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## At A GLANCE

### BCHS to hold annual financial aid night Jan. 8

Boyer City High School is hosting its annual Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

At the session, the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process will be explained in detail, and a variety of financial aid information and handouts will be available.

The BCBS guidance and counseling staff will be on hand with several publications and a video on the financial aid process available for checkout.

For more information, call Kevin King at 439-8129.

### Elementary art to be featured at BCES Family Discovery Time

Family Discovery Time in Boyer City will feature a bit of elementary school culture with the Elementary School Art Show on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

To be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at Boyer City Elementary School, the event, geared towards families with kids ages birth to five, will feature the creations of kids ages preschool through fourth grade, along with art activities, snacks, and an infant and toddler art corner.

The event will also include 28 pieces of artwork from the MSU Extension Office's 4-H Art Exchange Program with China.

Also featured will be free fingerprinting by local law enforcement for child identification in case of emergency.

Family Discovery Time is sponsored by the Stepping Stones to School Network, which targets families with children ages birth to five.

The event is hosted by Boyer City Elementary and the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. Family Discovery Time is made possible by a grant from the Michigan Department of Education.

### Tickets now on sale for 'Boyer Meets Broadway'

Members of the Boyer City High School drama department are hard at work, rehearsing for the upcoming "Boyer Meets Broadway," scheduled this year for Jan. 22 and 23 at the Boyer Mountain Convention Center.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a performance and five-course dinner.

Tickets are \$27.50 apiece, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the drama department.

To purchase tickets, call Pat at 549-6054.

## With a bang



Boyer Mountain rang in the new year in style last week, with a festive fireworks display lighting up the snow-covered ski runs.

## Still waiting for the real thing

### ■ Dusting of snow not enough for businesses that need the white stuff

Years ago, northern Michiganders could count on the credo, "there's no business like snow business." As snow becomes less and less of a certainty, though, those same businesses are suffering the consequences of a not-so-white winter.

"We've just been dead," said Tim Geer who, along with wife Dawn, owns DT's Westbrook Motel in East Jordan.

"Typically, snowmobilers comprise probably 70 or 80 percent of our [winter] business."

Though in recent years, the area has had an average of 10 inches of snow on the ground by Dec. 31, this year only a trace remained to ring in the new year after a month of slightly warmer-than-average temperatures and minimal precipitation.

The lack of snow by year's end doesn't bode well for the rest of the snowmobiling season. According to Geer, an avid snowmobiler and author of the area's official snowmobile trail reports, "historically, if you don't get a good hard base by the end of

December, any snow you get [subsequently] doesn't stick, it just blows off the trail."

Though Geer has received "tons and tons of phone calls" from folks out of the area checking on trail conditions, the news he's had to relay hasn't been good.

"There's just nothing," he said.

And while the news is bad for recreational snow-lovers, it's even worse for the area economy, in which so many businesses, from snowmobile dealers to gas stations to restaurants, depend on an abundance of the frozen white stuff for their winter livelihood.

Boyer City resident Shawn Mac Naughton has, for the last couple of years, depended on snowplowing to supplement his winter income. Since mid-December, though, his plow has been removed from his truck and sits idle in the yard, waiting for the next snowfall.

In late November, Mac Naughton please see **NO SNOW** on pg. 3



Though the lack of natural snow, evident in the background of this photo, has meant tough times for other area businesses, Boyer Mountain's lift lines haven't slowed down.

## Ambulance Association signs trails for emergency crews

Though so far the snow season has been a slow one, the East Jordan Ambulance Association is ready, having recently placed signs on the Jordan Valley Snowmobile Trail to help area emergency crews reach snowmobilers faster.

The association, which was formed in January to support the East Jordan Emergency Medical Services Department, installed 30 signs along the trail where it crosses a road and does not have an intersection sign, according to vice president Tim Drenth.

"It's so people that are on the trail know a reference point if there's an accident," he said.

"Our whole goal is to get to them faster."

Drenth said he got the idea for the signs during a trip this summer to the Upper Peninsula, where a trail had similar signs.

The Jordan Valley Snowmobile Trail signs are license plate size and read, "East Jordan EMS location number," followed by a reference number and a reminder to call 911.

Maps to help 911 operators locate the snowmobilers' position will be given to 911 dispatch centers in Antrim, Charlevoix and Ostego counties.

If there is an accident on the trail, the association will reach the victims with a six-wheel ATV with a backboard attached to the back.

"The signs are an excellent idea," said Tony Postmus, an association member.

## Need a ride?

### ■ New EJ taxi service hopes to fill a niche

With community growth comes new opportunity, one of which local business-owner Kelvin Johncheck is taking advantage of. With the opening of his new taxi/shuttle service last week, the owner of East Jordan's BC Pizza/Rainbow Restaurant has embarked on a mission to provide trustworthy transportation at resident-friendly rates.

"Priority one," Johncheck said, "is kids and the schools, and the elderly." With grandkids of his own, and having spent time giving rides to elderly family members as well as volunteering at the Friendship Center in Petoskey, Johncheck has become aware of the growing need for busy parents and caretakers to have an alternative means of transportation for everything from shuttling a student to an after-school activity to giving a senior citizen a ride to the grocery store.

Their first customer, Johncheck said, was a local senior citizen who has used the service as transportation to run errands. "He kept thanking me," he said. "He said he'll

be using us all the time."

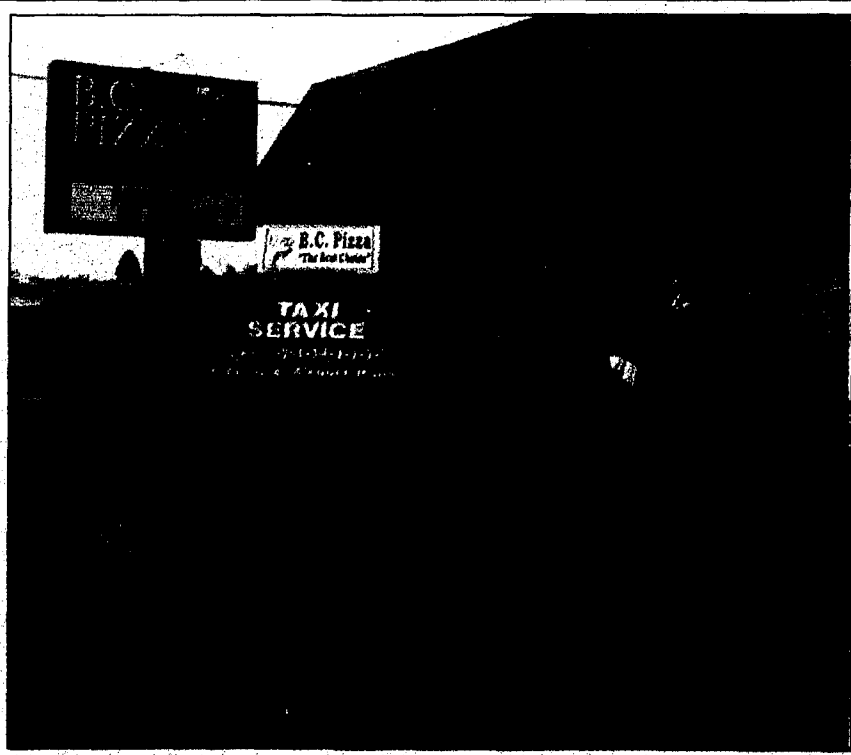
While the county transit system is a useful mode of transportation for many, Johncheck believes that, especially in the case of the elderly or with children, "people like that personal attention" that a taxi service can provide.

Working with schools and churches through his restaurant ventures, Johncheck has also become more aware of the number of parents in the area who, because of work, struggle to find ways to transport their children to activities or caregivers after school. "They need their child taken from point A to point B, but they have to work," he said.

Though he initially thought of the business as a way to provide safe transportation to those wishing to patronize his restaurant and bar, the idea snowballed to encompass a broader scope of service.

While the venture is a for-profit business, Johncheck said that he is most interested in

please see **TAXI** on page 4



Kelvin Johncheck, owner of BC Pizza/Rainbow Restaurant in East Jordan, started his taxi/shuttle service with booming business on New Year's Eve.

**OBITUARIES**

**Carl Dana Hawkins, Jr.**

Carl Dana Hawkins, Jr., 74, of Boyne City, passed away on Monday, Dec. 30, 2002 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. A funeral service was held on Friday, Jan. 3, 2003 at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. Mark Bullock of the Boyne City Free Methodist Church officiated. Burial was held in Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Carl was born on June 1, 1928 in a log cabin on Tebo School Road in Warner Township. Carl lived his entire life in the place where he was

born, farming the land his father and grandfather had farmed before him. Carl is the son of Carl D. and Adeline Holden Hawkins, Sr.

Carl attended the Tebo Country School and then transferred to Boyne City High School. On Jan. 28, 1961, Carl married Dorothy Johncheck. Carl and Dorothy were blessed for 19 years with a son Carlie, who preceded him in death in May of 1981.

Carl loved his family, his land, his church, the Boyne City Free Methodist Church, and his dog Powder. He

enjoyed country music and watching sporting events. Carl could fill the room with his laughter.

Carl is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two sisters, Hilda Reinhardt and Doris (Carl) Grutsch; and a brother, Don (Sandy) Hawkins. Carl is also survived by many nieces and nephews as well as special neighbors, Al and Theresa Schnieder, Kim and Jan Korthase, and Norval and Alma Korthase.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

William Hunt, 93, of Boyne Falls, passed away on Monday, Dec. 30, 2002 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A funeral service was held Jan. 2, 2003 at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

The Rev. Russell A. Hager of the New Beginnings Assembly of God officiated.

Burial was in Franklin Twp. Cemetery in Tipton.

Mr. Hunt was born on March 26, 1909 in Tecumseh, the son of Willard and Eva Dafoe Hunt. On Oct. 15, 1928 he married Dorothy R. Fisher in Britton.

He worked in various areas until coming to Boyne Falls in 1949. Mr. Hunt was a dairy and crop farmer for many years. Then he and his son, Junior, operated William Hunt and Sons Lumber in Boyne Falls.

He was a member of the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Association, loved to restore antique tractors, and spent many winters in Deming, New Mexico.

Survivors include a son, Junior (Lisa) Hunt of Boyne Falls; a daughter, Nancy (Leland "Pete") Dunham of Boyne Falls; a grandson, William

**William Hunt**

Dunham of Battle Creek; a granddaughter, Trena (Rick) Allen of Boyne City; great-grandchildren, William, Hannah, Joshua, and Cody; and a brother, Abe of Tipton.

Mr. Hunt was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy September 1992; a son, James in 1935; brothers, Kenton, Woodrow, Willard; and sisters, Helen and Ruth.

**Bernice Bearss**

Bernice Bearss, 77, of Boyne City, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002 at her home.

A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, Jan. 3, 2003 at St. Matthew's Church in Boyne City.

The Rev. Francis Partridge officiated.

Burial was held in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Bernice was born on Sept. 9, 1925 in Grand Rapids, Mich., the daughter of Ralph and Ethel Lynch Bearss. She came to Boyne City as a young girl. She worked for Courter's (Honeywell) for more than 33 years, retiring in 1992. Bernice was a member of St.

Matthew's Church and enjoyed sewing and reading.

Survivors include three brothers, Robert Bearss, Norman (Alice) Bearss, and Lyle (Phyllis) Bearss; two sisters, Marilyn Jarema and Carol Bearss, all of Boyne City; many nieces and nephews including Fr. James Bearss and Fr. William Jarema. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Ralph.

The family wishes memorials to go to St. Matthew's Church Building Fund. Envelopes will be available at St. Matthew's Church.

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

**June Holm**

June Holm, 78, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002 at her home in East Jordan.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. The Rev. Daniel Gallagher officiated. Interment was in St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery in East Jordan.

She was born on June 29, 1924 in East Jordan, the daughter of Edward and Josephine (Fitzgerald) Ager. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1942. On Feb. 12, 1944, she married Zell A. Murray. He preceded her in death on April 29, 1966. On July 19, 1969 in East Jordan, she married Joseph F. Pienta. He died on Aug. 11, 1986. On June 24, 1989, she married Harold Holm and he survives

her. She was a devoted wife and mother. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and an active member of St. Ann's Alter Society. She also served many years on the East Jordan Election Board. June was an avid bowler. She had bowled in four different leagues for many years. She enjoyed the many friends she made through all of these activities.

She is also survived by seven children, Jack (Donna) Murray, Ronald Murray, Cathy (Ken) Downey, Carol (Tony) Weidlich, Mark (Ruth) Murray, Marsha Murray and Janice Murray; seven step-children, Joseph (Sarah) Pienta, David (Dorothy) Pienta, Timothy (Sandy) Pienta, Michael (Marilyn) Pienta, Anthony

(Bonnie) Pienta, Ruth Ann (Bob) Robinson and Edward (Mary Jo) Holm; forty-one grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, Esther Kidder and Betty Skrocki. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Gerald and Donald Ager; two sisters, Helen Lord and Dorothy Ager; one daughter-in-law, Linda Murray; three grandchildren; and one step-daughter, Rose Marie Lisk. She will be dearly missed by all of her family and friends.

Memorials may be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Arrangements were made by Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

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**CNA named Grandvue's 'Employee of the Year'**

Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan has recognized certified nurse aide Brandi Wondrash as the facility's employee of the year.

Wondrash, who was hired at Grandvue in July 2000, was selected for the honor through a staff vote on the pool of 12 "Employees of the Month" chosen throughout the year.

Wondrash was the employee of the month in May of this year. Nominated by an anonymous letter, she was cited for her positive personality, devotion to her residents, and quality of work.

Prior to her employment with Grandvue, Wondrash was a CNA and medicine aide in Maryland. She is married to Chad, who is a member of the United States Coast Guard, stationed in Charlevoix on the Acacia.



Brandi Wondrash



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# No snow

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said, "I was pretty busy . . . we had a heavy dose of snow coming down, and I thought it was here to stay."

Except for a light snow before Christmas, though, Mac Naughton's customers haven't needed his services. "It's pretty slim pickings," he said.

In lean times such as these, the strategy at businesses like the Westbrook Motel, according to owner Geer, is competitive pricing and aggressive advertising. "Normally, we can keep rates up to what we consider off-peak rates, but [this year] we've had to drop below that just to compete," he said.

In addition, the Westbrook has been soliciting business from local companies more than in the past.

Ultimately, Geer said, "our attitude is if you provide a high level of service, eventually the money will follow."

Despite trying to maintain a positive outlook, though, Geer is not overly optimistic about the potential for the remainder of the snowmolding, and by extension the winter hospitality, season.

"The best we can hope for [now] is a big 12-inch snowstorm," he said, which at this point, would only leave enough snow behind for a couple of days worth of sledding.

"Unless we have a huge snowstorm, a little warm-up, and then another snow, the whole season is going to be a bust."

"I don't think it's ever going to be the winter wonderland it once was," Geer said, "whether it's global warming, or El Niño, or other changes in the climate."

"I just hope we don't eventually see palm trees popping up."

**THOUGH OTHER** area businesses are suffering, at Boyne Mountain ski resort in Boyne Falls business is thriving, thanks to one saving grace: the ability to make snow when Mother Nature doesn't.

"Snowmaking allows you to sleep at night," said Boyne Mountain general manager Ed Grice.

"If it wasn't for the ability to make snow, we'd be in deep trouble. It's just an insurance policy that you've got in the bag when the area does have a winter like this."

Fortunately for the Mountain, though precipitation has been scant, temperatures have remained in the range to make snowmaking viable.

"We've been making snow right along," he said. According to Grice, the lack of natural snowfall in the area hasn't impacted their business significantly, save for the unavailability of usable cross country ski trails.

While the number of skiers has been up from last season, in terms of lodging, he said late last week, percentages are equal to last year's numbers.

For the New Year holiday, always a popular one at the Mountain, "we were 100 percent full in terms of occu-



Groomers at Boyne Mountain have had their work cut out for them, with snow being made 24 hours a day.

photo by Vic Ruggles

pancy," Grice said.

Despite their ability to rise above a lack of natural white stuff, Grice said, "we feel for the people who can't make snow, the restaurants, bars, who depend on snowmobilers.

# DNR asks area residents to keep eye out for eagles, wild turkeys

Michigan Department of Natural Resources is in the midst of its 25th Mid-winter Bald Eagle Survey, and is seeking the help of local residents.

This event, which runs through Jan. 15, is open to all Michigan residents. The survey, sponsored by the DNR Wildlife Division's Natural Heritage Program, represents an important partnership between the DNR and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

During the two-week survey period, which began on Jan. 1, bald eagle spotters are asked to report all sightings, locations, and behavior of any eagle. Survey information collected will be used by biologists and researchers as they continue to monitor winter locations and movements of bald eagles throughout Michigan.

Only bald eagles sighted during the Jan. 1-15 time period will be accepted as part of the national survey.

Eagle observations can be reported by entering data on the mid-winter bald eagle survey form. Participants may also send or fax reported sightings

on a postcard to fax number (517) 373-6705, or use the following address: 2003 Winter Bald Eagle Survey, Natural Heritage Program, Wildlife Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909-7680. Forms are also available at DNR field offices and Operation Service Centers.

Sightings can also be reported on at [www.dnr.state.mi.us/](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/).

Wintering eagles can be found in all 83 Michigan counties, and are most easily sighted by those who are aware of this bird's foraging activities. Bald eagles forage for food near ice-free areas on lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and cooling ponds at power plants, and can also be found feeding on road kill.

Another tip to remember is that adult eagles have white heads and tails, and hooked, heavy, yellow bills. Their bright yellow feet are easily noticed along with their long wingspans, up to seven and a half feet. Immature eagles have blotchy brown and white feathers and black beaks. Bald eagles fly with a flat wing pattern.

Reports should include the following information:

- Participant's name, address, and telephone number;
- The date and time of the sighting;
- The county, township, range and section, or a location near a town, lake, river, highway or other land feature;
- The number of eagles observed and their maturity level (adult or immature);
- The eagle's behavior and any other pertinent information.

Motorists should be cautious when passing eagles feeding on road kill. Because of their size, eagles gain altitude slowly, often putting them directly in the path of vehicles. Bald eagles are killed every year by vehicles either at the feeding site or when taking flight.

The 2002 survey received 990 reports from 69 counties. The winter bald eagle survey is supported by contributions to the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund and through purchases of the Michigan Wildlife Conservation license plate.

**ALSO THIS** month, in an effort to monitor wild turkey populations, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking citizens to report all sightings of wild turkeys during the month of January.

Survey information assists wild turkey management by helping to determine the distribution of wild turkeys throughout the state.

"The request for public reports of turkeys is another effort to monitor

the expanding wild turkey population," said Al Stewart, DNR Upland Game Bird Specialist.

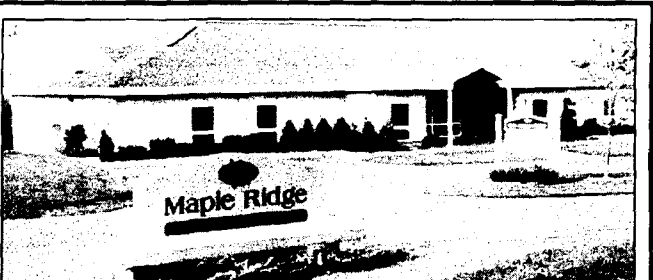
"Local biologists will follow-up on new sightings to expand their knowledge of bird distribution in their management unit."

Turkey populations are monitored through hunter mail surveys, turkey observation surveys by employees, and hunter check station surveys. According to Stewart, the cooperation received from hunters and citizens through observation reports provides enormous support to the management

of wild turkeys. Restoration of the wild turkey in Michigan is a wildlife success story. At the turn of the 20th Century, Michigan did not have wild turkeys. Today they are found in nearly every corner of the state.

Currently, there are more than 150,000 wild turkeys in Michigan, and the population continues to expand.

To report wild turkey sightings, contact any DNR office or visit the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.mi.us/](http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/)



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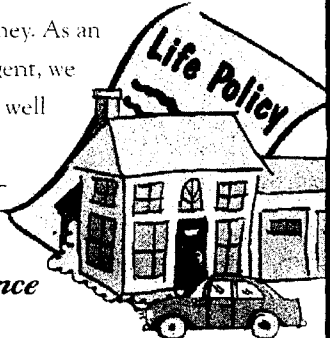
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# OPINION

## BETWEEN THE LINES

### It's the small things in life

By ANGELA SHULTIS

Have you ever had a little secret wish, one of those personal goals that seems rather insignificant in the grand scheme of things, hardly worth mentioning, yet is always somewhere in the back of your head just waiting for an opportunity to be realized?

In my brief career as a newsperson here in northern Michigan, I've created for myself a goal of that nature, a sort of personal holy grail. All I want, in my secret heart of hearts (don't laugh now) is to take a decent photo of a bald eagle. More than decent. Downright good.

Wildlife photographers of better repute than I are probably snickering as they're reading this, either because they've already got such a photo or they've figured out that my limited skills will probably be the ruin of any chance I have of achieving this goal.

That last count, I must admit, may be true — skills that make for decent photos of summer parades and school programs do not so easily translate into the tricky world of photographing elusive wildlife. Still, since moving to the great white (at the moment, not-so-white) north, this has been my wish.

So far the dream has been out of reach. But I've been close.

There were those few shots of the eagle that showed up regularly a couple of years ago behind Honeywell, for which my zoom was unfortunately inadequate, turning out distant photos that made the massive bird look like a sparrow winging almost undiscernibly against the grey ice and sky.

Then there was the time I was heading into East Jordan on M-66 and, passing a cluster of crows feasting on roadkill remains, glanced over just in time to see a bald eagle sitting regally in their midst.

That was it, I thought, my photo at last.

Of course, by the time I'd turned around, parked the car, and fumbled to load the film into my camera, the eagle had decided it was time to clear out, flying up into a nearby tree, at which my heart dropped until I realized that he'd perched beside a second eagle. I thought I'd hit the jackpot, that is until it became clear that the objects of my attention were once again too far away: even with a zoom lens all I ended up with were pictures of two small, dark shapes against the gloomy backdrop of grey winter skies and evergreen. Venturing closer, I spooked the two, who then made a quick escape into the Jordan Valley.

Foiled again.

So the other day, when an alert reader called to inform us that an eagle was fishing at the mouth of the Boyne River, I slipped my coat on and headed to the car with mixed emotions. Sure, I'd love to get a picture, but given my track record, I pretty much knew what I'd find when I got there.

Though it was only a matter of minutes between the phone call and my arrival at the waterfront, of course, the eagle was long gone. I wandered the waterfront for a little while, camera in hand, but the only winged creatures I encountered were a few ducks paddling around in the icy waters.

Strike three.

Though it's true that as I walked up and down the lakeshore vainly searching for some sign of my desired subject I began to have paranoid visions of some big cosmic joke, I'm not giving up yet. The way I figure it, these small personal hopes are what keeps life from getting boring on the way to the achieving the big ones.

So if you have a lock on an eagle, let me know. This time, I'll have the camera loaded in advance.



## LETTERS

### Many hands contributed to success of Community Christmas

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again this year, the efforts of the Boyne Area Community Christmas Committee to fulfill their motto, "That no child or family in the Boyne area be without a Christmas," has been a great success.

In truth, this success is owing to all of the volunteers, donors and organizations, and this newspaper, The Citizen-Journal. It really is everyone working together to make this government-sanctioned charity the great success that it is.

This 2002 season the charity provided 140 fruit baskets to widows, widowers and "shut-ins;" 380 food baskets to needy families; and over 500 toys and winter cloth-

ing items to the children of the community. Actually, our Christmas outreach serviced over 1,000 citizens of the area. The directors and committees love doing the work and the planning but we are forced to depend upon the magnificent philanthropy, care and interest of many in order to finance such a large project.

Once again, as early as Jan. 2, members are busily gathering toys, clothing and commitments for our populous, industrial and individuals alike for Christmas 2003.

Our sincere thank you goes out to everyone and our wish for a sincerely Happy New Year.

We need you and we appreciate you.

Boyne Area Community Christmas Committee

### Christmas Dinner enjoyed by all

TO THE EDITOR:

The aroma of turkey baking in the oven downstairs was evident in the sanctuary at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. The people in the congregation had come to expect this welcome scent at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. They knew it was in preparation for the Annual Community Christmas Dinner, and many of the people had contributed, giving of their time, food and money. Tomorrow, others would help to serve this meal, which was the sixth year this dinner was offered. But, it wasn't only these of our church — there were several in the community that also chose to allow God to work through them — giving of their time, presence, gifts, food and money.

Christmas Day 2002, 100 people gathered together during the course of the four-hour period, from 12 noon to 4 p.m., to enjoy the dinner and each other. Two-thirds of the people were "guests," with the others serving in one

manner or another — some serving the food, others waiting table, doing kitchen duties, passing out the gifts they provided, etc. One young lady played Christmas music for nearly two hours. Later on, a guest went to the piano and enjoyed playing it for a half an hour. She mentioned how much she missed her own piano, as she no longer has room for one where she lives.

So, we want to thank each and every one who made this wonderful, warm gathering possible by giving of yourselves in any manner. We, also want to thank you, all, who attended and enjoyed the time we spent together. It is so good to experience Christmas Day in this way. The true meaning of Christmas comes alive for everyone! May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you, and yours, in this new year!

In His Service,  
Al and Jenny Lawson  
First Presbyterian Church

## 4-H exchange program seeks host families

Area residents are invited to consider opening their home to a Japanese student this summer. Sixty Japanese youths ages 12 to 16 will be traveling to Michigan for the exchange, through the 4-H/Japanese Exchange program. Scheduled tentatively for July 22 through Aug. 19, the program is open to any family with a youth of the same age and gender as the Japanese participants.

According to Sue Shenk of the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office, the Japanese exchange participants have been studying English, and families selected to participate will attend an orientation in early summer. Opportunities may also be available for youths to travel to Japan and spend a month with the family of their Japanese exchange student the following year.

The 4-H/Japanese Exchange Program was founded in 1972, and has made it possible for more than 25,000 Japanese students to stay with families in North America, and more than 4,000 American students to make reciprocal visits to Japan.

For more information, call Shenk at 582-6232.

## Taxi

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most interested in providing a needed service, and thus has worked to price the service as reasonably as possible. "I surveyed other taxi services in the yellow pages, and kept [my rates] under [those]," Johncheck said.

The cost currently is \$5 anywhere within the city limits, and then \$2 per mile for up to a 10-mile radius after that. Special rates can be had for shuttle trips to Victories Casino in Petoskey, the Pellston Airport, Turtle Creek Casino, and Cherry Capital Airport in Traverse City, as well as to other popular outlying locations.

With only one vehicle so far, a mini-van, Johncheck and his two drivers, including his son, have been kept busy. "There's been a tremendous amount of people [to use the service]," he said. "It's amazing how many people have called."

Johncheck hopes the calls keep coming. "We're looking to the future," he said. "I believe East Jordan's going to go ahead and continue to grow. You can see it with all the different projects [going on around town]. I feel it's a service we need over here."

For more information, call the service at B.C. Pizza, 536-5555.

## THE GRAND VIEW

### A 'grand view' lends its name

(The following is the second installment of a history of Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan, provided by the Grandvue Auxillary.)

With the addition of the infirmary in 1949, the facility became known as Grandvue Hospital. The infirmary facilities were located in the upper story of the old building, and the residency was located downstairs.

At this time due to less trees the lake could still be seen from the premises. A visitor to the location once observed, "My, isn't this a grand view?" While this is a well-known story about the naming of Grandvue, the "vue" spelling remains a mystery.

Grandvue Hospital operated until 1958 when federal regulations stated that infirmaries were no longer acceptable, and a Medical Care Facility was needed. On Oct. 26, 1958, the first patient was moved from Grandvue Hospital to Grandvue Medical Care Facility that accommodated 61 beds, and a new era began.

Although there are no remaining patients or working staff members who worked in both the Hospital and the medical care facility, there are still many "old time" employees who like to get together to tell stories about life in the "good old days." For example, Ella Tousley worked in the laundry for many years and loves to tell how they washed clothes by hand or in wringer washers and either hung them outside to dry or carried them up two flights of stairs in the old Hospital to hang them in the attic in the winter.

Today Grandvue has a modernized laundry facility that was remodeled in 1999 to provide air conditioning and separate sorting rooms for soiled and clean linen. Ergonomic carts protect staff as they wash, fold, and deliver 700-800 pounds of laundry every day. A personal laundry system was developed in 2002 that allows one laundry aide to focus on residents' personal clothing. A state-of-the-art computerized system provides labels for each article of clothing, and one washing machine is dedicated to personal clothing and delicate items.

## LETTERS

### Eveline group 'blaming others for their mistakes'

TO THE EDITOR:

I see in the Dec. 31, 2002 issue of The Citizen-Journal that Ms. Nancy Ferguson is begging for signatures on her petitions to recall myself and Dan Skrzeczkoski from our positions as clerk and supervisor for Eveline Township.

I have been a public servant in Eveline Township, representing all 1,560 citizens of Eveline Township for about 14 years. I have served as zoning administrator, zoning enforcement officer, freedom of information officer, clerk, election supervisor, secretary to the planning commission, secretary to the zoning board of appeals, and secretary to the parcel division committee.

I admit that I have made some mistakes in those four-teen years, but not as many as the "Eveline Preservation Group" has made in their vendetta to remove me from office.

The group continues to blame others for their mistakes, and then wants the county commissioners to compensate them for their errors in reading the Michigan compiled laws regarding the recall process.

They have made errors in interpreting the Eveline Zoning Ordinance and then asked the Township officials to repay them for their mistakes. They have demanded changes in the zoning ordinance in the way that would be illegal.

Their problem is that they have a "not in my backyard" syndrome. They want preferential treatment for themselves, to the detriment of all other citizens of Eveline Township.

The petitions that they have submitted have been approved for clarity only. The law does not require that the petitions be truthful, just understandable to the ordinary citizen reader. I agree that the language they use is understandable, but it is not truthful.

I urge the residents of Eveline Township, who are the only ones permitted to sign Ms. Ferguson's ill-thought petition, to refuse to sign the petitions if asked to do so.

Don Hayden

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## NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

**AREA FRIENDS** and family were glad to see former Boyne City resident, Aulani, the granddaughter of Betty Kelts, on television on Friday and Sunday, as a contestant on the game show "Lingo," aired out of the Los Angeles area!

**JOSH BOYNTON** of Ellsworth and son Phillip spent Christmas Day with his parents, Bob and Pam Clark, and brother and sister Kevin and Katy at their Anderson Road home. All enjoyed a wonderful sharing of the holiday.

**DARLENE AND DON PERSONS** celebrated Christmas twice. On Christmas Day, they joined Don's family in Burton. This past Saturday, at the family farm home, all her children and all but one of her grandchildren enjoyed family togetherness, gifts, great food and lots of fun. It was Don's first Christmas with 62 people coming in 22 cars. Don and Darlene, recent newlyweds, feel like they are in "seventh heaven!" It was a great day.

**DAN AND JULIE SCHMITTDIEL** of Chicago spent the holidays here with Marie and Mary and Bill Dunlop and families.

**PAM AND MIKE SMITH** of Redford Township spent the holidays here with Mom, Gen Varnum, and family.

**CAROL MCCARUS** returned to Boyne this week from spending wonderful holiday times with the family in Denver. Enjoying the beauty of snowcapped Rockies, she and other family members also caught the flu, so she's glad to be home.

**SCOTT SUTLIFF** returned to San Francisco after spending the holidays with his parents, the Oral Sutliffs, and sister, Sheri Fitzpatrick and family. He enjoyed the time here and especially with not as much snow as last year. He looks forward

to seeing many friends and relatives this time of year and joining in on the many gatherings and enjoying his nieces and nephew. Not to "spoil" them much!

**PHYLLIS SHEEHY** of Litzenburger Place was spending the holidays with her family in Battle Creek, when she received the call about her brother, Bruce Cooper, a then-terminally ill patient at Northern Michigan Hospital. Her son Michael and her granddaughter, Mallory Sheehy, accompanied her home, and Phyllis got to see Bruce before he passed away.

**JEAN WESTON**, son Larry and wife Judy, all of Arizona, were here over the holidays, visiting the Boyne City homes of her twin nieces, Jan Arasim and Joyce Johnson. Joyce was also surprised and happy to have her son, Gordon Boring of Commerce Township, and her daughters, Bonnie Metzger and family of Maggie, Va., and Karen Mason of Woodbury, Minn. all there to share in celebrating the season.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** was a fun time at Deer Meadows Apartments. Many residents gathered from 9 to 12, enjoying good food, games and joining in the TV "countdown" as the ball of the New York party came down, bringing in 2003!

**TODD NEWVILLE**, a former Boyne native knows that our small town appeal and small town feel in remembering friends reaches across the miles, all the way to his home in Boston, Mass., in wishing him a "happy birthday." He turns 40 on Wednesday, Jan. 8 -- his friend Marty Moody told me so!

**JEAN KORTHASE**, still surprised and happy, said, "All my family knew that my son, Craig, was flying in from Washington except me!" What a great surprise to have him here to celebrate Christmas Day at the home of Bill and Deb! Also

attending were daughter Sherry of Georgia and granddaughters Adrea of Bellville, Mich. and Brianne of Concord, Calif. and Karen Anthony of Cincinnati, Ohio. On Dec. 28, granddaughter Kristen and husband Ken Robinson of Lake Orion joined another family gathering at the Bruce and Nancy Lawson home for another celebration of fun, food and gifts. Nephew and niece Dale and Mary Majerczyk of Essexville joined them as well. On one especially nice day of the holidays, Roberta Korthase and her sister Marilyn Wainio of Wellington, Ohio brought their mother, Alma Korthase, over for a visit, making Jean's Christmas holidays complete.

**HOPE NO** one misses The Advisory Council for Citizens for Boyne City Senior Center for the 10 a.m., Jan. 8, meeting. Meetings are held at the Boyne City Senior Center the first Wednesday of each month. This group is to be commended for their diligence in working on this project that will benefit our community in the years ahead. All are urged and welcome to attend.

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES** go out to the families and friends of Bruce Cooper, Carl Hawkins Jr. and Joan Strawbridge of Boyne City, and William Hunt of Boyne Falls, who all passed away this past week. All four left footprints on the hearts of those who knew them.

**RESIDENTS OF Litzenburger Place** celebrated New Year's Eve with a great party last week, as they gathered in the community room from 9 to after 12, for a good time of food, games and pizza. Donning party hats and tooting horns along with the TV partiers in New York, their voices rang out in the countdown, in welcoming 2003!

(To submit an item, call Nancy at 582-9174 or e-mail her at neighbors@gtlakes.com)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### EJ SNO-MOBILERS BREAKFAST Every Sunday

The East Jordan Sno-Mobilers will be serving their Snow Lovers Breakfast through March 16 at the Clubhouse located on Mt. Bliss Rd. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$5 for adults, ages 5-12 cost \$2 and under 5 eat free.

### EAST JORDAN FOOD PANTRY Every Monday & Thursday

The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the 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.

### BOYNE CITY SCRAPBOOKING Second Monday

A Boyne City Scrapbooking Night will be held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room. Participants should bring own supplies. All skill levels are welcome. There is no fee to attend. For more information, call 582-1853.

### EAST JORDAN OPEN GYM Tuesdays

The East Jordan community Education adult open gym will meet every Tuesday, Nov. 19 through March 25, 7-9 p.m., at the East Jordan Elementary School gym. The cost for admission is \$1. No children or students will be permitted to play. You must be at least 18 years old to participate. Bring your own equipment. For more information, call 536-2250.

### GRANDVUE AUXILIARY Second Thursday

The Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month, except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. Anyone interested in learning more about Grandvue or volunteering is invited to attend a meeting, or call Helen Deming at 582-6278.

### KIWANIS OF BOYNE Thursdays

Interested persons are invited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie, and community service every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City.

### VETERAN ASSISTANCE Thursdays

A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City or call 582-7811 at that time. Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

### 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, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. 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.

## CLUBS

### FOBR

Friends of the Boyne River will meet Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Boyne District Library.

Glen Williams will give a presentation on basic backyard bird identification. Williams will bring examples of bird feeders, and will discuss feeding techniques, types of bird seed, and the various field guides in use.

The public is welcome to attend.

## VETERAN OF THE MONTH

### Harry Pearsall



Harry Pearsall

The Veteran of the Month for January is Harry Pearsall.

He was born Aug. 8, 1921 in East Jordan.

Pearsall was inducted into the Army on Aug. 28, 1942 and entered into active service on Sept. 11, 1942 at Fort Custer, Mich.

Following basic training and completion of ranger training Pearsall was assigned to the 30th Infantry Division, 120th Infantry Regiment, B Company.

On Feb. 12, 1944 his unit shipped out from the Port of Boston arriving in Firth of Clyde, Scotland on Feb. 22, 1944, where they received assault training.

On June 8, 1944 Pearsall landed on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France and on June 15, 1944 was wounded at Nevilly, France.

On Sept. 1, 1944 Pearsall departed France arriving in the US on Sept. 12, 1944 and received his Honorable Discharge on April 19, 1945 at Percy Jones Hospital Center, Fort Custer.

Pearsall received the following decorations and citations:

The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal; The Normandy Campaign Medal with one Bronze Battle Star; The Purple heart;

and fishing until his death on June 15, 2002. He is being honored by his wife Betty and family.

and The Good Conduct Medal.

On Sept. 15, 1945 Pearsall married Betty Adkins in East Jordan, and after graduating from Michigan State University in 1947 he worked as an electrician.

He retired from Medusa in September 1981.

Pearsall enjoyed gardening, making clocks

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) 582-7811 between 4-6 p.m.

The ceremony may be witnessed the first Thursday of each month in front of the American Legion Post, located at the corner of Lake and Main in Boyne City at 6:15 p.m.

## PLEASE RECYCLE

## COLLEGE NEWS

Local siblings **DAN** and **KIM WAGNER**, both of Boyne Falls, were named to the dean's list at their respective schools for the fall semester 2002.

Dan, a Presidential Scholar, is a senior at Saginaw Valley State University, where he will graduate this spring with a major in communications and a minor in theatre.

Kim is a freshman at Alpena Community College, where she is on a basketball scholarship and is playing on the school team this winter.

Dan and Kim are both graduates of Boyne Falls High School, and are the children of Allen and Judy Gasco of Elmira/Boyne Falls.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOYNE RIVER STORAGE**, 980 Division St. (behind Sunburst Marina). The contents of the following units are to be sold at public auction at the above address on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. Unit # 100 - Wolgast, misc. household items; unit #157 - Greggware, misc. household items; unit #174 - Black River Creations, misc. business items. 12/11-1/8

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rick L. Wynkoop, an unmarried man (original mortgagor), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dba America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated May 10, 1999, and recorded on May 17, 1999 in Liber 363 on Page 622 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE AND 56/100 dollars (\$59,943.56), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on Jan. 24, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF NORWOOD, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as:

Lot 6 and the East 1/2 of Lot 7, Block 3, Original Plat of the Village of Norwood, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Dec. 25, 2002  
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:  
Team X (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File # 200234340  
Team X

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard M. Arnott and Glennis L. Arnott, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated Jan. 14, 2002, and recorded on Jan. 18, 2002 in Liber 453 on Page 892 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 07/100 dollars (\$71,229.07) including interest at 8.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix Mich. at 11 a.m., on Jan. 31, 2003.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF EAST JORDAN, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as:

The West 60 feet of Lot 6, Block 4, Village of South Lake, now City of East Jordan, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Dec. 18, 2002  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa Lynn Cunningham, a single woman (original mortgagor) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., solely as nominee for lender Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 23, 1999, and recorded on March 26, 1999 in Liber 360 on Page 329 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE AND 60/100 dollars (\$78,945.60), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged

premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on Jan. 31, 2003.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MELROSE, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 37, Springbrook Hills No. 1, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 197, 198, 199 and 200, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Dec. 18, 2002

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## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met for their regular Board meeting on Dec. 27, 2002, in Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Copies of the complete minutes of the board are on file in the office of the County Clerk and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

## BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - Dec. 12, 2002

Acceptance of Treasurer's report. Amendment to the General Fund Budget for the year ending March 31, 2003 in the amount of \$1,000. Approval to pay Township obligations totaling \$9,000. Approval of Marilyn Christner Land Division (15-001-008-005-10). Re-appointed Audrey B. Etienne Member of the Bay Township Planning Commission. Re-appointed Lois A. Bolan Member of the Bay Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Re-appointed Eimer Kochans, Robert Schmoltdt, and Paul E. Chamberlain Members of the Bay Township Board of Review. Resolved to rename Horton Creek Road in Section 31 of Bay Township, North Horton Creek Road. Adopted Bay Township Poverty Guidelines for 2003. Established second Thursday of each month as the regular meeting date of the Bay Township Board of Trustees. Established the last Thursday of March 2003 as the date of the Annual Meeting of Electors. Next regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003 at 7 p.m. Next Board of Trustees regular meeting to be held on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003 at 7 p.m.

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# SPORTS

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## Comeback falls short for Boyne

It was a tale of two halves for the Boyne City Ramblers Friday night at Harbor Springs.

The first half was one they would like to forget. The second half they would like to duplicate every time they take the court.

"We got down early," said Boyne City head coach Tim Smith. "We probably played our worst basketball of the season in the first half. In the second half, we played our best of the season."

Unfortunately for the Ramblers, the hole they found themselves in after the first half was too deep to dig out from as Harbor Springs defeated Boyne City 77-72.

The Ramblers were down by as many as 20 points in the game and trailed by 19 at the end of the third quarter.

Then they came charging back. "We were in a position to win it down the stretch," Smith said. "We had them on the ropes, but to their credit they made their free throws."

For the game, Harbor connected on 19 of 23 free throws, while the Ramblers were 8 of 16.

"We didn't quit," Smith said. "We were down and we kept battling. We showed some character."

Part of the problem for the Ramblers in the first half was the play of Harbor Springs. They shot the lights out, hitting 7 of 11 3-pointers, and its press caused grief for the Ramblers,

who had 21 turnovers for the game, far above their average of 12 per game.

"They really buried us with their 3-point shooting," Smith said.

In the second half, the Ramblers turned the tables a bit, hitting six 3-pointers of their own. "It was the first time all year we were making our shots," Smith said.

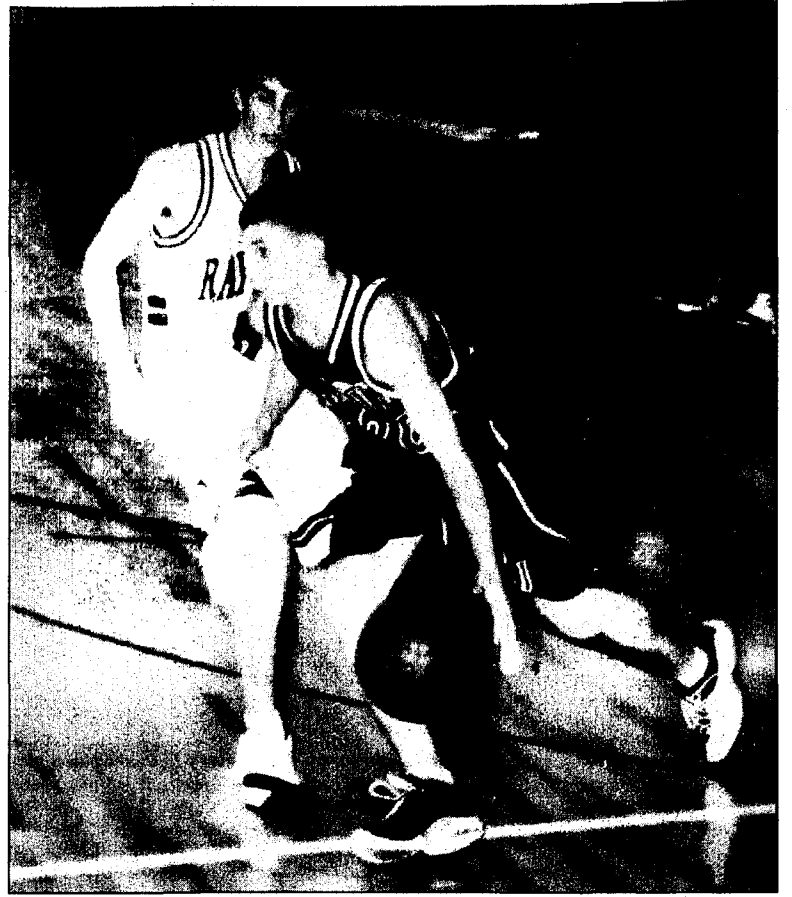
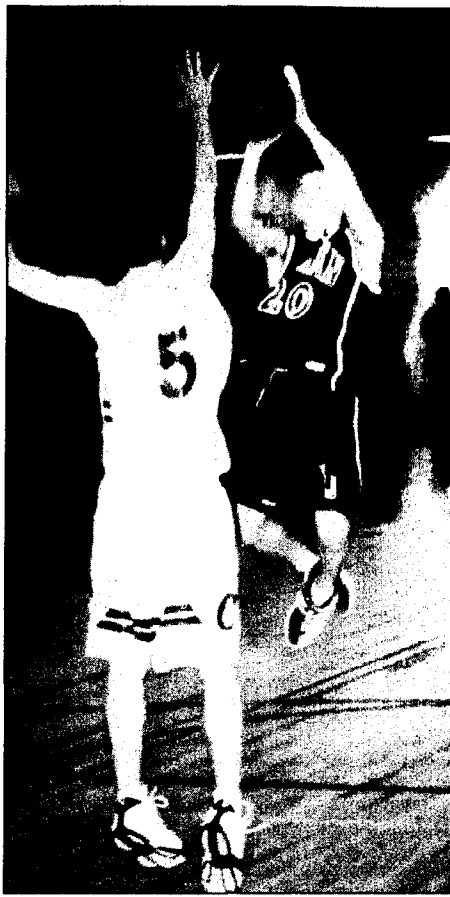
Beau Detcher and Brent Moore shared scoring honors for the Ramblers with 16 points each. Detcher also had seven rebounds. Tylor Daniels scored 11 and Reed Ameen had nine.

"I thought Reed played a real solid game," Smith said. "He did a lot of good things with the ball."

As has been said often this season, it doesn't get any easier for the Ramblers as they look ahead. "Our league is very tough," Smith said. "There are four or five high quality teams. I think in most years we are good enough to win a lot of games."

Two of those teams Smith referred to are next up for the Ramblers. After hosting Petoskey on Tuesday, they face St. Francis at home on Friday and travel to Charlevoix the following Tuesday. St. Francis defeated Kalkaska by one point last Friday while Charlevoix overwhelmed East Jordan to remain undefeated.

The Ramblers are 1-5 for the season, but three of their losses were by two points or less.



Though EJ players like Tyler Spence, above, looked for opportunities, they were no match for Charlevoix's full-court press.

## Red Devils take a beating

They knew it would be tough, and it was.

The East Jordan Red Devils visited Charlevoix last Friday in their first game since the holiday break and the Red Rayders left no doubt they are the team to beat this season in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Using full-court pressure, Charlevoix caused havoc for the East Jordan offense and the 81-47 final score indicated just how dominant the Red Rayders were.

"It was a tough game," said East Jordan head coach Lance Bailey. "Their pressure really hurt us. Our kids were prepared in many ways, but not for that kind of pressure for that long. We were not able to make good decisions under pressure. I take responsibility for that."

"With that many turnovers and that many mistakes, they had too many opportunities."

Bailey said his challenge is to figure out a way to duplicate in practice the type of pressure his team will face against teams like Charlevoix. "It's tough for our kids," he said. "The effort is there. We will get better."

Charlevoix jumped out early on the Red Devils, outscoring them 13-2 in the first quarter. By the half, Charlevoix was up by 20 points and cruised from there.

Rhett Malpass was top scorer for the Red Devils with 12 points. For the Red Devils, it doesn't get any easier this week when they host Kalkaska, who lost last Friday to St. Francis by one point. "Every game we play in the conference is tough," Bailey said. "There are no down teams."

On Tuesday the Red Devils host Bellaire.

## Ski academy opens for season

The Northern Michigan Ski Academy's annual training sessions will begin Jan. 8 at Boyne Mountain and Jan. 9 at Boyne Highlands. Training sessions take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Boyne Mountain and Thursdays at Boyne Highlands. A meeting for parents will take place at both locations during the first sessions.

The Northern Michigan Ski Academy (NMSA) began more than 25 years ago as a program to teach area children the fundamentals of ski racing.

The program is the only non-profit ski academy in the area where young skiers learn how to race and have fun on the snow. Volunteers that run the Academy are interested in promoting the sport.

Training sessions are held for eight weeks beginning in January. During the Wednesday and Thursday night sessions, skiers will ski in small groups with a NMSA coach. Skiers

learn the fundamentals of ski racing.

Friday nights are open gate nights only at Boyne Mountain with courses set that the skiers can run as they wish. Coaches are available at the top and bottom of the courses to provide feedback to the skiers.

Each Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m., "racing" scrimmages take place. Two of the Sundays will offer timed gate racing where skiers ski against the clock and against themselves. Six of the Sundays bring together the Highlands and the Mountain skiers for combined racing.

Racers are ranked for participation in the NMSA Racing Team that races in the Tecnica Cup, which brings together skiers from across northern Michigan.

For registration forms, pricing, and additional information on The Northern Michigan Ski Academy please call Dave Hofacker at 526-3064 or Bob Simpson at 535-2786 or NMSA2000@hotmail.com.

## 6-foot and under basketball tourney a fundraiser for East Jordan program

The sixth annual East Jordan Six-Foot and Under Basketball Tournament will be held on Jan. 18 and 19. Proceeds from the event will benefit the East Jordan High School boys basketball program.

Contestants must be under 73

inches tall to participate; high school students are not eligible. Registration is open to the first 16 paid teams for these double-elimination event.

For more information, call Del Ingalls at 348-9596 or Lance Bailey at 439-5663.

## BOYNE AREA HOCKEY RESULTS

### Boyne Bantams

On Jan. 4, the Boyne Bantams played two home games against Mackinaw.

Game one ended in a 2-2 tie. Scoring for Boyne were Russell Williams and Ken Bedford, with assists from John Miller, William Brown and Evan Keller. Charlie Courtright was in goal.

In game two, Mackinaw topped Boyne 5-2. Williams and Brown scored for Boyne with assists from

Nick Ferree, Bedford, and Courtright.

On Jan. 5, the team hosted St. Ignace with Courtright in goal. Boyne won 6-2. Williams led the team in scoring with four goals, while Bedford and Ferree each added one. Assists came from Ferree, Bedford, Miller, Matt Thomas, Isaac Krey, Dylan Clark, Keegan David, Tyler Price, and Keller.

Courtright turned away 21 shots on goal.

## Tough games ahead for undefeated Loggers

BY MANDA SEWEJKIS  
Student Writer

The undefeated Boyne Falls Loggers worked on their game over Christmas break and are ready to keep rolling out victories.

Head coach Frank Hamilla feels good about where his team is at and where they are going, and feels that in the coming weeks, competition will be moving up another level for the team.

According to Hamilla, the three toughest conference games will be in the next two weeks against Mackinaw

City, Ellsworth, and Harbor Light, which will show where the Loggers truly stand.

Boyne Falls continued with practices over break, yet Hamilla found the intensity not to be where he would have liked it to be. The Loggers worked on different presses and defenses at their practices, although it was somewhat difficult to get a good scrimmage with the low numbers.

During the process, a J.V. player, A.J. Hawkins, was moved up to varsity over break, which opens up an opportunity for better rotations to keep

people fresh on the floor. "He is a good fit on the team," said Hamilla. "He should help us since we are short on numbers."

Hamilla really appreciates the fact that his team works together and no one person worries about scoring for themselves, but instead for the team. "They all have one goal, which is to win games," said Hamilla.

The scoring is balanced throughout the team, with the last four games seeing four of the players scoring in double figures.

There are many goals that Hamilla

would like his team to accomplish. The team needs to be patient on offense, and needs to establish their inside game and get the ball inside. "We can't live and die with our three-point shots," said Hamilla. The Loggers also need to stay out of foul trouble, because they are putting teams to the line too early in the game. Hamilla said, "It hasn't hurt us yet, but will against these better teams. We are getting tired on defense and are using our hands instead of moving our feet."

The Boyne Falls Loggers are 1-0 in conference and 4-0 overall.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Allan Barash, husband and Debra S. Guzman, wife (original mortgagors) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgage, dated Feb. 23, 2000 and recorded March 15, 2000 in Liber 384 on Page 388, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND FORTY-FIVE and 46/100 dollars (\$206,045.46) including interest at 5.650% per annum.

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

on Jan. 17, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the CITY OF BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Portion of Lot lying East of road easement center line: Beginning on the South line of Lot 6 of the recorded plat of East Bay, 931.15 feet South 78 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds East from the Southwest corner of said lot; thence North 1 degree 34 minutes 12 seconds East 17.30 feet; thence North 24 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds West 135.85 feet to the North line of said Lot 6; thence South 80 degrees 57 minutes 13 seconds East 206.06 feet; thence South 79 degrees 24 minutes 38 seconds East 578.88 feet to the Shore of Walloon Lake; thence South 39 degrees 16 minutes 55 seconds West along said shore 71.75 feet; thence South 20 degrees 13 minutes 10 seconds West along said shore 28.25 feet; thence North 86 degrees 33 minutes 36 seconds West 583.80 feet; thence North 78 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds West 90.26 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Lot 6 of the recorded plat of East Bay.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: Dec. 18, 2002

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Dec. 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Postma presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$96,956.01.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of Zoning Activity report, November 2002; acknowledged receipt of Monthly Public Safety reports; approved audit for fiscal year June 30, 2002; appointed Commissioner to ambulance feasibility study committee; approved Freedom Festival request; approved EJ Chamber of Commerce request and approved Sno-Blast request.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in regular session, Nov. 19, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Postma presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$261,956.70.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of Funds on Hand report, October 2002; acknowledged receipt of Monthly Public Safety reports; approved a letter of endorsement for the Friends of the Jordan; approved engineering agreements with Moore & Bruggink; adopted Ordinance #185A; adopted Ordinance #186; adopted Ordinance #188; adopted Administrative Policy #130; adopted Resolution #129/2002; authorized permit application and appointed agent for permit process; appointed members to various Board and Commission vacancies; adopted Resolution #130/2002; approved Concord Academy request for use of Civic Center and presented Resolution of thanks to former Mayor.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in regular session, Dec. 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Postma presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgement was given to paid bills in the amount of \$218,524.12.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of Funds on Hand report, November 2002; acknowledged receipt of Monthly Public Safety reports; approved Civic Center rental request; acknowledged receipt of an introduction to Ordinance #185B; adopted Resolution #131/2002 and appointed members to various Board and Commission vacancies.

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