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At A Glance

Boyne Mountain opens slopes to skiers

On Dec. 22, Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls officially opened slopes and trails for the winter season, after a long wait for cool temperatures and a little of the white stuff.

Victor and Boyneland runs were open Saturday, with the support of the Hemlock and Boyneland lifts. The Boyne Nordic Center also opened with eight kilometers of packed trails. Slopes and trails are now open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

For more information and for the latest snow report, call 1-800-GO-BOYNE or visit www.boyne.com.

SEE-North plans annual Twelfth Night trail events

Folk legend says that shortly after Christmas, animals are given the gift of speech. People throughout the world have recognized this legend through various celebrations and SEE-North created its own Twelfth Night event for northern Michigan residents more than a decade ago.

Since then, thousands of people have taken part, hiking a short trail in the forest and listening to the animal's stories and legends.

"Twelfth Night has become a treasured tradition for many folks in our area," said Mary Whitmore, director of SEE-North. "We recently learned from our well-placed 'mole' that the animals will speak with humans on two nights this year, Jan. 4 and Jan. 11."

Each night from 6-8 p.m., animals will tell their stories in the Bay View Woods. People meet at Bay View Inn, ride a horse-drawn sleigh to the trailhead, walk along the candlelit trail, and watch carefully for articulate animals.

Those with young children may bring a small sled to pull them on. Everyone should come prepared to spend time outdoors. SEE-North provides snacks and hot beverages, and offers face-painting and mask-making activities indoors.

Registration is required and space is limited. Call 348-9700 to reserve a time slot. The cost is \$6 per person.

SEE-North is a non-profit environmental education center and one of only 33 regional Mathematics and Science Centers recognized by the Michigan State Legislature for providing excellent programs and services.

INSIDE

Bob Pluister retires after 25 years on housing commission board
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The giving spirit

Community volunteers packed into the Boyne City Knights of Columbus hall on Friday, Dec. 21, to load up boxes of donated food and gifts for area families in need. The annual event grows each year, assuring that hundreds of residents within the Boyne City and Boyne Falls school districts have all they need for a merry Christmas celebration. Many area students donated time to the effort, like Boyne City High School's Jane Stieber and Kelsi Brewer, pictured above, who took great care in picking items while packing.



Row upon row of donated food covered the tabletops at the K of C Hall last week. Volunteers paired off to pack boxes for the Boyne Area Community Christmas effort.

BCHS looking for new athletic director

With now-former athletic director and student success coordinator Steve Beyer gone on to his new job at Utica Stevensville High School, Boyne City High School finds itself once again in the position of looking to fill a key staff position.

Beyer's last day on the job was Friday, Dec. 14, according to Boyne City schools interim superintendent Jim Cooper, who added that the midyear departure was the "best for [Beyer]." "He really needed to get down there," Cooper said. "He'll do a very fine job."

Beyer is now the associate principal at the Detroit-area high school.

As for Boyne City High School, the post vacated by Beyer is currently being filled by Kirk Kujawski, the district's assistant athletic director. "He'll fill in the athletic piece until the end of the year," Cooper said. The

move "worked well [because] Kirk's been working closely with Steve. For him to step in wasn't a huge transition."

As for the student success aspect of Beyer's job, his leaving puts the district, Cooper said, "in the same boat we were in when Karen [Jarema, now the high school principal] left the middle school." The answer, at this point, looks to be the placement of an interim into the position until the end of the school year. The search is on right now, with administration looking both at current staff members and external candidates to fill the position. Once an interim is in place, staff and administration will determine a job description, with the job to be posted in the spring. The goal is "to have someone on board by summer, get them acclimated, and then ready to go in the fall," Cooper said.

EJ finances in good shape

■ Generally positive annual audit suggests city needs to look at sagging water fund

Though the annual audit showed the City of East Jordan to be in "very good" shape financially, auditor Douglas Wohlberg, CPA, urged city commissioners at their recent regular meeting to consider raising water rates significantly to compensate for a floundering water fund.

"You need to raise rates in the water fund," Wohlberg said. "I encourage you to take a strong, good look at that."

He added that an appropriate increase would be significant, in the 10-30 percent range. Ending the year with an operating income of \$281,267 in the hole, the water fund has been pulling from the budget's general fund to make ends meet, and "even with that, the fund is moving further in deficit."

Losses were also shown in the Harbor Marina Fund and the Tourist Park Fund, though they were not considered as critical as the water fund.

Wohlberg did note, however, that the commission might also consider raising rates at Tourist Park. As the park is running at a loss currently, he reasoned, campers are "not paying for all the use they're getting in that facility. If they were, we wouldn't be running into that situation [of operating at a loss]."

The general fund is, however, "in very good shape" according to the audit, despite the drain created by the water fund.

The general fund balance, \$668,855 at the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, "has been generally going downhill since 1998," but only in line with the city's needs. Even so, the current balance is a "healthy fund balance. I can't recommend to increase it."

The water fund, Wohlberg concluded, is the key area to be attended to.

"There isn't a lot of places to cut [in the water fund]. You need to increase rates," he said.

Gearing up for Sno-Blast 2002

Despite a winter decidedly short of the white stuff thus far, snow-loving folks in East Jordan are gearing up for plenty of Sno Blast fun, with the annual event scheduled for Jan. 18-20. Special events are planned to begin the weekend of Jan. 11-13.

The fun will start with the Sno-Blast Kids Fishing Contest, which runs Jan. 11-13. The seventh annual Sno-Blast fishing contest for adults kicks off on Jan. 11 as well, with the last fish accepted by noon on Jan. 20. Also kicking off that weekend are the East Jordan Rotary Club Raffle, with a grand prize of a 2002 Ski-Doo MXZ 500 snowmobile, and the chamber of commerce Cash Raffle, with a total of \$5,000 in cash prizes. Only 200 tickets are being printed.

Darlene's Restaurant will also be sponsoring the always-popular Sno-Sculpture Contest, with sculptures encouraged to begin as early as Jan. 11 for judging on Jan. 18. The deadline for entries is Jan. 16.

Kicking off the main event on Friday, Jan. 18, will be the Rotary-sponsored Chili Supper, to be held at the East Jordan Sno-mobilers Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road.

On Saturday, Jan. 19, events will offer something for snow-goers of all ages. For those with a need for speed,

snowmobile drag races will be held throughout the day at the East Jordan Sno-mobilers grounds, and a Sno-Box Trot will give families a chance to get creative with a cardboard box, tape, and paint to create a sled for a downhill race. For those who are looking for a more leisurely pace, the Antique Snowmobile Club of America will have a multitude of machines on display at the Sno-mobilers grounds. A highlight for the day will be the annual Sno-Blast Parade, heading down Main Street starting at 10:30 a.m., followed by the crowning of the 2002 Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight.

Other favorite events include Sno-

Blast Softball in the Snow, Broomball, Sno-Blast Sno-Bowling, and the Moonlight Sno-Shoe Hike.

And for those who've worked up an appetite, the weekend will provide plenty of opportunities to enjoy good food, including Saturday's Dining on the Town, featuring special meals offered at the Rainbow Bar, The Zone, and Ansted's, with a percentage of each meal purchased benefitting Sno-Blast. On Saturday evening, the traditional Stew Supper will be served at the Evangelical Church on Rogers Road, and Sunday morning brings a Sno-Lover's Breakfast at the Sno-mobilers Clubhouse. For more information, call 536-7351.

EJ Sno-Sculpture contest is back

With the area finally receiving some long-awaited snow, folks in East Jordan will have a chance to put some of their winter creativity to good use, in the annual Sno-Blast 2002 Sno-Sculpture Contest.

Entries will be judged in three categories: service club, business, and family. All entries must be within one mile of the city limits, and will be judged on size, use of color, relevance to theme, quality, and overall appearance. No frames of any kind are permitted; the entire sculpture must be made of snow, though props may be used.

There is an entry fee of \$5. For more information or for an entry form, call the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351. The deadline for sno-sculpture entries is Jan. 14, and the last day for judging is Wednesday, Jan. 16.



Snow fun

Boyne City Elementary students had a ball during last week's first real snowfall of the year. Pictured here making the most of the weather are Jordan Clock, Cameron Robinson, Tanner Cooper, Robert Garcia, Lucas Hoaglund, Dalton Henning, and Kayla Kipapa.

Courtesy photo

OPINION

LETTERS

Ministerial Association looking at ways to meet prayer needs

TO THE EDITOR:

The Boyne City Ministerial association recently met and reflected on the ministries in the community over the past year.

We want to especially thank everyone for their support and participation in the Community Prayer Service held last September. That service was born last spring out of our desire to minister to our community's needs and prepare for the coming year. We set our service for the end of September and thought we knew what we would be offering that day.

Then the atrocity of Sept. 11 hit our nation, a blow that destroyed thousands of lives and effectively destroyed the way of life and security we had previously enjoyed. Working with leaders in the schools, government, and public safety we prepared for the service that our community needed. Because of your participation we were able to embrace in the comfort of prayer countless numbers of public servants and military personnel.

Though unannounced beforehand, an offering of \$738 was taken up for The American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. We are deeply indebted to all those who were able to attend, standing in for those who couldn't be there, especially those who had sacrificed their lives on that horrific day of disaster.

Many asked on that day when we could provide such a time of worship again. As we evaluated the service, we were concerned that attempting monthly community services would soon turn it into a routine, trivializing a once meaningful event. We have decided that an anniversary service on or near Sept. 11 would be appropriate, right and helpful. We intend to offer such next year.

On reflection we realized how difficult it was to quickly provide the community with a time and a place for prayer in the face of disaster. We have now made plans for what we have dubbed "Community Prayer Response," or CPR, which we can activate with a moment's notice.

We have approval from the Boyne District Library to use its conference room for a brief noon prayer meeting. We will be arranging for other public locations as backup in case the conference room is unavailable or we believe larger space would be needed.

We foresee needing many willing hands to help make phone contacts to media, churches and neighbors to quickly get the word out that a time of prayer is available for any and all who need it. Our desire then will be the same as it is now: to set aside denominational differences to most effectively lead neighbors through our Savior Jesus Christ into the help of our Father God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, everyone of the Boyne Area for the support then and your help in the future.

Boyne City Ministerial Association
Pastor Carl Litchfield, President,
Mark Bullock, David Crumbaugh, Robert Faulman,
Chuck Fowler, Geri Litchfield, Frank Partridge, Peter Valenga, Eleanor West, and Paul Wise

MANY THANKS

BV Fire and Rescue Halloween party a success

On behalf of the Boyne Valley Fire and Rescue Department, I would like to say "Thank You" to the following for their continued support of our annual Halloween party:

In Boyne Falls - Bob's Outlet, Mary's Village Kitchen, Mill Street Cafe, Boyne Falls E-Z Mart, and Boyne Falls True Value. In Boyne City - Little Caesars Pizza, Northland Tobacco, Blockbuster Video, Kilwin's, Dairy Queen, B.C. Pizza, Subway, Ace Hardware, Radio Shack, Huff's Pharmacy, Honeywell, Carter's, Boyne Country Books, Medicap Pharmacy, McDonald's, Butler Drugs, Glen's Market, and Boyne City Lanes.

Mike Richards, fire chief
Boyne Valley Fire and Rescue Department



A Mom's Life

There's something to be said for the holiday rush

By CINDI PLACE

Going into this holiday season, I made a vow to myself and my family that we would not overdo. Gift buying, decorating, holiday celebrations would all be on a more subdued level this year. We would plan ahead and avoid the all-to-familiar state of panic that sets in every Christmas Eve, as we try to complete that final project before Santa and his little elves are scheduled to fall down the chimney.

Given the state of life in general, we hoped to spend this year reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas and the wonderful miracle that was Jesus' birth. That was the plan, anyway.

What we hadn't counted on were all the "pulls" by everything around us during this holiday time. Advertising on television and in newspapers, stores filled with holiday shoppers, even the multitude of catalogs that somehow find themselves in our mailbox beginning in October, challenged our family's resolve to keep Christmas simple. It's a funny thing... when you choose to simplify your life, that decision generally has the opposite effect. Mostly because you have to spend a great deal of time explaining your decisions to everyone around you. And sometimes the explanation turns into a defense of why you've made a certain choice.

So, with hearts resolved we set about making our holiday a pleasant, relaxing time. The kids made very short

Christmas lists, a one-day shopping trip completed most of those lists, and cards were sent out right after Thanksgiving. With cookies baked, gifts wrapped and mailed, and what few decorations we decided to display already up, we sat back and waited for the peacefulness to surround us. Big mistake.

Because what we hadn't counted on was the feeling that we were missing something by being too organized. There is a little something about the spirit of the season that requires being busy and rushed. Not that our wish to have a peaceful Christmas was a silly one. Just that we needed to leave something to do until the very end.

I guess that's what I get when I try to change a bunch of procrastinators.

LETTERS

Quality adoptive homes are always needed

TO THE EDITOR:

The holiday season is a joyous time for children. Families gather to share festive dinners, sing seasonal songs, worship together and exchange presents. During this time of year, children accumulate fond memories that often last for lifetimes.

Children without families may have different holiday memories, sad recollections of feeling lonely, or home-sick, or rejected. While other children wish for presents, they wish for loving families and permanent homes.

The holiday season is an appropriate time to give thanks for the many selfless adoptive families who have taken children out of the public child welfare system and into their hearts and homes.

It's also a time for remembering that hundreds more Michigan children need loving families and permanent homes. Children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities are waiting for families to make a difference in their lives.

We, in Michigan, can be proud of our successes in helping children achieve permanence through adoption. Last

year, public and private adoption agencies in the state finalized more than 2,900 adoptions. In 1997, the federal Adoption 2002 Program was initiated to double the number of children adopted from the public child welfare system.

Michigan increased finalized adoption from 1,905 in fiscal year 1997 to 2,775 in fiscal year 2000, a 46 percent increase.

For fiscal years 1998, 1999, and 2000, Michigan earned \$3,774,382 through the financial incentive component of the Adoption 2002 Program which awards bonus funds to states that exceed benchmarked goals for placing state wards in adoptive homes.

These incentive funds are largely being used to strengthen the capacity of agencies and organizations in local communities to provide post adoption support services to adoptive families.

Despite our successes finding safe and loving homes for waiting children, there is still a need for quality adoptive homes. There are currently 459 children listed on the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) who

need and want to find families.

The holiday season is a great time to explore the rewards of adoption. Local Family Independence Agency offices and private adoption agencies can provide information about children waiting for families. Interested families can consult the MARE website at www.mare.org and consider making a difference in a child's life.

You don't have to be married, rich or own your own home to adopt a child. You do need to have a big heart, provide a stable, loving home and be willing to help an adoptive child heal from past hurts and troubles.

For more information, call Michigan Family Independence Agency at (517) 373-3513 or Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies (MFPCFA) at (517) 485-8552.

Douglas E. Howard, Director
Michigan Family Independence Agency (MFIA)

Bill Long, Executive Director
Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies (MFPCFA)

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The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.

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It won't be the same

■ Bob Pluister's service to housing commission comes to an end

After 25 years of committed service as a member of the Boyne City Housing Commission's board of directors, most recently as chairman, Boyne City resident Bob Pluister is ready to take a little time to pursue some of life's finer things. "There's a trout in the Boyne River with my name on it," Pluister said with a laugh.

Certainly he's earned the right to a little R&R. In the years since that May day in 1976 that Pluister took his place on the board, he's put in innumerable hours and lent immeasurable expertise to help keep the commission moving forward, contributing valuable experience as a builder and engineer.

At the time that he joined the board, recruited by the housing commission's first director Margaret Sorenson, Pluister was the only member with that background. Born in Chicago, Pluister moved, at age 12, to the Holland area, where he went to high school and later met his wife, Evon, in a college chemistry class. Eventually becoming a design engineer, Pluister moved his family north in 1959, taking a job with Corter's (now Honeywell) in Boyne City. He later started his cabinet business, Custom Counter Tops, while working in the housing industry as a purchasing agent and designer.

It was in that capacity that Pluister's name came to the attention of Sorenson, who approached him with the hopes that he'd take a seat on the board of the young housing commission. Pluister, for his part, felt that it only made sense for someone in the building industry take part in the board.

"A board should have good diversity," he said, noting that at the time of his arrival, other board members included a dentist, local merchant, and a newspaper person. Over the years, Pluister has made it a priority to assure that the board maintain that diversity, recruiting new members from various sectors. The current board includes a minister's wife, Diana Walls; an insurance agent, Mike Hausler; a builder, Nord Schroeder; and the widow of a previous member, Virginia Kessler, appointed to serve in his place.

Along with the board, the commission, according to Pluister, has changed and evolved over the years, responding to both the needs of the community and changes within government operations overseeing the public projects they undertake. "When I first jumped in," Pluister said, "the commission had the original Litzzenburger building, a one-story, L-shaped building with 24 apartments," along with approximately 12 low-income, single-family homes.

When he arrived and shortly thereafter, the big project was the expansion of Litzzenburger Place, which was tied up with adding more single-family housing, per HUD funding specifications.

More houses were purchased at various locations in Boyne City, and the large, two-story addition to Litzzenburger Place was completed. The complex, comprised of one-bedroom, low income housing for senior citizens, has always been a point of pride, and a big priority for the housing commission.

"The board has always had a soft spot for seniors," said Pluister, who added with a laugh that the soft spot is growing as some of the board members become seniors.

In his experience, he said, "it's been a pleasure to work with that segment of society." In fact, one of the things he is most proud of during his years of service is the acquisition of the 13 acres adjacent to Litzzenburger, on which stands the new Deer Meadows senior apartment complex, with plenty of room to spare. A portion has already been donated as the site for the new Boyne City Senior Center, for which fund-raising has been ongoing, and the remainder may well be used for some type of park-and-pathway setting.

"I close my eyes and see winding pathways and people walking dogs," Pluister said of the property. "Pets are wonderful for seniors, [so] I hope they'll keep a great deal of space open for a park type of space."

Perhaps less pleasant over the years has been adjusting to drastic changes in HUD and federal funding over the years. "Funds [from HUD] for more housing dried up," Pluister said. "HUD changed drastically," changing from subsidizing to a voucher system. Fortunately, he said, the board has had "a man we trust implicitly" to direct the organization, current execu-



Now that he's retiring from the commission board, Bob Pluister plans to spend time in some favorite pursuits: hunting, fishing, and relaxing with his dog, Lady.

tive director Todd Sorenson. That trust, he adds, "is critical. It makes the board's job so much easier."

Historically the housing commission board has tried "very hard" not to micromanage. "The board has one employee, Todd, and he has a staff," Pluister said. The board leaves staff management up to Sorenson, maintaining a "hands off" policy. The arrangement has worked well.

"So much of the whole day-to-day [operations have] worked so well because of the unique relationship [between the board and Sorenson]. He has respect for each board member."

Though the job has not been without its frustrations, including an erroneous poor rating given to the commission by HUD a couple of years ago which later turned around to reveal the commission as one of the best in the state, it's one that Pluister has invested a lot of himself in, and so leaving is something that will take some time to get used to.

Looking ahead, Pluister speaks of the commission's ongoing projects as though he'll still be working on them — a habit, surely, that will be hard to break. He's very proud of the commission's current work at Deer Meadows, adding that the commission will have to work to bring the complex up to full occupancy.

Another challenge he sees in the commission's future is the repayment of the loan for the 13 acres of property, with a balloon payment coming due in the near future. "The commission's going to have to use some creative ways to find money and to pay off the loan," he said.

He's confident, though, that it will be up to the challenge, having hand-picked his successor, Hugh Conklin, who'll be recommended to the city commission for its approval at an upcoming meeting.

And there will be things he won't miss. Speaking at city dinners, for one thing. "I'm not comfortable with that," he said. "In the past I've delegated that to other people." While he'll still be working at his cabinet business with his son, leaving his post at the commission, as well as having recently resigned a board position with Habitat for Humanity, will give Pluister the freedom to travel to Florida with his wife for three months in the winter, and have a little more free time to indulge in the hunting and fishing he loves.

It will also allow more time for another favorite pastime, playing poker for pennies once a week with some church buddies.

"We call it the Monday night prayer meeting," Pluister said.

Snow Express for MS coming to Boyne USA

Each year nearly 1,000 people across the country take to the slopes to raise money with Jimmie Heuga's Snow Express for MS, to help people living with MS learn to manage the disease and make the most of their abilities.

The largest charity ski race series in the country, the Snow Express benefits The Heuga Center, a nonprofit, scientific research center dedicated to improving the lives of people with multiple sclerosis (MS) through medical/wellness programs and ongoing research.

The Snow Express hosts events at 22 resorts, including a stop at Boyne Mountain on Monday, Jan. 14. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Snow Express at Boyne Mountain.

At the Snow Express, teams of three compete in a unique day of racing challenging the clock, the mountain and other racers. A two-race format has participants going head-to-head in a dual giant slalom, then competing against time and terrain in a Mountain Challenge. Prizes are awarded based on a combination of on-snow results and successful fundraising efforts with the top team

at each event winning an expense paid trip to Vail, Colo.

All participants receive a gift bag with commemorative items and product samples from sponsors.

Skiers and snowboarders of all ages and abilities can participate. Teams raise money prior to the day of the event, then compete on snow in the one-day Snow Express event.

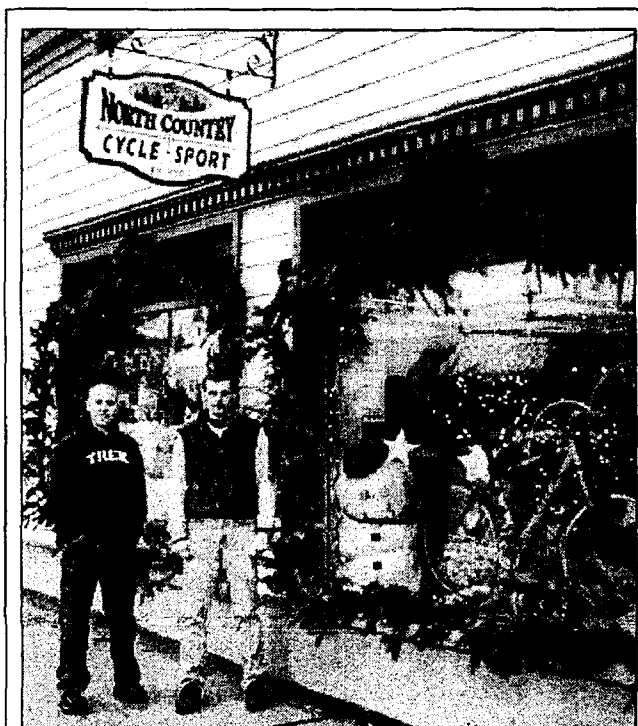
The minimum entry fee for each team is \$1,000, however, the more money raised, the better the prizes the team is eligible for.

The Heuga Center was founded in 1984 by former U.S. Ski Team member and Olympic medalist Jimmie Heuga, after his diagnosis with MS.

Now in its 17th year, the Snow Express is the largest source of funding for The Heuga Center, raising approximately \$1 million annually.

A portion of the proceeds from each event are used to help people in the local community through the Center's medical, research and scholarship programs.

For more information about the Snow Express for MS or The Heuga Center, call 1-888-DO-IT-4 MS, or visit www.heuga.org.



Window winners

North Country Cycle Sport took first place honors in the Boyne City Chamber's holiday window decorating contest last week, with festive greens and jolly snowman. Other winners were Sunburst Marine in second place, and Bali and Beyond in third.



Merry music

Students at Concord Academy Boyne made the holiday a musical one, with each grade's choir members participating in a choir concert for the season last week.

STUDENT NEWS

East Jordan High School senior Nichole Trudeau was recently named the first place winner of the "Voice of Democracy" essay contest, sponsored by the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.

Trudeau was awarded \$200 for her work, and her essay will go on to district and state competitions, with the potential of reaching the national contest which awards a first prize of \$25,000. The second place winner was Devin Brown, a freshmen, who received a \$150 award, and third

place went to junior Heather Hansma, who received \$100.

An essay contest was also held at the middle-school level, with a theme of "Freedom — Really Free." The

winners were: 1st - Heather McKinnon; second - Alex Bajko; and third - Angela Sewell. McKinnon received a \$100 bond; Bajko a \$75 bond; and Sewell, at \$50 bond.

SERVICE BRIEFS

Army Reserve Pvt. ADAM M. LAURIE has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. Laurie is the

son of Gary Laurie of Cadillac, Mich, and grandson of Arthur Laurie of Boyne City. He is a 2001 graduate of Cadillac High School.

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!

United Methodist Church
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 Corner of Fourth & Easterly
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 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
 Rev Eugene L. Baughan
 CHURCH OFFICE: (231) 536-2161
 M-F 9:00 a.m. - NOON
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SPORTS

Red Devils topped by St. Ignace, 69-54

In its only game of the week, East Jordan took a backseat to St. Ignace, losing 69-54.

In a slow start, the first quarter found the Red Devils only able to put four points on the board, but things picked up in the second quarter, as the team ended the half with 28, trailing St. Ignace by only one point.

After halftime, though, East Jordan was unable to maintain that momentum, with St. Ignace taking the upper hand, scoring 19 points to East Jordan's 10 in the fourth.

"The penetration of St. Ignace was dif-

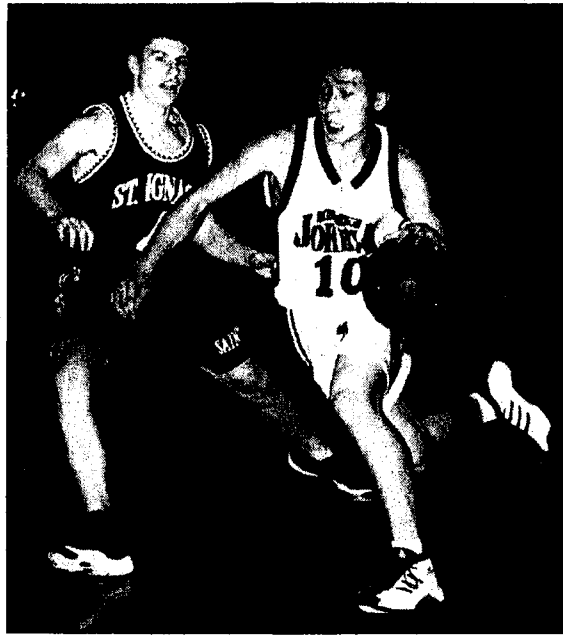
ficult for us to guard," said East Jordan head coach Lance Bailey. "We continue to play hard, and we hope that we break out of our offensive slump."

The Red Devils were six of ten from the line, and tallied a total of 20 fouls for the game.

Top scorers for East Jordan were Bill Tison with 14, Steve Kempton with 10, and Scott Jones with 12.

The team will next face Central Lake on Jan. 2, 2002.

The Red Devils are 1-3 for the season, and 0-1 in the conference.



East Jordan's Takayuki Kido shrugs off a St. Ignace defender as he moves the ball down the court (photo by Vic Ruggles).

Loggers lose one to Central Lake

By JENNY KUHN
Student Writer

The Loggers took a loss to Central Lake last Tuesday despite a 34-29 lead at the half.

The Trojans, led by Rob Shooks with 32, outscored the Loggers 29-37 in the second half, ending the game 63-66.

Adam Utley led the Loggers with 18 points, including four three-pointers.

Mike Dunlop added 14 and Matt Skop contributed with 10.

The Loggers (3-2) return to action Jan. 4 at home against Mackinaw City (4-0) in a Northern Lakes Conference game.

Scoring by quarter:

Boyer Falls	18	16	11	18-63
Central Lake	13	16	15	22-66

EJ YOUTH BASKETBALL

Two games were played in the third and fourth grade division of the East Jordan Youth Basketball League on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The Greys topped the Reds by a 25-4 count. Teddy Snowden led the Greys with 23 points while Tony Pentecost added two. Jacob Baier and Mike Manville led the defense, while Nick Lee and Travis Braman were the top rebounders. For the Reds, Tyler Hartsough scored four points. Derek Boyer and Eric DeHann led the defense and George Patton was the top rebounder.

The Teals stopped the Blacks, 22-10. For the Teals, Jarod Danbert led the way with 14 points, with Matt Werner adding four and Nathan Peterson and Dillon Hughes two apiece. J.D. Bennett led the defense with Robbie Crick, while Morgan Tinney was the top rebounder. For the Black, Wesley Petrie and Josh Williams scored four points each, while Grayson Myas chipped in with two. Zack Crothers was the top playmaker and Andrew Nemecek led the defense, with help from Nick Ingersoll.

Developers looking to fill space in EJ renovation project

After recent DDA approval, the ball is rolling on a \$1.275 million redevelopment project at the Dahlquist/Bernier/BC Pizza buildings on Main Street in East Jordan. Investor/developers Todd and Floyd Wright and Charlevoix State Bank are moving forward with plans to save and rehabilitate the historic buildings, with projections that parts of the project will be ready for occupancy in late 2002.

However, according to the DDA, in order for the project to begin construction, 90 percent of the rentable space on the first and second floors must be preleased.

Proposed tenants who have already submitted letters of interest in occu-

pying space include Charlevoix State Bank, a pharmacy, Charlevoix Area Hospital Physical Rehabilitation, and the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce. Additional space is still available for rent, including 2,400 square feet on the first floor, and 2,800 square feet of sub-dividable office space on the second floor.

Anyone interested in leasing space is asked to contact one of the following persons: Rod Benson, Economic Development Coordinator, at (231) 536-3381; Mary Faculak, director of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, (231) 536-7351; David White, city administrator, (231) 536-3381; or Todd or Floyd Wright, developers, (231) 582-5050.

Special Olympics training sessions to begin Saturday

Training sessions for area Special Olympic Winter Games athletes are set to begin on Saturday, Dec. 29, at Challenge Mountain.

The first session will be held on Dec. 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with mandatory health appraisals to be conducted by local physician Dr. Richard Mansfield. Upcoming training dates will be Jan. 12 and 19, 2002, with the Special Olympics to be held Friday, Jan. 25, 2002.

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MORTGAGE SALE- Default has been made in the conditions of mortgage made by Tracey A. Segrava, a single man and Rhonda McKenthey, a single woman (original mortgagors) to Homestead USA, INC, Mortgagee, dated Oct. 1, 1999, and recorded on Oct. 6, 1999 in Liber 373, on Page 660, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the First Nationwide Mortgage Corporations, a Delaware Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated March 2, 2000, which was recorded on April 24, 2000 in Liber 386, on Page 728, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED NINE AND 59/100 dollars (\$107,509.59), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in

such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on Feb. 8, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF WILSON, Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as:

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Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF PEAINE, Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as:
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met for their regular Board meeting on Dec. 13, 2001, in Charlevoix, Mich.

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.

Dated: Nov. 28, 2001
For more information please call:
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N.A., Assignee by an assignment dated Oct. 3, 2001, which was recorded on Oct. 15, 2001, in Liber 439, there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 03/100 dollars (\$121,934.03), including interest at 11.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on Jan. 11, 2002.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:
Lots 4 and 5, Block 5 and West-erly 4 feet of Lot 3, Block 5 Chapman and Addis Addition to the Village of Spring Harbor, Now City of Boyne City, according to the plat thereof.

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Boyer USA offers big fun for New Year's Eve

On Monday, Dec. 31, Boyer USA Resorts will celebrate their 11th annual New Year's Eve Parties.

The resorts will feature the famous Snow Ball party at Boyer Mountain and the Boyer Bash event at Boyer Highlands.

Boyer chefs will feed guests a variety of original creations from their kitchens, with both resorts featuring hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and a champagne toast at midnight.

Party favors will be available to add to the festive atmosphere and long stemmed roses will be available for the ladies attending. Entertainment will include live music and dancing at both resorts.

Boyer Mountain entertainment will feature Professor Marvel and the 4th Quadrant, and Strut Train. Mojo and The Boogieman and Freakbass will perform at Boyer Highlands.

Boyer's traditional torchlight parade and fireworks display will begin at approximately 10 p.m.

The parade will consist of 30 snowsports school instructors carrying torches from atop the slopes, and viewers can see up-to-the-second coverage of the torchlight parade on Boyer's BTV via www.boyer.com.

At Boyer Highlands, tickets are discounted \$35 per person prior to the event and \$40 at the door.

Boyer Mountains ticket price is \$41 before the party or at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at Boyer Highlands or Boyer Mountain front desks, Boyer Country Sports in Petoskey or by phone at 1-800-GO-BOYNE or visit www.boyer.com.



Work of art

Students at Boyer City Middle School recently pulled together, under the direction of art instructor Jim Beckerling, to create this colorful, all-season mural adorning the storefront of the Boyer Co-op on Park Street. Said co-op owner Kirk Jabara, "They did a tremendous job."

NEWS BRIEFS

Upper Room Coffee House is December 29

The Upper Room Coffee House will be held on Saturday, Dec. 29, above Ray's Guitar in downtown Boyer City. The event is geared for adults ages 18-30, and is sponsored by several area churches and affiliated Christian groups.

The Upper Room will feature live music as well as refreshments. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Local educators to appear on PACE TV

Jan Fowler and Leslie Lake of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District will appear on PACE TV's School Forum program to discuss pre-school programs available

through the ISD. The program will air from 7-7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4, and be replayed on Saturday, Jan. 5, from 4-4:30 p.m., and again on Sunday, Jan. 6, from 10-10:30 a.m.

PACE TV in an educational television network sponsored in part by the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. PACE programming can be viewed in Boyer City, East Jordan, and Boyer Falls on Charter Cable's channel 2.

Charlevoix Area Hospital to receive state funding

Michigan senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow announced recently that final funding bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education includes \$225,000 for Charlevoix Area Hospital. The legislation now goes to the

President for his signature.

The funding will be utilized for the construction of a helicopter landing pad at the hospital.

Once complete, Charlevoix Area Hospital will be the only facility in Northwest Michigan with this advanced capability.

Local counties to receive EFS program grants

Charlevoix and Antrim counties are among the 21 counties in the 1st Con-

gressional District to receive grants under the terms of Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

The EFS Program, which has been in existence since 1983, is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The program provides supplemental funding to shelters, soup kitchens, food banks, as well as rent, mortgage and utility assistance programs.

Funds are used to help individuals and families with non-disaster, temporary financial emergency needs.

Charlevoix County has been awarded a grant of \$19,168, and Antrim County received \$16,932.

CORRECTION

The following names were omitted in the honor roll recently submitted to The Citizen-Journal:

First Marking Period Citizenship Award Recipients, BCMS
 Sixth Grade: Allison Aown, Gene Beoff, Pijon Burkhauser, Alyssa Burns, Rebecca Clark, Elijah Hoaglund, Corrina Hoekwater, Mercedes Honson, Ashleigh Juday, Jeremiah McGeorge, Andrew McLane, Adam McLeod, Maxwell Moudy, Robert Olson, Dillon Oslin, Jason Shepherd, Kala Sobleski, Stacey Spaniak, Jeremiah Wisenauer, Jennifer Wilson, Stephanie Woodward.

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