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At A Glance

Boyer Area Chamber to hold annual meeting Jan. 23

The Boyer Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Walloon Lake Inn at 5:30 p.m.

The event will feature "heavy" hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, as well as live and silent auctions, with proceeds to benefit the chamber. Also featured will be the announcement of this year's Boyer Pride honoree.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. The chamber is requesting RSVPs for planning purposes.

For more information, call the chamber at 582-6222.

It's carnival time at Boyer City Elementary

Just in time to beat the winter blues, Boyer City Elementary School will host the fifth annual PTO Carnival on Friday, Jan. 24, from 6-9 p.m.

More than 25 carnival games will be featured, including both old favorites and some new additions. This year, kids can purchase a Carnival Pass, either 10 game tickets for \$2.50 or 25 game tickets for \$5.

Game tickets can also be used for food and beverage, which will include dinner menus, snacks, and refreshments from local stores and restaurants.

In addition to games and food, the event will feature clowns, balloons, face painting, raffle prizes, and much more fun for the whole family.

All children attending the carnival must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call the school at 439-8300.

Time for Special Olympic games at Challenge Mtn

Challenge Mountain will be hosting the Regional Special Olympic Games on Friday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m., after which athletes will compete in Giant Slalom, downhill skiing, cross country, snow-shoeing and more.

Victories Casino will be providing lunch to athletes and volunteers. Following lunch will be an awards ceremony, with an announcement of the names of those going to State Special Olympics Games Jan. 28-31.

Later in the day, a dance will be held for the athletes, volunteers, family, and friends. The public is welcome to come cheer on the athletes, and volunteers are always needed.

For more information, call Challenge Mountain director Sue Moody at 535-2141.



Clean-up of the fire's aftermath continues.

Blaze destroys Walloon marina

■ Cause of fire will likely remain "undetermined"

In the wake of a fire that destroyed a Walloon Lake marina early last week, investigators have not determined just what started the blaze.

According to Melrose Township Fire Chief Dennis Howard, it's likely that the cause of the fire that destroyed the Walloon Lake Village Marina on Monday, Jan. 6, will never be identified.

After working with the state fire marshal, Howard said please see WALLOON FIRE on pg. 3

A family in crisis

■ Local residents set benefit dinner to support boy with leukemia

When longtime Boyer City resident Stacey Bisbee's 7-year-old son, Christopher Matts, was having difficulty recovering after a bout of pneumonia shortly before Thanksgiving, she knew something wasn't right.

"He'd had pneumonia two weeks prior, then he wasn't getting any better," Bisbee said from her current home in Traverse City last week. "The cough went away, but he still wasn't himself," she said, and he was suffering from nausea and vomiting.

She took Christopher back to the doctor, where they told her the pneumonia was gone and he could go back to school.

That stint in the classroom only lasted two days before Christopher's teacher sent him home, "he was so tired," Bisbee said. After he slept his way through the weekend with his father, Nate Matts, in Boyer City over the Thanksgiving holiday, Bisbee was concerned.

see FAMILY CRISIS on pg. 3



Family and friends of Christopher Matts (above) will host a benefit dinner in Boyer City on Jan. 29.

Winter arrives in time for Sno-Blast

With a cold blast of arctic air bringing more typical winter temperatures to the area, along with few inches of long-awaited snow, the time is right to make the most of winter with East Jordan's annual Sno-Blast, scheduled for Jan. 17-19.

Surely the result of "snow dances" performed by more than a few anxious organizers, the recent snowfall and plunge back into winter set the stage for the annual event, now in its 22nd year. As in the past, the event will feature some longtime favorite events, including the Sno-Box Trot, SnoBlast Sno-Bowling, Sno-Blast Softball in the Snow, and the Moonlight SnoShoe Hike, and, of course, the Sno-Blast parade.

Scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m., the parade will feature the weekend theme of "East Jordan Landmarks," with honored guests being members of the Jordan River Sportsman's Club, designated as this year's parade grand marshal.

Following the parade in Memorial Park will be the crowning of this year's Sno-Blast royalty, the Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight. Can-

didates, who have already been hard at work drumming up votes, include Lynn Sweeney, Teresa Galmore, and Shannon Sumner, and Bill Himmelspach, Tim Reid, and Bill Kraemer.

Beyond the parade, Jordan River Sportsman's Club members will play another major role in the day, manning a winter encampment in Sportsman's Park on Saturday. "Everything will be set up just like the 1800s," said club member Jon Sumner. "We'll be living there throughout the day."

The encampment is a return to a tradition of Sno-Blasts of the past, when the event was an annual feature.

Club members, decked out in appropriate 19th century attire, will be on hand throughout the day, and, according to Sumner, are planning to put on a few demonstrations, including throwing tomahawks into a "hawk block," and tanning animal hides. Of course, Sumner added, "how much activities we do will depend on the weather."

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City of BC looking to make changes in goal-setting

Each year, Boyer City's community goal-setting session has been successful in identifying priorities both short and long-term. After seven years running, however, the consensus is that rehashing the same goals year after year is not the most productive approach to what can be a valuable tool for city government.

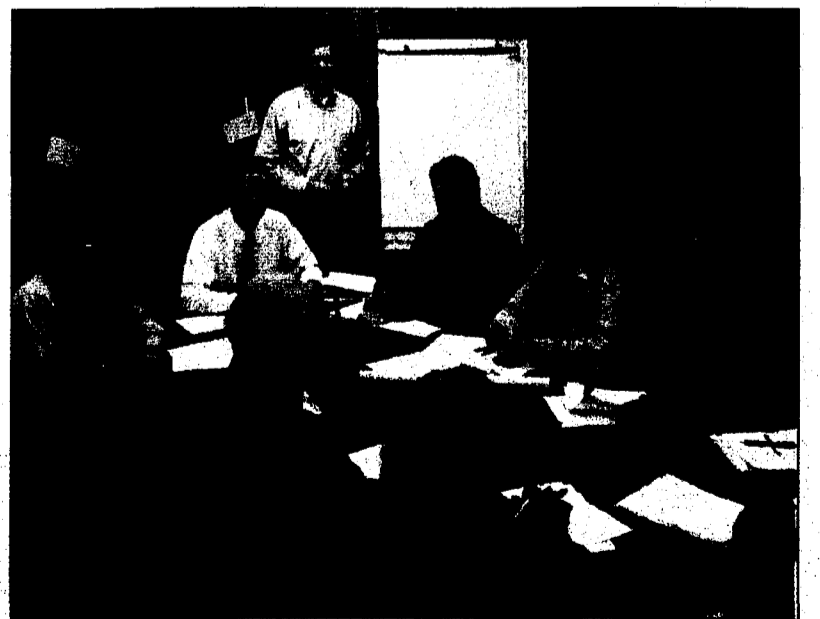
So this year, with a new facilitator and new program, the goal is to make the evening worthwhile for all involved. "Concerns I've heard from

commissioners [regarding last year's goal setting]," city manager Michael Cain said, "is that it's the same goals year after year. It's an exercise more than anything else." Though last year a verbal overview of accomplished goals was presented, "there wasn't a thorough written report [for attendees]. We want to get back to that."

Scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m., at St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall, the goal-setting session will be facilitated for the first time by Andy

Hayes, an operating executive at Harbor House Publishers. Besides being employed with a local business, Hayes brings a strong background in facilitation to the table, with more than 20 years of experience in association management and economic development. His role in the process, he said, is not to help determine goals but more as "ringmaster, to kind of keep the circus moving along."

Last week, Hayes met with department heads and new city manager Cain to present the new format and seek input. While the planned agenda includes time for citizen input on new goals, it focuses primarily on reviewing, in small groups, the implementation plan and current sta-



Boyer City department heads met last week with new city manager Michael Cain and goal-setting facilitator Andy Hayes to give their input to planning for the session, scheduled for Jan. 21.

tus of the top eight goals, determined in advance by city staff through scrutiny of the goals set over the last seven years.

The program will also include a brief introduction of Cain, who was

hired in mid-December as city manager. For the benefit of community members not yet familiar with him, Cain will briefly review his back-

see GOAL SETTING on pg. 4



Boyer Meets Broadway cast members have been working hard to perfect their numbers in recent weeks.



When Boyne meets Broadway

This year, Boyne Meets Broadway will take a trip back to the traditional, as Boyne City High School drama department members put their special touch on some old favorites.

"Last year we did some real different things," said director Bob Wollenberg. "This year, the emphasis is on some traditional, old-fashioned Broadway stuff."

Traditional, indeed, with offerings ranging from medleys from "South Pacific," "Guys and Dolls" and "Cats," to numbers like "Give My Regards To Broadway," and "New York, New York."

The return back to Broadway's more traditional roots is the result, in part, of feedback from showgoers who, though they enjoyed last year's more modern outing, longed for the familiar songs they know and love.

"That's what the people wanted," Wollenberg said. "They love the old favorites."

"We just think we should get back to that."

Tickets are already on sale for the two performances, set for Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 22 and 23, at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center. The evenings will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 6:15 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m., with a menu that Wollenberg has deemed "great."

"Nobody will go home hungry," he said.

Seats are assigned on a first come, first served basis, and can be purchased for \$27.50 apiece, which includes dinner and the show, by calling Pat at Boyne Mountain, 549-6054.

While the traditional music will make the evening one to re-

member for many of those attending, the key element for Wollenberg in this year's event is the fact that the show features a large group of seniors, many of whom will be performing for their fourth straight year in the show.

"There are lots of seniors in this group," Wollenberg said, making it "one of the best [shows] we've ever had, with the experience we have."



This year's show will mark a return to more "traditional" Broadway fare, including medleys from "Cats," "South Pacific," and "Guys and Dolls."



Raven Hill offers creative winter classes

Put some color in your winter. Learn a new skill. Create something beautiful. Raven Hill Discovery Center will be offering art classes for adults beginning Feb. 3, with courses open to the general public from high school age up. No previous experience in the media is required, only a desire to learn.

Both afternoon and evening sessions will be available. Four-week sessions in lithography, raku and stained glass will begin Feb. 3. They will be followed by four-week sessions in basketry, glass beads and silver jewelry making beginning March 3.

Several one- or two-day workshops will also be given in batik, felting and copper; fees range from \$30 for a two-hour workshop to \$120 for four weeks of classes. Children's programs for children ages four to fourteen will be offered for \$5 per hour during the adult classes. Children will spend time in the museum and in the ani-



Area residents can beat the winter blahs with winter classes and workshops at Raven Hill.

mal room and do an additional activity during the longer sessions. Pre-registration at least one week in advance for both children and adults is required for all classes.

For a complete schedule or to register call Raven Hill at 536-3369 or toll-free at (877) 833-4254. Raven Hill is located between East Jordan and Boyne City off C-48 at Pearsall Road.

Local student's video to be featured at screening

A local student will have his work featured this month at a special event focusing on the story of Ernest Shackleton and The Endurance, largely considered one of the greatest shipwreck survival stories of all time.

A short award-winning video by Boyne City High School student Jacob Warstler chronicling Sir Ernest Shackleton's adventure will be shown, along with a 90-minute documentary on the same subject by George Butler with commentary from Rand Shackleton and Elizabeth Bakewell, both relatives of men who survived the crash of The Endurance in 1914. Warstler's film received the top prize last year in A&E Television network's "Shackleton: Live from Antarctica" student film contest.

The event, sponsored by the

Crooked Tree Arts Council and Rand Shackleton, will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m., and on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Petoskey Middle School Auditorium.

Tickets for the program are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students under 18 (the Saturday matinee is \$5 for all seats).

Tickets can be purchased by calling 347-4337 or on-line at www.crookedtree.org.

Boyer City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

HEALTH TIPS FROM MEDICAP PHARMACY NUTRIENTS SLOW MEMORY LOSS

The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition reported that correcting deficiencies in vitamin B12 and folic acid can slow the loss of memory associated with aging. Persons with Alzheimer's disease often have elevated levels of homocysteine. These vitamins may be key in controlling levels of this chemical. When homocysteine levels rise, brain cells communication is hampered, affecting memory function. "The earlier you catch the nutrient deficiency and correct it, the better off you are," says Dr. Barry Fleisberg, the study's author. Talk with your doctor or pharmacist regarding the possible need for vitamins and supplements.

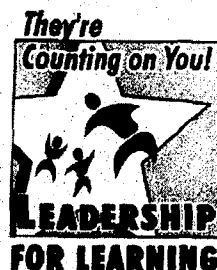
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Sat. & Sun. at 2 & 7
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN - PG-13
Mon.-Thurs. at 8
Fri., Sat. & Sun. at 7
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My Big Fat Greek Wedding - PG
7 & 9 nightly, Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4
Kangaroo Jack - PG
7 & 9 nightly,
Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4
Just Married - PG-13
7:10 & 9:10 nightly,
Sat. & Sun. 2:10 & 4:10
A Guy Thing - PG-13
7:15 & 9:15 nightly, Sat. & Sun. 2:15 & 4:15
The Wild Thornberrys - PG
Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4
Lord of the Rings, The Two Towers - PG-13
7 nightly
Catch Me If You Can - PG-13
6:45 & 9:20 nightly,
Sat. & Sun. 1:25 & 4:10
National Security - PG-13
7:10 & 9:10 nightly,
Sat. & Sun. 2:10 & 4:10
Thurs. at 2 Senior Day \$2.50, 4 all seats \$5
Adult \$6.50, Child \$5, Senior \$5.50
Matinees all seats \$5.00

Bellaire Theater
(231) 533-8725
My Big Fat Greek Wedding - PG
at 7 nightly
Gaylord Cinema West
(517) 731-9766
National Security - PG-13
7 & 9:15 nightly, Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:15
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SCHOOL BOARDS: Making STARS out of students



Elected school board members help children think, work, solve problems and more. During School Board Recognition month, we invite you to join us in honoring these individuals for their untiring dedication to students.

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'Rare Threads' opens Feb. 2

■ JRAC exhibit will feature related workshops

The Jordan River Art Center will host Rare Threads with a Twist, a juried exhibit featuring crazy quilts, antique through the space age, and non-traditional fiber wall hangings by Michigan artists.

Scheduled to run Feb. 2-28, the exhibit will also run in conjunction with related workshops to be conducted by recognized Michigan fiber artists. Among the features of the exhibit are works created by area students in workshops conducted by local fiber artists. Docent-led tours with hands-on experiences will be available for students attending the exhibit.

The exhibit opening event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 1-4 p.m., featuring a lecture, "Textiles on Display — How to Care and Preserve Your Textiles for the Future," by Martha Brownscombe. Those attending the opening are invited to bring textile treasures of their own for discussion.

Workshops to be featured throughout the run of the exhibit include the following:

Feb. 8 - "Machine Thread Embellishment and Tulle, Too" by Robert DiMarzo of Dearborn. Emphasis will be experimental, creative quilting with a special invitation to high schools and colleges.

Feb. 9 - "Creative Landscape Quilting," by Sylvia Walworth of Eastport. Uniquely for participants who create their own design, throwing away old quilting tech-



JRAC's latest exhibit, "Rare Threads with a Twist," will open on Sunday, Feb. 2. The juried show will showcase Michigan artists.

niques.

Feb. 15 - "Crazy Quilt Fancy Stitches," by Sally Clute of Boyne City. Hand needlework presented as portable craft. Many different stitches will be experienced.

Feb. 16 - "Making Your Own Quilting Design," by Unis Southwell of Suttons Bay. Methods of hand quilting (needle rocking), hand piecing, and applique will be experienced.

Feb. 22 - "The Surprise Quilt," by Gwen Marston of Beaver Island. How

to allow a quilt to "design itself."

Feb. 23 - "Silk to Dye For," by Marty Lawrence of Flint. A workshop for adults, experimenting with hand-dyed fabrics; "Kids and Quilts," also by Lawrence, for children with a parent assisting. Includes needle art surface design, soft sculpture, marbling and quilting experiences.

To register for workshops, call Lucy Hartlove at (231) 347-5604 or email her at Hartlove@mailstation.com.

The Jordan River Art Center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan. Rare Threads with a Twist has been partially funded by the Cheboygan Area Arts Council and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Joan Dalto is curator, assisted by Lucy Hartlove, Sylvia Walworth, Carol Book, and Diane Strzelinski. For more information, call Dalto at 582-2867, or the Jordan River Art Center, 536-3385.



Last week's blaze left only a shell of what once was the Walloon Lake Marina. The fire melted cable and phone wires, leaving the village with no service until the next day.

Walloon fire

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that he was told that the origin of the fire would likely be officially classified as "undetermined."

"There are so many possibilities as to why," Howard said. "It will [probably] be considered undetermined. That's probably how it will be in our report." The difficulty in determining the cause can be partially attributed to the same factors that made the fire such a tough one to fight.

"In a building that size, the fuel load [including] machinery, plastics, fiberglass, oils, solvents, ... we could have had all the water in the world and I don't know if we could have saved it." In addition to the flammability of the contents, the structure of the building aided rather than hindered the spread of the fire. "It was a wide open building with no fire stops," Howard said.

The marina, which sells boats in the summer and does business in snowmobiles in the winter, is owned by Jamie and Dennis Hass.

The call that the building was

ablaze came into emergency personnel sometime around 9 p.m. on Jan. 6. Though Melrose Township firefighters arrived on the scene shortly thereafter, the building was already fully engulfed in flames.

Calling for aid from several area fire departments, including Boyne City, Boyne Valley, Resort/Bear Creek, the fire eventually required the assistance of the Petoskey Fire Department's new aerial truck.

"It was basically a defensive fight," Howard said, noting that while trying to put out the blaze, emergency crews were also monitoring the neighboring Triton Marina. "We put a water curtain between the marinas throughout the course of the fire," Howard said, noting that the building to the south did sustain minor damage in the form of melted siding.

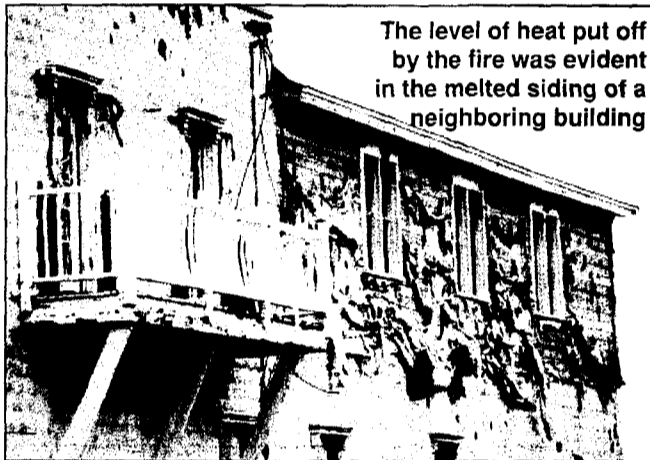
In addition to trying to protect neighboring structures, firefighters also focused their attention on cooling the two, 250 gallon propane tanks

behind the marina, as well as an above-ground storage gas pump. Crews were successful in keeping the tanks and pump out of harm's way, but, added Howard, he did notice the next morning that, in fact, the paint on the pump was bleached from the heat of the blaze.

Crews encountered an initial difficulty after discovering that a hydrant directly across the street from the marina wasn't working, a fact that Howard later dismissed as a controversial factor in the effort. Part of a private water service set-up, the hydrant, he pointed out, is "not official," and is not maintained as a primary hydrant.

In lieu of the hydrant, then, crews set up water points along the lake, forced to break through the ice before drawing water out to fight the fire.

The heat of the fire also melted phone and cable wires, taking out phone service in the village until late Tuesday afternoon.



The level of heat put off by the fire was evident in the melted siding of a neighboring building

Family crisis

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Another trip to the doctor led to suspicions that he might have mononucleosis, but which instead turned up a much more serious conclusion — a diagnosis of acute myelogenous leukemia and myelodysplastic syndrome.

The news of the diagnosis, made on Dec. 4, 2002, was broken to Bisbee at 11 p.m. at the hospital, and by the next morning, mother and son were on their way to Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Until last week, Christopher had been at Spectrum since that initial admission in early December, spending both Christmas and New Year's in the hospital, enduring the first round of what could be a year-long course of chemotherapy.

Because of the myelodysplastic syndrome, in addition to the leukemia, Christopher will likely have to undergo a bone marrow transplant in the coming months and, in a twist of fate unrelated to either of the illnesses, was subject to an emergency appendectomy on Christmas Eve.

It has been, needless to say, an extraordinarily difficult month for the family. Besides the obvious emotional and physical toll the experience is taking, the family is already having to face the financial concerns that come with any catastrophic illness. According to Bisbee, Christopher is covered by Medicaid, and she's currently pursuing an application for assistance through Children's Special Health Care Services. Still, the coverage will be nowhere near enough to alleviate the family's financial concerns, especially since Bisbee has not worked since Christopher was diagnosed.

Though family and friends can only pass along prayers and good wishes to help relieve the emotional strain of the experience, several area residents including East Jordan's Connie Roberts, a cousin of Christopher's, have decided that perhaps they can do something a little more concrete to help out with the financial part of the crisis.

To that end, Roberts and others have organized the Christopher Matts Leukemia Fund-raiser Auction/Dinner, to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Boyne City Early Childhood Education Building (formerly the Boyne City Middle School),

on the corner of South Park and East Main streets in Boyne City.

The event will feature a chili/pizza dinner at a cost of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child ages 5-12, with all proceeds to benefit Christopher and his family. A 50/50 drawing and silent auction will also be held. While most of the supplies for the event have already been secured, Roberts noted that items are still needed for the silent auction portion of the evening. Beyond that, what she'd like to see is that "people make the effort to come."

The hope, Roberts said, is not only to help relieve some of the family's financial burden, but also "spur

[Christopher's] spirit" by showing that his old community (Christopher attended kindergarten in Boyne City) still cares.

Anyone unable to attend the dinner and raffle, but who would still like to contribute, is asked to send checks to the Christopher Matts Leukemia Fund c/o Jean Konecki, Citizens Bank, 120 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

For more information on the event, call Roberts at 536-7195 or 536-7953.

Sno-Blast

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For those familiar with the club's summer encampments, Sumner noted that this Sno-Blast encampment will be "the exact same thing, except we'll be dressed warmer."

Another much-anticipated feature of the day is the return of the Antique Snowmobile Club of America in both the parade and then with their biggest display yet of vintage machines at the Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road.

With such a variety of events to partake of, festival-goers are sure to work up a healthy appetite, and, as always, Sno-Blast organizers have assured that no one will go hungry.

Friday will feature the annual chili supper, Saturday the Sno-Blast Ice Cream Social and Stew Supper, and Sunday, the tempting Sno-Lover's Breakfast.

For those feeling lucky, tickets for both the East Jordan Rotary Club raffle, with the grand prize of a 2002 Ski-Doo MXZ 500 snowmobile, and the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce raffle, with cash prizes ranging from \$100-\$1,000, are available.

For more information on Sno-Blast, call the chamber at 536-7351, or visit www.ejchamber.org.

For a full schedule of events, see pages 10 and 11.

Places of Worship

Christ Lutheran Church

1250 Boyne Avenue
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 582-9301

Sunday Worship: 8 & 10 a.m.
Sunday School
& Bible Class: 9:15 a.m.
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Pastor: Paul Wise

Associate Pastor: Bryan Shook

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Family Night 7:00 p.m.
Everyone is Welcome!

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Corner of Fourth & Easterly

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

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SOAR program opens doors to education

At Raven Hill Discovery Center, business and community donations to SOAR (Scholarship Opportunities As Requested) are making a wide variety of classroom visits available to area students.

According to Raven Hill executive director Julie Burgess, Raven Hill was originally intended to begin, end and supplement classroom learning. To that end, through SOAR individual teachers are invited to apply for scholarships to offset the cost of bringing their classes to actively experience a unit of study at the center. Paying only the admission charge of six dollars enables a classroom or two to experience the museum and animals, as well as choose three free SOAR activities directly related to their specific unit of study.

Educational opportunities in the past have included visits to the center to make drums and explore sound; comparing various reptiles and amphibians for a biology project; experience simple machines as part of a science unit; make glass beads and experience the science and history behind the art of glass; and a visit to the one-room school house and biscuit making for a hands-on look at pioneers.

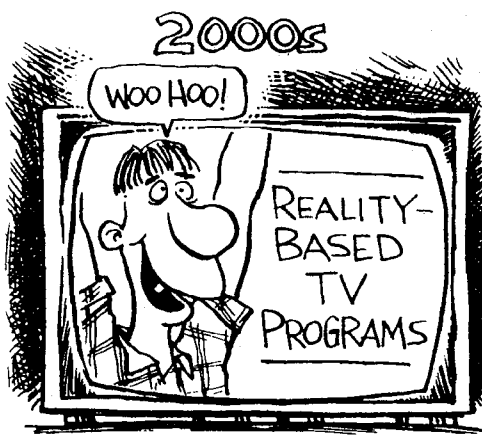
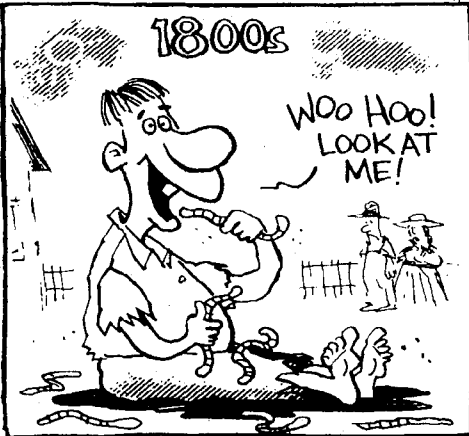
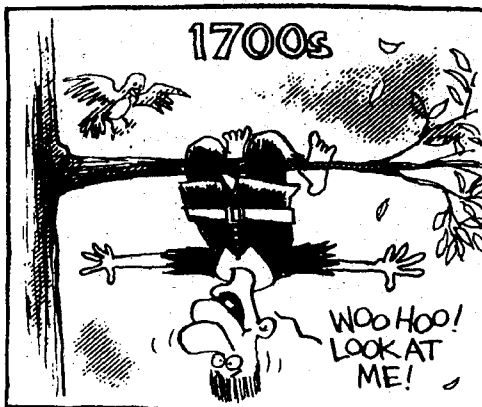
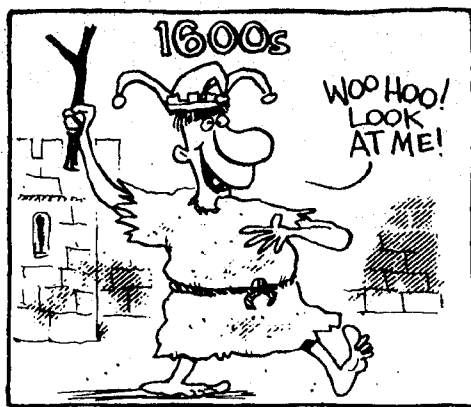
SOAR applications are available from Raven Hill and can be used in January, February, or March to supplement classroom learning. SOAR is also available to families who could use help with general admission costs, for summer class scholarships, and for professional development workshops.

Donations continue to be solicited to replenish SOAR funds to meet future requests.

For more information, to receive an application, or to make a donation to the fund, call Cheri or Julie at 536-3369.

History of the VILLAGE IDIOT

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LETTERS

Family grateful for help after devastating fire

TO THE EDITOR:

On the night of Dec. 19, we lost our house to a fire. But also on that night, we have gained a new understanding of neighbors, friends, family and a very caring community.

We would like to thank all who have given so much of themselves in our most tragic times. Thank you to all that gave their time and energy, to those who have contributed food, money, clothes, vehicles to borrow, everyday necessities and toys to Billy. Thank you for your hugs, your prayers, your caring words. I will never forget each and everyone of you. Without these things, we would not have the strength to get through this.

We want to take time to thank the Boyne City, East Jordan and Boyne Valley Fire Departments and thank our dear neighbors for alerting us to the fire and to the many other neighbors who risked their lives to save our belongings. You all worked so hard to save our home.

And lastly, to my very dear family, thank you for working endlessly the past couple of weeks to get the pieces of our lives back together.

We feel so fortunate and blessed to live in such a giving and caring community.

We couldn't have gotten through this without you. May God bless you all.

Pierre, Tammy and Billy Raveau

Hospice benefits from employee generosity

TO THE EDITOR:

Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc.) would like to personally thank H & D, Inc. Employees for their extremely generous donation. It was decided that instead of the money spent on beverages for their end of year party that the employees would make donations to charitable organizations.

We are truly impressed with the responsible action of these employees. We are very appreciative to again be one of the organizations they selected this year. Thank you.

Patricia A. Johnson,
Administrator/Volunteer Coordinator

A Mom's LIFE

Tears at weddings can hold a variety of meanings

By CINDI PLACE

I've always wondered why people, especially women, cry at weddings. I've speculated that for some women, watching a couple as they begin their married life together invokes memories of their own weddings. Or maybe, they cry because of what they think they've missed in their own marriage. Or because they are happy that the ranks of single women has just been reduced by one. Of course, on reflection, they should also note that they are down one single, eligible guy as well.

And even though women are generally viewed as the more emotional of the human species, men are not immune to shedding a little tear as they see a beautiful bride walking down the aisle to greet her bridegroom.

Again, their reasons for being emotional vary from those who can't believe that their buddy has "bit the dust," so to speak, to those who simply stayed up a bit too late at the bachelor party the night before.

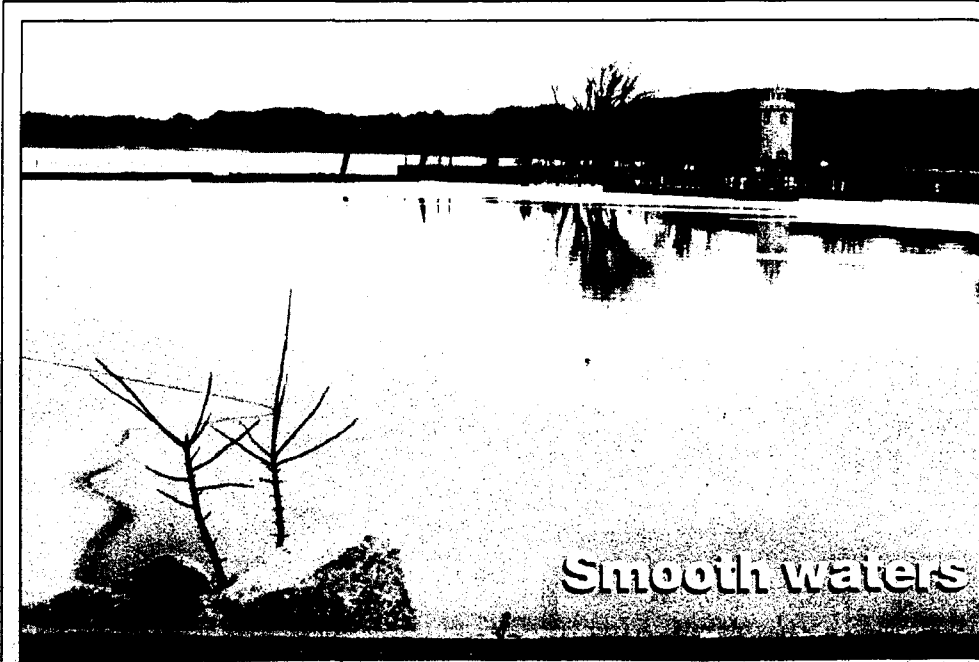
And then, there are the fathers, who are either remembering their own long walk escorting a daughter down the aisle, or are suddenly hit with a heart-felt pang that before long they too will be giving up a daughter. (No

father, as he makes that long, long walk, has the foresight to see a wedding as "gaining a son"...at least not at that moment, I am sure.)

In the days before our own family wedding, I've thought about just how I would avoid making a spectacle of myself on our daughter's special day. I bought the requisite waterproof makeup, stocked up on boxes of Kleenex, and watched every father-of-the-bride movie ever made. Nevertheless, for weeks before the wedding it took very little for me to become emotional. Hearing a special song on the radio, looking at family photos when our children were little, addressing invitations. And our father was struggling with his own emotions during this time, although he usually only became truly light headed each time I asked for the checkbook.

But no matter how much preparation we do, nothing can really feel the same as the real thing. As my husband took his walk with his daughter on his arm, he beamed with the pride of the proud father. And I will admit to tearing up just a bit as I watched our new son-in-law struggle with all the emotion of the moment.

And it was just then that I knew that everything was perfect.



Despite the return of blustery winter weather to the area last week, a moment of calm on Lake Charlevoix can prove to be a soothing scene to passers-by.

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.



Teen parents enjoy new car seats thanks to a donation from Boyne City's Eta Nu.

Eta Nu makes donation to teen parent program

The Eta Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Boyne City recently contributed \$1,000 toward the purchase of infant car seats and educational material for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District New Horizons Teen Parent Program.

The 19 infant car seats and six toddler car seats were purchased by the sorority through a Michigan Department of Community Health application process. One stipulation of the grant program is that the car seats and educational material had to be awarded to an organization with a certified technician/instructor.

Evelyn Howell, a Char-Em ISD occupational therapist, became a certified child passenger technician in order to instruct the young parents in the correct installation of car seats.

Howell distributed and fitted the car seats for parents enrolled in the ISD's New Horizons Teen Parent Program. The program is comprised of pregnant teens and new parents, ages 14-20, who wish to continue or complete their high school education.

"With the generous assistance from the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Eta Nu Sorority, each student in the New Horizons Teen Parent Program will receive a new, properly installed car seat for their infant or child," Howell said.

Goal setting

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ground and discuss his vision, and goals he has for the City.

Cain, for one, is excited about the opportunity to participate in the goalsetting session at the outset of his career in Boyne City. "It's an important tool for the City Commission, to help them in their decision making," he said. "There are a zillion things we can be doing, but we can't do them all at once. [The session] will help identify where are the areas we need to focus on, and spend our most precious resources of time and money. I'm looking forward to it."

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Ramblers make the plays to earn big win

A new look paid dividends Friday evening as the Boyne City Ramblers defeated St. Francis 37-32.

"We got a win and we sorely needed one," said Boyne City head coach Tim Smith. "It was something different. We needed to get back on track. We beat a good quality team."

The Ramblers, who have played nine or 10 players each game, tried something different against St. Francis and divided into two separate groups, substituting all five players at one time. "We try to keep people fresh," Smith said. "It was something different. It worked at times, but we got on hurt on the boards a little bit with one group."

The victory against St. Francis followed Tuesday's 10-point loss to Petoskey. While the outcome was different, the two games had two similarities.

First, the Ramblers played solid defense. They held St. Francis well under its season average and the 51 points Petoskey scored was its lowest output of the season.

Secondly, the Ramblers had trouble scoring. Against Petoskey they missed numerous easy scoring opportunities and struggled at the free throw line. Against St. Francis the offense struggled again but down the stretch

they made free throws when it counted most.

Beau Detcher led the Ramblers in their victory over St. Francis with 15 points, followed by Grant Ameel and Brenton Rozycki with five points each.

"Beau has just been playing really solid," Smith said.

"He's played really good basketball for us."

Smith also had high praise for Tylor Daniels. "Tylor played a nice game inside," Smith said. "He had key rebounds down the stretch."

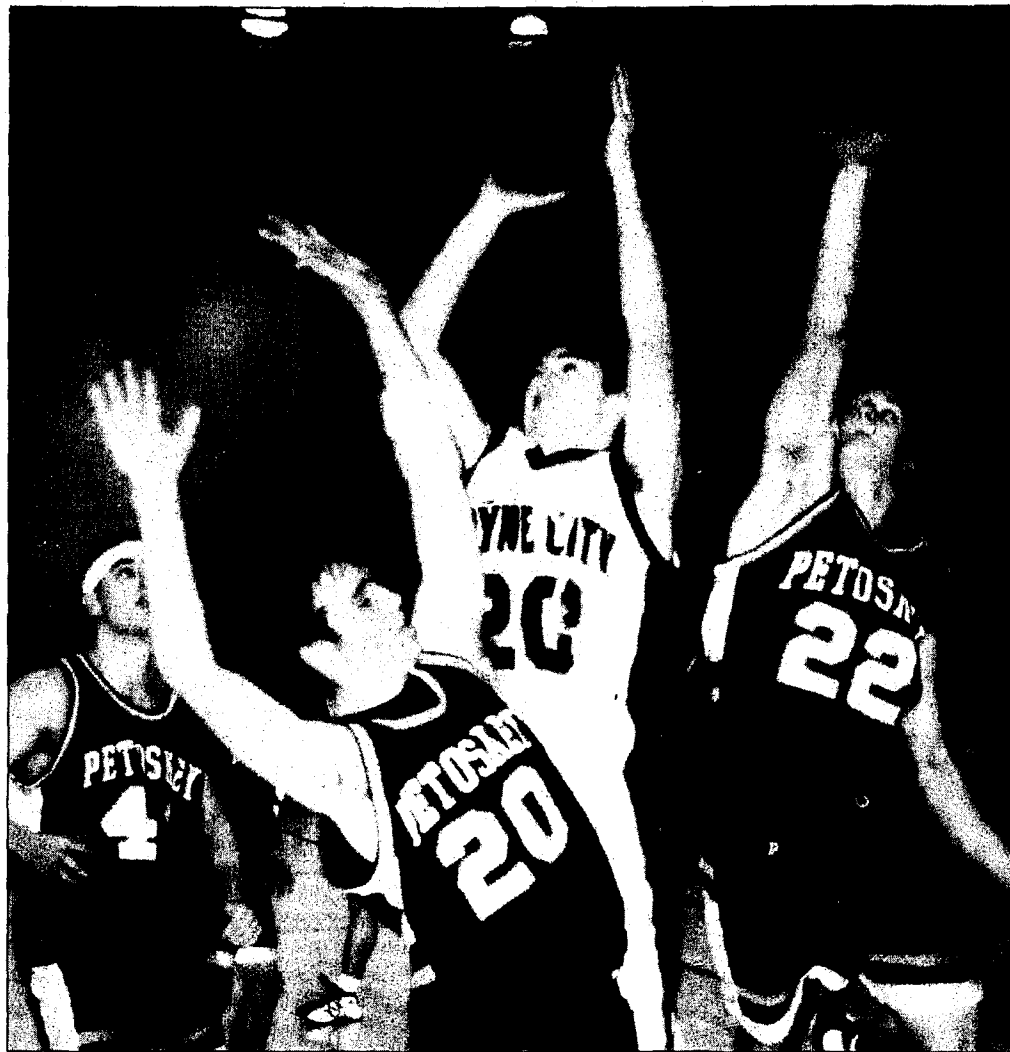
Against Petoskey, Travis Gibbs led the Ramblers with nine points, followed by Detcher with seven.

"I thought at times we played really solid," Smith said.

"We took care of the ball, we just didn't make the shots. We had too many blown opportunities."

Next up for the Ramblers is a trip to Charlevoix to face a team which suffered its first loss of the season last Friday at Elk Rapids.

"We just have to keep getting better," Smith said. "Offensively we have to get better. We have to keep building, keep going. Just how you can string losses together, you can string wins together."



In heavy traffic under the basket, Tylor Daniels goes up for two points in the Ramblers game at home against Petoskey.

Trying times for EJ

These are trying times for the East Jordan basketball team.

Last Friday they ran into a red-hot Kalkaska team which routed the Red Devils 76-36 and that followed a lopsided loss to Charlevoix a week earlier.

If that isn't enough, this Friday they host Elk Rapids, which defeated Charlevoix last week. And on Tuesday, Bellaire came to East Jordan, sporting a 6-0 record.

"We are struggling to score," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey. "As a coaching staff we are trying to figure out ways for us to score."

Against Kalkaska, the Blazers led by scores of 12-6 after one quarter, 34-17 at the intermission and 61-28 at the end of three periods in the dominating performance.

For the Red Devils, Jon Reese scored 10 points, the only player in double figures.

TCSF no match for Boyne City netters

Boyne City netters topped Traverse City St. Francis last week, 2-0, with scores of 15-11 and 17-15.

While the first game came naturally, the second game found Boyne feeling the heat early on at a 13-3 deficit. According to coach Dorine Britton, the team's rebound to just a 13-10 deficit could be credited to a "great offensive attack at the net," with Cadie Britton serving six points.

Though TCSF kept the pressure on, Boyne's Sam Bricker served three points, bringing the score to 14-13,

Traverse City. Britton served the point to tie, then battling it out, the teams went point for point until Bricker served the final point to win the match.

Top performances for Boyne included Britton with six aces and a total of 13 points; Bricker with six aces and a total of seven points; Meredith Clemens with a total of seven kills and six blocks; Lyndsay Tomkins with four kills and seven blocks; and Sarah Hall with 10 defensive digs and four kills.

Loggers drop their first game

By MANDA SEWEJKIS
Student Writer

The Boyne Falls Loggers traveled to Harbor Light on Friday, and it was a trip they would like to forget as they lost their first game of the season, 74-47.

Nate Burks led in scoring with 15 points, and Matt Skop had nine points.

Boyne Falls fell behind in the first quarter, scoring only four points to Harbor's 16. The Loggers picked it up a little in the second quarter but still trailed 33-22 at the half. In the second half, Harbor pulled away for the easy victory.

Earlier in the week, the Loggers rolled out a win as they defeated Ellsworth 65-61 in an exciting game.

Archie Griffin led the scoring for the Loggers with 16 points. Josh Jarema had 15 points, while making four 3-pointers. Nate Burks had two 3-

pointers and ended with 13 points overall.

Jarema and Griffin both had two steals each. Griffin led in rebounding with nine, and Josh Blackwell had six.

"We need to improve our rebounding," said head coach Frank Hamilla.

The score stayed tight throughout all four quarters. The first quarter ended with a 16-15 score in favor of the Loggers. At half time the scoreboard read 31-29 with Boyne Falls leading.

"We kept our composure," Hamilla said. "We didn't panic."

The Boyne Falls JV won as well with a final score of 62-44. Adam Cooper led in scoring with 14 points.

The Boyne Falls JV also defeated Harbor Light, 65-45. Shawn Kilmer led in scoring with 20 points, and was followed by Jimmy Gross who had 12 points.



Logger Josh Blackwell makes a move for the basket despite heavy pressure from Harbor Light defense.



Concord victory

Concord Academy Boyne won their first game of the season, against Alma last week. Pictured here are, front row, from left: Traci Moore, Natalie Carlton, Hannah Precup, Caitlin Hager. Back row: Brittney Farrell, Sandy Chambers-Herzog (asst. coach), Amber Edmonds, Lindsay Baic, Laura Snyder (head coach), Hope Blanshan, Tracey Sherman (asst. coach). Not pictured: Tasha Wittenmyer.

Local racers place at ski championships

Area racers participated in the Michigan High School Cross Country Ski Championships Jan. 2 and 3. Races took place at the Al Quaal Trails in Ishpeming, Mich.

Freestyle races were held on Saturday with classic races held on Sunday.

Places and times for the Boyne racers in the boys pursuit (combination of 10K freestyle and 7.5K classic) in-

cluded: Bradley Winkler, fifth, 58:05.9; Geoff Martin, 15th, 1:05:50.9; Victor Stevens, 18th, 1:08:34.3; Brian Miller, 23rd, 1:12:02.5.

Boyne's Jane Stieber placed 12th in the girls pursuit (combination of 7.5K freestyle and 5K classic) with a time of 50:50.3.

Lindsay Baic finished the 5K classic run with a time of 30:11.7

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY RESULTS

Boyne Area Midgets

The Boyne Area BC Pizza Midgets played four games this weekend, winning two, tying one and losing one. Boyne tied then defeated Cheyebogan 4-4 and 3-1. Scoring for Boyne were JP Fiedorek, Justin Conklin, Chris Grice and Tyler Barys. After losing to Char-Em 4-3, Boyne bounced back with a 7-0 victory. Scoring for Boyne were Josh Aown, Eli Barys, Chris Grice and Tyler Barys. Weekend assists were earned by Ryan Hennessy, Josh Black and Jacob Gusmano. Though not involved in the scoring, the weekends success would not have been possible without the strong play of Scott McDowell, Tyler Kalbfleish, Josh Black, Trevor Mapes, Josh Grove and Gabe Korthase. Bobby Courtright was in goal in all four games earning his first shutout of the season.

The Midgets also played three games last weekend. Boyne lost to Cheyebogan 5-3. The midgets then defeated and tied Sault St Marie 8-4 and 5-5. Scoring for Boyne were Justin Conklin, Chris Grice, Tyler Barys, and Josh Black. Assists were earned by Josh Aown, Josh Black, Ryan Hennessy, Eli Barys, Tyler Barys, Trevor Mapes, Gabe Korthase, Josh Grove. Bobby Courtright was in goal all three games. Tyler Kalbfleish and J.P. Fiedorek gave strong performances.

Boyne Area Bantams

On Saturday, Jan. 11, the Bantams hosted a game with Cheyebogan's McDonalds team, which ended in a 4-4 tie. Evan Keller scored two for Boyne, while John Miller and Matt Thomas each contributed one. Assists were credited to Thomas, Ken Bedford, Isaac Krey, and two from Miller. Charlie Courtright was in goal.

On Sunday, Jan. 12, the team traveled to Alpena. Their first game against Mancino's ended in a 5-1 loss. Keller scored the lone Boyne goal, assisted by Bedford.

In game two of the day, the team lost to Alpena's Weinkauff team, 3-2. Russell Williams scored unassisted, and assisted Miller who scored Boyne's second goal.

Courtright was between the pipes for both games. The team is sponsored by Ace Hardware.

Boyne Area Mites

The Boyne Area Hockey Mites, known as the Avalanche, hosted the Char-Em Sharks on Dec. 22, losing two games 5-1 and 4-3. In game one, Preslye Fortune, assisted by Amanda Grubbs, tallied the only goal for the Mites. In game two, Spencer Bajko scored the first two goals for the team, assisted by Grubbs and Mitchell Carlson. Fortune also scored, with an assist from Grubbs.

On Dec. 29, the team traveled to Gaylord, capturing their first wins of the

season, 3-2 and 3-1. Mitchell Reynolds was in the net, allowing only two goals out of 14 attempts in the first game, and one goal out of twelve shots in the second.

Bajko scored two goals in game one, the second assisted by Carlson. Carlson also earned an unassisted goal. Bajko earned a hat trick in game two and was the lone scorer for the team, with one assist from Aaron Clark.

Reilly Philliben, Trey Reinhardt, and Tyler Messina have been cited for strong defensive play, as have Travis Porter, Eddie Brooke, and Trevor Ruhlman-Raymond on offense.

Boyne Area Squirts



The Boyne Area Squirts recently traveled to Manistiquie (U.P.), representing Boyne City in a five-team hockey tournament.

Boyne entered the tournament as the defending champs. After 4 games, and in second place, the twisters played a tremendous, hard fought game of teamwork to oust the #1 seeded team, St. Ignace, with a come from behind win of 10-3.

MVP's for the games were Trevor Price, Billy Kraemer, Kolbi Shumaker, Keegan Reynolds, Gavin Porter.

Goals were scored throughout by Price, Porter, Shumaker, Cameron Robinson, Andrew Clark, Taylor Reinhardt, Zach Goodwin, Michael Messina, and Kraemer.

Excellent defense is credited to Harmon Grubbs. Keegan Reynolds was in the net.

Coaches for the Boyne Twisters are Jeff Porter and Chris Goodwin.

Elite skiers, snowboarders to hit Boyne Mountain this weekend

On Jan. 17 and 18, Boyne Mountain will host the second of four races in the World Professional Ski and Snowboard Championships in the Jeep King of the Mountain Series.

Featured elite athletes from six countries will include Olympic and World Champions Tommy Moe, Chris Klug, Mathieu Bozetto, Martin Fiala, and Richard Richardson.

Races will begin on Superbowl on Friday, Jan. 17 with training runs for the athletes in the morning.

The professional races will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18. The events will be aired by syndication across the United States in late January and February.

The series, touted as one of the most widely recognized and most prestigious professional ski/snowboard series in the world, boasts a new "Y" style race course and has introduced snowboarding to the events.

After opening at the Mammoth Mountain, Calif. in November of 2002, the series will continue to utilize its the "Y" race course, designed to combine the technical skill of Parallel Giant Slalom with the cutting-edge drama of Speedcross for a thrilling event for both the athletes and spectators.

Instead of a simple fast track, the new design begins with a side-by-side

dual slalom course, which switches midway to a single set of gates ending with a table jump and an all out spring to the finish.

Unlike years past, this year's Jeep King of the Mountain races are not based on times, but who wins the head-to-head match up.

Skiers and snowboarders compete

against each other in a progressive race format where winners continue to the next of three rounds.

After the Boyne Mountain races, the athletes will travel to Loon Mountain, New Hampshire Jan. 24-25, and head to Aspen, Colo. Feb. 21-22 where Jeeps will be awarded to the top skier and snowboarder.

Tigers to meet fans at hospital, BASES center

Area fans of the Detroit Tigers will have an opportunity to meet team members during the team's Winter Caravan on Jan. 21, when they'll make appearances at both Charlevoix Area Hospital and BASES Teen Center in Charlevoix. A luncheon that day will benefit both the hospital and BASES.

Between 12 noon and 2 p.m. a "baseball" luncheon of ballpark style food will be held at Charlevoix Area Hospital in the hospital solarium for 75 ticketholders. Along with lunch, attendees will have their picture taken with Tiger stars Bobby Higginson, Dean Palmer, Cody Ross, and David Espinosa and coaches, Kirk Gibson, Mick Kelleher and Milt Wilcox.

Mario Impemba and his new tele-

vision partner, Rod Allen, will also be on hand representing Fox Sports Net Detroit.

At \$50 apiece, ticket holders will receive lunch, a 5x7 photo and program of the event.

From 3 to 5 p.m. the same day, Tiger stars will move to BASES Teen Center at 208 Lincoln St., Charlevoix, for autographs, questions and answers, and a silent auction of Tiger Memorabilia. There is no admission charge at BASES.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the luncheon, call 547-1144. Only 75 tickets are available. All proceeds from the luncheon and the silent auction will benefit BASES, Bay Area Substance Education Services and the hospital.



Big honor

Last week, in a long-running Boyne City tradition, second-graders from Boyne City Elementary showed their patriotic colors by turning out to sing the National Anthem at a high school varsity basketball game.



BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local resident opens full-service salon outside of East Jordan

For East Jordan's Dawn Zimmer the opening of her new salon, Uniquely You by Dawn Marie, has been something of a family affair. Ironically, she laughs, the venture was "my mom's idea."

With 10 years of salon experience, Zimmer is offering a full range of services, from haircuts, color and perms, to acrylic nails and manicures, to facial waxing.

Her new space, a front room in her parents home on East Jordan-Advance Road, has been customized to suit the needs of a full-service salon, thanks in a large part to the donations of time, materials, and funding from family members.

"I got lots of things [for the shop] for Christmas," Zimmer said.

"My 7-year-old daughter helped paint, and my dad was our electrician, our carpenter, our plumber."

Besides family support, Zimmer's salon has also gotten a boost from

other area salons, including Shear Magic in Cheboygan, the Hair Zone in Petoskey, and the Powder Puff in Boyne City, all of whom either donated equipment or cut her a "great deal."

Considering the short period of time Zimmer had to pull the salon together, with only six weeks elapsing between deciding to go forward with the business and actually opening her doors, the support of family, she said, made all the difference.

Open since Dec. 20, Zimmer is offering a 10 percent senior discount, as well as family discounts.

Though she doesn't have inventory for retail sales yet, she plans in the next month or so to begin stocking Paul Mitchell and Redken products.

"The products I use, I will have [available for sale]," Zimmer said.

Uniquely You by Dawn Marie is located at 2282 S. Advance Rd., East Jordan, and is open Monday through



With much help from family and friends, East Jordan's Dawn Zimmer was able to transform this space in her parent's home into a full-service salon setting.

Saturday.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call Zimmer at 536-1542.

NHCDC employee receives 'Network Counselor' certification through state

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation of Boyne City has announced that Alice Yeoman recently received certification as a Network Counselor through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

Yeoman will be providing classes to homebuyers through MSHDA's Links to Homeownership program.

Families with a related minor child living in the home or a pregnant applicant/co-applicant, who meet financial program guidelines, are eligible.

The program can assist homebuyers with potential down payment assistance, credit repair, pre-purchase education and maintenance training.

Classes will be offered in Otsego

County through the Gaylord Adult & Continuing Education program beginning in February 2003.

To sign up, interested families can contact the school at 989-705-3018. Additional classes for the other counties served will be announced at a future date.

For additional information please contact Alice toll free at 866-637-1834.

Northern homes CDC is an independently run non-profit organization that was created to address the growing need for affordable housing in Northern Michigan.

Northern Homes CDC currently services the counties of Charlevoix, Emmet, Otsego, Crawford, Antrim, and Cheboygan.

Mill Street Cafe in Boyne Falls offering weekly karaoke

BY MANDA SEWEJKIS
Student Writer

There is something new going on in Boyne Falls that should prove to be a fun experience for all. The Mill Street Café will be closing at 3 p.m. on Sundays, reopening at 4 p.m. for Karaoke.

Beginning Jan. 12, the restaurant features Karaoke every Sunday from 4-8 p.m. for kids of all ages and their families.

The owners, Lisa and Robert Skop, are hopeful about the new event, as is Kerry Carson, who will provide the

Karaoke services every Sunday.

Mill Street Café has been open for 15 years, and is an established business in the Boyne Falls community. According to the Skops, the restaurant greatly appreciates how much the community has supported the business, and see this as a way to give something back as well as an opportunity for the business to grow.

There will be a one-month promotional admission charge of \$2 per person, and \$10 per family.

There will be no alcohol of any kind served during the event, which the owners see as a plus since those par-

ticipating are encouraged to make this a family event. There will be snacks available to order, such as appetizers and hamburgers.

The hope is to make the event a place where kids can make friends, and which will give them something to look forward to each week.

"It gives kids the opportunity to build relationships in the hopes that they will become better people for their lives," Lisa said.

The Mill Street Cafe is located at 2495 US 31 in Boyne Falls. For more information, call 549-2757.



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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on Feb. 14, 2003.

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

Parcel A: Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 23, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence Westerly along the East and West quarter line of said section 2592.20 feet to the center quarter corner of said section; thence Northerly along the North and South quarter line of said section 314 feet to an iron stake; thence continuing Northerly along said quarter line 138.73 feet (previously recorded as 138 feet) to an iron stake; thence Westerly at an angle of 89 degrees 50'30" to the left from the last described course (previously recorded as West) 220 feet to an iron stake, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence southerly at an angle of 90 degrees 11'50" to the left from the last described course 15.0 feet to an iron stake; thence Westerly at an angle of 90 degrees 11'50", to the right from the last described course 22.27 feet; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 62 degrees 18'02" to the right from the last described course 35.35 feet; thence Northerly at an angle of 27 degrees 41'58" to the right from the last described course 32.79 feet to the Southeasterly line of Mt. McSauba Road; thence Northeasterly at an angle of 45 degrees 07'30" to the right from the last described course 21.17 feet along said road line; thence Southerly at an angle of 314 degrees 52'30", to the right from the last described course 64.03 feet to an iron stake; thence Easterly at right angles to the last described course 23.65 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 23, Town 34 North, Range 8 West.

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Dated: Jan. 15, 2003
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Mich. at 11 a.m., on Feb. 14, 2003.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF BOYNE FALLS, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as:

Lot 2, Block 13, Village of Boyne Falls Addition No. 2, 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.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2003

Antique Snowmobile Club of America

Members of the Antique Snowmobile Club of America will be in town for our parade and will have machines on display at the Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse. For more information contact Don Massey at 536-2944.

Drag Racing Registration - 8 a.m.

At East Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse and Grounds. For more information contact Gerry Argetsinger, assistant race director at 582-7970. Race director Ren Graham at 536-0452. Trophies awarded.

Concessions - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse

Sno-Blast 2003 Parade Registration

10 to 10:30 a.m. at Fire Hall. Preregistration encouraged. Celebrate winter - be creative! Decorate your snowmobile, build a float, wear a costume! Categories: civic, commercial, 7 and under, 8 and up. Phone Chamber at 536-7351 to preregister. **Theme:** East Jordan Landmarks.

Refreshments

Free hot chocolate and coffee in Memorial Park before, during and after the parade. Sponsored by East Jordan Baptist Church.

Sno-Blast 2003 Parade - 10:30 a.m.

Join Old Man Winter and all the fun entries as they parade down Main Street in our renovated downtown. Parade Grand Marshals Members of the Jordan River Sportsman's Club. MC Tom Clemens.

Crowning Ceremonies (post-parade)

In Memorial Park on snow stage. Crowning of the 2003 Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight. Sponsored by East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Sno-Blast Committee. Candidates are: Lyn Sweeney, Teresa Galmore and Shannon Sumner (Belle of the Blizzard) and Bill Himmelspach, Tim Reid and Bill Kraemer (Winter Knight).

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Sno-Box Trot - 11:30 a.m.

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Snowmobile Drags - 11 a.m.

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Sno-Blast Sno-Bowling - 11 a.m.

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Sno-Blast Softball in the Snow - 1 p.m.

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Stew Supper - 4 to 7 p.m.

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8th Annual Sno-Blast Fishing Contest

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Moonlight Sno-Show Hike - 7:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2003

Sno-Lover's Breakfast - 7 a.m. to noon

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Sno-Blast Kids Fishing Contest - 1 p.m.

Winners announced at East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse.

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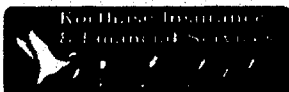
Ends at noon, Sunday, January 19. Awards at 1 p.m. East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse.

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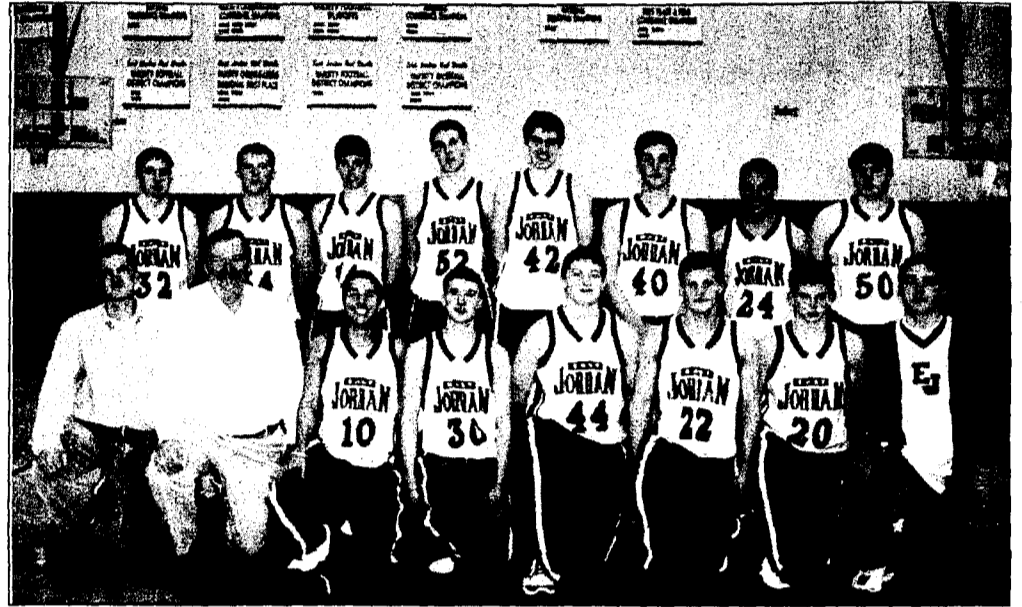
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Members of the East Jordan Boys Basketball Team are (front, from left) coach Lance Bailey, coach Brad Jones, AZ Ahmed, Nathan Harman, Tyler Cutler, Alan Arnott, Tyler Spence, Justin Roberts, (back) Dale Reeves, Kevin Roberts, Kyle Daneff, Rhett Malpass, Mark McKenny, Jon Reese, Robert Grover, and Ted Slough.



Members of the East Jordan Cheerleading Team are (front, kneeling) Megan Luck, (middle, from left) Ashley Kenney, Jessica Morris, Kari Skop, Samantha McKenney, (back) Melinda Watson, Courtney Farmer, Kendra Wincek, Brooke Sheridan, Katherine Kovel, and Mae Heiden.



Members of the East Jordan Ski Team are (front, from left) Kelsey Polneau, Claire Niewendorp, Elizabeth David, Katherine Diller, Cecilia Krolkawska, (back) Margaux Rowley, Matthew Malpass, Michael Jason, Lawrence Relser, and Patrick Teske.

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East Jordan
536-2801

Dick and Jane's Day Care
1009 Sunset Rd.
East Jordan
536-9886

**Dr. John Kempton
Dr. Brian Sladics
Dr. Danielle Swartz**
101 Maple Ridge Dr.
East Jordan
536-2601

Dr. Steven Voci, Opto.
601 Bridge St., East Jordan
536-2240
103 Clinton St., Charlevoix
547-2901

Ed's Used Cars
203 Mill St. and
301 Water St.
East Jordan
536-7953

East Jordan Iron Works
301 Spring St.
East Jordan
536-2261

**Gemini Lanes/
The Zone**
214 Main St.
East Jordan
536-2411

Jordan Valley Accounting
111 Main St.
East Jordan
536-2092

Jordan Valley Glassworks
209 State St.
East Jordan
536-0539

Korthase Insurance & Financial Services
109 Mill St.
East Jordan
536-2268

Lumber Jack's Restaurant
101 Main St.
East Jordan
536-2191

Plaid Petunias
105 Main St.
East Jordan
536-0960

**Rainbow Restaurant
B.C. Pizza
Taxi Service**
114 Mill St.
East Jordan
536-7035

Lynda's Real Estate Service
112 S. Park St.
Boyne City
582-9555

Stark & Schroeder Realty
106 Mill St.
East Jordan
536-1460

Subway
205 Main St.
East Jordan
536-9855

Swan Valley Marina
2474 South M-86 Hwy.
East Jordan
536-2277

True Value Hardware
201 Mill St.
East Jordan
536-3121

T&R Yamaha
215 Main St.
East Jordan
536-7462

Up North Party Store
1176 M-75 South
Boyne City
582-6461

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