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At A Glance

Fiddler's Jamboree returning to East Jordan

The annual Jordan Valley Fiddler's Jamboree and old-time square dance will return to the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan on Saturday, March 2.

Fiddlers, along with musicians of other non-electrified instruments, are invited to participate. The Jamboree will run from 12 noon-5 p.m., with each fiddler having a turn at the mike to play three tunes. Open mike time will be held from 5-7 p.m., for back-up musicians who wish to perform. Square and round dancing will be held from 7-10 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy the music and dancing; there is no charge for admission, but donations are appreciated. Musicians and square dance callers are asked to register at the door.

The event is sponsored by the Jordan Valley Fiddler's Jamboree committee, whose mission is to promote and continue old-time fiddle music. Donations collected are disbursed as scholarships to young people who need money to educate themselves in the field of music. In past years, money has been given to students attending Interlochen Arts Academy, Blue Lake Music Camp, McCune Arts Center, and private music lessons.

For more information, call Bill Stevens at 547-9153 or Rod Stevens at 547-5757.

'Taste and Sound of Boyne' will benefit fine arts

The Taste and Sound of Boyne, a fund-raising event for the Boyne City Foundation For Educational Excellence, will be held on Friday, Feb. 15, from 6-9 p.m. at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City.

The first-time event will feature "finger foods" from the area's best restaurants, along with an evening of entertainment provided by the Boyne City High School Jazz Band and Drama Department. There will be a cash bar.

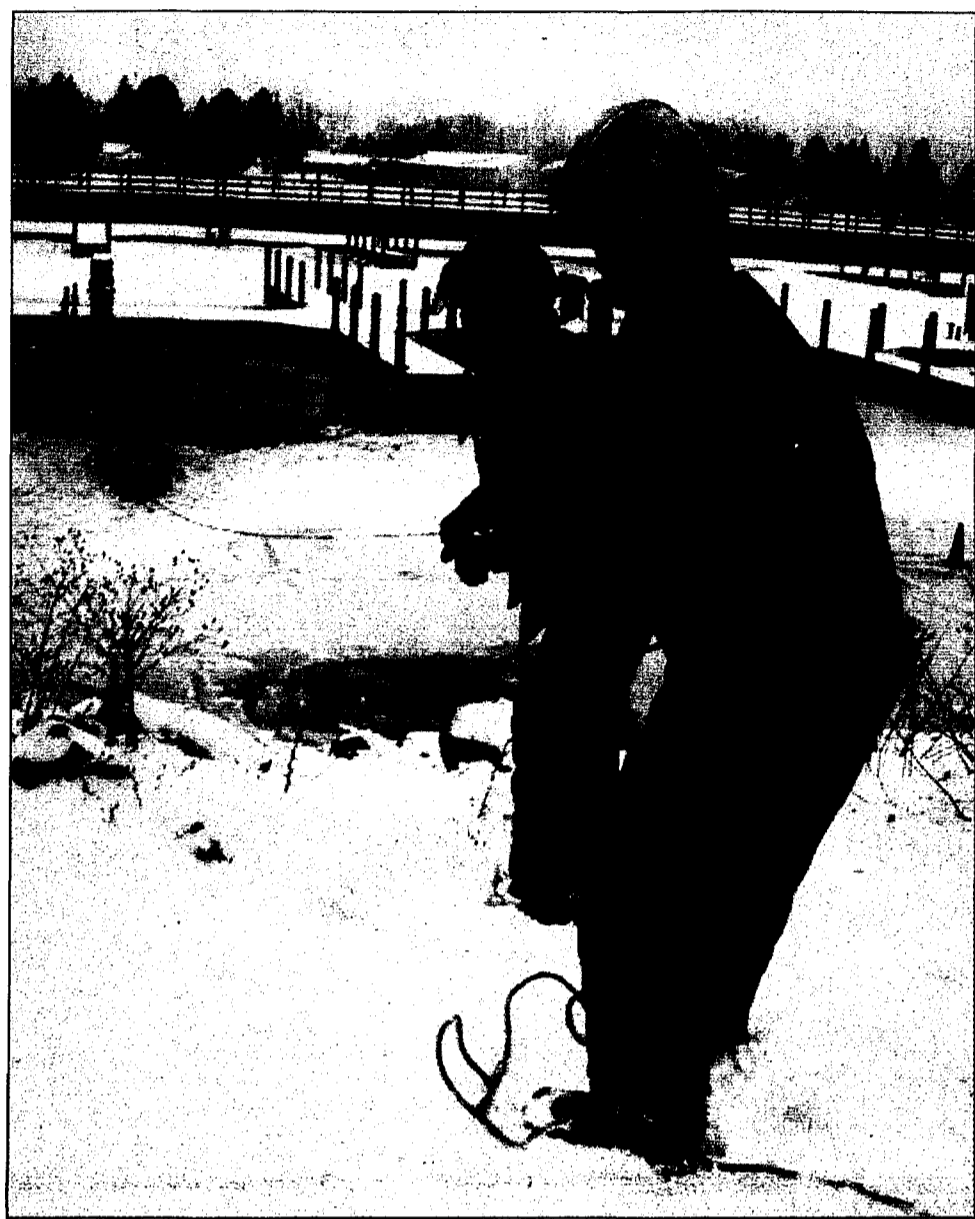
The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets are available at the Dilworth, Boyne Country Provisions, Boyne City High School, or from any foundation member.

Proceeds will benefit the enhancement of the auditorium at the new high school.

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Ice work

Members of the East Jordan Fire Department spent last Sunday learning the finer points of ice rescue techniques.

Firefighters spent the morning in classroom sessions, then got a little hands-on training in the afternoon on the ice in the East Jordan City Marina.



City of East Jordan looking at possible utility rate hikes

Just as the East Jordan City Commission has hinted in recent months, a water rate hike may be in the offing for East Jordan city water customers.

At last week's regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality representative Robert Schneider presented his take on the City's annual Water and Sewer Rate Reports, recommending a 15 percent increase in water rates as a measure to assure that water fund operating and maintenance costs can be covered without borrowing from other funds in the City budget.

The 15 percent recommendation is down from the amount included in the recent water report, which would have been about a 50 percent increase. According to Schneider, however, the City's inclusion of a depreciation amount is not typical in a rate analysis, and could be removed, as depreciation is "not a funded item." The exclusion would bring the proposed rate down from a possible \$1.74 per 100 cubic feet to a possible management \$1.13 per 100 cubic feet. "To me that looks much better," Schneider said. "[The exclusion of the depreciation amount] will not impact revenues coming in."

Schneider also noted he was pleased with the replacement table the city had built into the analysis, add-

ing that it's important to set money aside into a replacement account to cover additional costs without disrupting the operating budget.

As part of the DEQ's Municipal Facilities Section, Schneider's interest in the fund is more than academic — his assessment is part of an effort on the part of the DEQ to be certain that the city's funding of the water system is sufficient to cover operation costs, in compliance with loan

terms agreed to by the city in 1999 for their water system upgrade.

The city's sewer system rate analysis was also reviewed, as the city received a loan from the DEQ in the 1980s for sewer system upgrades. As with the water fund, Schneider said

the areas to look at are sufficiency and whether or not rates are proportionate, so that "you don't have one group of users subsidizing another group of users." As in the water rate analysis, Schneider recommended the removal of the depreciation amount, dropping the proposed rate from \$3.13 per 100 cubic feet, or an increase of about \$1 per 100 cubic feet, to \$2.46 per 100 cubic feet. The reduced increase, Schneider told the commission, "won't jeopardize the sufficiency of revenue."

Schneider also recommended that the City "take a look at fixed and variable costs, and make sure they are allocated appropriately." He pointed out that since a large portion of the population consisted of parttime residents, it may be some "users here a limited time are not paying their true fair share."

As with the water fund, Schneider determined that the replacement fund for the sewer fund "looks good."

"The methodologies in both systems are in compliance [with DEQ terms]," Schneider concluded. Still, he added, the water system has been running at a deficit, an issue which "should be taken care of in the next year or two."

"For the most part East Jordan is in compliance," Schneider said. "There's some tweaking to be done."

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Boyne school board approves 3-building plan

By a unanimous vote at its meeting Monday evening, the Boyne City Board of Education voted to approve a three-building configuration plan, a significant change from the four-building plan proposed in the 1999 bond proposal currently funding school construction and renovation.

Under the plan, the district will retain ownership of the fourth building, the current middle school, which will be utilized for early childhood and other community programming.

The board action came upon the recommendation of interim superintendent Jim Cooper, who recently presented the findings of a Building Configuration Committee, assembled nearly a year ago to research the issue.

At last week's public forum, Cooper outlined the information gathered by the committee which included economic data concerning both the school district and the community, as well as enrollment predictions.

The data painted a picture that was, as many suspected, not supportive of continuing at present with a four-building configuration.

The enrollment numbers, though at the time of the bond issue were projected to increase, have actually declined, a trend that has continued into the current school year. With a projected total enrollment of 1,468 in the district for the 2001-02 school year at the time of the bond issue, actual enrollment as of September sat at 1,242, a deficit of 226 students. Community factors cited as influencing those numbers include an overall economic slowdown, coupled with increased housing prices, with the average price of home sales in the district jumping from \$163,599 in 1998 to \$221,100 in 2001. The creation of a charter school, Concord Academy Boyne, is also deemed responsible for a loss of anywhere from 120-160 students.

Regardless of the cause, though, the 200+ student deficit translates into about \$1.5 million less in state found-

ation grants, according to Cooper. And with fewer students, some new and creative options had to be explored.

The costs to maintain the current middle school as an upper elementary housing fourth and fifth grade students, as originally proposed in the four-building configuration, were also reviewed, with a total estimated cost of between \$467,042 and \$499,996 annually.

In light of these figures, the committee had explored several possible uses for the building, keeping in mind, Cooper said, the basic goals of minimizing the need for renovation and maximizing the benefit to the district and community, while generating revenues to offset any costs of operation.

Discussion, Cooper said, centered around "what else can be done in [the current middle school] building, that will be educationally sound, financially sound, and serve the interests [of the district]. No one," he added, "was ever talking about closing or selling the building."

Though Alternative Education as well as Be-Four and Kindergarten programming were discussed as possible uses for the building, the best use, Cooper proposed, would be some sort of partnership with community organizations and local business and industry. Possible partners already contacted include the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, MichiganWorks!, the United States Department of Agriculture, Adult Learning Labs, Family Independence Agency, and the health department. "Nothing has been finalized [except work with the NLEA]," Cooper said, "but if [the opportunity] occurs, they can't wait to talk about the possibilities."

One benefit of such partnerships would not only, Cooper noted, be to build a relationship between such organizations and the school district, but also help build the economic base of the community, and potentially make

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Poor road conditions behind several area traffic accidents

As wintry weather made a reappearance, several area residents were injured in auto accidents on Sunday, Feb. 10.

Shortly after 9 a.m. on Sunday, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department responded to a two-vehicle personal injury accident on M-66 near Flagg Road in South Arm Township.

A 1999 Ford Explorer driven by a Boyne City woman lost control on icy pavement, colliding with a 2002 Chevy Trailblazer.

The driver of the Ford Explorer was transported by East Jordan Ambulance to Charlevoix Area Hospital for treatment. The passenger in the Trailblazer, a female from Okemos, was also transported; the male driver of the Trailblazer, also of Okemos, was not transported.

The Sheriff's department expressed gratitude to the East Jordan EMS, Charlevoix Towing Service, and two citizens who stopped to render assistance to the victims.

AT 3:55 p.m., the sheriff's department responded to a personal injury accident on 131 South near Old Mackinaw Trail in Hudson Township. According to the sheriff's department, a vehicle driven by Jean Weber of Boyne Falls was traveling northbound when Weber lost control on slushy roads, striking a second vehicle traveling southbound, driven by Alicia Swaim of Boyne City. Weber was treated for an injured ankle at the scene and released; Swaim, who had been trapped in her vehicle, was taken to Northern Michigan Hospital to be treated for minor cuts and abrasions. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts. The sheriff's department was assisted at the scene by Boyne Valley First Responders and Boyne City Ambulance.

LATER IN THE DAY, at approximately 8:20 p.m., the officers were called to a two-vehicle traffic accident which also involved a pedestrian on Rogers Road, just west of Waterman Road, in South Arm Township.

Jose Encarnacion, 46, of East Jordan, was reported in serious condition after being struck by a 1999 Mercury driven by Scott Shepherd,

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OPINION



BOYNE CITY SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The concrete floors in the commons and lobby areas have been poured, and the underground conduits in the same areas have been inspected. The catwalks are finished being erected in the auditorium, and the roofing over the auditorium, stage house, commons and lobby areas has been completed. The final installation of the interior glass in the classroom wing has been done, and the gaps around the aluminum windows in the media center have been insulated, as well as the finish caulking on the interior side of the same windows. The installation of the visual display boards and the projection screens in the classroom wing has taken place. The installation of the hard tile in the shower rooms is underway, and the roof drains in the commons and lobby areas are now finished. Wiring of the lights in the gymnasium is underway and should come to completion in the next week. The pulling of the wires in the classroom wing is being done, as they also start to install the technology equipment in the MDF room of the classroom wing.

On the schedule for the next two weeks are the following projects. The block walls and column enclosures for the balcony and balcony stairs will start to be laid, and will take up to three weeks, at which time the concrete stairs will be poured. The pouring of the concrete topping of the balcony at the back of the auditorium will take place, as well as pouring of the kitchen floor. The roof expansion joint covers over the commons and lobby areas will be installed if weather permits. The roof over the band room, scene storage, and the mechanical room B200 will be worked on, as crews install the remaining roof cap. The installation of the aluminum trim pieces around the media center windows will take place, as they also install the remaining casework and fume hoods in the classroom wing. The carpet installation and VCT in the classroom wing will begin, and Bouma will be taking a moisture test this week. The final coat of paint will be applied to the HM frames in the classroom wing after the interior glass is installed. The painting of the gymnasium will also come to a finish, along with the final installation of the hard tile in the shower rooms. The toilet partitions in the restrooms of the classroom wing will be installed. The installation of the folding partitions in the classroom wing will be done soon. The continuation of the sprinkler piping in area "B" will be underway, as well as the technology cabling in area "A." The underground mechanical and electrical in the kitchen will be finished, as they come in to inspect the same in the kitchen area.

Things remain within schedule, as the crews work hard to stay on task. While it may not look as though things are being done from the outside any more, they continue quite steadily on the inside.

(This update was provided by The Christman Company and the Boyne City Board of Education.)

**WE WELCOME YOUR
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.

A Mom's Life

Busy lives mean plenty of dishes piled up in the kitchen sink

By CINDI PLACE

Our family, like many others, lives in a world of so many activities, such busy lives that when we do stop and take a breather we find ourselves surrounded with all the things that remained undone in our absence. But what is most confusing to me is how, while we are all gone all day long (and frequently most of the evening), our house can get so cluttered.

Now, the dust I can understand since there is rarely anyone around to clean or sweep. It's the sink full of dishes, when we haven't eaten a meal at home for nearly a week, or the empty glasses and plates left in the living room, especially when no one is supposed to eat anywhere but at the dining table. Could we have visitors we aren't aware of? Or, as our youngest son insists, we have ghosts.

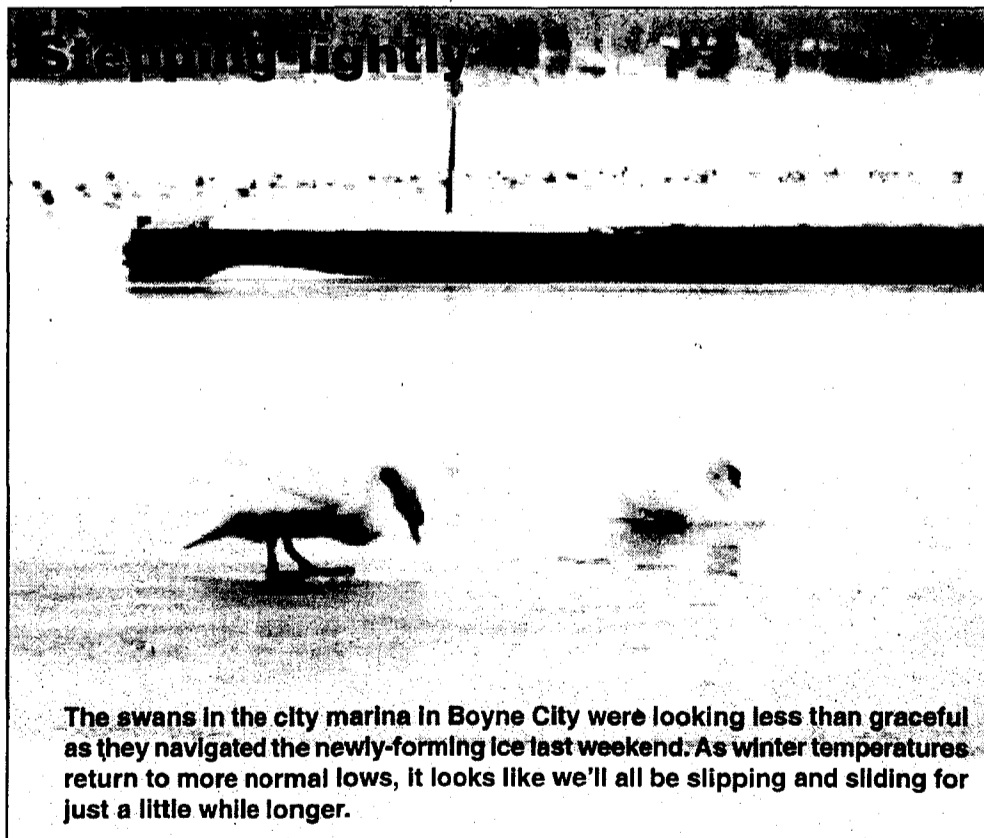
Coming home from church one Sunday, I was outlining the rest of the day's activities to our children. These included mostly cleaning up the bedrooms and doing the dirty laundry that had been piling up for the last week. The kids wanted to know why we always had to clean up

on Sundays. They felt that Sundays were to be a day of rest. I had to remind them that they'd been resting for a week now, and it was time to pay the piper, so to speak. The real reason for our regular Sunday cleaning days was that it was the only day we were ever home anymore.

I knew it was time to catch up on the laundry when I heard my husband telling our youngest child to look in the couch cushions for a pair of socks. Neither of them thought this was a disgusting suggestion, so I just kept my mouth shut. Something I've had to learn to do more frequently now that our daughter has left the nest and I am decidedly outnumbered.

Once in a while, when we find ourselves exhausted from a particularly busy week, I question whether we need to slow down a bit. But then, we get an unexpected free evening or weekend and believe it or not, we can't get comfortable with sitting around, doing nothing. So we head to a ski or sledding hill and enjoy the beautiful surroundings and each other.

Maybe we're just the kind of people God intended to keep busy.



The swans in the city marina in Boyne City were looking less than graceful as they navigated the newly-forming ice last weekend. As winter temperatures return to more normal lows, it looks like we'll all be slipping and sliding for just a little while longer.

Raven Hill gets grant for 'More Connections'

Raven Hill Discovery Center has been awarded a grant of \$21,200 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) for 2002 More Connections. Last year's grant program, Connections 2001 was by all counts enormously successful. 2002 More Connections promises a repeat performance in terms of quality, creativity and in-depth examination of four different media.

The four media highlighted in 2002 will be basketry, batik, blacksmithing and lithography.

The grant was awarded to Raven Hill to support innovative projects that explore the relationship between science and culture, which fits neatly into Raven Hill's mission to make connections that link science, history and the arts. The grant was awarded through the MCACA Peer Review Process and was one of 470 applications to compete for MCACA 2002 funding.

The program, 2002 More Connections, consists of three parts. Part one is the creation of four different displays — media boxes — depicting the history, science principles used and artwork in four different media — basketry, batik, blacksmithing and lithography. The media boxes, which are portable, will be on display at Raven Hill through September. Later they will be available to travel to schools and museums. In keeping with Raven Hill's hands-on philosophy, a hands-on box will accompany each display to give viewers a tactile experience to enhance the visual experience.

The second segment of 2002 More Connections consists of four "invitational" weeks, one for each media, for middle and high school students. The students will participate in activities at Raven Hill that demonstrate the history, science and art of the media and will create a piece of art to take with them. Two weeks of invitatorials will take place this winter and two more in September.

During four weeklong sessions in June, July and August interested high school and college students will attend Summer Art Process Workshops and experience the various art processes in depth from collecting and preparing materials to creating a finished piece in each art media.

The 2002 More Connections grant program will conclude with an open house on Sept. 29 where the public is invited to view the exhibits and participants in the summer workshops will display their work and give a short presentation.

Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars, and last year supporters rallied to meet the challenge. The Great Lakes Energy People Fund, The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dow, Ralph and Marilyn Boeker and Robert DenHerder and many other generous members of the community contributed to the successful matching of funds. Schools who participated in the program also provided support in the form of bus transportation for the students to attend the invitatorials. Raven Hill will be asking once again for financial assistance to support their endeavors in bringing this program to northern Michigan.

Since May of 1992, Raven Hill Discovery Center has provided a unique environment of quality learning experiences for people of all ages. Its mission is to build connections linking science, history and the arts. The museum and animal room provide hands-on experiences for individuals of all ages. Other programs include professional development for teachers, school field trips, scout activities, summer day camp, adult enrichment seminars and family activity days.

Raven Hill is located between East Jordan and Boyne City off C-48 at Pearsall Road. For more information about 2002 More Connections or Raven Hill Discovery Center, call 536-3369.

Boyne Falls to be featured on 'A Look at Your Town'

The Village of Boyne Falls will get a closer look this weekend on a PACE TV program. The town will be the subject of A Look at Your Town, featuring town clerk Marilyn Cousineau. The program will air on Friday, Feb. 15, from 8:30-9 p.m., and be replayed on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 5:30-6 p.m., and again on Sunday, Feb. 17, from 11:30 a.m.-noon.

Also on PACE will be Bill Coaster of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, will appear on School Forum. Coaster will explain how the pupil count is tabulated, and will discuss the transportation of students.

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

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BC school configuration

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the community more attractive for businesses and employees.

Other potential sources of revenue in this planned use of the current middle school, beyond the leasing of space, include possible grants for various program possibilities, including early childhood components. "Char-Em [Intermediate School District] has already committed to writing some grants," said Cooper.

Utilizing the current middle school for other programming will, of course, mean reorganizing use of the three schools on the current high school campus. Under the plan, the new high school, currently under construction, will house grades 9-12. The current high school, slated to become the middle school, will house grades 5-8, and the current elementary school will continue to serve grades K-4.

"One of the questions asked early

on was 'do we have room for the fourth and fifth grades?'" Cooper said. "Yes, we do." Cooper cited extensive renovations already undertaken at the current high school which added classrooms, and expanded other areas such as science labs. "Not only is there room, but room for growth in those buildings."

As for the future, he said, "Some day, when there isn't any more room, there is another facility, and we've kept it open and utilized it."

Questions from the audience at last week's forum were few, and mostly focused on specific issues such as renovations to the existing middle school and how many students would be needed to re-open the building as classroom space. "I don't think there's a magic number," Cooper responded to the latter question. "When that time comes can vary."

The only real criticism of the night was regarding the timeframe in which

the board has considered taking action on the measure.

While the board has had some of the information utilized in the study previously, according to Cooper, "it's good in the sense that [the board knows that the information] is valid."

A committee member added that it was beneficial to take a second look at any information previously gathered, for verification.

Having a committee of community members, she said, allowed for the board to have access to information "confirming what we believed was true," while at the same time allowing the board members to work on other issues.

Cooper later noted also that any decision made in any timeframe prior to now would have had no more impact on children and staff than this one does. "Nothing can be done until the next school year, anyway," he said.

Now that the approval has been given, Cooper, as superintendent, will be in charge of seeing that the plans move forward by making additional contact with prospective partners and "working out the details."

"We've done our homework," Cooper said. "Everything's in place. "Now we need to move forward."



Representatives of area organizations gathered recently at Great Lakes Motor Works in Boyne City to receive donations from the annual Boyne Area Car Show, popularly known as the Labor Day Car Show. Pictured here are, front row, from left: Jodi Adams of the Downtown Development Authority; county animal control officer Julie Whitley; and Colleen Smith and Michelle Hewitt of the Boyne City Historical Society. Back row: Martha Weisler of the Charlevoix County Humane Society; John McLeod of Great Lakes Motor Works; Dustin Moore, BCHS student and scholarship recipient; Mark Wuerth and Mike Stowe of Great Lakes Motor Works.

EJMS student honored in national essay contest

Recently, East Jordan Middle School student Chris Howard was honored as Michigan's regional gold-medal winner in the Sprint Sportsmanship For Life essay contest.

Chosen from more than 5,000 entries from across the country, Howard's entry was selected, according to an accompanying letter from Sprint Sportsmanship For Life program coordinator Steve Wujek, for its "thought and creativity."



By CHRIS HOWARD

Football, a hard, tough sport that only feeds on the cheers of the crowd and the constant thrive to win and conquer over all. As you line up on your spot all you think about is how hard you are going to hit your man and how hard he is going to try to get you down on the ground to score any type of point they can, just to show their domination over every field.

Sweat pouring from your face, your heart starts to race as you hear the call...set...hut...hut. Instantly it's nothing but a blur, heads bobbing up and down as the two forces are equal, the two teams battle it out until the end of the play. You join the huddle, five seconds left in the game, four yards off the ball and just enough time for one final play. Stopped at the line.

That's a pretty good season to have, 4-2. Of course your team is upset with you but they know you tried your best and gave it all you got. That shows good sportsmanship within your team and your friends. Another good part of sportsmanship is to congratulate the opposing team whether you won or lost.

Sometimes after a good play the opposing team, in anger, uses foul language. That shows poor sportsmanship.

To wrap things up, sportsmanship is about attitude, self-esteem, fair play and striving to achieve your goal. Whether your sport is basketball, baseball, hockey, soccer or any sport, having good sportsmanship is the key to success.

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Members of the current incarnation of the Boyne City Senior Advisory Council include, from left, Janet Froats Shepherd, AmberJean Nye, Jean Shaw, Marie Zoberksi, Mary Towne, Terri Powers, and Ron Grunch.

THE BOYNE CITY SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO

Serving seniors

By ANGELA SHULTIS

They're a modest group, the Boyne City Senior Advisory Council. Though at first glance, they're practical, no-nonsense, and most of all, low-key, much of the success in bringing attention to the needs of seniors in the Boyne City area can be attributed to them.

Originally organized as an advisory board for the Boyne City Senior Center, the group found themselves quickly moving into the position of advocates for the needs of area seniors in general as they took on the responsibility of campaigning for a county millage for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. The millage, to support services to area seniors, passed in August of 2000; the Boyne City Senior Advisory Council, however, wasn't done there, having found their momentum and a whole lot of other goals to focus on, including the establishing of a permanent senior center location in Boyne City.

Currently comprised of about 10 regular members, the group meets monthly, following a regular agenda to keep track of the practical matters of keeping the senior center, currently located at the Boyne City City Hall, running smoothly. The group also utilizes the time to discuss and plan strategies for their current project, raising funds for the construction of a permanent senior center building that Boyne City seniors can call their own.

The members themselves know whereof they speak; most are, in fact, seniors themselves, involved for no other reason than that someone needed to do something. "We had to get the bull by the horns," said member Jean Shaw, of seniors needing to take action to make sure needs are met. Member Marie Zoberksi joked that "I just walked by the door and they pulled me in." Mary Towne is the committee veteran, having been involved years ago in a Boyne City senior board which was later disbanded after many members had passed away or become unable to serve. Through the years, Towne maintained her position as treasurer, and "took care of it until the current board [was formed]."

Advisory board member Ron Grunch has been a part of the action in senior advocacy even prior to the formation of the group's current incarnation. He sees the board as a necessary focal group for the commission on aging, to both bring attention to specific needs within the community and to provide feedback on local issues. Early on, the group was part of the initiation of a county-wide assessment to determine senior needs, in preparation for the possibility of the millage proposal that eventually came to pass. "So many people were underserved," Grunch said, noting that many local folks in the 70-80 year age range had labored all their lives

at jobs without 401ks or retirement plans. "So many of them were trying to live on four, five, six hundred dollars a month Social Security and keep their homes," he said. "So many were falling through the cracks." At about the time of the board's formation, the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging hired its first full-time director, Sue Bergmann, who has since worked closely with the advisory board, both on the millage issue and other senior needs.

Since the Commission on Aging is barred from campaigning for millage funds, the Boyne City Senior Advisory Council took on the task of getting the word out. With some donations, Bergmann said, the group paid for signs and advertisements, and were successful in getting the millage passed.

"Our first goal was to get services in the county to validate the demand for more buildings and senior centers," Bergmann said. "Our primary goal was services." The millage, though, had nothing to do with providing for actual construction costs of the senior centers hoped for. That's where, once again, the Senior Advisory Council comes in. Currently working towards a \$400,000 goal to cover construction costs, the council has collected about \$194,000 in donations and grants, and has received a land donation from the Boyne City Housing Commission for the center to be located adjacent to the current Litzbenburger and Deer Meadows senior apartment complexes.

Fundraisers are of the grassroots variety, including 50/50 drawings, raffles, spaghetti dinners, and bake sales. The group is also working on more grantwriting, and is seeking a major benefactor or two to support the project.

The council, though, is not just about pursuing the big causes, but also keeping on top of the details that keep the senior center afloat at its current location. They coordinate combined dinners for folks at Litzbenburger and Deer Meadows with the senior center, in addition to regular meals served at the center. They've implemented senior activities such as Music Day, Movie Day, and Exercise Day.

They're also trying to raise awareness about just what the senior center is for. It's a social thing, members say, which many people mistake as a charity service. "We need to overcome that stigma," Grunch said. "You do not have to be financially disadvantaged to receive services or use the senior center."

The Senior Advisory Council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m., at the Boyne City Senior Center in City Hall. The public is welcome to attend meetings, said Grunch, there's always room for more members who want to contribute to the well-being of area seniors.

Students at BCES write to show they care

Last week, Boyne City Elementary third and fourth grade students were hard at work, creating cards and letters in support of the country's military forces. As part of an ongoing attempt to give students a positive way to deal with world events, the letters were written by students to be sent to service people all over, including, they hope, some of those serving in the Middle East.

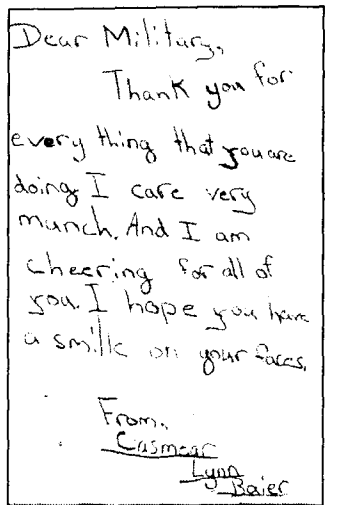
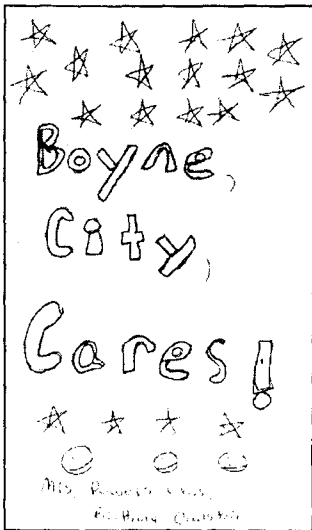
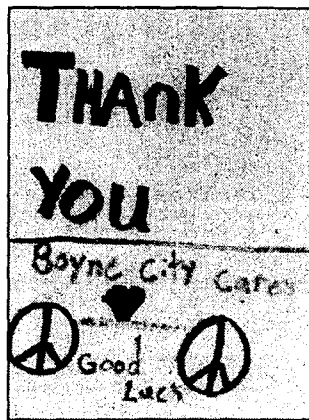
"Our students have such empathy, as young as they are," said Boyne City Elementary AmeriCorp coordinator Sharon Harrington.

The students were enthusiastic to participate in the project, citing memories of Sept. 11 as inspiration for their good wishes. Some students, like third grader Veronica Sisson, have relatives in the military, bringing the project even closer to home.

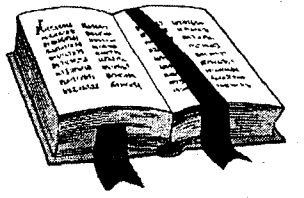
Writing letters is a good thing to do, said Sisson, because "they don't get mail very often."



Boyne City third-graders Rebekka Seagraves, Veronica Sisson, Evan Kondrat, and Jalen Adams pose with their cards under a bulletin board in Boyne City Elementary devoted to local service people. Students created cards and letters to be sent to folks serving in the armed forces both domestically and abroad, such as the cards below crafted by fourth-grade students. They hope that some of the cards and letters will travel to soliders as far away as the Middle East.



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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

THE FREE METHODIST Church recently had a game night. It was well attended; snacks and a good time were had by all. (Ask Cindy Bullock about playing Dutch Blitz sometime!)

ZACK WOITESHEK, the son of Becky and Kerry Woiteshek of Boyne City, had his ninth birthday on Feb. 9, with a family time at B.C. Pizza, and then Kerry took Zack and Whitney skiing. Birthday party attendees were grandparents, John and Linda Mathers, great-grandmother Lucy Yaich, grandma Sally Pasque, Elizabeth Eddy, Aaron and his girlfriend Corinne Cortez, and of course Kerry and Becky and Whitney.

SAMUEL AMBROSE VONDRA, son of Shawn and Stacy Vondra of Hillsdale, was baptized on Sunday at St. Joseph's Church in East Jordan. Deacon Ed Vondra (Sam's grandpa) performed the baptism with family and friends present. A friendly gathering was held in Sam's honor at the home of Ed and Marti Vondra following the service.

AN UPDATE ON Jean Korthase is that she is now a resident, since this past Friday, of Havencrest AFC home in East Jordan. She is doing much better, but still needs physical therapy and is enjoying her new roommate, Thelma Williams, and the many other people she knows there.

THE ORAL SUTLIFFS spent last weekend downstate visiting relatives in Flint on Sunday. On Saturday they took in Jason Rozycki's last home basketball game at Oakland University, which Oakland won, and there were several Boyne residents there to cheer them on.

BAILEY ANN HOLZSCHU, daughter of Justin and Deanna, celebrated her first birthday Saturday night with a birthday dinner at the home of her grandparents, Dale and Chonnie Holzschu. Other guests present were Bob and Kate Holzschu, Rick, Betsy, and Candice Olund; Jean Fiel, Leona and Charlie Stanek; Casey and Bobby Holzschu; Barb, Niki and Garrett Imel. Bailey received many lovely gifts.

ON FRIDAY EVENING, guests for dinner at Barb and John Imels were Marge Imel; Sheila Rake; Leona and Charlie Stanek; and Matt, Niki and Garrett Imel. John was celebrating becoming a senior citizen, 55 years old.

BRUCE AND NANCY LAWSON of Boyne City went downstate on a business trip over the weekend. They also visited her daughter Kristen and Ken Robinson and her daughter Karen Anthony in Lake Orion.

THELMA BEHLING, admirable for her endurance in keeping good spirits throughout the many months of recuperating from various setbacks since her surgery last August, was very pleased that her brother Jack and wife Gwen of

Durand spent this past week with her.

ANNETTE WILSON of Boyne City returned on Tuesday after having spent three weeks in Springfield, Fla. visiting her parents, the Herman Neidlings. Making the trip back with her were newlyweds (Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, in Florida) Ray and Gail Neidling.

MARY KINER and Cal Boutes of Birmingham spent three days at the home of Carol McCarus in Boyne City and all enjoyed the beautiful weather for wintertime sports, including skiing.

ANDY WILSON, a college student in Plainwell, spent a week in Boyne City visiting his family, the Dave Wilsons.

JIM AND JANET SHEPHERD of Boyne City hosted the February gathering of the north region Antique Auto Club of America on Saturday night. Following the business meeting, the men played a long game of pool and the women made "first time in a long time" Valentines, for Litzenger Place residents to enjoy at their February potluck dinner party on Tuesday night.

CODY OLUND will celebrate his 16th birthday on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Happy Birthday, Cody!

(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: Mindy McCutcheon
PARENTS: Patti Hausler and Alan McCutcheon
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cross Country, ski team, track, class secretary, National Honor Society
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to attend Ferris State University next fall."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Mindy is a dedicated student in college English," said Jeanne Heath. "She displays an avid interest in her academic career and she actively strived for personal excellence in each of her assignments."



Mindy McCutcheon

East Jordan

NAME: Margaux Rowley
PARENTS: Jill and Dana Compton, and Jim Rowley
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Skiing, Debate, and National Honor Society
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Skiing, reading and music
FUTURE PLANS: "Go to college. I am exploring my options."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Margaux is a great student," said Sharon Moeke. "She is very conscientious about her work and always does a great job."



Margaux Rowley

"Margaux is an excellent student," said Roxanne Zell. "She has strong thinking and communication skills, accepts challenges, and is bound to excel."
 "Margaux is a wonderful student," said Alice McPherson. "She is an insightful student who always wants to do her best."

Boyne Falls

NAME: Allie Jepsen
PARENTS: Thomas and Sharon Jepsen
GRADE: Fifth
FAVORITE CLASS: Writing
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Skiing and horse-back riding
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: To be a songwriter
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE HERO: My dad
FAVORITE MOVIE: Shrek
FAVORITE BOOK: Heartland
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Allie is a very enthusiastic and creative student who brings many helpful and wonderful ideas to our class discussions," said Ms. Luea. "She is especially friendly and helpful to others and myself. Allie also has a great sense of humor that can bring a smile to the face of anyone who needs it...Allie is a great joy to have in class!"



Allie Jepsen

OBITUARIES

Arvilla B. Dixon

Arvilla B. Dixon, 89, of Boyne City, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at Apple Blossom Care Center in Howell.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the United Methodist Church in Boyne City. The Rev. Carl Litchfield will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City.

Arvilla was born Sept. 22, 1912, in Horton Bay, the daughter of Volle and Lizzie (Spura) Fox. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1931. On Sept. 29, 1933, she married Maurice "Dick" Dixon. They made

their home in Boyne City. After 65 years of marriage, Dick preceded Arvilla in death on Dec. 24, 1998.

She was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Boyne City. She taught Sunday school and was Girl Scout leader.

Arvilla enjoyed traveling, skiing, golfing and walking with her husband. She was active in her community and school.

Survivors include her children, Yvonne (Clifford) Williamson, and Jack (Karen) Dixon; grandchildren, Kelly (Tony) Fisher, J. Paul (Kerri) Dixon, Shelly (Chad) Rogers; step-

grandchildren, Angel (Pete) Hill, and Clifford (Holly) Williamson II; great-grandchildren, Jessy Fisher, Tony Fisher, Paige Rogers, Jade Rogers, and Ellis Dixon; and her sister, Betty Kelts. Arvilla was preceded in death by her sister, Marian Hartwell; and brother, Raymond Fox.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Elevator Fund at the Boyne City United Methodist Church, or to Boyne City Foundation For Educational Excellence (sports complex).

Arrangements were handled by Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.



Arvilla B. Dixon

COLLEGE NEWS

JOHN BOYER of East Jordan was named to the Dean's List at Alma College for the fall term of 2001.

Students named to the Dean's List have achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for the term while carrying a minimum of 13 credits.

LAURA WARREN of East Jordan was named to the Dean's List at Lake Superior State University for the fall 2001 semester.

Warren is the daughter of Robert and Karen Donaldson of East Jordan, and is a 2001 graduate of Concord Academy Boyne.

ANDREA KERR, JEROME DOUGLAS, and MATTHEW DAVIS, all of Boyne City, **KRISTINA GIPPERICH** of Boyne Falls, and **CARRIE KNOP** and **NICHOLE MOBLO** of East Jordan received Academic Honors for the fall 2001 semester at Ferris State University.

To be eligible for Academic Honors, students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or higher during the fall semester.

ABBEY L. CARTER of East Jordan has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Capital University.

To be named to the dean's list, full-time students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or above.

CHRISTOPHER WINKLER, a Hope College senior from Boyne City, is studying in Chicago, Ill., through the Chicago Metro Program for the 2002 spring semester. The program offers students a chance to work and study in a large metropolitan area. During the academic year, Winkler was the Secretary General for the Model UN, a simulation of the United Nations for high school students. Winkler is the son of Charles and Janine Winkler of Boyne City. He is a 1998 graduate of Boyne City High School.

GRADLE CALL

A son, **CARTER JAMES**, was born to James and Melissa Blakely of Boyne Falls on Tuesday Feb. 5, 2002 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Carter weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. at birth.

ENGAGEMENT



Ortwine-Sherman

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ortwine of Clarkston, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Sherman of East Jordan announce the engagement of their children Tracey Ortwine and Ted C. Sherman.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Clarkston High School. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1996 and in 2000 received her Master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Michigan. She is currently working as a physical therapist in Elk Rapids.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of East Jordan High School. In 1994 he graduated from Michigan State University and is currently working as an operations manager at Burnette Foods in East Jordan.

The couple is planning a May 2002 wedding.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
 Tuesday, Feb. 19
 The East Jordan High School Student Council will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at the East Jordan High School, 240 N. Maple Street in East Jordan.

EJES CELEBRATION
 Tuesday, Feb. 19
 East Jordan Elementary School will celebrate "students being on the right track" from 7-8 p.m. in the elementary school media center. Child care and refreshments will be provided. The event is sponsored by the East Jordan Learning Alliance.

BEDTIME BIOLOGY
 Thursday, Feb. 21
 Kids are invited to bring their PJs and favorite bedtime buddy for an evening story and activity from 7-8:30 p.m. at McLean and Eakin Booksellers in Petoskey. Conservancy educators will read a favorite tale, followed by a mask making activity. Geared toward children ages 6-8, all ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The Little Traverse Conservancy was established in 1972 as a non-profit land conservation organization. Its mission is to protect the natural diversity and beauty of northwestern Michigan by preserving significant

land and scenic areas, and fostering appreciation and understanding of the environment.

SNO-LOVERS BREAKFAST
 Sundays
 The Sno-Lovers Breakfast will be held on Sundays through March. The breakfast will be held at the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road from 7 a.m. until noon. Cost: Adults \$5; Children 5-12 \$2 and under 5 are free.

EAST JORDAN FOOD PANTRY
 Every Monday & Thursday
 The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of Health Center. Pickup or donation hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

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

EJ ADULT OPEN GYM
 Tuesdays
 The East Jordan Community Education Adult Open Gym will meet every Tuesday, Nov. 6 through March 26,

from 7-9 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School gym. \$1 admission. No students will be permitted; participants must be at least 18 years old to participate. For more information, call 536-2250.

BOYNE CITY SCRAPBOOKING
 Second Tuesday
 A Boyne City Scrapbooking Night will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room. Participants should bring own supplies. Meet new friends and learn new techniques. All levels of experience are welcome. There is no fee to attend. For more information, call Becky Brand at 582-1853.

IN GOOD COMPANY
 Thursdays
 A group for single, divorced, or widowed individuals meets at Ansted's by the Lake in East Jordan every Thursday at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 for hors d'oeuvres. For more information call 231-544-2014.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE
 Thursdays
 A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from 3-6 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance

— financial, medical, disability benefits, etc. — may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City or call 582-7811 at that time.

AL-ANON
 Thursday nights
 Al-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

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

To have your event listed in The Citizen-Journal Community Calendar, call 582-6761 or submit an item to P.O. Box A, Boyne City, MI 49712. Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.



Middle school royals

At the 2002 East Jordan Middle School Winter Dance, eighth graders **Eric Hansen** and **Kelsey Poineau** were voted King and Queen by their fellow students. All eighth graders were asked to vote for one male and one female student who they believed to be a role model who would adequately represent their class.

SPORTS

Shorthanded Red Devils earn win over Mancelona

It was as different as night and day for the East Jordan Red Devils on the basketball court last week.

First, the day. The Red Devils hosted Mancelona for a non-conference game Tuesday and despite playing without its two point guards, Takayuki Kida and Scott Jones, earned a 70-56 victory over the equally short-handed and injury-riddled Ironmen.

Now, the night. East Jordan traveled to Charlevoix to take on the high-flying Rayders Friday and just a few minutes into the game Charlevoix had control and went on to 81-42 win. Charlevoix held a 38-8 lead after the first quarter.

The Red Devils had little time to feel the pain of Charlevoix, however, as it has three games in four nights this week. On Monday, East Jordan lost to Kingsley 64-52 in a makeup of a game that was postponed late last month because of the weather. On Tuesday, they hosted Glen Lake and on Thursday they host Kalkaska.

It's possible, but unlikely, that Kida and Jones could return by Thursday. Kida is sidelined with an ankle injury while Jones broke his hand. "They should be ready soon," said East Jordan head coach Lance Bailey.

"Maybe we can pull it all together when they return."

In their absence against Mancelona, Bill Tison stepped up and played at the top of his game. He scored 16 points and hauled down 16 rebounds. "Bill played an outstanding game," Bailey said. "He played both ends of the court. It's the best game I've seen him play."

Bailey also had high praise for Jon

to play, he can be a great player."

Taking over point-guard duties was Steve Kempton, who scored 14 points and "did a really nice job," Bailey said.

Corbin Shaw scored 14 points and "played real aggressive," Bailey said. "It was a fun night," Bailey said. "With all the battles we have had to overcome, it was great."

It was not so great at Charlevoix where the Red Devils faced a huge hometown crowd, a full-court press and the outside shooting of Jim Shepherd, who scored 16 points in the first quarter, including three 3-pointers, on his way to a team-high 24 points.

"Their press just overwhelmed us," Bailey said.

Shaw led the Red Devils with 16 points while Reese had eight.

Against Kingsley, the Red Devils trailed 17-14 at the end of the first quarter and slowly Kingsley pulled away leading by nine at the half and 11 at the end of the third quarter.

Shaw again led East Jordan in scoring with 12 points.

Robert Grover, and Kempton each had eight, while Reese had seven and Tison had six.

The Red Devils are now 2-12 overall and 0-8 in the conference.

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"It was a fun night. With all the battles we had to overcome, it was great."
-- East Jordan head coach Lance Bailey

Reese who had 17 point and nine rebounds. "He was just mentally into the game. When he combines his physical skills and is mentally ready



Rambler Cas Dolbow stretches to make the shot in last week's game against Kalkaska. Boyne City pulled out the win, 60-58.

photo by Vic Ruggles

Ramblers split week

After playing one of their best games of the season against Kalkaska last Tuesday, the Boyne City Ramblers suffered one of their worst losses of the year at Harbor Springs on Friday.

Boyne City defeated Kalkaska 60-58 to gain some revenge for a loss earlier in the season. The Ramblers were hoping for the same revenge against Harbor, but they didn't get it as Harbor defeated Boyne City 77-49.

The Ramblers might have suffered an emotional letdown at Harbor following their big win Tuesday.

"We came out flat," said head coach Bill Brown, "and Harbor shot very well. We had a hard time stopping them behind the arc."

The Ramblers were anything but flat against Kalkaska.

They came out, played hard, built a double-digit lead, then had the strength to hang on when Kalkaska came back in the final minutes to tie the game.

"I'm real proud of our kids," Brown said. "They played real hard. They played like they are capable of playing. Team-wise, it was one of our best games of the year. We had lots of guys scoring."

"It was a great victory."

BCHS cheer team takes first place at competition

The Boyne City varsity cheerleading team won the Class C-D Division of the "Shake the Room at Rosco" Cheer Competition on Saturday. Roscommon High School hosted the competition, which featured a JV Division, a Varsity C-D Division, and a Varsity A-B Division.

The Ramblers scored 216 points in the first round and 245 points in the second round for a total of 461 with no penalties. "We made some adjustments after our first competition three weeks ago. The girls really responded with a good performance," said Boyne City coach Cindi Place. "We had several key areas that needed work and the team executed well."

The team received high marks in variety, difficulty, and crowd involvement on both cheers. "This was a low-key competition, but the team really needed a good performance as a confidence booster. We have a lot of new girls this year and they need to know they can win, if they perform well." Place, who shares coaching duties with her husband Andy, is in her seventh year as the varsity cheerleading coach at Boyne City. The cheer team includes seniors Kelsi Brewer, Lindsay Helsley, Sophie Hartwick, and Crystal Legg; junior Andrea Cooper; and sophomores Alex Crum, Katie Dole, Maddy Fineout, Keisha Kruzel, Wendy Ostby, and Kristen Zettel.

The Rambler cheer team will be back in action on Saturday, Feb. 16, at Houghton Lake for the "Cheer at the Lake" cheer competition. Several area schools, including East Jordan, are expected to compete at the annual event.

EJ YOUTH BASKETBALL

The Greys fought off a tough Black team, 28-18. For the Greys, Travis Braman had 14 points, Teddy Snowden added eight, and Jacob Bauer chipped in with six. Andrew Ehnis was the top playmaker and Jacob Kovel played excellent defense. For the Blacks, Wesley Petrie and Josh Williams had eight points each, and Nathan Antosik added two. Malcolm Wilson led the team in assists.

The Teals won a hard fought battle

with the Reds, 22-16. Leading the Teal in scoring were Jared Danbert with eight points and Dillon Hughes with six. Morgan Tinney added four points, and Nathan Peterson and Matt Werner had two each. Nathaniel Wilson and J.D. Bennett used their speed to lead the defense. For the Reds, Tyler Hartsough led the way with eight points, while Derek Boyer added six, and D.J. Jacobson had two. Anthony Bocook was the leading defender.

Boyne Falls takes tough loss against Mackinaw City in conference battle

By JENNY KUHN
Student Writer

The Loggers suffered a painful loss to the Mackinaw City Comets Friday night, 60-47 in an intense conference battle on the Comets' home court.

A Loggers'win would have tied them with the Comets for the conference title; the loss makes Boyne Falls 10-4 overall and 5-2 in the conference while the Comets remain undefeated, 14-0. "The kids gave a great effort but we came up a little short against a quality team," coach Frank Hamilla

said.

Matt Skop scored eight points in the first quarter to help the Loggers hold onto the lead until one second was left in the first quarter when Daniel Nelson hit two foul shots following two from Mark Spencey to bring the score to 13-12.

In the next eight minutes of play, the Loggers outscored the Comets 7-6 to end the half tied at 19.

Mike Dunlop scored eight of the 14 points that the Loggers picked up in the third quarter to bring the score to 37-33.

In the fourth quarter, the Comets pulled ahead with back-to-back three-pointers and a couple of inside shots.

In an attempt to regain the lead, the Loggers went one of seven from behind the arc in the last three minutes. The Loggers cut the deficit from 13 to five with less than two minutes left before they began fouling. The Comets were 4-4 from the line in the last 50 seconds of play.

"We need to do a better job of free throw shooting and shooting from the outside," Hamilla said.

The Loggers hit 20 field goals in-

cluding one three-pointer from Dunlop and were 4-12 from the line.

The Comets were 16 of 19 from the line and hit 20 field goals, including three three-pointers from Spencey and one from Morgan Paquet.

The four Loggers who scored were Dunlop with 19, followed by Skop with 16, Archie Griffen with eight, and J.R. Knight with four.

The Logger JV team defeated the junior varsity Comets, 58-36.

Boyne Falls played Vanderbilt at home Tuesday and will head north to play Harbor Light on Friday.

Volleyball Action

East Jordan showing improvement on defense

In East Jordan volleyball action, the Red Devils lost to Charlevoix last week, 2-1, with scores of 11-15 and 12-15. Despite the loss, however, the matchup was deemed "East Jordan's

best defensive game of the year" by head coach Paul Nachazel. "It was a tough loss, but the entire team played well."

Junior Krystal Birgy led the team

defensively with nine digs, while sophomore Haley Shaw had eight. Seniors Bethany Wilson and Rachael Bennet were cited for "great all around games," contributing on both

offense and defense. Senior Jackie Haley led the team with six kills and four blocks, and sophomore setter Jessica Crick had, Nachazel said, "her best match of the season."

Boyne City places third at Grayling tournament

On Saturday, Feb. 9, the Lady Ramblers participated in the Grayling Invitational Tournament, placing third overall.

In Boyne City's first match of the day, the team defeated Charlevoix in two games, 15-4 and 15-5. Scores for match two with Harrison were 11-15

and 15-10. After losing to Gaylord in two games (9-15, 9-15), Boyne faced Kingsley in bracket play, losing 13-15 and 5-15.

In their consolation game, Boyne City beat Houghton Lake in three games, 9-15, 15-3, and 15-4.

Kriste Gaither led the Ramblers

with 25 blocks and 30 kills, followed by Meredith Clemens with 10 blocks and 12 kills.

Kelly Spaniak and Ashley Hadix added seven and six kills, respectively.

Spaniak served 22 points, while Hadix served 21, with each adding a

pair of aces.

Top defenders were Sarah Hall and Wendy Chrysler with 17 and 16 digs respectively.

Gaither and Clemens were both named to the all-tournament team.

Boyne City is 3-6 in the conference, and 4-6 overall.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY RESULTS

Boyne Area Bantams

On Saturday, Jan. 26, the Boyne Bantams hosted Traverse City #3 team, with Boyne winning 4-1. Goals for Boyne were made by Eli Barsy, Josh Aown, and Evan Keller, with assists from Ryan Hennessy and JP Fiedorek. Nate Herrera was in goal.

On Feb. 2, the Bantams skated in the District 7 playoffs at Centre Ice in Traverse City. The first game was against Alpena's Mancinos with Boyne winning 5-3. Scoring for Boyne were Russell Williams, Barsy, and Hennessy. Assists were made by Tyler Kalbfleisch, Aown, and Trevor Mapes. In the net, Herrera faced 12 shots on goal.

In the second game of the day, Boyne faced Mackinaw, losing 4-3. Scoring for Boyne were Barsy and Hennessy, who also made assists,

On Feb. 9 the Boyne Bantams, sponsored by Ace Hardware, hosted Mackinaw for two games. In the first game, Boyne was hampered by injuries. Mackinaw scored three unanswered goals in the first period, and two more in the second. Josh Aown scored in the third, assisted by Chris Aepelbacher, but it was too little, too late, and Boyne took a 5-1 loss. In the second game, Boyne came out storming. It was Boyne's turn to score unanswered goals, six of them before Mackinaw hit the net, then Boyne put one more in to take a well deserved 7-1 win. Eli Barsy scored a hat trick with three; Trevor Mapes, Gabe Korthase, Josh Aown, and JP Fiedorek each added one. Assists were credited to Josh Grove, Evan Keller, Mapes and Korthase; Ryan Hennessy was a playmaker with three. Netminder Nate Herrera was nearly flawless in goal behind solid defense.

Boyne Area Squirts

Boyne Area Squirts played District 7 tournaments this weekend. On Friday, Feb. 8, Boyne played one game against Alpena and won 4-2.

Boyne's goals were scored by Travis Reinhardt and Trevor Price. Assists were made by Levi Messina and Price. Spencer Korthase was the goalie for all three games this weekend.

Saturday, Feb. 9, Boyne played one game against Kalkaska, winning 6-3. Boyne's goals were scored by Price and Cal Hoppe. Assists were made by Reinhardt, Hoppe, and Levi Messina. On Sunday, Feb. 10, Boyne Area Squirts played one game against Cheboygan losing 7-3.

Boyne's goals and assists were made by Price and Reinhardt.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

East Jordan

Feb. 14: Freshman Volleyball, at Kalkaska, 4:30 p.m.; Skiing, at Nub's Nob; JV/Varsity Volleyball, at Kalkaska, 6 p.m.; JV/Varsity Basketball, Kalkaska, home, 6 p.m.
Feb. 15: Freshman Basketball, Kalkaska, home, 4:15 p.m.
Feb. 19: Skiing, at Boyne Mountain, 1 p.m.; Freshman Basketball, at Cheboygan, 6 p.m.; JV/Varsity Basketball, at Glen Lake, 6 p.m.
Feb. 21: JV/Varsity Volleyball, Elk Rapids, home, 6 p.m.
Feb. 22: Freshman Basketball, at Elk Rapids, 4:15 p.m.; JV/Varsity Basketball, at Elk Rapids, 6 p.m.

Boyne City

Feb. 14: Volleyball, at Traverse City St. Francis, 6 p.m.; Skiing, regionals, 9 a.m.
Feb. 15: JV/Varsity Basketball, Traverse City St. Francis, home, 6 p.m.; Freshman Basketball, Traverse City St. Francis, home, 4:15 p.m.
Feb. 16: Cheerleading, at Houghton Lake, 9 a.m.
Feb. 18: Volleyball, Harbor Light, home, 6 p.m.
Feb. 19: JV/Varsity Basketball, Rogers City, home, 6 p.m.; Freshman Basketball, Rogers City, home, 4:15 p.m.; Skiing, Boyne Mountain, 1 p.m.
Feb. 21: Volleyball, Charlevoix, home, 6 p.m.
Feb. 22: JV/Varsity Basketball, Charlevoix, home, 6 p.m.; Freshman Basketball, Charlevoix, home, 4:15 p.m.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Visions of Peace' to be featured as part of JRAC musical exhibition

On Saturday, Feb. 16, Visions of Peace Drum and Dance Circle will perform at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan, as part of the center's Sounds Good, Looks Good musical exhibit.

Visions of Peace, led by Michael Sullivan, will present an "Introduction to African Instruments and Dance." Using music, dance, song, storytelling and art, Visions of Peace seeks to educate and celebrate a respect for the Earth and all beings, using interactive arts to break down the performer-audience barrier. No musical or dance experience is needed, and audience members wishing to participate are encouraged to bring their own rhythmical instruments and dancing shoes. Instruments will also be available at the center for use.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, ARS-MUSICA will perform classical early music of the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Robert Pattengale, musician and leader of the newly-formed Area Symphony Orchestra, will be performing on the harpsichord along with David Otis and Bonnetta Benn on flute; Tony George on violin; Marlys Manthei on cello; and Roger Lilak on the electronic instrument. Another ensemble of Cynthia Donahey, Peter and Lonhilt Klose, and Pattengale will play the crunhorns and recorders. Works by Bach, Handel, Telemann, and Mozart will be included in the repertoire.

The "Sounds Good, Looks Good" exhibit and performance series will continue at the Jordan River Art Center from now until March 3. Music and art patrons can not only experience fine concerts but also a first class exhibit of handmade, ethnic, and antique instruments. Highlights include handmade bows by Douglas Raguse of Cedar, Mich.; banjos by Wayne Fairchild of Boyne City; and the harpsichord by Pattengale and Neuman.

Over 30 different types of stringed instruments are included in the exhibit, including a guitar signed by ZZ

Top, along with woodwinds, brass and percussion pieces.

The event is sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council and is partially funded by the Cheboygan Area Arts Council and the Michigan Council of Art and Cultural Affairs.

The art center is located at 301 Main St. in East Jordan.

For more information and a schedule of upcoming events, call 536-3385, 582-6399, or visit www.jordanriverarts.org.

Boyne City Little League to hold 2002 registration

The Boyne City Little League will hold registration for the 2002 season at the following dates and times: Wednesday, Feb. 20, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 27, 5-8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 3, 1-3 p.m. Registration will be held at the Boyne City Hall Auditorium. No sign-ups will be allowed after March 3.

Boys and girls who will be between the ages of 6 and 16 as of Sept. 1 are eligible to register. The cost is \$40 per child. All money is due at the time of registration. Participants are not required to do any fund-raising;

Accidents

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33, also of East Jordan. According to Sergeant Patrick Avery, Encarnacion had just helped his stepdaughter Renee McCall, 20, get her vehicle out of a ditch when he was struck. The Shepherd vehicle then struck the vehicle just removed from the ditch, a 1992 Geo. Encarnacion was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by East Jordan EMS, and later transported to Northern Michigan Hospital with multiple injuries.

According to Avery, Shepherd said that he had just crested the hill and noticed two vehicles in the roadway but was unable to avoid the crash. He also stated that he never saw Encarnacion in the roadway.

Carter's and Oleson's slips are accepted by the organization.

For more information, call Todd Schumaker, 582-0658, or Pam Price at 582-7269.

Boyne District Library to host home decorating workshop

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, the Boyne District Library will host one of its Wednesday Workshop events, with Robin Hissong Berry bringing creative solutions to home decorating dilemmas. Participants are invited to bring in their own decorating and home improvement quandaries, with photos, drawings, etc., for Berry's advice.

The workshop will begin at 7 p.m. in the library's Community Room. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required.

Also coming up at the library is a Romance Paperback Book Exchange, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 23, from 1-3 p.m. in the Community Room. Participants are invited to bring up to 25 books to exchange, no more than 10 years old and in good condition.

For more information, or to pre-register for a workshop, call the library at 582-7861.

Shepherd and McCall were uninjured. The crash remains under investigation.

The Sheriff's Office is reminding citizens that although recent days have brought warmer temperatures, motorists should be prepared for winter driving conditions.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

'The Body Shop' offering spa services in Boyne City

Last week, Brenda Dunlop, owner of The Body Shop style salon in Boyne City, hung out her "open" sign for the first time. Since then, she's been providing various spa services to clients, with an emphasis on economy. "My main goal is to make these services affordable to everyone," Dunlop said, so that "anybody could come in and afford a manicure. So many people don't get to enjoy [these types of services] because they can't afford it."

Currently offering tanning, manicures, pedicures, facials, waxing, and other body treatments, Dunlop is also hoping to incorporate a massage therapist and someone who does body piercing into the business. In the services offered, Dunlop is planning to utilize unique body products, and also plans to use products she makes herself with fruits and oils.

Not only does Dunlop aim to be affordable, but accessible as well, with flexible scheduling available.



Body Shop owner Brenda Dunlop in her work area.

Working out of her home, Dunlop said that she doesn't "have set hours. Because I live here, I can make appointments based on what's convenient for the customer."

The Body Shop is located at 712 Maple St. in Boyne City. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 582-2131.

Bay Winds names East Jordan branch manager

Bay Winds Federal Credit Union recently announced the addition of Greg McGeorge as East Jordan Branch Manager.

McGeorge brings over 20 years of financial expertise in various capacities from his previous position with Huntington Bank in both East Jordan and Boyne City.

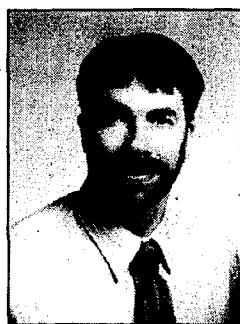
McGeorge will oversee the transition into Bay Winds Federal Credit Union's newly purchased East Jordan branch location (formerly Huntington Bank on M-66) near their existing East Jordan location. Renovations and a Grand Opening are planned for July 2002.

McGeorge is a native of Boyne City where he resides with his wife Sharon and their five children.

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Bay Winds Federal Credit Union has branch locations in Charlevoix, Petoskey, Boyne City, East Jordan and Bellaire to serve all of Northern Michigan.



Greg McGeorge

At Home Styling Salon Now Open

Mary Kresnak is in an ideal situation; formerly of Grand Rapids, she moved to Petoskey with her husband Francis and opened a styling salon in her home. She feels that a home business benefits everyone. She doesn't have rent so her prices are low and she will work to accommodate anyone's schedule. Mary says, "I am able to spend time with my clients and still be home with my new husband and dog, Spanky." Kresnak's Hair Care is located five miles north of M-75 just 1/8 mile east of 131 at 1075 Kemp Rd.

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