 13, winning four games and losing seven.

"We were missing some key players and I had to move some things around and this disrupted our continuity as a team," said East Jordan head coach Duane Kujat.

"There were times we had it together and did well, and times we beat ourselves. We like to think we will learn and grow from all our experiences."

Jamie Baker earned team MVP honors, serving at 93 percent and gathering 57 assists, while top pass-

ing honors went to Jessica Peverall, Wendy Walczak, and Rebecca Murray. Haley Shaw and Jackie Haley had eight block kills, with Jackie Haley adding 16 kills.

Earlier in the week, East Jordan came away from Kalkaska with a conference victory, defeating the Blazers 15-9, 15-7.

"The team played well and covered the floor great," said Kujat. "There was effort made to get every ball up and keep it in play."

Baker led the team with 14 assists and three digs. Baker also served 17 of 17 with one ace. Kristin Haley fin-

ished with three kills, two block kills, and three digs while serving 14 of 14 with three aces.

Peverall contributed seven kills, one block kill, and one dig, while Walczak served seven of seven with two kills and three digs. Jackie Haley contributed two kills and one block kill.

In junior varsity action, East Jordan lost in two games.

The Red Devils host Elk Rapids on Thursday with game time at 6 p.m. The JV travels to Inland Lakes Saturday for a 9 a.m. match.

Ramblers start slow but come back strong

Boyne City took some time to get started, losing the first match 4-15, but the Ramblers came back last Thursday to win the next two matches 15-3, 15-10 and defeat Traverse City St. Francis.

"After losing 15-4 in game one the girls settled into a rhythm to come back and win game two, 15-3," said Boyne City coach Dorine Britton.

Britton noted that outstanding net

play by Ali Swaim and Kriste Gaither was a big factor in winning game three.

Britton also praised the play of her setters. "My setters were outstanding. They made great choices on their hitters, which led to one of our best offensive games so far this season."

Swaim ended the night with nine kills and six blocks, while Gaither

contributed eight kills and six blocks and served for seven points.

Kelly Spaniak had four kills and served 11 points, Meredith Clemens had three kills, and Char Brandt added three kills while serving six points.

The JV team travels to Inland Lakes on Saturday; game time is 9 a.m. The Ramblers host East Jordan on Jan. 22.

Red devil jv working to improve defense

East Jordan's JV basketball squad took a beating against Kalkaska last week, losing with a final score of 72-58.

The Red Devils held their own, trailing by only two points with two minutes left in the game, then, according to head coach Lance Bailey, "broke down defensively."

"The players worked hard, but we must improve our defensive pressure and ability to handle adverse situations that arise in any basketball game," he said.

Leading the Red Devils in scoring were Kevin Roberts with 19, Robert Grover with 13, Chris DeCamp with nine and Jon Reese

with seven. Roberts also led the team in rebounds with 10, followed by Reese who had six. DeCamp contributed four steals.

The team was 14 of 21 from the line, for 67 percent.

East Jordan is 4-3 for the season, and will face Elk Rapids on Friday, Jan. 19.

Feeding deer in winter a bad idea

State officials are reminding Michigan residents that winter feeding of deer may spread bovine tuberculosis (TB) and urge residents not to feed deer regardless of the winter weather conditions.

Bovine TB is a bacterial disease that historically affected cattle but has been discovered in Michigan's white-tail deer population. The disease primarily affects animals' respiratory systems and spreads by close contact and through contaminated feed.

"Feeding wildlife through the winter has become somewhat of a tradition in Michigan," said Bob Bender, the state's Bovine TB Eradication Coordinator.

"Studies conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture show that bovine TB survives in cold weather conditions on deer feed for at least 12 weeks -- if you feed, you could unwittingly cause the spread of disease."

"Michigan's winters can be severe, and we may see some die-off of whitetail deer," said Rebecca Humphries, Wildlife Division Chief for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"However, we have to remember that winter feeding can create problems for deer such as disease transmission."

Due to the discovery of bovine TB in hunter harvested deer, the follow-

ing counties are under a total feeding and baiting ban; Alpena, Alcona, Antrim, Crawford, Mecosta, Montmorency, Iosco, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle. As soon as the Michigan Department of Community Health confirms that the suspect deer from Emmet County is positive for bovine TB, that county will also be included on the list.

Fines for feeding deer and elk in TB positive counties are set by Michigan courts. Feeding deer and elk in TB positive counties is considered a misdemeanor offense, punishable by not less than \$50, up to a maximum of \$500 and/or 90 days in jail.

Officials also want to remind people that supplemental feeding of deer and elk throughout the entire Lower Peninsula of Michigan is illegal, except for small amounts (two gallons) for recreational viewing, and then only within 100 yards of a residence. In the Upper Peninsula, supplemental feeding south of US-2 is banned, but is allowed by permit only North of US-2.

An educational pamphlet entitled "Considerations for people who feed deer and other wildlife" is available from the DNR's Rose Lake Wildlife Disease Laboratory by calling 517-373-9358.

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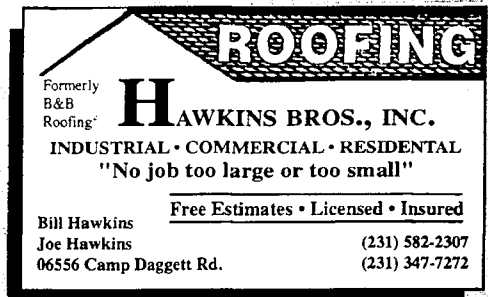


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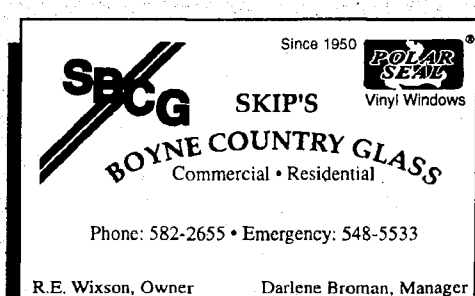
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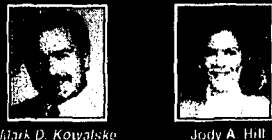
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File No. 01-010227-NC

In the matter of Jessica-Rae Anne Manriquez. To all interested persons whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following.

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2001 at 2:15 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: The petition(s) to change name filed by Judy Jenkins-Herriman requesting that the name of Jessica-Rae Anne Manriquez be changed to Jessica-Rae Anne Jenkins.

Date: Jan. 10, 2001

Judy Jenkins-Herriman
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Dated: Jan. 10, 2001

For more information please call: 248-593-1306
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met for their organizational meeting for the year on Jan. 10, 2001 in Charlevoix, Michigan. Copies of the complete minutes of the Board are on file in the office of the County Clerk and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

January 9, 2001, 7 p.m. meeting - The Commission reaffirmed land divisions and deed restrictions in the Boyne City Air Industrial Park, Phase II; authorized the collection of one half the school millage in the summer tax levy; denied a parcel reconfiguration at 1111 Marshall Road; approved a parcel division at 520 East Division Street; authorized the City to proceed with a property acquisition at the corner of South Park and River Streets; authorized the purchase of fire fighting equipment; and, accepting a Water Study as presented by Capital Consultants on the City's current water supply and storage system.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2001

Regular Board meetings	Second Wednesday, monthly, 9:30 a.m. Fourth Wednesday, monthly, 7 p.m.
Committee of the Whole	As necessary, no set schedule
Personnel/Internal Government	First Thursday, monthly, 9 a.m.
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Friends losing a friend to new challenges

After more than six years of heading up operations at Friends of the Jordan, John Hummer has decided it's time to move on.

"Basically I was in need of a change, and it was just time," said Hummer, who has taken a job as a staff writer for the Antrim County News, based in Bellaire.

"I've always enjoyed writing and being creative, expressing myself in words on paper," he said. "I found out about this opportunity, and decided to give it a whirl."

What he's leaving behind is years of plugging along in the name of protecting one of the area's most valued resources, the Jordan River and its surrounding watershed.

While the organization was incorporated in December of 1990, when Hummer came on board a few years later, there were still some basic issues to be attended to. "My first task was to have the organization become a 501(c)(3) organization for non-profit tax status," said Hummer, who also worked early on to create an organization brochure.

But besides the practical issues of running a non-profit organization, Hummer was active in the efforts to fulfill the group's mission, which is, simply, to conserve the natural resources and protect the environmental quality of the Jordan River and its watershed.

To do that, though, was not so simple, requiring diligence and patience. Still, said Hummer, "I feel really good that we've gotten a lot of major projects and efforts to the point where they can finish them off in the near future."

One of those projects is an effort to have the lower Jordan, which covers the river from Rogers Bridge to the mouth of the river in East Jordan, designated as a Wild Scenic River by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In 1995 and 1996, the group held public information meetings and submitted a revised Jordan River Management Plan, a requirement for the designation. Although the DNR had been supportive of the effort, the process stalled out at that point, with the state focusing on other rivers that had been deemed higher priorities. The project, though, said Hummer, had made a lot of progress, and is on-going.

Another major focus of the FOJ in the last six years had taken place during the period of late 1996 until early 1998, when the group found itself battling a developer seeking to drill a gas well in the

Jordan Valley.

With support from such groups as the Michigan Land Use Institute, the Michigan United Conservation Club, the Michigan Environmental Council, and the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, the FOJ was able to take its message, that this well and pipeline should not be allowed in the Jordan Valley, to enough people to result in the denial of permits from the DNR and the DEQ, effectively ending the developer's project.

Hummer is also proud of his involvement in moving forward a state land reserve initiative, which would in essence prohibit by law oil and gas leases on public land in the Jordan Valley. "Right now there is no legislation to prohibit any other developers from getting permits to lease or drill," said Hummer. "This initiative will hopefully do that."

Through a long and arduous process, Hummer and the FOJ secured support from local townships and the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, and sent a petition to the state's Natural Resources Commission.

The petition was reviewed earlier this year and sent back for revisions, which the group is currently working on.

The FOJ will also continue to take part in the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Project, a partnership project of several area organizations which hopes to restore any parts of the watershed impacted by non-point source pollution, and focus on the Watershed Center Building Project, an ongoing building restoration project with the intention of creating an environmental education and interpretive center with a focus on the Jordan River Watershed.

"I feel quite good that most of these projects are nearing completion," said Hummer, who will continue to be a member of the FOJ organization. "I feel like we made great strides toward protecting resources in the Jordan River watershed as well as getting the word out to the public about the importance of protecting that area, and I hope that will continue. I'm confident it will."

As for a new director, FOJ president John Richter said that the group is "sort of in the process of sorting it out." Having recently moved offices, said Richter, it's "required a concerted effort just to get reorganized in the thick of that. The process of bringing on a new director is kind of on the back burner."



John Hummer has left Friends of the Jordan after six years. He is now working as a staff writer for the Antrim County News.

The major concern, he said, is simply to keep the organization organized and functioning. At their recent annual meeting, the FOJ installed new board members, and discussed plans for the future, which include moving forward on the building project, as well as working on a watershed handbook and "half a dozen fairly major projects," said Richter. While Hummer's departure is "a major speed bump, especially with John's experience," Richter noted that the FOJ will keep going in the direction they've set out on. Perhaps not up and running, yet, laughed Richter, but certainly "up and walking."

For more information on the Friends of the Jordan, call Richter at 536-9947.

Drama students bringing Broadway to Boyne



Tuesday night, 16 members of the Boyne City High School drama department once again took the stage for the annual Boyne Meets Broadway dinner show at Stafford's One Water Street restaurant in Boyne City.

In its eighth season, the show boasts the best and brightest talent the drama department has to offer.

The concept of Boyne Meets Broadway started out with a simple conversation between Wollenberg and then-manager of One Water Street, Dennis Crissman. The two were discussing how some talented kids were spending time doing some "pretty basic hourly-wage jobs" during the summer, and that it would be nice to be able to put their talents to good use.

But since the summers tend to be rather hectic at the restaurant, it came around to creating a show for the downtime, usually at the end of January.

The rest, as they say, is history. Not only has the tradition become a popular attraction for area residents,

it also represents a great pairing of local education and business. "The idea of school to work is a really neat thing," said Wollenberg. "The theatrical business is more than acting on a stage."

Through the venture, students get a taste of the technical and business aspects of the job. "The kids got a real eye opener," said Wollenberg.

"It's a great learning experience," he said.

The students, for their part, have surprised Wollenberg with their reactions to the show. Initially, he figured students would regard Boyne Meets Broadway as "something we had to go do," while really focusing on the spring musical they'd be preparing for at the same time. But, instead, said Wollenberg, Boyne Meets Broadway, "became as important [as the spring show]" to the cast members.

"They found out that when you do things like this in small groups, it's fun," he said.

"I've been amazed at how many

kids said they really enjoy this," said Wollenberg.

The performance is paired with a five-course dinner.

This year, the group will entertain with tunes from shows ranging from Carousel to The Starlight Express. The show will also feature music from the fifties, including an appearance by "Elvis."

Cast members include Russell VanHorn, Ted Polleys, Patrick Cassidy, Aaron Place, Joe Houser, Aaron Barsy, Eric VanHorn, John Hoaglund, Mallory O'Brien, Asuka Barden, Rebecca Houser, Betsy Weber, Jenn Compton, Emma Dunne, Katie Grice, and Molly Babb, along with alternate Kelsi Brewer.

Wollenberg will direct the show, along with his wife, Jackie, and with musical direction from Dee Kelly and Bill Kelly.

Upcoming show dates are Jan. 23, 24, and 30, at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets may be purchased at One Water Street for \$25.50 per person. Advance purchase is encouraged.

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Dr. Campbell sees patients by appointment in Petoskey and at a satellite office in St. Ignace. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Campbell, please call North Bay Ophthalmology at 231-487-2370.

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