

OPINION

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LETTERS

'Tis the season to shop locally

TO THE EDITOR:

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's often easy to forget what the season is all about. Family, friends and community are the foundation of our small town way of life, and the backbone of our economy that keeps our town healthy are the small businesses that depend on our patronage. These businesses are the ones that continue to support, through their generous donation, to our sports teams, churches and other worthy non-profit organizations.

I know I find a sense of personal pride in shopping and supporting local businesses, knowing my dollars are staying in the community in which I live.

Please remember to shop locally, save a buck or two on gas, avoid the crowds. Boyne area businesses provide a great variety of services and products at amazingly competitive prices (often better than the big city stores). This holiday season and in seasons to come take a sense of pride that by shopping local you are supporting your own neighbors and community in many positive ways.

Scott MacKenzie
Boyne City Chamber of Commerce

BETWEEN THE LINES

Lessons ring true for the holidays

By ANGELA SHULTIS

Does anyone recall what it was we were all thinking about last year at about this time? What major news item was on our minds and lips? What was it that kept the major media in soundbites and court rulings for weeks on end?

I'll help you out — it was the election that wouldn't end, with chads and Palm Beach becoming the subjects of most of the half-baked jokes flying on the information superhighway and over the office water cooler. We were alternately indignant over being embroiled in such a mess (is he or isn't he?) and feeling a little in awe over witnessing what seemed to be a significant historic event.

Who could have known, at the time, what we would be looking at less than a year down the road?

What I know now that I didn't know then was that if an event is truly a ground-shaking historic one, no one will have to analyze it to death and parade it around in the media for everyone to make note of it. It will, in fact, smack you in the face without a moment's notice, leaving you with no need to search out the historical significance through pundits arguing on Meet the Press. A real moment in history, as it turns out, leaves you with no doubts about its presence, or potential for future resonance.

Last year, in early December, I waxed philosophical in print about living through history in the making. And certainly, last year's election was indeed an historic, albeit convoluted, chain of events. Now, though, looking back I feel a bit foolish at having taken that typically American vantage point of self-importance to gloat about "living through history." Surely, the election debacle will show up in the history books our kids and grandkids will study, but thus far I've seen no evidence that the events that unfolded between election day and inauguration have instigated even one iota of change. No one, however, will need a history book to remember what happened on Sept. 11; its changes were immediate, and are still something we witness daily.

I know it's the holiday season, when thoughts should be turning to love, peace, and good cheer, and rightfully so. What year in recent memory has given us more reasons to need a bit of brightness and good will? Christmas this year is inexorably wrapped up in our continued reaction to what happened. Witness the Christmas light displays this season — when, in the past, have you ever seen so much red, white, and blue mixed in with the red and green? When was the last time you saw an American flag displayed in twinkling lights alongside festive reindeer, mangers, and Christmas trees, without a trace of irony?

I know that many of us, this holiday season, are praying for peace even as we support the efforts of our troops in Afghanistan; while our thoughts are with those brave Americans so far from home at Christmastime, our hearts are holding those near us just a little closer. Living through this moment in history has taught us many lessons, to be sure, most of which involve a vast amount of gratitude, and a greater understanding of hope, and nothing could be more relevant during this, the holiday season.

So Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and, most of all, here's to peace on earth.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Santa Claus: 'He lives, and he lives forever...'

By DAVID LEIN

"Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know." — Montaigne

When I was seven, Brad Martin told me there wasn't any Santa Claus. He said Mom and Dad really bought the presents, and there were no elves, reindeer or Jolly Ol' St. Nick.

I went home from school that day rather upset. The questions on my mind ranged from doubt to disbelief. Had I been good over the last 11 months for nothing? Or was Santa presenting the final test of my loyalty?

Nevertheless, Brad was kind of a jerk and I wanted to set the record straight with Mom. Like all certified veterans, she read my eyes from the heart below.

"What's on your mind, my little one?"
"Oh nothing," I mumbled through a mustache of milk and cookie crumbs.

"Come now," she said, brushing the orange cowlick out of my eyes. "Something is the matter."

"Well," I sputtered, "there's this kid at school who says there really isn't a Santa Claus, and that you guys are the ones who buy us presents."

Walking into the room, my 12-year-old brother John said, "Now you've done it. I just saw one of his elves outside the window. And once he gets back and tells the big guy what you said, you won't get anything."

"No, you're the one who won't get anything," Mom told my former buddy as she looked over the sill, "because he's probably still out there."

We rushed to the window, but only a swirl of snow remained.

Looking back at me, Mom said, "you were saying something about a boy at school who thinks your father and I are Santa Claus?"

Hesitating, I looked out the window and whispered. "Well, that's what he told me... but I don't know if I believe him."

Glancing at my dad, she smiled and said, "You can believe anything you like, but your father and I are not Santa Claus. He is someone very special. In fact, a part of him lives inside each one of us."

"Perhaps your friend has had a misunderstanding," she added. "When people become mothers and fathers, they are chosen to help Santa Claus with his Christmas duties. And when a situation develops where Santa isn't available, we help him there too. Mr. Claus is a very

busy man, and to make sure Christmas is special for everyone, he wants all of us to give a part of ourselves to each other."

I sat and listened, a million questions surfacing in my mind.

"How do you know?" I asked.

"It's not really a question of knowing," Dad said as he stuffed his pipe with fresh tobacco. "but believing."

This was familiar ground for my dad, a Lutheran minister.

"Some things in life we will never fully understand. Questions remain unanswered sometimes, because we can't really provide an understandable response. You just know because of what's inside your heart," he added.

Later, sitting in my room I thought about what they had said.

Sure, perhaps Brad was partially right. Maybe his parents did represent Santa Claus. But maybe mine did, too, both on some sort of special mission.

In fact, I could imagine Dad on the spy phone in his study right now, telling the big fella about my questions, and (hopefully) that I had not swung to the dark side of unbelief.

I don't really remember much else about that Christmas 28 years ago, except for a few choice memories. Around four in the morning, I heard something on our roof. It could have been hoof beats, or someone moving boxes in the attic; hard to tell.

I did end up getting everything on my list, even some things I only secretly wished for. But probably my most vivid memory from 1973 would be that, after flushing his sister's Barbie down the toilet on Thanksgiving, Brad Martin didn't get much of anything for Christmas that year, except socks and underwear. After which, to the best of my knowledge, he never once told another soul that Santa Claus didn't exist.

"No Santa Claus!" Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood." — Francis P. Church

Editor's Note: David Lein is a resident of northern Michigan, currently employed in the area of public relations. He was a columnist for the Manistee News Advocate for two years, and at the Mt. Pleasant Morning Sun for two more years. His column will be featured occasionally in The Citizen-Journal.

CHECK IT OUT

Global dreams start with each one of us

By NANNETTE MILLER

My Christmas cards this year have this message inside: We are all Earth's children, and though we live and pray and celebrate in different ways, we are linked by a common dream—Peace. Beautiful Peace on Earth.

While I want God to bless America as much as everyone who patriotically displays that message, what's wrong with God Bless the World? I believe the quote is, "For God so loved the world..."

Several years ago a book by James Redfield called "The Celestine Prophecy" became a huge best seller, topping the New York Times Bestseller List for months. The book, described as "an adventure in pursuit of a spiritual mystery" by one reviewer, seemed to me to be akin to a poorly written Indiana Jones story.

What made it so popular? I think it was because wrapped up in the mediocre writing and unbelievable plot was the vision of a completely spiritual culture on earth, and hope of salvation for this planet, its creatures and its beauty. According to Redfield, as each human being grasps the nine key insights into life, one after another, we will enter an era of true spiritual awareness, synthesizing physics, ecology, religion, and psychology into a new spiritual "common sense."

I think the most interesting, and useful, part of Redfield's Celestine vision is that it all begins with me. By "me" I don't mean just me personally, but every individual in every neighborhood, community, and country. If we have a global dream, it must first become a reality in each of us.

I am giving myself a gift this year. I will avoid angry people with an ax to grind who mistake me for a whetstone. I will steer clear of self-righteous people with venom in their tongues and hatred in their hearts. I will turn a deaf ear to negativity, pessimism, and fear.

Instead, I will enjoy and appreciate my family and friends. I will hear only joyful sounds. I will take in the beauty around me until my heart, mind, and soul are filled with gratitude for what I consider God's greatest gifts; earth, life, love.

All of us at the Boyne District Library wish you a blessed Christmas and a year filled with peace, joy, and of course, books.

(Nannette Miller is the director of the Boyne District Library.)



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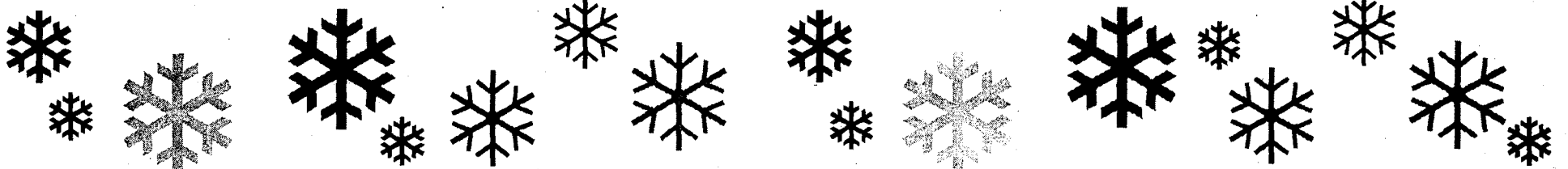
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JUST LIKE THE FOLKS IT WORKS TO HELP, CHALLENGE MOUNTAIN IS

Rising to every challenge

Though it's been around for nearly 20 years, Challenge Mountain is poised on the edge of the future, and things are looking brighter than ever. With a mission to help "the physically challenged and the mentally impaired meet their maximum potential through outdoor recreation," the organization is doing all it can to realize its dreams past, present and future. Assisting in that quest is newly-hired director Sue Moody, who has mobilized volunteer and fund-raising efforts to bring the organization into its next phase of service.

Founded in 1982, Challenge Mountain was created through the efforts of Darla Evans, a local resident whose daughter, Chrise, was confined to a wheelchair due to numerous birth defects.

When her daughter was five, Darla took her to the National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park, Colo., where Chrise learned to ski all but the most difficult slopes within the space of a week, using special equipment adapted to her needs. Seeing the difference the experience made in her daughter's confidence and self-esteem, Darla quickly agreed when the facility's operator, Hal O'Leary, proposed that, in lieu of payment, she take her experience back to Michigan and work to begin a similar program.

Upon her return, Darla, true to her promise, began to make phone calls and knock on doors looking for support — and, according to Moody, was "turned down at a million places." Eventually, however, persistence paid off in the form of a commitment from Boyne USA Resorts, which allowed Darla to try out her ideas at Boyne Mountain.

Finding success right from that point on, by 1984 Darla had incorporated into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and had received an invaluable gift — the old Walloon Hills Ski facility, including 160 acres of land and an existing lodge, courtesy of Boyne USA.

Since then, the volunteer-driven organization has worked to make their ski program available to all interested in using it, while struggling to improve and increase facilities, including work on the lodge which was, Moody said, "in poor repair when we got it." Steadily, Challenge Mountain has grown to provide a consistent and creative program for its target population.

Offering free instruction and use of equipment to skiers with handicaps such as Cerebral Palsy, Down's Syndrome, vision impairments, and other physical and mental disabilities, the Challenge Mountain slopes are available when needed by schools and individuals at no cost, and are utilized regularly by organizations such as Camp Quality.

Skiing is by appointment only, to ensure a one-to-one ratio of instructors and students. Skiers are taken up the hill by snowmobile or paddle tow, and special equipment such as ski bras, sit skis, mono skis and bi skis are available to meet individual needs.

When a skier has conquered the slopes at Walloon Hills and is ready to move on to bigger challenges, Challenge Mountain loans equipment, and a volunteer if needed, at no charge.

"Skiing greatly enriches the self-esteem [of participants]," Moody said of the philosophy behind the program. Participants are doing something they never thought they could do, while building the abilities they need to move onto other activities.

"It's an outdoor recreation, a great form of physical exercise," she said, and, maybe most importantly, shows disabled and at-risk individuals that they are able to tackle something thought to be "far out of their reach" and master it.

The ski program, in fact, has received special attention this year, leading to Challenge Mountain being selected as the location for the area Special Olympics events to be held this snow season. The selection occurred after board president Mike Hurchick spent some time skiing with the blind daughter of a Special Olympic coach. "[The coach] got up the courage to ask us if we'd be interested [in being a Special Olympics location]," Moody said, "and we said 'yes, we want to, we want to.' It's a real neat marriage, to be able to do things to help them out." Though it's not official, Moody expects that Challenge Mountain will be the annual site for the area-level event.

While the success of the basic program has quietly flourished over the years, it's been in the last year, Moody said, that "we've discovered that we want to do so much more." Use of the program is greater than ever,



Challenge Mountain's resale shop, like the rest of the organization, is volunteer-driven. Here, director Sue Moody (fourth from left) poses with the "Thursday crew," Judy Leist, Sarah Brown, Faye Jean Brown-Bearss, Jane Lawson and Tim Bunting. Thursday volunteers not pictured are Linda Mathers and Sally Kleinschrodt.

but the hope is to double even the highest number of participants in the next year. With an all-time high number of volunteers, about 50 total in the organization, Challenge Mountain is looking to add a weekday to its normal weekend-only schedule, and is now offering its program to groups of at-risk kids from area schools, as well.

Other hopes for the future include adding a summer program, complete with canoeing, sailing, camping, and other outdoor activities. The property is already equipped with a hiking trail, according to Moody, who said that in the future, volunteers will be grooming the trail and labeling plants, trees, and other points of interest for nature hikes.

Funding for existing offerings has come historically from grants, as well as proceeds garnered through the Challenge Mountain Resale Shop, located on M-75 South in Boyne City. Established around the same time as the organization established its non-profit status, the resale shop began as a small shop in Boyne Falls, making about \$14 a day. "And that was a good day," Moody laughed.

Eventually, the operation made the move to a more visible location in downtown Boyne City, and later found a larger home at its current location.

The shop depends on donated items to generate revenue, and runs almost entirely on a volunteer staff, save for store manager Cindy Hall. "We're really pleased at how the community has supported [the resale shop]," Moody said, "making donations, coming and buying items."

Most proceeds are directed back into support for the mountain and its programs, but this is one organization that also believes in giving back from what limited resources it has, by contributing what it can to other community organizations such as Camp Quality and the Boyne Area Community Christmas program. "One year we gave money to the Boyne City EMS, because they've been really helpful to us," Moody said.

Much of Moody's job is about finances, and much of her time thus far has been spent on exploring grants, fund-raising opportunities, and other aspects of financial development — all things that future growth will depend upon. "We know we have the facilities to do it, the dedicated volunteers to do it," Moody said. "It's all contingent on the money, to add new programs, to make improvements, to buy equipment."

Money, though necessary, is truly a secondary concern for Challenge Mountain, as Moody makes it clear that the organization is first and foremost thinking of ways to serve those in need of their talents. What they want people to know, she said, is that "We're there, and we're ready to help."

For more information, call 582-6966 or 535-2141, or visit www.challengemtn.org. To make donations of clothing, books, toys, or household items, visit the resale shop during regular hours, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Donations must be processed by store staff, and can only be accepted during store hours.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

BOYNE CITY AND BOYNE FALLS

The United Methodist Church in Boyne City will hold its Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Monday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. In Boyne Falls the Christmas Eve service will be held at 8 p.m. The churches are located at 407 Mill St. in Boyne Falls, and 324 S. Park St. in Boyne City.

St. Matthew's Catholic Church will hold its Christmas Eve childrens mass on Monday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m. and Christmas Eve (traditional midnight mass) at 8 p.m. On Tuesday, Christmas Day mass will be held at 11 a.m. St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls will hold Christmas Day mass at 9 a.m. St. Matthew's is located at 1303 Boyne Ave. in Boyne City, and St. Augustine's is located at the corner of Grove and Maple streets in Boyne Falls.

Christ Lutheran Church will hold Christmas Eve Candlelight services on Monday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. The church is located at 1250 Boyne Ave. in Boyne City.

The First Presbyterian Church will hold its Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Communion service on Monday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 401 S. Park St. in Boyne City.

Trinity Fellowship will have a Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion on Monday, Dec. 24, from 6-7 p.m. The church is located at 401 State St.

The Episcopal Church of the Nativity will hold a Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24, with a community sing to start at 6:30 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by a Candlelight Eucharistic Service, led by the Reverend R. Clausen A special lullaby will be sung and taught to the congregation by church pianist Carol McCarus's son, Michael. Nativity Church is located next to the Boyne District Library on Main Street.

EAST JORDAN

The United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Monday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 201 Fourth St. in East Jordan.

St. Joseph Catholic Church will hold a Christmas Eve Children's Mass on Monday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m., and Mass for midnight at 10 p.m. and on Tuesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, at 10:30 a.m. St. John's Catholic Church will hold mass Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 8 a.m. St. Joseph's is located at 207 Nichols St., and St. John's is on M-32, both in East Jordan.

The First Presbyterian Church will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service on Monday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 207 Williams St. in East Jordan.

Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a Christmas Eve service on Monday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m. The service will feature carols, candlelighting, and Holy Communion. Evangelical Lutheran is located at 7855 Rogers Road which is two miles south of East Jordan on route 66.

WALLOON LAKE

The Walloon Lake Community Church will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion on Monday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 04320 M-75 North in Walloon Lake.

BC approves land transfer

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Other claims included in the suit were that the property in question was not owned entirely by the City of Boyne City, and that the portion was not zoned for industrial development. By approving the transfer, the commission effectively settled the lawsuit; however, pointed out Murray, the measure in no way indicated an admission of wrongdoing in moving forward with the original annexation.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHP

CONGRATULATIONS go out to Henry Erber of Boyne City! After a year of classes, he has completed the course and is now officially a paramedic.

U.S. AIR FORCE Sgt. Donald Langerman, on leave from Alaska, spent a few days in the Boyne area, visiting his sisters Tricia and Kim. Upon his departure, he is being shipped out for overseas duty.

THE RESIDENTS of Litzenger Place welcomed students from Boyne Falls this week, as they did a nice job of spreading the joy of Christmas with a caroling program, after which all enjoyed Christmas cookies, punch and hot chocolate.

JIM AND BETH LORD of Portege, former residents of East Jordan, welcomed the arrival of their first children, twin girls, on Dec. 13. Hannah Alexis weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and measured 20 inches in length and Katlyn Elizabeth weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and measured 20 inches at their birth at Kalamazoo Borgess Medical Center. Grandparents are Terry and Pat Ward and Calvin and Gail Gotts, all of East Jordan.

THE ANNUAL Christmas gathering for the Deming sisters and brothers was held on Saturday at the Cal and Helen Deming home in Boyne City this year. Attending were Florence Kominski, Edith Covert, Ruth and Bob Nichols, all of Boyne, and Barb and Pete Kerr and Shirley and Don Mayhew, of East Jordan. All missed sisters Cora Brooks, who was unable to attend due to illness, and Mary Towne, previously committed to attending the benefit dinner at the VFW Hall for the new Boyne City Senior Center.

VIRGINIA HEGERBERG flew out this week to spend the holidays with her daughter and husband, the Rev. Richard and Pam Schmidt

and family in St. Louis, Mo.

MIKE HEATON, former Boyne resident now living in Onaway, is here visiting his mother, Wilma. He's between jobs and most likely will be able to spend the holidays with her.

CONCORD ACADEMY Boyne kindergartners, parents and teachers Laura Shirilla and Lorraine Raven were welcomed guests at Litzenger Place on Thursday afternoon. Precious moments they were, seeing them sing. It was a rewarding time for all, as the kids politely gave out their homemade Christmas tree ornaments, cookies and candy and enjoyed treats in return. They wished all a Merry Christmas and went out the door, with echoing laughter as they went down the hall.

THE TRINITY Fellowship Church performed a wonderful program on Saturday night, Sunday morning and evening, called, "Mighty Messenger." The many attending were greatly moved by the story, beautiful music and outstanding costumes and the performance of the children. Directors Rachelle Wittenmyer, Michelle Web, and Erin Shown and the cast are to be commended.

GREG HARDY and friend Vicky of Boyne City went to Burton, Mich. to visit his new grandson, Cadon Jeffrey Simon, who was born at home on Dec. 4 to Nathaniel and Angela Hardy. Caden weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs. and measured 19 1/4 inches long at his birth. His siblings are Amanda, 3 1/2, Jacob, 2 1/2, and Taylie, 17 months. Grandparents are Terry and Donna Conroy of Union Grove, Wis., Tina Whitfield of Petoskey and Greg Hardy of Boyne City. Great-grandparents are Leo Crouch of Petoskey, Mary Smith of Germantown, N.C., Ron and Billy Erkfitz of Waco, Texas, Ed and Donna Huber of Fruitland Park, Fla. and Elwood and Phyllis Hardy of Boyne City. Great-great-grandmother is Zola Hardy of Petoskey.

ANICETURNOUT attended the delicious benefit dinner on Saturday night at the VFW Hall in Boyne City. A fund-raiser for the upcoming new Boyne City Senior Citizen Center included door prizes and a 50-50 drawing, won by Bud Bates. A big teddy bear went to May Horn.

HONEYWELL OF Boyne City had a great turnout at the K of C Hall on Saturday night for their annual Christmas Dinner Party. Good food, music, door prizes and the holiday spirit made it a great evening out.

JASMINE WILLIAMS, 4, of Boyne Falls was honored by her parents, Shawn Williams, Tricia and sisters, Maria and Randi on Sunday afternoon with an early family birthday party.

LOUIS AND SUZANNE Sevnski of Huffman Lake Road welcomed the arrival of a son, Christian Louis Sevnski, at Northern Michigan Hospital on Dec. 16. Christian Louis weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and measured 18 1/2 inches in length at his birth. He has a sister, Charissa Deanna, 7, and a brother Austin Taylor, 4. Grandparents are Verlin and Dorothy Thompson of Boyne City and Jack and Lulubell Sevnski of Elmira. Great-grandmother is Arlene Inman of Boyne City.

THE BOYNE CITY Barbershoppers made their much-appreciated annual holiday visit to Litzenger Place this week, after entertaining those at Grandvue, where Doc Heaton, who was visiting his wife Vivian, joined them. They were just outstanding, creating such a fun time in their professional performance. Being a Barbershopper must be in the blood, because Ray Speltz of Boyne City was among them as a third generation member. A real treat was the performance of the Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir, Year 2000 Pioneer District Champions, and the infamous poet of the group, Ron Willy of Charlevoix, reciting a poem about Australian Nuns.

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

NAME: Jessica Ann Clark
PARENTS: Bryce and Patty Clark
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: JV Volleyball, concert, pep and marching band
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Flute, rollerblading, some/most group projects, medicine and the human body, and teach seventh grade CCD
FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS: "I plan to attend a university and earn a medical degree in the field of a M.D. or become a registered nurse specializing in an intensive care unit."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jessica is a pleasure to have in biology," said Elizabeth Hemming. "I am thrilled with her desire to take an active part in her own learning. She is focused, self-directed and has a great work ethic. I need mention her cell project this year - Jessica did a great job as she cares about her academics and works hard to achieve her goals. Congratulations Jessica."



Jessica Ann Clark

East Jordan

NAME: Amanda Brewer
GRADE: Junior
PARENTS: Lois and Reuben Brewer
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Fellowship of Christian Students
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Reading and architecture
FUTURE PLANS: College to get my masters in architecture and a career in architecture
FAVORITE CLASSES: Drafting fabrication and independent drafting
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "A sweet and caring student who always brightens up the classroom," said Carolyn Hardy. "Amanda is always prepared to work and the quality of her work is outstanding," said John Cross. "Amanda is such a positive influence on others," said Jennifer Richardson. "She is a very hardworking and responsible young lady."



Amanda Brewer

Boyne Falls

NAME: Victor Hart
PARENTS: Victor and Lois Hart
GRADE: eighth
FAVORITE CLASS: Gym
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Basketball
FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS: Play college basketball
FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL TEAM: Lakers
FAVORITE COLOR: Red
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
FAVORITE MOVIE: Scary Movie
FAVORITE BOOK: Bud not Buddy
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Victor is a hardworking student who has put forth an incredible effort this year," said Angela King. "Never missing a single assignment, he has proven himself a fine example to the rest of his class. Victor has also displayed exceptional initiative and infused the classroom experience with positive behavior by treating his teacher, fellow students, and his education with respect."



Victor Hart

OBITUARIES

Carol M. Martin

Mrs. Carol M. Martin passed away Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001 at McPherson Hospital following an extended illness.

She was born Tuesday, May 14, 1929 in Canby, Minnesota the daughter of Earl L. and Veryl (Greiner) Lawson. On Nov. 12, 1994 she was married to Richard Martin. They resided in the South Lyon and Howell areas. Mr. Martin preceded her in death on April 18, 2000.

Carol was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brighton V.F.W. She retired in 1994 from her job as a solderer in a component manufacturing firm.

She is survived by her 4 children; Steaven (Encar) Kitson of Virginia Beach, Sherry (Jeff) Grandsen of Brighton, Patricia Kitson of Howell and Kerri Kitson of Brighton; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters; and 3 brothers. She is preceded in death by her son Stanley Kitson.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Keehn Funeral Home, with Brother Jerry Gray officiating. Burial followed at the South Lyon Cemetery, South Lyon, Mich.

The family has requested memorial contributions to the American Lung Association.

Phyllis Ilene Tooley

Phyllis Ilene Tooley, 71, a resident of Mt. Pleasant since 1959, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001 in Lake Orion, Mich. Friends and family are invited to meet from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4, 2002 at the Helms Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. A graveside service will be held at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City in the summer.

Phyllis was born Jan. 14, 1930 in Boyne City, the daughter of Lewis and Ada Crowell Davis. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1948 and from Butterworth Hospital School of Nursing in 1952. On Oct. 9, 1954 she married Arthur Tooley in Charlevoix.

She was a registered nurse working at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility, for Dr. Nosan for 15

years, and Dr. Frank Johnson for five years. Phyllis was active in Hospice of Central Michigan, and a Girl Scout leader. She enjoyed camping with family and water color painting.

Phyllis is survived by two daughters, Nancy (Frank) Rogala of Anaheim, Calif. and Martha (Dean) Yanuszski of Lake Orion, Mich.; two grandchildren, Leah Deanne Yanuszski and Craig V. Yanuszski; and a sister, Louanne Davis of Jackson, Mich. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arthur in 1996; brothers Bob Davis and Fay Davis; and a sister, Esther Schartz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Michigan or to the charity of one's choice. Envelopes are available at the Helms Funeral Home.

David H. Beck

David H. Beck, 78, of East Jordan, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 15, at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth with the Rev. Celia M. Hastings officiating. Burial was held in Atwood Cemetery.

David was born March 6, 1923, in Grosse Ile, the son of Albert and Laura (Hunt) Beck. On Aug. 26, 1955, he married Sara Burns in Charlevoix. They lived in the Atwood area until 1970 when they moved to East Jordan. David served with the U.S. Army during World War II, serv-

ing in Germany and Belgium. He worked for many years as a self-employed house painter.

He enjoyed visiting neighbors. He also liked animals, especially his Siberian Husky, "Skye."

Surviving are his wife, Sara; a daughter, Charlotte (Barry) Browe of Boyne City; four grandchildren, Jeremy Simonsen, Crystal Simonsen, Alanna Simonsen, and Lara Simonsen; one great-granddaughter, Ashlin Schnell. He was preceded in death by a son, Albert John Beck in 1960; by his sisters Ina and Charlotte; and brothers Bert and Tom.

Neville Gerald Weeks

Neville Gerald Weeks, 63, of Boyne City, passed away Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001 at his home.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Dec. 12, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City. The Rev. Francis Partridge officiated.

Neville, the son of Thelma and John R. Clark was born in Boyne City. As a young boy he moved to Fenton. He returned to Boyne City in 1976 after a career in banking and owning Party Store in Fenton.

In 1976, Neville, his brother, Mike and father opened Boyne Country Party Shop in Boyne City. It was sold in 1990. They also operated Boyne Country Station, which was purchased in 1980 and sold July 1997.

Neville served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1957-1959. On July 27, 1979, he married Nancy Prieur.

Neville was a local legend known and loved by everyone he met. He had many loyal friends and loved to golf and play cards. Any friends that he made were friends for life. He will be dearly missed by all.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy of Boyne City; four children, Shannon (Adams) Freid of St. Louis, Mo., Stacie (Brian) Darr of Midland, Shellie (Phillip) Torres of Holly, son, Shawn of Holly; father, John Clark of Boyne City; five grandchildren, Benjamin, Sydney, Justin, Jesse and Spencer; two brothers, Charles (Linda) Weeks of Corunna, Michael (Jane) Weeks of Boyne City; three sisters, Betty (Lee) Salmon of Okemos, Collette (Jack) Bauman of Livonia, Linda (Paul A.) Wooten of Boyne City; many nieces and nephews; special friends, Bob Bobowski, Ted Penny, Chuck, Andy and Tim Vondra, Den Schrader, Randy Swift, Art Gibbs, Patty LaPeer. He was preceded in death by his mother, Thelma, in 1998.

Memorials may be directed to the family or to the charity of choice. A special thank you to Nancy Sullivan and Joy Gibbs for their compassion during Neville's final days.

Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City is in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICE

Martin Earl Ruhling, Jr.

Martin Earl Ruhling, Jr., age 59, went to be with God on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001. A private service will be

held at a later date. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Thank You

I would like to thank family, friends and the community for all the care and support they have shown us during my husband, Neville's recent illness and subsequent passing. When times got difficult there was always someone near to offer words of comfort. You are a testimony to what a wonderful community Boyne City is. Thank you again.
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HOLIDAY Calendar

Boyne Area

TROLLEY TOUR OF LIGHTS Dec. 14-23

Take a tour of area lights with a ride at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Pickup at Boyne Country Books. The tours are free, but tickets are necessary to ride; tickets are available in advance or the time of the tour at Boyne Country Books. The trolley tours are sponsored by the Boyne Valley Lions Club and the Boyne City Rotary Club.

BOYNE AREA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKETS Dec. 21

Christmas baskets for families in need in the Boyne Falls and Boyne City school districts will be packed at the Knights of Columbus Hall on M-75 S in Boyne City. Non-perishable food and new, unwrapped gift items can be dropped off at 9 a.m.; packers are

needed at 10 a.m., and deliveries will begin at 1 p.m. Anyone with the names of individuals or families in need can call Arith Hawley at 582-7880 or Thelma Behling at 582-6870. Checks can be mailed to Rev. Buzz Walls at 320 Bay St., Boyne City, MI 49712. Donations of food and gifts can also be dropped off at local churches and schools or can be picked up by committee members if necessary.

LIVE NATIVITY Dec. 21 and 22

A live Nativity scene will be presented on Friday, Dec. 21, and Saturday, Dec. 22, every half hour between 6 and 8 p.m. Several local families will portray the holy family, shepherds, wisemen, and angels, and will be accompanied by music. The presentation will take place on Horton Bay Road, 1/4 mile off of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road in Horton Bay.

East Jordan

SNO-LOVERS BREAKFAST Sundays

The East Jordan Sno-mobilers will hold a Sno-Lovers breakfast every

Sunday, Dec. 2 through March 2002 at the clubhouse from 7 a.m.-12 noon. Cost: adults - \$5, children 5-12 \$2, and under five eat free.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE PROMOTION Dec. 1-24

Participating businesses will have a special "Children's Christmas Tree" on display for children 12 years and under to purchase gifts for family and friends. All gifts will be \$10 or less. Sponsors include Karen Walker Photography; Custom Frame and Photo; Plaid Petunias; E.J. Shoppe; Busy Bridge Gifts and Antiques; The Quilt Cottage; Vanity Fair businesses - Nail Nook, Sunnyside Up Tanning, Tinea's Hair Connection; Jordan Valley Outfitters; Jordan Valley Floral; Lumber Jack's Restaurant; Jordan River Arts Council; Raven Hill Discovery Center; Gatherings; Galmore's; Sacred Sparks.

7th-12th GRADE BAND Wednesday, Dec. 19

The 7th-12th grade band concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the East Jordan High School auditorium.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Sunday, Dec. 23

The Lighthouse Missionary Church will hold a Christmas Musical at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Pastor Jim Jordan at 536-2128.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE Monday, Dec. 24

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at the United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE Thursday, Dec. 27

Raven Hill will hold an open house from 5-8 p.m., and invites the community to join them in celebrating the holiday season. Raven Hill is located between East Jordan and Boyne City, off C-48 on Pearsall Road.

Walloon Lake

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Sunday, Dec. 23

The Walloon Lake Community Church will be Christmas caroling in the Village of Walloon at 5 p.m. There will be a soup and chili supper following the caroling. For more information call 535-2288.



Toys for girls and boys

The BCMS school store staff recently raised \$300 for the Boyne Area Community Christmas program. The students used the money to purchase toys for the effort. Pictured here, back row from left, Amanda Lambdin, Robert Floyd, Shanna Hodgkinson, Ken Poirot, Jackson Watkins, and Mike Fannin. Seated in front are Amanda Belly and Kasara Hosmer. Not pictured: Tim Lewis.

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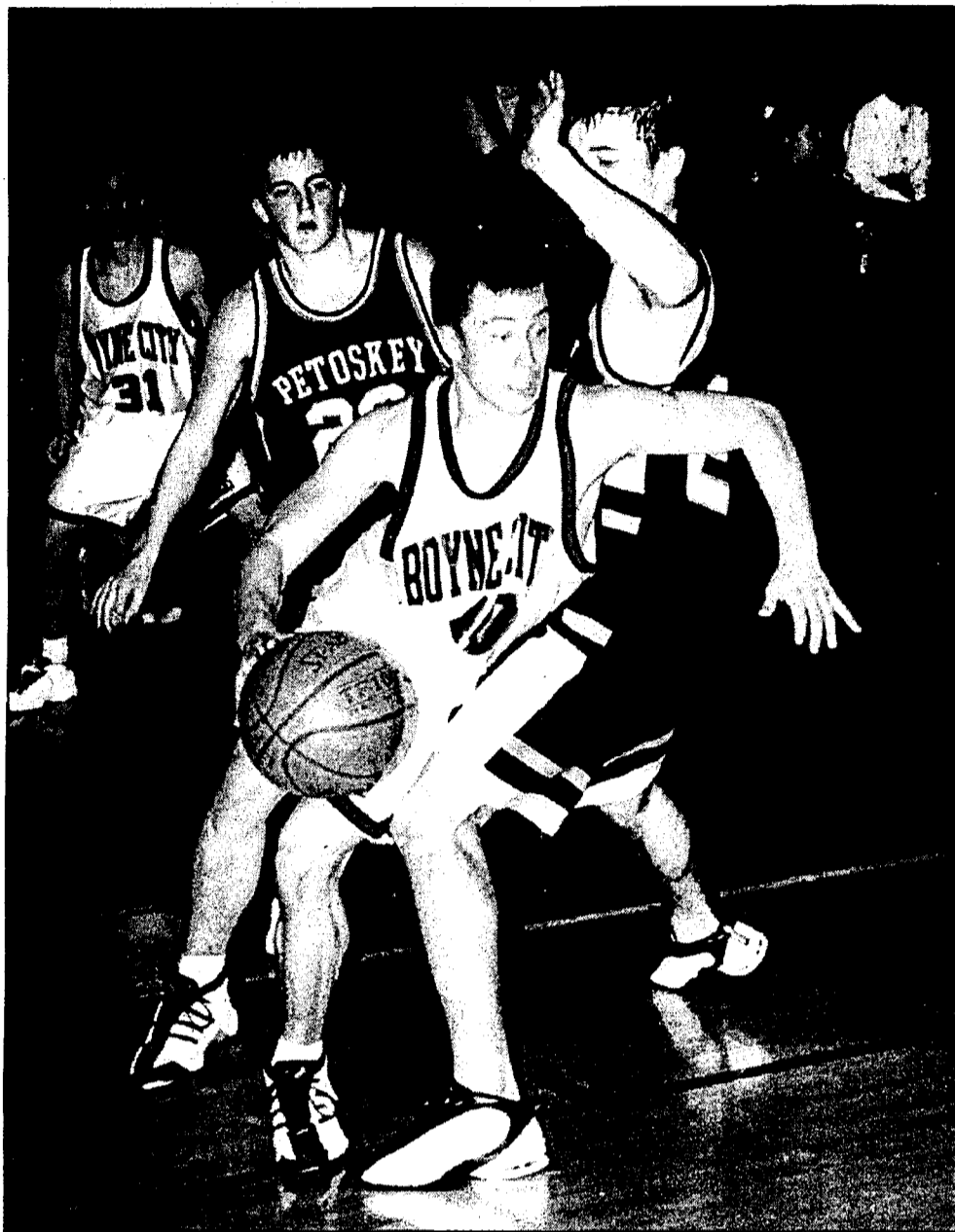
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CARTER'S REWARDS



Working the baseline, Ben Hausler gets a step on his defender as he drives to the basket. Hausler scored 10 points in the Ramblers loss to Petoskey last Tuesday.

A tough week

Ramblers lose to Petoskey and Elk Rapids

The Boyne City Ramblers are learning rather quickly that every night they take the court this season they are going to be in a battle.

There are no push-overs on the schedule.

Game after game, the Ramblers have to be at their best if they hope to win.

Last week the Ramblers hosted Petoskey and Elk Rapids and they got a taste of what they can expect for the rest of the season. And Tuesday they traveled to Kalkaska, their last game before the holiday break, where they faced a team expected to be in the thick of the Lake Michigan Conference race.

Following Christmas, they return to action and face Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Traverse City St. Francis, and Charlevoix.

"Our schedule doesn't get any easier," said first-year head coach Bill Brown. "We just have to step up and improve. Every team in the league is good."

Against Petoskey last Tuesday, the Ramblers fell behind early, then rallied just before the half to cut Petoskey's lead to eight. The Ramblers stayed within striking distance in the third period but then Petoskey pulled away in the final quarter to win 81-65.

"It was a real fast-paced game," Brown said. "We cut the lead to single digits but we just didn't get the break nor did we have the energy to get the lead."

"They shot the ball very well and we didn't make our free throws."

The Ramblers hit 13 of 25 free throws for the game.

Ryan Amesbury led Boyne City with 15 points followed by Brent Moore with 12 and Ben Hausler with 10. Kyle Gibbons led the team with six rebounds, and he had five assists and four steals.

Against Elk Rapids, it was a see-saw first half with Boyne City trailing 26-25 at the half. In the third quarter, however, the Ramblers were outscored 25-12 and Elk Rapids went on to win 72-59.

Amesbury lead Boyne City with 18 points while AJ Spaay had 13. Moore lead the team with eight rebounds.

While the Ramblers have already played five games - they have a 1-4 record - they still have not had much practice time due to the length of the football season. As of Sunday, Brown said, the team has only had 16 days in the



AJ Spaay goes up and over the defense as he lays one in against Petoskey.

Photos by Vic Ruggles

gym, including games.

"That's not a lot of practice time, but the kids overall are playing hard. Our defense has to pick up, but offensively we are doing well. It is the little things that are hurting us."

Red Devils lose one to TCSF

Freshmen win their match-up, 49-47

On Friday, East Jordan suffered a 10-point loss to Traverse City St. Francis, with a final score of 60-50. The Red Devils got off to a slow start, scoring only five points in the first quarter, to TC St. Francis' 14.

"Traverse City started out quickly, and we were unable to respond," said East Jordan head coach Lance Bailey.

"A poor shooting night combined with excellent defense by Traverse City never let us gain momentum."

Top scorers for East Jordan were Scott Jones with 12, Takayuki Kido with 11, and Kevin Roberts with 10. Roberts also led the team in rebounding with 10.

The Red Devils were six of 11 from the line for the night, and were shooting only 30 percent for the game.

"We need more discipline, ball movement and continuity on the offensive end," Bailey said. "Defensively, we are playing well."

The team is 1-2 for the season, and 0-1 in the conference. The Red Devils were scheduled to face St. Ignace on Tuesday night.

In freshman basketball action, the Red Devils topped TC St. Francis, 49-47.

Top scorers for East Jordan were Justin Roberts with 12, Tyler Spence with 11, and Kyle Peters with six.

Spence also led the team in assists, and the top defender for the night was Peters. Top rebounders were Roberts and Tim Kraemer.

The freshman squad is 2-2 for the season.

Lady Ramblers win two at the net

The Lady Ramblers took home two wins out of three matches played this week, including 2-0 wins over Elk Rapids and Mancelona. On Monday, the team suffered a 0-2 loss to Kalkaska in two games, 15-4 and 15-12.

Earlier in the week, Boyne City topped Elk Rapids in two games; with Cadie Britton leading the team with 13 points.

Kelly Spaniak contributed three kills, followed by Meredith Clemens, Nikki Erickson, Kriste Gaither and Ashley Hadix with one kill each. Gaither also had two blocks on the night.

Hadix also added six points with one ace, and Wendy Chrysler had five points with two aces.

Against Mancelona, the Ramblers pulled out the win in two strong games, 15-0 and 15-2.

Britton had 17 points with one ace, and Clemens contributed six points

with one ace. Gaither had four kills and three blocks, and Chrysler had two kills.

The team is 1-1 in the conference, and 2-1 overall.

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Loggers pick up two more wins

By JENNY KUHN
Student Writer

After a messy first half, the Loggers stole a 70-67 win from Leelanau St. Mary's Friday night.

"We probably played the worst half of basketball in a long time," said head coach Frank Hamilla.

"We played defense by reaching with our hands, not screening out, or communicating."

St. Mary's had 19 of its 48 points from free throws alone in the first half and the Loggers trailed by 15.

The second half was a complete turn around.

"We switched defenses to a zone and the kids played it very smartly, they communicated with each other, limited St. Mary's to one shot and they moved their feet on defense," said Hamilla.

"On the offensive end we were patient and started to make good entry passes into the paint."

With these changes, the Loggers cut the deficit to six going into the fourth quarter. A few easy buckets from the paint, then key free throws by Matt Skop tied the score at 56 with 7:15 remaining.

After a three-pointer by Leelanau, Caleb Olstrom scored to bring the

Loggers within one with 6:38 left in the game. Skop hit another two to give the Loggers a one-point lead. Mike Dunlop stretched that lead to three with a jumper in the lane. The Eagles fought back, hitting two field goals and regaining the lead. Dunlop was fouled and hit both shots, giving the lead back to the Loggers with 2:44 remaining. The Eagles hit another shot, but soon after, Dunlop brought the score to 68-65 with a field goal and two free throws with under a minute left in the game. With Leelanau turning the ball over and fouling, the Loggers earned four points from the line in the last minute of play.

Leading scorers for Boyne Falls were Matt Skop with 23, Archie Griffen with 12, and Mike Dunlop with 10.

Earlier in the week, the Loggers easily defeated the Alba Wildcats, 85-26.

"It was a good game to get everybody playing time," said coach



Logger J.R. Knight puts the pressure on the Leelanau offense Friday night.

Photo by Emily Korhase

Hamilla. "Now we are going to step up our game because our competition

is going to get better. We need to improve our intensity on the defensive end."

The Loggers hit 37 shots from the floor including two three-pointers and were 9-11 from the line.

Matt Skop and Mike Dunlop led with 18 each and Archie Griffen added 16.

For Alba, Jason Marsh had 10.

In the junior varsity contest, Boyne Falls played East Jordan's freshman team, winning 85-62.

For Boyne Falls, Josh Jarema led with 23, Josh Blackwell added 19, and Josh Gasco and Dan Clark each had 10. Boyne Falls lost the J.V. contest 55-58. Josh Jarema scored a season-high 28 points for the Loggers. Brad Hordek led St. Mary's with 21.

East Jordan was led by Tom Krause with 22, and Tyler Spence with 18.

The Loggers are 3-1 overall and 1-0 in conference play.



Rockin' Christmas



Students at area schools recently marked the holiday season with musical programs that had parents' toes a-tappin'. Pictured above, Boyne City Elementary first graders gave the thumbs up to Christmas, while Boyne Falls students, at left, gave Santa a 50s makeover, redubbing the jolly old elf, "Clauserelli," also known as "The Clause."

White Christmas

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air to reach the area.

Though even recent long-range predictions have foreseen a winter filled with colder than normal temperatures and normal precipitation, as each day of above-normal temperatures goes by, Smith said, "the chance for a normal winter is getting smaller

and smaller."

To even things out, he said, "we'd have to swing the pendulum the other way for quite a while" to compensate for the warm December northern Michigan has seen thus far.

"But this is still the first half of December," Smith said, adding that a sizable swing in the first part of January is still not out of the question.

THANK YOU...

We wish to convey our heartfelt appreciation to the staff at Boulder Park Terrace, Stone's Funeral Home, all those who called, sent cards, flowers, prayers, and otherwise expressed their concerns during the recent loss of our mother. Please know it meant so much to us all.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By
Steve
Czerkes
Pharmacist



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NEWS BRIEFS

EJ church plans noontime prayer services

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of East Jordan has announced dates for the next five months of special noontime prayer services, to be held on Wednesdays.

Services are open to all in the community and will last 20 minutes. The next service will be held on Dec. 19, at the church located at 7855 Rogers Road in East Jordan.

Services will begin at 12:10 p.m. and end at 12:30 p.m., to be followed by a lunch of soup or sandwich. There is no charge for the meal, although donations will be accepted.

To accommodate lunch breaks with varying times and lengths, the church

will repeat its prayer service at 1 p.m., ending at 1:20 p.m.

Future dates for Wednesday prayer services include Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 27, and April 24.

For more information call 536-7566.

Charlevoix Area Hospital to host 'Freedom From Smoking'

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host a Freedom from Smoking Clinic, offering support, guidance and advice to help participants get smoke free and start a new healthier life.

This eight session, seven week program will be conducted at Charlevoix

Area Hospital, beginning Jan. 3 and ending Feb. 12. Participants must pre-register because of size limitations and a \$25 fee is required to help defray supply costs. All classes, except one on Saturday, Jan. 26, at noon, are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

To register, call 547-8651.

Boyer 4-H wrestling holding registration

Boyer 4-H wrestling registration will be held from 10 a.m.-12 noon on Jan. 5 and 5-7 p.m. on Jan. 9 at the Boyer City Hall Auditorium.

For more information call, Tom Haley, 582-6460; Ken Krusel, 582-9897; or the 4-H office at 582-6232.

Places of Worship

Trinity Fellowship Church

401 State St. • Boyne City
582-2551

Pastor: Paul Wise
Associate Pastor: Bryan Shook
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Everyone is Welcome!



East Jordan United Methodist Church

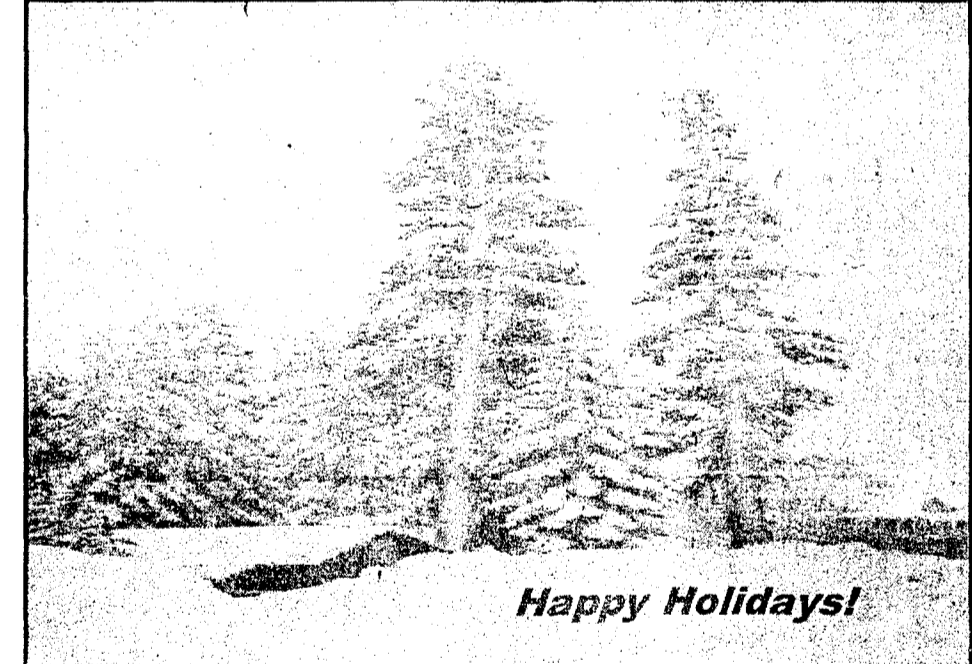
Corner of Fourth & Easterly
Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Rev Eugene L. Baughan

CHURCH OFFICE: (231) 536-2161
M-F 9:00 a.m. - NOON
Parsonage: (231) 536-7596



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