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At A GLANCE

Milford man killed in snowmobile accident

A South Arm Township snowmobile accident claimed the life of a downstate man late last week.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater, Frederick Charles Steinhilber, 49, of Milford died at Northern Michigan Hospital on Saturday, Jan. 5, due to injuries sustained on Friday evening on private property in South Arm Township.

Steinhilber was operating his 2002 Polaris 800 Edge X across a private field after dark with two other snowmobilers, when the lead snowmobiler, Keith Shorr, 44, also of Milford, went over and down a 25-foot ravine embankment and crashed. Steinhilber followed and also crashed; the third rider stopped before going over the embankment.

Lasater said that all three were apparently unfamiliar with the area in which they were riding.

East Jordan Ambulance transported Steinhilber to Charlevoix Area Hospital with multiple injuries; he was later transferred to Northern Michigan Hospital where he died. Shorr was treated at Northern Michigan Hospital for minor injuries on Saturday.

Lasater said that investigation by the sheriff's department showed that there were only seven miles on Steinhilber's snowmobile at the time of the crash, and that he was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

In addition, Lasater said, contact with the landowner revealed that he had not given permission for the snowmobilers to be on his property.

The accident remains under investigation.

Sno Blast activities start this weekend

Just in time to remedy the onset of the winter blahs, East Jordan's annual Sno Blast is scheduled for Jan. 18-20.

For those who just can't wait, some special events will be kicking off this weekend. 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.

Darlene's Restaurant will also be sponsoring the always-popular SnoSculpture Contest, with sculptures encouraged to begin as early as Jan. 11. Entries will be judged in three categories: service club, business, and family. 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 snowsculpture entries is Jan. 14, and the last day for judging is Jan. 16.



Top of the line

The Jordan Valley Trails Council has added a new member this year - in the form of a brand new Caterpillar groomer. The addition will give the council of volunteer groomers added power to keep the more than 75 miles of trails in top shape for area sledders. Pictured here with the new machine are treasurer Scott Way, council

member Barry Bethke, Caterpillar sales representative Vern Bauer, council president Wally Disbrow, and council member Jim Kostin. The button pictured in the inset is a fund-raiser to help defray the \$25,000 cost of the groomer. Available at gas stations, restaurants, and other locations in

Charlevoix and Antrim counties, the buttons are \$5 apiece.

TECHNOLOGY AT BOYNE FALLS SCHOOL IS

Creating big opportunities

By ANGELA SHULTIS

In this age of quickly-advancing technology, it's easy to see the advantage of preparing young people for a future of technological possibilities. Actually undertaking that preparation, however, is the challenge. At Boyne Falls Public School, the self-proclaimed "Small School with a Big Future," that challenge is being met.

The philosophy is simple. "I've always looked at technology as a tool that every person is going to need to have in their arsenal to attack the modern world," said principal Bill Aten.

The duty of Boyne Falls School, he said, "is to provide students with as many opportunities as possible to experience those tools."

"They say that information is power," Aten said. "Giving students the opportunity to access that information empowers them."

At Boyne Falls, the tools are there in the form of computer labs, distance learning, and a curriculum heavily seasoned with technology use at all levels. On any given day at the

school, a group of middle schoolers may be at work in one lab, plugging away at PowerPoint presentations for art class, while kindergartners are in another room working with headphones on individual math and reading skills. In another part of the school, high school students are in the science lab, working out of a textbook to complete work at a computer station, while tucked away in a quiet corner another student completes an exam on-line for a distance learning environmental science course.

All students have in-house e-mail accounts, which they are encouraged to use for communicating with teachers and turning in assignments.

"I can't tell you how cutting edge that is," said Laurie Howell, the school's Business, Service, and Technology instructor. Students at all grade levels are working at the computer in individualized learning programs, which track the student's progress. Seniors will soon leave the school with a CD electronic portfolio of their career at the school.

It's hard to imagine, given this scenario, that just a few short years ago,



Many students at Boyne Falls Public School are taking advantage of the school's top of the line technology to enjoy the benefits of long-distance learning. Pictured here hard at work are students Lillian Florenski, Elisha Fiel, Rachel Lewin, and Lakeisha Burks.

Boyne Falls School was in an outdated building, with the bare minimum of technological capability. With the passing of the school bond issue a few years back, and the subsequent building project, the school had an opportunity to leap into the future. It was an opportunity the school saw and took advantage of.

"When the community planned the new school, they had the vision to look into the future," said Superintendent Mark Parsons, who came on board just as the building project came to completion. What they looked at, he said, was what they

needed to include to best serve the children they would be educating, and "one of those components was technology."

It's not just the hardware, either, that makes Boyne Falls' approach noteworthy. It's the practical matter of making a small school competitive.

"One hard thing about being a small school is the [limit to] curriculum offerings," said Parsons. With the addition of cutting-edge technology, that issue "is no longer a problem." Through distance learning, with both virtual high school and online college courses, students at Boyne Falls are

able to take Advanced Placement, college prep classes, as well as classes for college credit previously not available to them.

High school student Lillian Florenski, for example, is taking pre-calculus on-line, allowing her to further her math studies beyond the Advanced Algebra offered at the school. Other students, like Rachel Lewin and Nicole Wasylewski are taking an environmental science class not normally available at Boyne Falls, and Stephanie Karlskin is getting ready to

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Outlook for new year not so rosy for Dura

ANTRIM COUNTY - Citing an economy in recession, Dura Automotive human resources director Carl Kuscera said the company's business outlook for 2002 isn't as healthy as he would like to see it.

"When the economy slows down, so does the automotive industry and that has a serious impact on Dura," he said about the auto parts company that has 80 plants worldwide.

The local auto parts maker has suffered a downturn lately, closing a plant in East Jordan, which consisted of approximately 260 workers, and laying off 186 workers at the Mancelona plant around this time last year.

According to Kuscera, however, the two incidents were separate and had different circumstances driving the decisions.

"Our East Jordan facility closed because it had more production capacity than it had orders to build," he said. "Rather than run a plant at partial capacity, it was shut down and production transferred to plants in Jacksonville, Fla., Mancelona or Gladwin to name a few."

Approximately 18 people are still employed at Dura in East Jordan where they are working on completing a parts contract which is scheduled to be finished in April, at which time the plant will officially close down.

"At that time, employment will be severed for those 18 people," Kuscera said.

The remaining workers are part of the company's plan to terminate employees in stages rather than all at once.

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-William Woodrow, Michigan Works Service Center operations manager

According to William Woodrow, operations manager at Michigan Works Service Center in Petoskey and Charlevoix, if the employees had been let go at the same time, it could have had a greater effect on the local economy.

"The loss of so many jobs in stages was still very traumatic to the local economy, but doing it little by little gave organizations like ours a chance

at helping as many people as possible," he said.

The center helps displaced workers further their education, job skills. During the height of the shut down, the center had an office set up at the plant in East Jordan.

Displaced workers in East Jordan fell under the protection of the Trade Act of 1974. The act provides aid to workers who lose their jobs or whose

hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports.

Drew May, former plant manager at the Dura plant in East Jordan, said that although none of Dura's work moved overseas, the government found because a high percentage had, the workers could be covered by the trade act.

Woodrow said between 80-90 of the displaced East Jordan workers have taken advantage of the programs available.

"Right now we have 56 people in credit classes or classes leading to a degree and 24 people in non-credit, specialized classes," he said. "Although I don't have a solid number yet, I know many of the East Jordan Dura workers, who were let go early, have already been reemployed through this program."

OPINION

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BETWEEN THE LINES

They are good and forgiving communicators

By ANGELA SHULTIS

It's true. Kids say the darndest things. All of us parents, I'm sure, have a million and one stories about what clever/brilliant/hilarious things our kids have said, at various ages and stages of development.

Often, I presume, these tidbits are far funnier to the parents in question than to the folks to whom they are related; we all laugh along, however, because we've all been there.

And while what our kids say is often amusing and worthy of an anecdote or two for the office or playgroup, I've found that sometimes, if you look a little deeper, you'll notice just how succinct our children's words are.

While we as adults often struggle to find ways to relate verbally to others what we're thinking, feeling, etc., kids just come out with it, gloriously free of all the bells and whistles.

For example (and you knew I'd have some), recently my 4-year-old son has had some difficulty with a particular stuffed bear that has sat for months on a chair in his room.

Lately, it seems, he's had moments where he's certain he's seen the bear moving. I, on the other hand, am fairly certain it's not suddenly become animated (repeated readings of the Amityville Horror notwithstanding), and so have told him that it's only his imagination.

The other day, my son was seen coming out of his room, carefully closing the door behind him, looking a little world-weary. "What's wrong?" I asked him. After heaving a long sigh, he said, "My imagination's in there."

While at first I had to stifle a laugh, I later thought about that statement, and realized just how clearly he had really communicated to me. I knew, because of our previous run-ins, exactly what he was talking about. And to him, his statement was the simple, unfettered truth. Needless to say, Mr. Bear has been relegated to the back of the closet for an indeterminate amount of time.

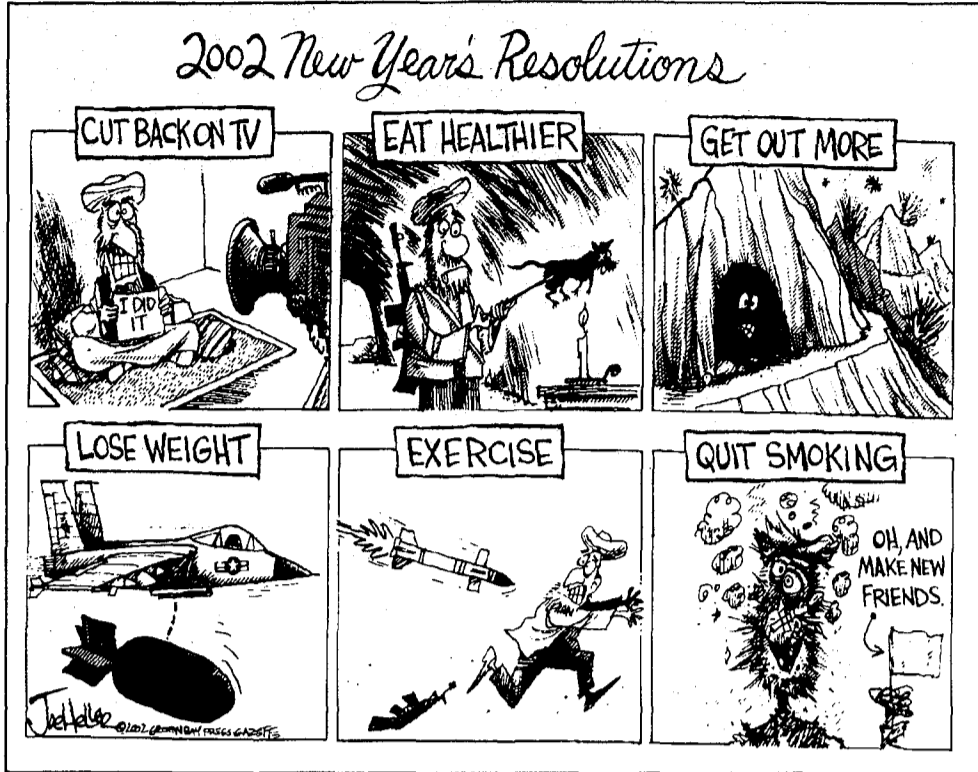
My 6-year-old daughter is just as likely to come up with some nugget of clarity. She'll love me for telling this story (not), but here it is anyway. She'd gone into the bathroom to... well, you know. I was just outside, folding laundry, when after a few moments, her voice called out, "Mom?"

Being the eight millionth "Mom?" I'd heard that day, I responded with an impatient "What?," expecting a request for more toilet paper or something completely unrelated to the task at hand. "I just remembered," she said with some exasperation, "that even when I'm in the bathroom, God's still watching."

Cue the stifled laughter; what could I do but agree? Again, at the time I thought of this as just one of those funny little kid-isms I'd pass on to the grandparents when I had the chance. Later, though, I realized that such a statement was really a great example of the thought processes kids go through; it seems the things I'm telling her are in fact sinking in, and she's applying them to experiences as they come, and better yet, is not afraid or embarrassed to say exactly what's on her mind.

Exactly what's on their minds, though, is not always so subtle. Often, there's a rather overt lesson for Mom involved. The other day, angry beyond words at her little brother for some crime he'd committed against my parental sensibilities, I spoke harshly to my daughter as she tried to ask me an innocent question, and later, requested my help with a doll. As I was finally sitting the boy down to settle the situation, my daughter approached me, looking forelorn. "Mommy," she said, "why did you act mad at me when I didn't even do anything?"

At that moment I realized, again, the simple wisdom of a child's unabashed communication skills. I'm grateful that she is able to express such a thought to me, and even more grateful to be given the opportunity to right a parenting wrong. Not only are kids good communicators, they're awfully forgiving. And thank God for both.



A Mom's Life

Parental communication calls for extreme measures

By CINDI PLACE

I remember when our kids were little that my husband and I learned to communicate through code words, so that little ears wouldn't understand what we were talking about. Actually, when the children were really little we didn't need any special language. It wasn't until our oldest repeated a favorite cuss word (used only in dire emergencies mind you) that we understood that our kids could hear a lot more than we realized.

Our first "codes" were usually non-verbal. A nod of the head, rolling our eyes or pointing usually sufficed to get a message across. But as the children grew older, we had to add to our signal repertoire with simple words combined with motions. Pointing at one's watch and saying "time" meant either bedtime, time to leave, or some similar action.

After a few years, we found that we didn't need to finish sentences with each other very often. Whole conversations, including parental decisions, could be found in simple sentences like "not here, right?" or "too late."

Of course, the kids eventually caught on so that we

found ourselves searching for more creative ways to communicate emergency decisions requiring total parental cooperation. There have been times when, as our teenagers heads whip back and forth between us, that we've managed to make a decision without giving all our secrets away. But then the trick is choosing the parent who gets to impart the bad news. I usually shrug my shoulders and walk away. My husband has a better plan. He pretends not to understand that it's his turn to tell the kid.

I can remember my husband and I talking about a decision we had to make regarding one of our kids, and we continued the discussion even though the boy was still in the room. This really made him mad, because he knew we were talking about him, but he also knew that if he interrupted us it might mess up his chances. Smart kid.

Since our children are all now old enough, and smart enough, to understand any type of "secret language" their parents may have developed, we've had to once again figure out a way to communicate with each other without the kids knowing what we're saying. I think we've found the perfect solution.

We go out to dinner. Alone.

LETTERS

'Santa' came through this Christmas for students at East Jordan High School

TO THE EDITOR:

Do you believe in Santa? I do! Thanks to the hard working a.m. exercisers, more than 15 East Jordan High School students received Christmas gifts purchased especially for them. A gesture completed without even being asked.

You may never know what your gifts meant to our older students who are sometimes forgotten during this special season. Your generosity reminds all of us the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you on behalf of the students who had a brighter Christmas this year.

Tammy Jackson, principal
East Jordan High School

Giving community members made Christmas dinner one to remember

TO THE EDITOR:

As people began to gather on Christmas Day in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church they were greeted with sincere smiles and warm hearts. Every one was welcomed to sit, eat, and visit with each other.

All those who came, servers and guests, appeared as one big family enjoying the peaceful atmosphere of a feast fit for the King, whose birthday we celebrate!

When so many people volunteer to help with this annual Christmas Dinner (this being the fifth year held) there

is no way to express the gratitude you all so deserve. So, to all of you who gave - whether of your time, money or donations of any description - we THANK YOU!

May God bless you for making it possible for people in our community to gather together and enjoy the fellowship of a Christmas Blessing upon them, and those who have given from their hearts.

May the Lord be with you and yours throughout this New Year.

Al and Jenny Lawson
First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City

Schedule set for EJPS Community enrichment classes

The East Jordan Public Schools recently announced the schedule for the Winter Evening Community Enrichment Classes beginning in January.

Courses offered include:

Swing and Ballroom Dance, a five-week ballroom instructional course to include Latin styles of Cha-Cha and Rumba; East Coast Swing; Waltz; and Fox Trot. The classes will be held on Wednesdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School Gym. Meghan Meyer and Larry Sieradsky of the Harbor Dance Academy will be the instructors. The cost is \$75 per couple.

Internet E-mail, a hands-on class which will give a general overview of things to do, places to go, and security on the Internet. The class will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 31-Feb. 21 from 8-9 p.m. at the East Jordan High School, Room 21. Alicen Martinez of The Computer Center will serve as instructor. The cost is \$35 per person.

Basics in Flower Arranging will include florist trade secrets in identification, art of, basic design, color theory, and bow making. The hands-on class will have participants working with fresh and silk flowers, with a completed project at the course end. A field trip to a professional florist shop will be included and tools are provided. The classes will be held on Wednesdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 20, and 27, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the East Jordan High School art room. The instructor is Judy Worgess of the Backdoor Florist and Gifts. The cost is \$25, with a \$20 materials fee to be paid to the instructor.

Automotive Technology Enrichment Program, a class designed to provide individuals the opportunity to better understand the operation, service procedures, terminologies, and maintenance of the automobile. The program will consist of both theory and practice of general automotive concepts in a hands-on format. The program will consist of the following areas: a general overview of the automobile; things to know about tires; maintenance and maintenance schedules; handling the automobile in extreme conditions; terminologies involved in technical repairs; and problem identification. The class will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 31-Feb. 21, from 6-8 p.m., at the East Jordan High School Auto Technology Room. Instructor for the course will be Dan Brennan of the East Jordan Schools Automotive Technology department. The cost is \$35 per person.

For more information, or to register, call Debbie Harm at 536-0053, extension 5371.

More 'Wednesday Workshops' on tap at Boyne library

The Boyne District Library has announced the schedule for January and February Wednesday Workshops. All sessions require preregistration and pre-payment of fees in order to attend.

On Jan. 23, the program will be "E-mail - What is it? How do I sign up? Do I need my own computer?" Yvonne Looze from The Learning Center will discuss how to use the library to set up, access, and maintain e-mail. The cost is \$3 per person.

On Jan. 30, local yoga instructor Debbie Edwards will present "Introduction to Yoga." Edwards will teach the basics of this popular exercise/relaxation program. The cost is \$2 per person.

On Feb. 6, the program "Make Your Own Aromatherapy Bath Salts With the Woodsong Soap Company" will be presented by Dave and Sharon Wilson. The Wilsons will teach participants about how scent can relax, energize, and enhance moods. Those attending will make their own bath salts for use at home. The cost is \$3 per person.

On Feb. 20, Yvonne Looze will return to present "Surfing the Net," introducing participants to Internet searching. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the program. The cost is \$3 per person.

Also coming up at the library is a workshop on how to implement PBS children's programming in the classroom and at home, to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 15. The program will be conducted by Linda Dielman of WCMU public television, and will be sponsored by the Boyne City Elementary School PTO and the library.

Preschool storytimes will be starting up again on Tuesday, Feb. 5, and will run through Tuesday, March 12. Storytime sessions will be held from 10-10:45 a.m. Children must be pre-registered to attend.

For more information or to pre-register for any of these programs, call 582-7861.

CORRECTION

A story in last week's issue of The Citizen-Journal mistakenly reported that the Boyne City recycling site does not accept cardboard. The site does, in fact, accept corrugated and greyboard types of cardboard.

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Letters must be signed and include a daytime phone number for verification. Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

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Ski races to benefit Challenge Mountain

On Jan. 11 and 12, Boyne Mountain is hosting an event to benefit Challenge Mountain, Inc., in keeping with a longtime tradition. The event, the Captain Morgan ski races, will have 250 participants taking part in ski races throughout the weekend.

With entrance fees set at \$5 per person, the event's sponsor, Seagram's, has pledged to match the amount raised.

"The event is in a long line of wonderful things that Boyne Mountain does in support of Challenge Mountain," said Challenge Mountain executive director Sue Moody, who encourages the public to attend the event.

"The support it provides is a very important contribution to supporting the mission that Challenge Mountain provides to the individuals that are served," Moody said.

A ski party will be held the evening of Jan. 12, from 4-6 p.m., at which time the donations to Challenge Mountain will be presented.

Challenge Mountain is a non-profit organization that provides ski instruction to physically and mentally challenged individuals, and has recently begun taking reservations for at-risk school groups such as Special Education and Alternative Education

classes.

The organization is also working to add summer programming, to include educational hiking trails, complete with labeled foliage and points of interest, on the 160 acre site located on Springbrook Road.

Those who cannot participate but wish to donate can call the Challenge Mountain office at 535-2141 or Boyne Mountain at 582-6000 for details. For more information on the benefit or Challenge Mountain programs, call Moody at 535-2141.

Winners of annual Boyne Tour of Lights announced

Organizers of the Boyne City Trolley Tour of Lights recently announced the 2001 winners of the residential holiday light competition.

Winners were: 1st - Bill Brooks, 02833 Boyne City-Charlevoix Rd.; 2nd - Buck Beebe, 1108 Pleasant Ave.; 3rd - Judy Anthony, 521 S. Park St.



In its ninth year, the Boyne City High School drama department production 'Boyne Meets Broadway' will feature a five-course dinner and variety of Broadway tunes. The performance will be held at the Boyne Mountain Convention Center this year, after its original location, One Water Street, opted to close for the winter.

'Boyne Meets Broadway' makes a move

In its ninth year, the Boyne City High School show Boyne Meets Broadway has found itself a new place to call home.

Since its inception, the show, which features an evening of fine food and Broadway-style entertainment, has been held at Stafford's One Water Street restaurant in Boyne City. This year, with One Water Street closing for the winter season for the first time, the show was, for a brief time, without a home. Cue Boyne Mountain.

Though he'd had some warning that the show might not take place at One Water Street, it wasn't until about Dec. 1 that Bob Wollenberg found himself dialing up Boyne Mountain staffers Mark Sulak and Scott Hall, looking for help. And there he found it. "They were extremely helpful," Wollenberg said. "They were more than happy to take the job," despite the logistics of pulling together an event at essentially the last minute. "They've gone out of their way to quickly make this happen," he said.

Offering up part of the Mountain's Convention Center, Boyne USA's part in Boyne Meets Broadway was quickly cemented, and planning got underway. This year's event, Wollenberg said, will follow the same format as in past years, with students serving a five-course dinner and performing an array of Broadway-style tunes. Many of the musical selections will be new this year, including medleys from the Broadway hit shows "Mamma Mia!" and "Camelot." Tunes from "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" will also be featured, as well as a performance of 50s tunes by the popular girls acapella ensemble.

Though the group has traditionally relied on some standard favorites to perform year after year, this year, said Wollenberg, the "kids were energetic and really wanted to go for it."

In the past, the group has scheduled four shows, but this year has scaled back to two, due to the strain that four shows has put on the students' academic life. Despite halving the number of shows, though, the new location will actually allow the students to perform to more people. "Instead of 85 people a night at One Water Street, [the group will perform for] 200 people a night at Boyne Mountain," Wollenberg said. And though the venue is larger, he added, the show has been designed so that "you won't lose the intimacy" of the original show. All in all, he couldn't be happier with the accommodations and is optimistic about the outcome. "It's really a school to work relationship."

"We're lucky to have a nice place to go," he added. "Even though they're out of town, Boyne Mountain has always been wonderful to the Boyne City schools."

Shows are scheduled for Jan. 22 and 24, with refreshments served at 6:15 p.m. and the five-course dinner served at 7 p.m., accompanied by the musical performances.

Tickets are available only at Boyne Mountain, with the price remaining the same as last year, \$25 per person. Only 400 tickets will be sold, with tables assigned at the time of purchase. To purchase tickets, call Pat Leese at 549-6054.

MSU Extension offering deer management workshops

MSU Extension in Northern Lower Michigan is sponsoring three Deer Management Workshops, to provide private landowners and hunters with information about how to manage white-tailed deer on property used for hunting.

Management topics will include Quality Deer Management (QDM), Wildlife Management Concepts, Habitat Management, Forestry Management, Deer Nutrition, and Designing Food Plots.

The main focus of the workshops will be to encourage private land managers to use a scientific approach

to deer management and to discourage baiting and feeding. For landowners interested in planting wildlife food plots, these workshops also offer advice on how to successfully grow grasses, legumes, and other annual crops.

Russell Kidd, North Region Forestry Agent for MSU Extension, will be providing information for larger landowners that want to manage their forests for deer by harvesting timber.

The first workshop will be held at the Forwards Conference Center in West Branch on Feb. 9, where Brian Murphy, QDMA Executive Director,

will be a guest speaker.

The second workshop will be held at the Sylvain Resort in Gaylord on Feb. 23, where Harley Sampson, Jr., QDMA Regional Director will be a guest speaker.

The third workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn in Alpena on March 23. Check-in for the workshops starts at 8:30 a.m. and the workshops run until 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes admission, materials, and lunch. Workshop proceeds will be used to establish test food plots in participating counties.

MSU Extension is currently rent-

ing vendor space for each of the three conferences. Cost is \$75, which includes one admission. Sporting goods or hunting stores, local elevators or others selling seed mixtures, wildlife or forestry consultants, and other interested parties are encouraged to apply early because space is limited.

Sponsorships are also available at various levels.

To register, reserve vendor space, or become a sponsor for any of the three workshops, contact the Ogemaw County MSU Extension office at (989) 345-0692.

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Improving defense is key to Ramblers' success

There is one word Boyne City varsity head coach Bill Brown will be repeating over and over again to his team as they move into the heart of their schedule.

That word is defense. The Ramblers are scoring enough points to win, the problem is they are letting their opponent score more.

After the long holiday break, the Ramblers returned to action last Friday against Harbor Springs and defense was the team's downfall once again.

"They just outworked us defensively," said Brown of the Ramblers' 88-65 loss.

The Ramblers started slow, trailing 12-0 early in the game, but they made a run late in the first quarter to trail by only three. But that was as close they would come as Harbor led by 15 at the half, and 17 at the end of the third quarter.

"They are a very good team," Brown said. "They have the size and talent. Defensively we just couldn't stop them." Harbor was particularly hot from the outside, hitting nine three-pointers.

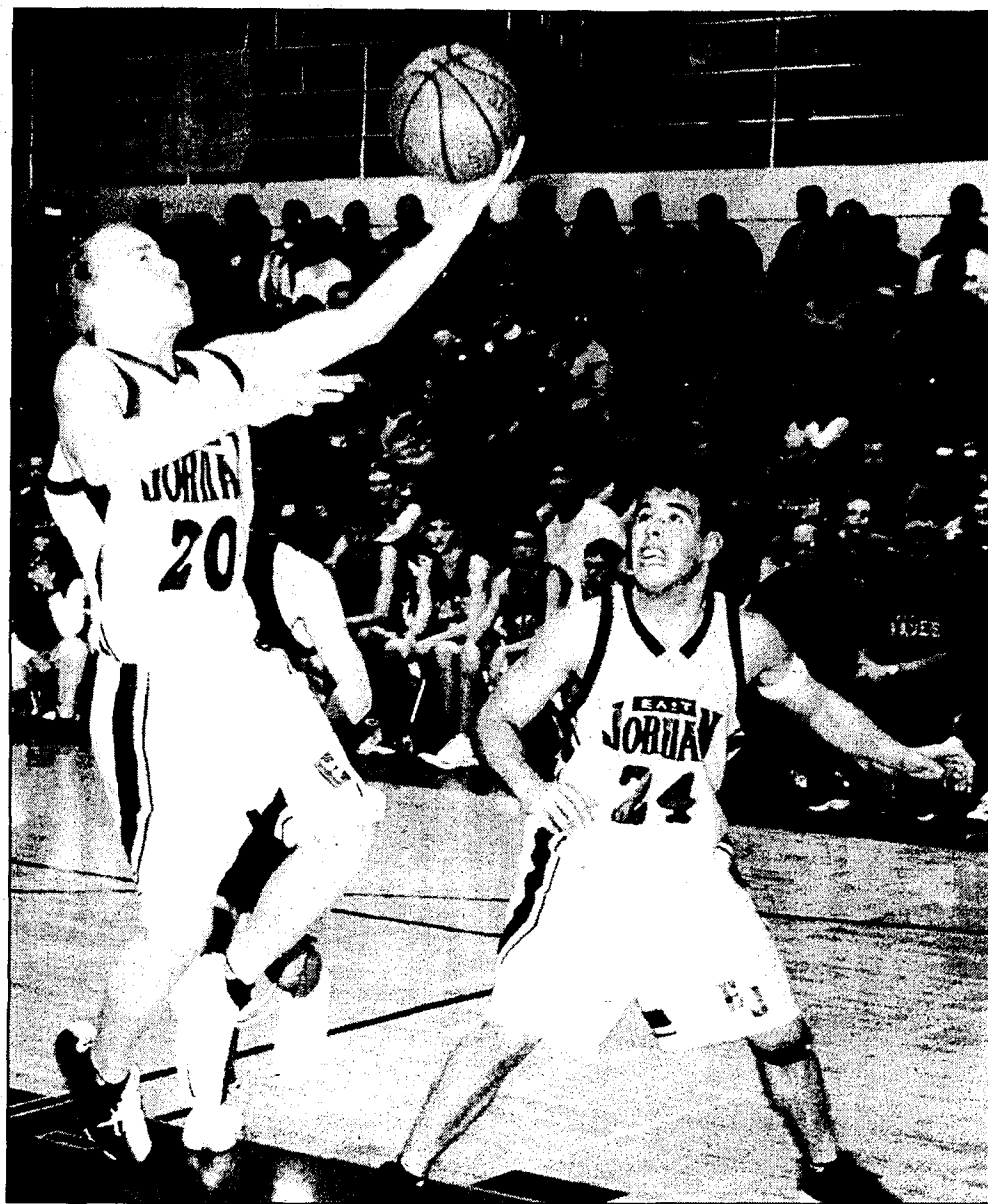
"We are just really focusing on our defense," Brown said. Offensively the team is solid, but "defensively we are just letting down. We have to decide to step up and play defense."

Brian Metzger led the Ramblers in scoring with 16 points. Ryan Amesbury had a solid game with 14 points and seven rebounds before he had to leave the game early in the fourth quarter with an ankle injury. Brown said he didn't expect Amesbury to miss much action.

The first-year coach also had high praise for junior Beau Detcher who scored 11 points. "He did a really nice job," Brown said.

The Ramblers, 1-6 for the season, traveled to Petoskey on Tuesday and hit the road again Friday when they travel to Traverse City St. Francis.

THE BOYNE CITY junior varsity had its offense clicking on all cylinders as it defeated Harbor Springs 93-75. Tylor Daniels led a well-balanced scoring attack for Boyne City.



In last week's matchup with Charlevoix, Red Devil Scott Jones puts one up to the basket as teammate Robert Grover looks on. Jones led East Jordan in scoring for the night with 12 points.

EJ finds tough going against Charlevoix

For a quarter it was a game, but after that it was all Charlevoix as the East Jordan Red Devils lost 88-46 Friday evening to a team many think may be one of the finest in the state.

"It was exciting for a while then they just wore us down," said East Jordan head coach Lance Bailey. "They are just an incredible team. They are well coached and have phenomenal players."

"They just keep coming at you. It's amazing how well they understand the team aspect."

After trailing by seven after the first quarter, 26-19, the Red Devils scored only seven in the second quarter while Charlevoix poured in 31. East Jordan was led by Scott Jones who had 12 points and Takayuki Kida and Kevin Roberts, who each had nine. Roberts also grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Despite the lopsided score, there were positives for the Red Devils. One was their 72 percent free throw shooting. The second was their effort.

"They gave it their best," Bailey said. "You are always disappointed to lose, but I feel positive about our effort. If we have an effort like that, we will be competitive and beat some teams."

Earlier in the week the Red Devils traveled to Central Lake where the Trojans handed them a 70-56 loss. The Red Devils trailed by only five at the half, 31-26, but they were outscored 23-13 in the third quarter and were never able to make a run.

"We lacked discipline on both ends of the court," Bailey said. "They beat us in every aspect of the game. Some kids gave a good effort, but overall it was disappointing."

Kida led the Red Devils with 14 followed by Jones with 11.

"The kids are coming together, we are going to be okay," Bailey said.

The Red Devils, 1-5 for the season, travel to Kalkaska on Friday.

EAST JORDAN'S FRESHMEN, led by Tom Krause's 23 points, defeated Charlevoix 69-64 Friday. Other top scorers for the Red Devils were Justin Roberts with 18, Tyler Spence with 10 and Tim Kraemer with nine. Krause was also the team's top rebounder.

Bowler finds perfection on the lanes

After 12 years of bowling, Jim Gregware of Boyne Falls has achieved something most enthusiasts of the sport only dream about — that perfect 300 game.

Bowled by Gregware in December at Boyne City Lanes, the game came on the heels of a close-to-perfect 299 bowled just a couple weeks before. Though he's a serious bowler who'd

"love to go pro," the 300 was a first, and one he's not quick to take all the credit for. "It was lots of luck."

Still, the league bowler carries a 218 average in his Wednesday night game, not shabby by any standards. Gregware hones his skills by traveling to tournaments all over Michigan, including ones in Clare and Traverse City, thanks to the generous sponsor-

ship of some area businesses and individuals, including Rick Casper of Lynda's Real Estate.

"My brothers own BC Pizza in Charlevoix and St. Ignace," Gregware said, "so they sponsor me, and I'm also sponsored by Jim Sheperd Painting."

The bowler said that he owes a debt of gratitude to all his sponsors for

helping him out, as they make it possible for him to play in various tournaments and gain the experience he needs.

And while experience certainly played a part in his most recent accomplishment, Gregware stands by his claim that luck played a big part. "Anybody will tell you that's bowled a 300, that it's a lot of luck," he said.



Jim Gregware

Boyne Falls resumes season with a loss to Mackinaw City

By JENNY KUHN
Student Writer

The Boyne Falls Loggers let one slip away Friday night in a conference battle against Mackinaw City. Boyne Falls lost 57-46.

The Loggers started out slowly on their home floor, not scoring until half way through the first quarter, but they quickly caught up to the Comets. Archie Griffen hit a 30-foot shot at the first quarter buzzer to tie the game, 9-9. At the end of the second quarter it was tied up again, 20-20. Boyne Falls ended the third quarter just one point behind Mackinaw City, 34-33. In the fourth quarter, the Loggers were outscored by 10.

"I think we are going to be a very good team when we play a complete 32 minutes of basketball," said Boyne Falls head coach Frank Hamilla. "We are still having times when we are having mental breakdowns offensively and defensively, but I am very proud of our effort, and if we keep that up good things are going to happen for this team."

Leading scorers for the Loggers were Mike Dunlop with 18 and Archie Griffen with 10. Brandon Paquet led Mackinaw City with 17 points, while Mark Spencley and Brian Teysen each added 12.

The Loggers played without Matt Skop, a starting forward, due to injury. Mackinaw remains unbeaten, while the loss puts Boyne Falls at 3-3 overall, 1-1 in conference play.

Boyne Falls won the JV contest 50-39 led by Josh Gasco with nine points.

Boyne Falls traveled to Vanderbilt Tuesday and will host Brimley Friday.

BC netters top Charlevoix, take third at tourney

The Lady Ramblers were back at the net this week, facing Charlevoix on Monday night. Boyne City took the match in three games, 2-1, with scores of 15-2, 15-17, and 15-12.

Top performances for the night were Kriste Gaither with 12 points, 10 blocks, and five kills; Kelly Spaniak with nine points, 10 digs, and two kills; Ashley Hadix with six points, six digs, and two kills; Meredith Clemens with five points, five blocks, and three kills; and Kayla Wiltzer with seven points, two digs,

and two kills.

On Saturday, Jan. 5, traveling to the Kingsley Tournament and bringing home a third place finish overall.

In the first round, Boyne City faced Traverse City St. Francis, topping TC in both games of the match, 15-8 and 15-11.

Round two found the Lady Ramblers up against Frankfort, losing the first game 9-15, but making up for lost time in the next two games 15-11 and 15-12.

Round three had Boyne City top-

ping TC Christian in three games, 15-11, 15-5, and 15-8, taking the team to the semi-finals, where they lost to Kingsley in three games, 11-15, 15-8, and 2-15.

Boyne went up against TC Christian once more in a consolation round, winning both games of the match, 17-15 and 15-12.

Top players for the day were Gaither, with a total of 36 blocks, 23 kills, 15 digs, and 12 points with four aces; Clemens had 33 blocks, 17 kills,

and 11 points; Spaniak contributed four kills, 33 digs, and 28 points with four aces; Hadix had 10 kills, 17 digs, and 20 points with two aces; Sam Bricker and Cadie Britton both tallied 19 points, with Bricker also contributing four aces, and Britton adding one ace.

Team MVP went to Spaniak and Gaither. The Lady Ramblers also received All-Tournament team honors.

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

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With 58 points, the East Jordan girls placed third overall out of eight teams in the slalom. Top finishers for the Red Devils were Margaux Rowley

in third with a total time of :51.53; Erica Carey in 15th with a total time of :55.96; and Claire Niewendorp in 19th with a total time of :56.64. The East Jordan boys finished eighth out of 11 teams overall in the giant slalom, tallying a total of 129 points. Top finisher for EJ was Bryan Diller in 13th with a total time of :50.03.

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Technology creates opportunities at BF School —

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study Latin; long-distance learner Elisha Fiel will soon be studying webpage design on-line for school credit.

The attractions of such programs are many, say the students. Having the opportunity to work by yourself, at your own pace was appealing to Fiel, who also liked the idea of taking classes she wouldn't normally have the chance to experience in-house. For Wasylewski, the chance to work at home and on weekends was appealing, and all the students were enthusiastic about the chance to interact with people in other cities and states through the classes.

While most students have encountered technology-related glitches in the process (mostly on the side of the entity through which the classes were taken), all agreed that once these issues were smoothed out, the option is a beneficial one.

Indeed, said Aten, the "Virtual aspect of education is just in its infancy." But, he points out, as electronic learning gets better and more interactive, "we'll be ready."

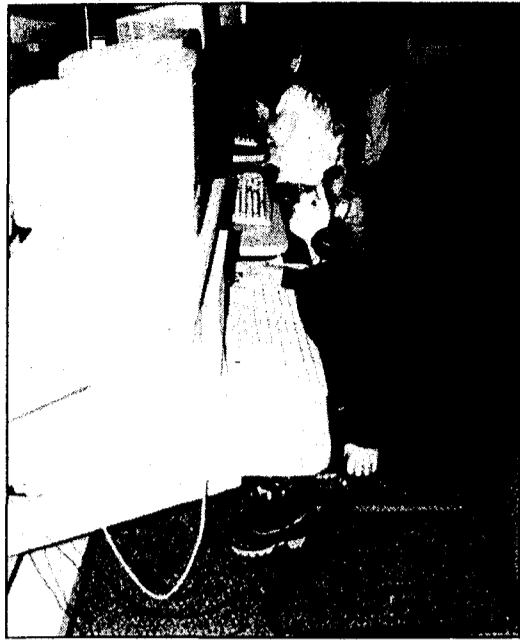
"I'm not trying to be a futurist," Aten said, "but I predict that 10 years down the line the high school will have half its students [learning on-line]. Our concept of education is going to evolve around the virtual aspect."

Beyond the technology piece, the overall concept is very much one of authentic learning. In any job description one might assemble, Parsons points out, characteristics such as "persistence" and "self starter" are typically desirable. Both qualities, along with the time management and organizational skills that go along with them, are nurtured by utilizing technology closely with curriculum and life skills taught at the school. "It's a dose of life and reality," Parsons said.

The approach also changes, in a sense, the focus of the educational process. The technology aspects, especially the distance learning, create an environment which is more student-centered, as opposed to teacher-centered. "It certainly falls in line with the new philosophy of education," Aten said.

"The teacher is not the purveyor of knowledge but the facilitator of it. The student is involved in the educational process." Students, rather than being dictated to, are learning "to work cooperatively, how to be problem solvers," Parsons said.

The new approach brings challenges with it, as well. "Some students don't like the computer at all," said Howell. "They [only] do what they need to do. Other students have gone gangbusters." Much of the struggle for some kids is accepting the responsibilities that come with student-centered learning. Some aspects, such as the long-distance learning option, admits Howell, "are not for everyone."



Students of all ages spend at least 20 minutes each day working at a computer station. Here, kindergartner Jason Wonsey mulls over his next move on an interactive learning program.

On the flip of the coin, many students take the technology in stride to the extent that they are blasé about it. "Some of them assume that everybody has this," Aten said. "They are surprised to find out [that others don't]."

"[Adults are] always fascinated by new technology," he added. The students, on the other hand, just "accept it."

It's not just in the realm of academics that technology comes into play at Boyne Falls School. "You can look at it from a pure operations standpoint," said Parsons, and see that "we are paperless in purchase ordering, paperless in memos. We look at attendance electronically." Budget projections and adjustments, and other accounting functions, are all done electronically. A paperless environment, from students to teachers to administration, is the goal, and one that is well on the way to being achieved.

The future, Aten said, is not only focused on keeping up to date, but, perhaps more importantly at this stage of the game, on mastering what the school has. "We have a great deal [technologically]," he said. "We've only touched the potential."

The bottom line, Parsons concludes, is that the technology is a tool for creating lifelong learners. "We're really committed to lifelong learning, and not just for the students," he said. "I have to keep learning too."



The year's first baby

Jesus and Ana Villarreal of East Jordan welcomed the area's first baby of the year 2002, on Jan. 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Born at 5:49 p.m., Jesus Axel Villarreal weighed in at 9 lbs. 7 ozs., and was delivered by Dr. Jim Jeakle. The couple received a selection of goodies from the hospital in honor of their new arrival. (Courtesy photo)

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Harold J. (Tuff) Kerr

The Veteran of the Month for January is Harold J. (Tuff) Kerr.

Born March 10, 1931 in Boyne City, Kerr was inducted into the Army Sept. 9, 1952 in Detroit, serving in Korea where he received The Purple Heart for wounds he received on July 13, 1953 at Chinchon, Korea.

He also received The Korean Service Ribbon with two bronze service stars and The United Nations Service Medal.

Kerr was appointed to the rank of Corporal on June 29, 1954 and transferred to the Army reserves for eight years receiving his discharge on Aug. 13, 1962.

After returning home Kerr worked

at the Tannery and later for Irv Worthing at the newsstand.

He enjoyed being around people and kept score at basketball games, worked the chains at football games and coached girls softball until his death on Nov. 8, 1986.

Kerr never married and is being honored by his brother Pete from Ellsworth.

The Veteran of the Month program is available for any deceased veteran who served honorably in the United States military.

To honor a veteran call (231) 588-6067 or Tuesdays and Thursdays (231) 582-781 between 3-6 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed the first



Harold J. (Tuff) Kerr

Thursday of each month in front of the American Legion Post at the corner of Lake and Main in Boyne City at 6:15 p.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

Boyne Area Gymnastics taking students for Winter session

Boyne Area Gymnastics and Dance is now registering students for the session beginning Jan. 14.

Programs are being offered for both adults and children. Classes offered include an all-boys Conditioning and Tumbling class; Adult Aerobics; Tumble Tots; Creative Movement; Modern Dance; a cheerleader tumbling class; and many levels of gymnastics classes.

Gymnastics classes are also being offered in East Jordan through the center.

The upcoming eight-week session will begin on Jan. 14, and will end March 7. Classes are offered for boys and girls age three and up Monday

through Thursday, with many different class times available. For more information, call center director Kari Steelman at 582-9787.

Boyne City residents invited to city-wide goal-setting session

Community members in Boyne City are invited once again to participate in the annual city-wide goal setting session. This year the event is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. and will be held at St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

All will have an opportunity to express ideas, and goals set will assist the city commission and city staff in fiscal planning for the year. For more information, call 582-6597.

Jeff Haas Trio bringing jazz great to BCES

Students at Boyne City Elementary will enjoy a special treat on Thursday, Jan. 10, when The Jeff Haas Trio will conduct workshops for all grades throughout the afternoon, accompanied by special guest George Benson, the legendary saxophone player who has performed with the likes of Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington.

The appearance is being sponsored by the Boyne City Elementary PTO, and has been coordinated with the assistance of the Crooked Tree Arts Council. The Jeff Haas Trio is scheduled to appear later in the week at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 11 and 12, at 8 p.m. each evening. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$8 for students.

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