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At A Glance

City of BC seeking input on community Recreation Plan

The City of Boyne City is in the process of updating its five year Recreation Plan, and is seeking input from community residents and organizations to help facilitate that process. A public input session will be held on Thursday, Dec. 18, at the regular meeting of the Boyne City Parks and Recreation Commission, at City Hall. The session is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The plan, which identifies the recreation needs in the community and establishes plans for future recreation projects, is the guiding document for the City's recreation system. A completed plan is also required to qualify for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Those who cannot attend the meeting, but would like to express ideas to the commission, can send comments to Scott McPherson, Boyne City Planning and Zoning, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712, or e-mail to smcpherson@boynecity.com. McPherson can also be reached by calling 582-0343.

Transit buses to run extended hours during holiday season

The Charlevoix County Transit has announced extended hours in the Boyne City area for the holiday season.

From Dec. 12-23, the transit will run until 9 p.m., giving riders an opportunity to view lights, visit neighbors, and visit local merchants.

For more information, call the transit dispatch at 582-6900.

Annual cookie walk set at Presbyterian Church in BC

The Boyne City Presbyterian Women will host their annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Winter/Holiday Rummage Sale on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Shoppers of the cookie walk can fill containers with various types of Christmas cookies made by church members. The rummage sale will feature used holiday decorations, winter clothing and winter sporting equipment. Shoppers can also enjoy a cookie and coffee while visiting with friends.

Proceeds from the cookie walk will support the mission and outreach programs of the Boyne City Presbyterian Women. Rummage sale proceeds will benefit the Building Fund of the First Presbyterian Church.

The Boyne City First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Park and Pine streets in Boyne City.



Frosty grins

Students in Cathy Kessler's fourth grade class at Boyne City Elementary School got artistic last week, painting cheerful snowman features onto Christmas balls, to be included in fruit baskets distributed to area senior citizens by Boyne Area Community Christmas. Pictured at left are students Billy Raveau, Kylee Hoaglund, and Kayla Johnson, working diligently with the help of Regina Lacey.

photos by Angela Shultis

New snowmobile club will tackle trails in Boyne Valley

Boyne Valley Snowmobile Club seeking members

There's no denying that volunteer-driven snowmobile clubs can be plenty of work; the newly-forming Boyne Valley Snowmobile Club, however, fully intends to balance that work with lots of good old-fashioned, snow-driven fun for its members.

"Everything can't be work," said club president Gary Snoeck, owner of the Brown Trout Motel in Boyne Falls. "The idea is like in any club, everybody has the same hobby. We'll try to get everybody together."

The mission of the club is simple — to promote safe recreational snowmobiling through club activities, Snoeck said, as well as contributing to a safe, well-maintained trail system. Along with regular rides and

special events, the club members plan to work with the DNR to get the resources to maintain a groomed, signed trail between Larry's Seven Ski Inn on 131 and the Chandler Hill area. That particular zone, as most area snowmobilers know, is the "missing link" in a stretch of trails that lead from the south to the Upper Peninsula. Once that piece of the trail is implemented, Snoeck said, "from what I've been told, you'll be able to ride from Grayling to the UP."

Any such effort, as area snowmobilers also know, is purely volunteer driven. The establishment of the club is just the first step, a necessary one in order to get acknowledged by the Department of Natural

Resources and get in line for funding to support grooming and signage of trails, all derived from the fees charged for snowmobile licenses and trail permits.

"The DNR first helps [clubs] in a partnership to buy a groomer," Snoeck explained. The club, he said, will actually maintain ownership of the groomer, but the cost is, at present, a 60/40 split with the DNR, with financing for the club's portion. The State pays clubs \$3.50 per mile groomed on the trails in order to help clubs pay for fuel and maintenance costs while paying back the loan. With groomers costing upwards of

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Winter camping approved for EJ Tourist Park

East Jordan City Commissioners have approved keeping a portion of the East Jordan Tourist Park open for winter camping this year for the first time, in response to mounting requests for such a move.

A limited number of spaces will be kept plowed out for winter campers, with electricity the only utility to be provided.

The cost is \$15 per night.

The move, approved 7-0 by commissioners at last week's regular meeting, is one that should make area visitors — particularly snowmobilers — happy, according to East Jordan mayor Mark Postma.

"The [East Jordan Area] chamber's been asking for this," he said of the decision to keep the park open for winter visitors.

"This will allow people to base their snowmobiling out of there and that type of thing."

BOYNE AREA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARRIES ON A TRADITION OF HOLIDAY CHEER

All in the spirit of giving

After nearly 50 years in existence, Boyne Area Community Christmas has become a fixture of the season in the Boyne community, setting the perfect example of the quiet giving and gracious receiving that makes the holidays what they are.

Started in 1954, then-school nurse Thelma Behling joined forces with local pastor Buzz Walls of the First Presbyterian Church to identify families in need, and then see to it that their holiday needs were attended to. According to Ruth Witsenski, who has held a place on the Community Christmas Committee for 20 years, Behling aimed "to get the community to work together." The very first year

of the effort, Witsenski said, Behling and Walls pulled together provisions for 10 families. A few years later, the number had risen to 25 families, and by the time Witsenski came on board in the early 1980s, the effort served about 125 families.

This year more than 400 families will benefit from the Boyne Area Community Christmas effort, with the number rising annually, according to longtime committee member Jean Odgers.

Taking on her role 10 years ago with Community Christmas, Odgers inherited her participation when she was hired as the nurse for the Boyne City Public Schools. "A school nurse

started Community Christmas, and since then every school nurse has participated," Odgers said. Hardly a burden, Odgers instead characterizes her task as "joyous."

"I feel fortunate that I'm in a position that I can communicate with families that may have a need and get them referred to Community Christmas," she said. She's also in a position to see the effects that Community Christmas has on recipients, after the fact. "Every once in a while, I see kids in homemade mittens, and I know where they came from," Odgers said. Just recently, she added, an older student came to see her, and during their visit, the alarm on his wristwatch

went off. "I said, 'what a neat watch' and he said 'I got that from Community Christmas last year,'" she said. "It's a warm warm feeling for me." The good that the effort does, to Odgers, is indisputable. "There's no question," she said. "I see it every day."

Disheartening as it is to see the numbers of those in need grow rather than decline, Odgers takes comfort in the continued generosity of the community both in terms of donations and time. "Every year I think 'this year is going to be better, there will be less families [in need] and every year I'm

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Thelma Behling, above, founded the Community Christmas effort in 1954.

Ski time

Boyne Mountain open, still waiting for Mother Nature

Boyne Mountain resort in Boyne Falls opened its slopes officially last Friday, with six runs and four lifts operating through the weekend. By Monday, however, warmer temperatures meant that the slopes were on hold. But according to Boyne Mountain general manager Ed Grice, no one is complaining. Yet.

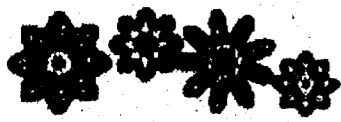
"It was a pretty acceptable opening weekend," Grice said.

Though the resort has been making snow for a couple of weeks, the progress has been slow, due to erratic temperatures. To effectively produce snow, nighttime temperatures must consistently be below freezing. "Snowmaking has still been a bit hit or miss," Grice said, adding that "Mother Nature hasn't helped one bit."

Beginning Wednesday night, however, Grice noted that the tides may turn, as a cold weather pattern is predicted to move into the area. "The encouraging thing is that on Wednesday, it's supposed to be just optimal snowmaking weather," he said, a trend that looked as though it would continue for several days, at least. If all goes as planned, "we'll have

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Holiday Calendar



Boyne City

BCES CHRISTMAS SING 2003
Thursday, Dec. 11
 At 6:30 p.m., the Boyne City Elementary School kindergarten and second grade classes will present their annual holiday show, followed at 7:30 p.m. by the first and third grade classes. Both performances will take place at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center.

COOKIE WALK/HOLIDAY RUMMAGE SALE
Saturday, Dec. 13
 A Christmas Cookie Walk and Winter/Holiday Rummage Sale sponsored by the Boyne City Presbyterian Women will be held from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the church, located at the corner of Park and Pine streets in Boyne City. Proceeds from the cookie walk will support mission and outreach programs; proceeds from the winter/holiday sale will go to the Building Fund of First Presbyterian Church.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Sunday, Dec. 14
 The Boyne City United Methodist Church will hold its Christmas Program during the regular service at 11 a.m. The program includes children, youth, adults, and the choir. The church is located at 324 S. Park St., Boyne City.

BCES FOURTH GRADE SHOW
Tuesday, Dec. 16
 The Boyne City Elementary fourth grade class will present "Elvis and the Sleigh Riders" at 7 p.m. at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center.

BOYNE AREA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
Monday, Dec. 22
 The Boyne Area Community Christmas volunteers will be packing food, clothing, toys and other donated items for pick-up and delivery at the Boyne City Early Childhood Education Building (old middle school) beginning at 10 a.m. Donations of money, new toys, hats and mittens, and non-perishable foods are being accepted until the day of the event. Volunteers are needed to help pack items and for delivery. For more information, call Ardith Hawley at 582-7880.

To have an item added to the holiday calendar, call 582-6761.



East Jordan

JRAC MEMBERS ART FOR SALE
Through Dec. 19
 "Art for Sale" will run through Dec. 19, featuring Jordan River Art Center members' works. The art center is located at 301 Main St. in East Jordan.

LIONS CLUB TREE SALE
Weekends
 The East Jordan Lions Club annual tree sale is now underway, on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at East Jordan True Value and Jordan Valley Floral. For more information, contact any Lions Club member.

SNO-MOBILE BREAKFAST
Sundays, beginning Dec. 7
 A snowmobiler breakfast will be held at the East Jordan Sno-mobile Club on Mt.

Bliss Road in East Jordan from 7 a.m.-12 noon.

EJMS WINTER BAND & CHOIR CONCERT
Thursday, Dec. 12
 The East Jordan Middle School band and choir will give their winter concert at 7 p.m. at the middle school.

DINNER WITH SANTA
Thursday, Dec. 11
 Area families are invited to

enjoy dinner with Santa Claus from 4:30-7 p.m. in the East Jordan Elementary School cafeteria. The cost is \$2 per person.

COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT
Sunday, Dec. 14
 The Jordan Valley Community Band will perform their annual holiday concert at 2 p.m. at the East Jordan Middle School.

EJES K-1 GRADE HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Monday, Dec. 15
 The East Jordan Elementary School kindergarten and first grade classes will present "Happy Holidays" at 7 p.m. in the elementary school gym.

EJES 2-3 GRADE HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Tuesday, Dec. 16
 The East Jordan Elementary second and third grade

classes will present "Season's Greetings" at 7 p.m. in the elementary school gym.

CHRISTMAS DRAMA
Sunday, Dec. 21
 The Lighthouse Missionary Church, 7824 Rogers Rd., will present a Christmas drama at 10:30 a.m.

Methodist Church will host their annual hayride and carolling event at 3 p.m.

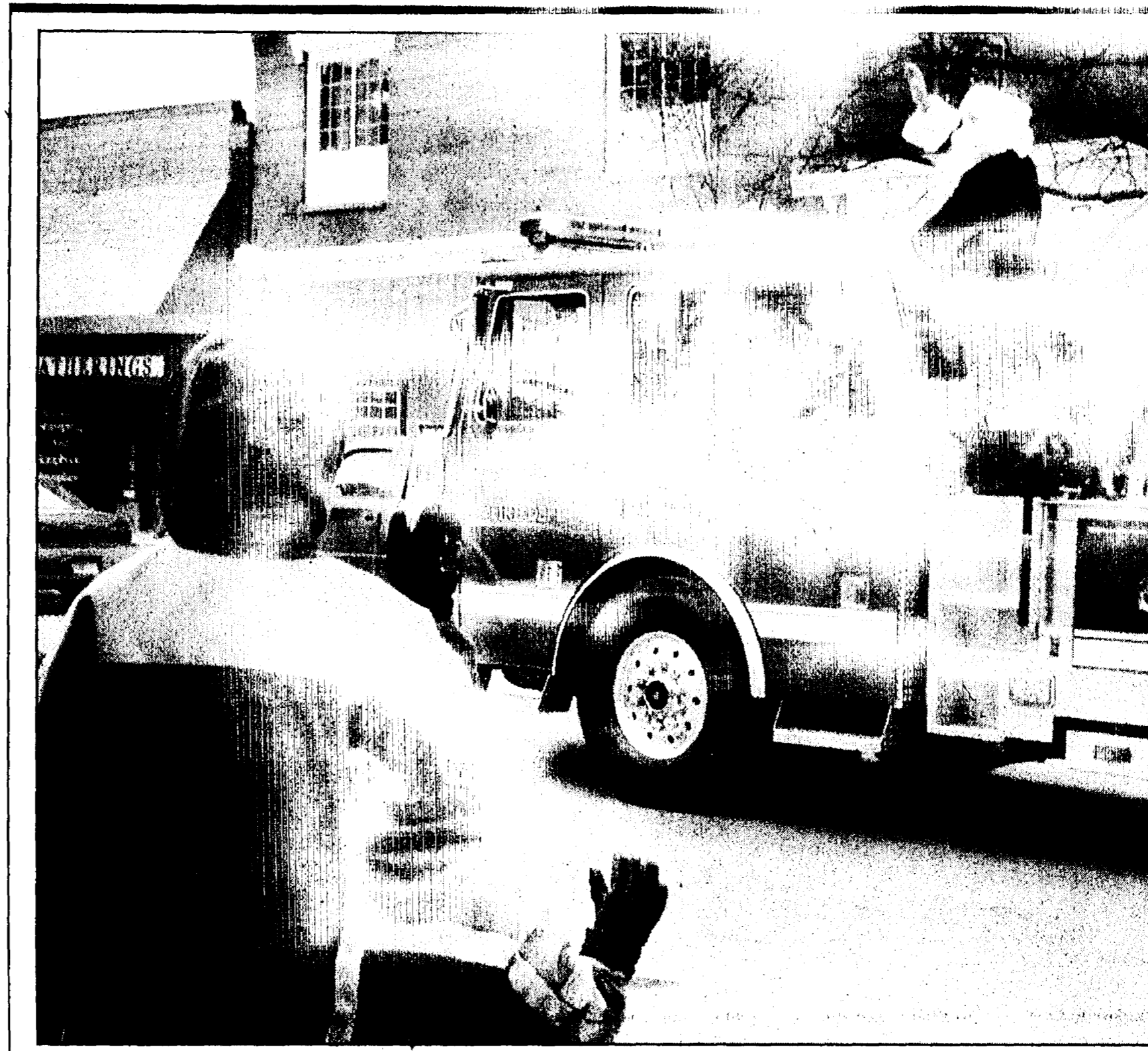
SANTA VISIT
Saturday, Dec. 13
 Santa will be on hand at the Boyne Valley Fire Hall on Railroad St. in Boyne Falls at 6 p.m. to visit with area children. Kids will receive a bag of goodies.



Boyne Falls

HAYRIDE & CAROLLING
Saturday, Dec. 13
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CHRISTMAS EVE CHURCH SERVICE
Wednesday, Dec. 24
 A Christmas Eve Service will be held at the United Methodist Church at 8:30 p.m. The church is located at 4047 Mill St.



Santa's arrival

Santa Claus thrilled a crowd of kids in East Jordan last weekend as he made his annual arrival atop a bright red East Jordan firetruck. St. Nick then made his way inside at the Senior Center, where each and every child had the chance to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their Christmas wishes. Kids took home goodie bags as well, courtesy of the East Jordan Lions and Lionesses.

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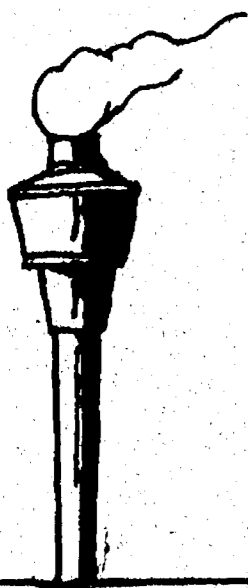
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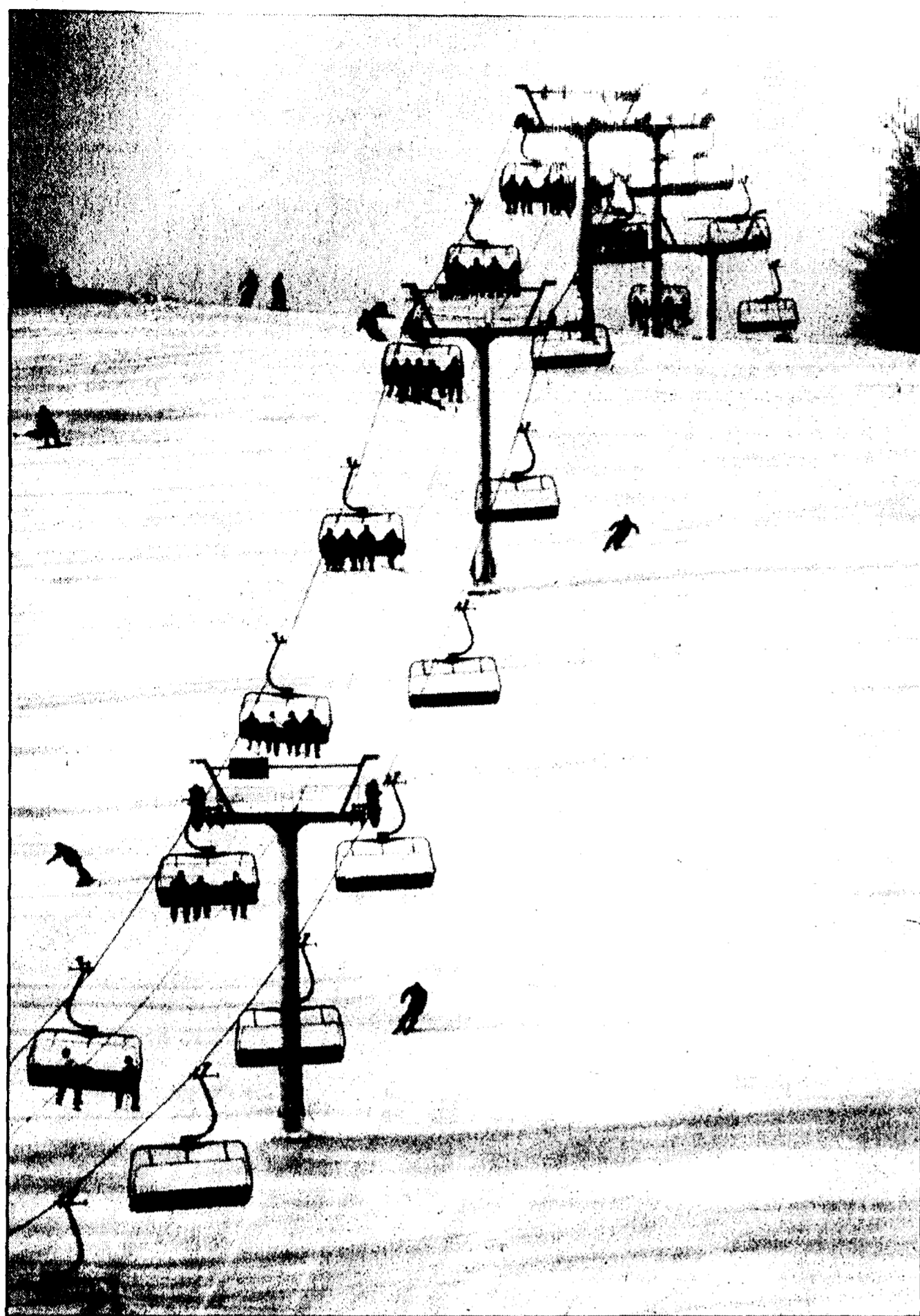
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It's ski time at Boyne Mountain

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everything open by Christmas," Grice said. "That's always our goal." A little help from Mother Nature wouldn't get turned away, either. "It would help get people interested in skiing and stuff like that," Grice said. "Boston doesn't need two feet of snow," he said with a laugh, referring to the recent snowstorm that hit the east coast. "We'll take it."

Despite a lack of snow from Mother Nature's end, temperatures have cooperated enough for Boyne Mountain Resort to furnish its own, giving skiers some clean white slopes to run on. Though warmer weather of late has been a challenge to snowmakers, cold temps expected in the coming days will mean ideal conditions for more of the white stuff, both natural and created.

photo by Vic Ruggles

In the spirit of the season

Plans in place for free Christmas Dinner in Boyne

With Christmas Day fast approaching, organizers are busy making arrangements for the annual Community Christmas Dinner, to be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City on Dec. 25.

The tradition, begun seven years ago by local resident Al Lawson, features a full Christmas dinner served from 12 noon-4 p.m., free and open to the public.

Those planning to attend are asked to call, if possible, with the number attending and to request transportation, if needed.

Those who have not called ahead, however, are still welcome to attend.

Donations of time and talent are still needed, according to Lawson who, with wife Jenny, still hosts the event.

For more information or to volunteer, call Lawson at 582-7841.

Winter classes set at art center

Classes for the Winter 2004 Community School of Arts begin the week of January 12, 2004 and run for eight weeks. Ballet classes will be offered from age 3 to adult; Jazz Funk Dance for age 8 to adult; Pottery for ages 8 to adult; Children's art for age 3-teen and painting for teen to adult. For a complete list of classes, call 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Gift certificates are available to be redeemed for classes. The center is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and is located at 461 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey.

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By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

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December 12-18

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New deputy clerk hired in Boyne City

The City of Boyne City has announced the filling of one vacant position on city staff, with the hiring of Sara McRae as deputy city clerk/executive secretary.

According to city manager Mike Cain, 27 applications were received in response to the posting of the position, which took

place last month after the announcement of the departure of long-time deputy clerk Josette Lory. Lory left the City after 12 years for employment in the private sector.

The original pool of candidates was whittled down from 27 to five actually called in for interviews. Two were selected to return for

second interviews, with McRae finally offered the job.

McRae is a recent graduate of Northern Michigan University, and holds a Bachelor's degree

in public administration. She recently completed an internship in Marquette county. She started her job with Boyne City on Monday. A native of Harbor

Springs, McRae is the daughter of Ronald McRae, who has served as Harbor Springs city clerk, treasurer and controller.

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LETTERS

Gazebo vandal has created hurt in Boyne City

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a message to the person who has recently destroyed the gazebo in the Boyne City park. If you have so much idle time on your hands, and you are so tough, why don't you join the service and fight along side of real men and women, instead of disgracing our community?

Our service people would love to be here to enjoy a walk through our park and not take every day for granted, freedom you enjoy because they are in a war fighting for all of us! But maybe you aren't that tough, you may not even be smart enough to read this paper. If you ever do grow up, maybe some punk will destroy a favorite possession of yours, then you will feel the hurt that you have created on this town and the man who created this beautiful memorial to his wife and family.

If you ever do mature, this will be a black mark on your conscience that will be hard to shake off. If you don't enjoy our parks, then please stay out of them so the rest of us can! And I'm sure I speak for a lot of people.

Mary and Merle Carson

There's plenty happening at Challenge Mtn

TO THE EDITOR:

We may still be waiting for the snow at Challenge Mountain but new things are always in store.

With the help of a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation we will begin the snowboarding program designed, developed, and implemented by at risk youth from all over northern Michigan. The Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee recently gave a grant to Challenge Mountain to aid the youth in their quest to make the program a complete success. With the grant we will be able to have a great start to the new program.

The philosophy Challenge Mountain maintains is that at risk youth have challenges and disadvantages the same as people with physical disabilities and mental impairments. We have actively allowed these youth to be involved with our activities and programs based on that theory.

The snowboarding program allows young people in Alternative Education settings to be involved with the grant writing processes, program development, training, and to be in charge of a program with direct supervision. They will have the opportunity to teach and lead. The program will benefit the clients and the new volunteers.

The program started with the Alternative Education School of Elk Rapids. The youth came to Challenge Mountain to do nature study and enjoyed themselves so much that they wanted to become involved with the organization. The one thing they felt strongly about was that young people today like to snowboard, we had a great demand, and we did not have a program. They asked if this was something they could do and thus began the snowboarding program.

All the youth involved have been undergoing volunteer training in CPR/First Aid, Self Esteem Training, Basic Sign Language, and much more. There are still spots open for any young person who attends an alternative education program to become involved.

Additionally, until other grant funding comes through we are in search of used snowboards and boots to get it up and running.

If you have any used equipment, you may drop it off at either the Boyne City or Alanson Resale Stores or at Challenge Mountain, 2205 Springbrook Rd., Walloon Lake, MI.

You may also call 231-535-2141 to drop off snowboards or to volunteer. Please help make these young people's dreams come true.

Sue Moody



LETTERS

BCHS grad runs a strong race for her new home, NMU

TO THE EDITOR:

As a follow-up to the Citizen-Journal article about BCBS grads Emily Bricker and Jane Stieber, Jane Stieber finished 77th at the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championship. She was the number three runner for Northern Michigan University.

ner for Northern Michigan University.

The Wildcats finished 7th in the nation overall. Jane ran an excellent time of 23:26.9 for the 6K race (3.72 miles).

The race was held outside Raleigh, N.C. on Nov. 22. Andy Place

MANY THANKS

Holidays off to a good start with BAH

TO THE EDITOR:

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Central Lake Chamber of Commerce Kicked off the holiday season Monday, Dec. 1, at the Seventh annual Joint Business After Hours at Murphy's Lamplight Inn in Central Lake.

Special thank you to the following sponsors: East Jordan Iron Works, East Jordan, Central Lake and Bellaire Family Health Centers, Mortensen's Funeral Homes and Murphy's Lamplight Inn.

The evening provided an excellent opportunity for

chamber members and their guests to network and learn about upcoming events and projects. The warm hospitality and festive atmosphere was greatly appreciated by all that attended.

Happy holidays!

Remember to support our area businesses not only during the Christmas season, but also throughout the year. They are the ones who support our communities everyday.

Mary H. Faculak, president
East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The following information has been provided by the East Jordan School District.

The ongoing EIPS school construction and renovation projects are all "on schedule," and "within budget," at this, the mid-point of the project calendar. The status of each project follows:

East Jordan Elementary School: The new boilers are fully functional and are providing heat via the new hot water system in the K-2 wing. Temperature control systems have been installed and are becoming operational, with the onset of winter. Full night and weekend "setback" features are being employed, which will undoubtedly provide some economy.

The old steam boilers are still providing heat to the two story portion of the building and the East wing. Vail Shepard reports that the reduced load is really helping out.

The new art, music and technology lab wing being built in the courtyard space is nearly closed in, with only exterior doors remaining to be installed. Heating and electrical infrastructure is ongoing, and drywall is being installed where specified.

Garfield Street has been "striped," clearly outlining parking (including handicapper spaces) and student "drop off" and "pick up" areas.

Site lighting at the new parking lot has been activated.

East Jordan High School: The renovated cafeteria space has received new tables, which have really helped to organize the space, which holds 40 percent more students than the old cafeteria held.

The renovated gymnasium recently hosted the Girls "Class C" District Tournament, and functioned very well with near-capacity crowds. The new concession stand and expanded lobby were a big help, as was the expanded women's restroom.

The auditorium/band room addition is closed in, with metal deck on the roofs, awaiting the installation of the rubber membrane. Interior heating/cooling/electrical systems are being installed. Roof drains have been completed, and are attached to a new 12 inch underground storm drain.

Interior masonry work and the installation of doors/frames is underway.

The art/photography/graphic design classroom addition on the north side of the building will be closed in by Christmas. Interior heating/electrical systems are nearly complete, and an acoustical ceiling has been installed in the art room. Clay and kiln rooms are also complete, and a new kiln is on the way.

Technology installations (digital capability) are ongoing, with plasma monitors to be installed over the holiday period in the MST Center classrooms and several other rooms in the building. Ceiling-mounted digital projectors are also being installed in the technology labs.

Site lighting has been activated in both parking lots, as well as in the parking lot that will be available on the north side of the school when construction ends.

Coordination of work at all project sites continues to go well, with Sky Electric, Arms & Cole and Petrie Construction all working closely together to ensure that the projects move forward in an organized way.

Readers, we want to hear from you!

Does your family have an old holiday tradition that you hold dear, or has your family started a new one sure to be repeated in the years to come?

We want to hear about your most cherished holiday traditions -- send us a note or e-mail and tell us about them. Submissions should be 250 words or less, and can include a photo, if you like. Sorry, photos cannot be returned.

We'll pick the best or most unique, and print as many as space allows in an upcoming issue of The Citizen-Journal. Send your traditions to: The Citizen-Journal, P.O. Box A, Boyne City, MI 49712, or e-mail to citizen@voyager.net.

THE GRAND VIEW



Pictured from left are Grandvue administrator Penny Drury, Marie Richards, FIA Board Member Eleanor Sutliff, Kori Danforth, Trisha Lifer, FIA Board Member Herb Grifflin, Kelly Lockman, and Jim Nichols.

First Grandvue LPN scholarship students join nursing staff

(The following information has been provided by the Grandvue Medical Care Facility Auxiliary.)

Grandvue Medical Care Facility recently celebrated as five very special LPNs joined the nursing staff. Jim Nichols, Kelly Lockman, Kori Danforth, Marie Richards and Trisha Lifer were the first five recipients of the Grandvue LPN Scholarship, a program that was developed in 2001 to combat the nationwide nursing shortage and provide opportunities for Grandvue employees. The Scholarship Program provided for students' tuition, book, uniform and supply expenses in exchange for a commitment to work for the facility for a contracted number of hours upon receiving their nursing license. The scholarship, which is open to all current employees of the facility, is funded through donations and contributions to the facility.

The students completed the LPN program at the MTEC Center in Gaylord through an educational partnership between North Central Michigan College and Kirtland Community College. Employees continued working at the facility around their full time classroom and clinical schedules. The Grandvue students excelled at the program, with both Trisha and Kori graduating with honors. "These staff members did an excellent job in their previous roles," says Administrator Penny Drury. "So it's no surprise to us that they're doing an excellent job as nurses."

Grandvue gave out two more scholarships in 2002 to Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs) Deb Kappheim and Ranelle Wiltse. Deb and Ranelle have completed the program prerequisites and will graduate in the summer of 2004. CNAs Jennifer Schlaff and Tonya Hilliard are the 2003 scholarship recipients, and they will complete the program in 2005. "You can be the top in your profession as a nurse aide," says Jim Nichols. "But without an education you can't climb any higher. This opportunity allowed us to move up a rung on the ladder and got us started in furthering our nursing careers."

Answer to last Auxiliary Question: Grandvue's monthly newsletter was called the Grand View. Items in the newsletter included articles written by some of the residents, articles about staff members, and other tidbits for the reading pleasure of residents and families.

New Question: The Activity Department was well known for one particular item they made. What was the item?

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

"IF YOU WANT to take a vacation of a lifetime call Lisa Matts at Travel Central in Boyne City," said Theresa Hecker of Boyne Falls. She booked the most exciting adventure she has ever taken. The Hecker Family, John and Theresa and Bridget and Angela returned from a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, where they spent Thanksgiving week and enjoyed the family resort where they stayed. While in Mexico they ran into Larry Cox of Charlevoix and discovered how small the world could be when you are thousands of miles from home and you run into someone who lives in the same area. They were able to watch whales and dolphins in the Puerto Vallarta Bay and travel to the Village of Yelapa and snorkel at Los Arcos. "A life altering experience for the entire family, it was also a great experience to appreciate all the modern facilities that we take for granted here in the U.S.," she said.

A REMINDER goes out to the Monday Study Club. The planned buffet luncheon to be held on Dec. 15 will begin at 1 p.m. in the Community Room of the Boyne District Library.

DONNA COULSTON of Boyne City was "ecstatic" she said, as the lucky raffle ticket holder for the 50 inch color TV, the winner, among the 105 people attending this year's annual St. Matthews Guild Christmas dinner party on Wednesday night. Catered by BJ's of Gaylord, all enjoyed other challenging games, fun and lots of door prizes.

A "FULL HOUSE" attendance it was on Wednesday and Thursday, for an awesome evening of music and drama, presented by Boyne City High School's Fine Arts programs. Congratulations to the directors, assistant directors, colorful costume and tech crews, the choir and all the drama and band students performing in the successful "Fall

Festival 2003!"

DELTA DELTA sorority of Boyne City hosted their annual Christmas event for Litzenger Place and Deer Meadows residents on Monday night. All enjoyed seeing this fun group again, as well as appreciated the variety of tasty finger foods, followed with games of bingo. Winners received the table centerpieces, living holiday trees.

ROSE REINHARDT, accompanied by her son Warren, went to Grand Rapids on Thursday to pick up Carol Heffington and all continued on to Defiance, Ohio, where they attended the funeral service for Rose's sister in law, Arlene Keissling on Friday.

A BIG HAPPY birthday goes out to Gen Varnum, who celebrated her "39th" on Sunday! Her daughter, Pam Varnum and friend Sue of Redford were here on Saturday, with warm wishes and on Sunday, she spent the day with daughter Penny and Woody Hardy, who gave her a new yard ornament, a pretty deer.

A DAUGHTER, Mikahla Grace, was born to Herman and Janenne Pung of East Jordan on Dec. 2, 2003, at 2:59 p.m. at Northern Michigan Hospital. Mikahla weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Her sibling is Joshua. Grandparents are Jim and Janet Shepherd and Jerome and Ruth Froats, all of Boyne City, and the late Lorena and George Pung of Portland. Great-grandmother is Phyllis Tison of Boyne City.

DEER MEADOWS residents enjoyed decorating their Community Room Christmas tree on Saturday and were rewarded with milk and cookies after their creative endeavors.

ROBERTA KORTHASE was honored with a surprise birthday party at Lester's on Sunday afternoon. All seven of her siblings and spouses, including Marilyn and Jack Wainio of Wellington, Ohio, other Korthase

relatives and a few friends joined Mom and Dad, Alma and Norval Korthase in the surprise celebration. Roberta received many nice gifts. This special time also made an early birthday celebration time for dad's Dec. 11 birthday!

THE CROOKED RIVER Band put the spirit of Christmas and fond memories in the hearts of Litzenger Place/Deer Meadows residents on Saturday night as all blended their voices in a sing-along evening of favorite seasonal songs. A very nice buffet lunch put out by the ladies hit the spot and more beautiful music rounded a great holiday spirited evening.

THE BOYNE COUNTRY region of the Antique Auto Club of America held their annual Christmas dinner party on Saturday evening in the Alpine Room at Boyne Mountain with about 56 members and friends attending. They also held an election of officers for 2004.

DUSTY AND JILL PATTON of Boyne City welcomed the arrival of their first child, a son. Braden Charles Patton was born Dec. 4, 2003 at 5:40 p.m. at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Braden weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches in length at his birth. Grandparents are Bob and Pat Towne and Larry and Sherri Patton, all of Boyne City.

BILL AND MARY DUNLOP drove down to Arcadia Saturday to the home of his niece to enjoy a Christmas get-together with his nieces and nephews and their spouses. Ten of them enjoyed a great dinner at a restaurant in Onkama. All stayed overnight and had a wonderful breakfast together, attended church in Arcadia and had a gift exchange before returning home on Sunday afternoon. "It was so good being together," said Mary.

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls

NAME: Emily Matelski
PARENTS: Chris and Kelly Matelski
GRADE: Second
FAVORITE CLASS: Reading
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Draw and color
FAVORITE SPORT: Baseball
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE CARTOON: SpongeBob
FAVORITE MOVIE: Mary-Kate and Ashley and the School Dance Party
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Emily Matelski is a great student," said Mr. Massey. "She has a great personality, attitude and work ethic. I enjoy having her in my classroom."
 "Emily is a student with a good sense of humor," said Ms. Gibes. "She is liked by everyone. She does her best on her work and will put forth extra effort on assignments. I enjoy having her in my class."



Emily Matelski

East Jordan

NAME: Drew Oliver
PARENTS: Chris and Tammy Oliver
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Soccer
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Reading
FUTURE PLANS: Considering going into Horticulture and Landscaping
FAVORITE CLASSES: Drafting, U.S. History, and Chemistry
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Drew works hard every day," said Mrs. Richardson. "He's got a great attitude; always positive and striving to do his best. It's great to have him in class."
 "Drew is responsible, respectful and kind," said Mrs. Zell. "He participates constructively in all class activities. Drew will do well in life."
 "Drew has done a great job lately and I think he has a fantastic sense of humor," said Mr. Panoff



Drew Oliver

OBITUARIES

Mark Wesley Washburn

Mark Wesley Washburn, 42, of Bloomington, Ind. was home with his family when he passed away late Friday evening. Mark fought a gallant battle against cancer, never once losing his faith or his sense of humor. He will be sadly missed by all who know and love him.

There will be no visitation. A service in honor and celebration of Mark's life was held on Dec. 6, at South Union Christian Church

Mark was an electronics

specialist, a professional sound engineer, and a carpenter. He deeply loved God, his family and life. He was a member of the South Union Christian Church in Bloomington, Ind.

Survivors include his parents, Raymond and Patricia Washburn; his sister, Tracey Washburn; his niece, Julie Washburn; his nephew, Caleb Washburn; and family members in northern Michigan, California and Florida.

Mark was preceded in death by his paternal grand-

parents, Daniel and Florence Washburn of Boyne City, Mich.; his maternal grandparents, Jack Roth of Birmingham, Mich., Margaret (Roth) Weaver of Long Beach, Calif., and Justin Weaver of Calif.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Bloomington, or the Bloomington Animal Shelter.

Arrangements were handled by Deremiah-Frye Mortuary, Greene and Harrell Chapel.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, Dec. 15
 The American Red Cross will hold a special blood drive from 1-6:45 p.m. at the St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City.

FOOD PANTRY
Every Sunday
 The East Jordan Baptist Church holds a food pantry every Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the church located at 812 Ontario Street. For more information, call 536-7155.

EJ FOOD PANTRY
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.

OES CHAPTER 95
First Monday
 The OES Evangline Chapter 95 meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 212 N. Lake Street. All OES members are invited. For membership, call 582-6819 or 582-0506.

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. The food pantry is located at 401 State Street.

JORDAN VALLEY VFW MEETING
Second Tuesday
 A meeting of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 is held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For more information call 544-5312.

JV VFW POTLUCK
Third Tuesday
 A potluck dinner of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 and Auxiliary is held at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For more information call 544-5312.

BOYNE VALLEY LIONS CLUB MEETINGS
Wednesdays
 The Boyne Valley Lions Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the

Boyne District Library Community Room. Any interested person is invited to attend.

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.

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. For more in-

formation, call 582-6278.

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 or call 582-7811 at that time.

AA MEETINGS
Weekly
 The Boyne Valley Group of AA 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; Wednes-

day 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.

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

To have an event included in the community calendar, call 582-6761, fax to 582-6762, or e-mail to citizen@voyager.net.

COLLEGE NEWS

MATTHEW JUSZCZYK of Boyne City was named to the dean's list at Kettering University for the summer 2003 semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have attained a minimum weighted grade average of 92.0 out of a possible 100, have received no grades below 85, and have earned a minimum of 16 credits.

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A NEW ERA

■ From certain demolition to a new life as the crown jewel of East Jordan, the transformation of the vacant Dalquist building into the thriving Main Street Center has been a success story of the highest magnitude

In 2001, it seemed the fate of the Dalquist Building was sealed. The East Jordan Downtown Development Authority, longtime owners of the Dalquist and Bernier properties on the corner of Main and Mill Streets, had exhausted all options in seeking to find new owners for the deteriorating structure. It was announced, then, that the DDA was preparing to take bids on demolition of the building, putting an end, once and for all, to speculation on what would become of the historic, but badly dilapidated, structure.

But, to use a term coined by ballplayer Yogi Berra, it ain't over 'til it's over. And so it was for the Dalquist.

That building, near complete demolition only two years ago, now stands proudly once again, strong and newly renovated, thanks to the investment of not only its new owners, Floyd and Todd Wright in partnership with Charlevoix State Bank, but of many other concerned parties, including the City of East Jordan, the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, and the State of Michigan.

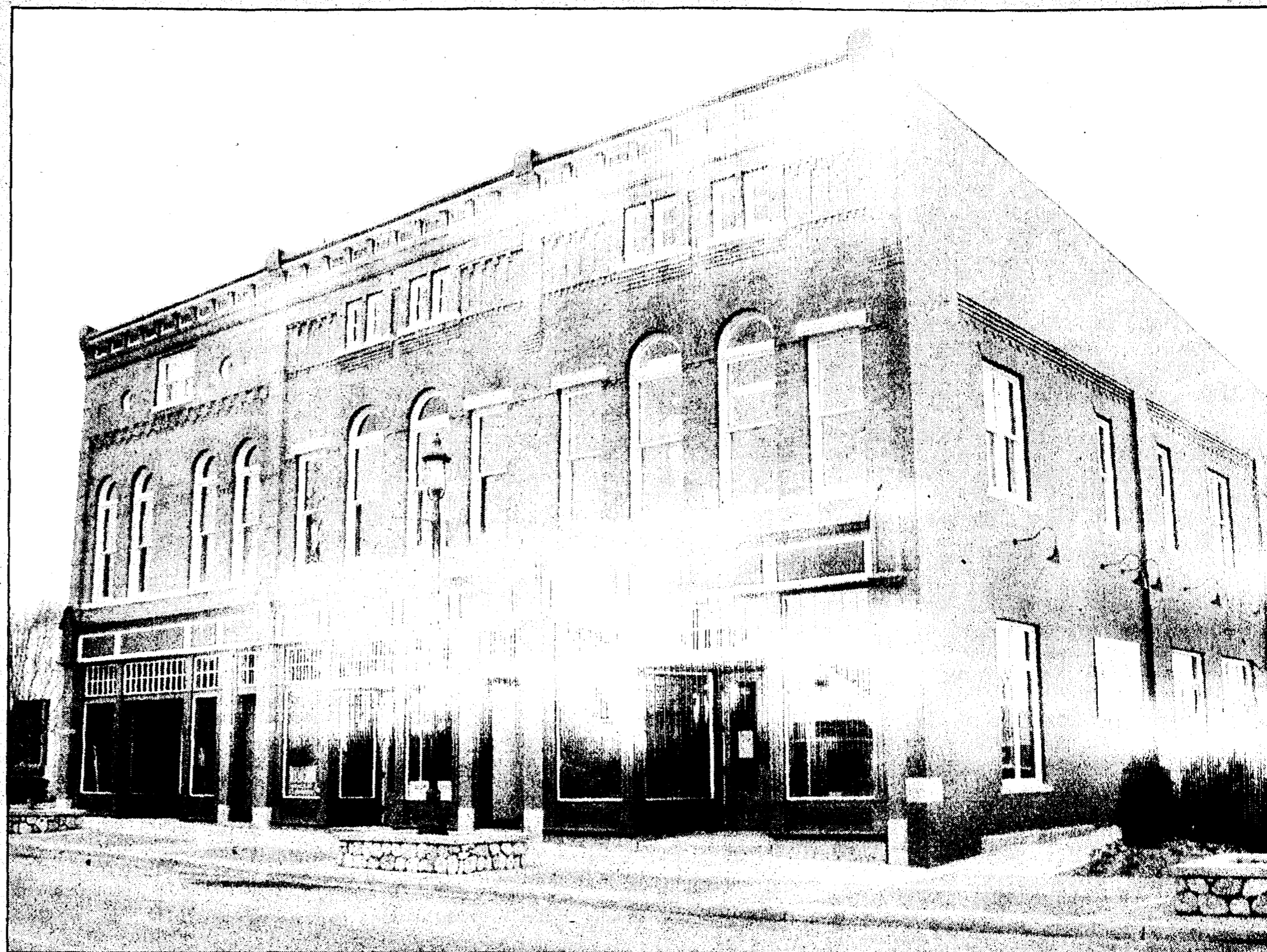
It was through this partnership of many that the building that once was a sad reminder of the deterioration of the past was transformed into a symbol of the good things to come in East Jordan.

The ball started rolling when Floyd and Todd Wright of the Boyne City-based Wright Builders got wind of the planned demolition, and decided to take another look at the building. They'd seen it before, according to Todd, but had decided that the cost of rehabilitating the structure was too high. Their interest in preserving the historic structure prevailed, however, and after a second look, and the exploration of a partnership with Charlevoix State Bank (who was looking to open a branch in East Jordan), the Wrights decided to sign on.

After many months of research and negotiation, the principals signed a purchase agreement for both the Dalquist and the adjoined Votruba buildings in August of 2002, putting the wheels in motion for the newly-dubbed Main Street Center to become a reality.

In September of 2002, the deal was sealed with the presentation of a \$435,150 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to the City of East Jordan. The forgivable loan was utilized for building demolition (of the small, unusable Bernier building), parking lot improvements, and sewer improvements in the Central Business District, as well as assistance in renovation of the historic Dalquist and Votruba buildings.

At the time of the presentation, East Jordan City Administrator David White gave the advent of the



The Main Street Center in East Jordan has been restored to a state of grandeur, thanks to the partnership between developers, city and state officials, and local organizations. The building is now the crown jewel of East Jordan's downtown.

project some historic context, noting that the 15,000 square-foot development is likely one of the "most major renovations since the downtown was built, and probably costs more than the original downtown."

Facing a pricetag of \$1.8 million estimated at the out-

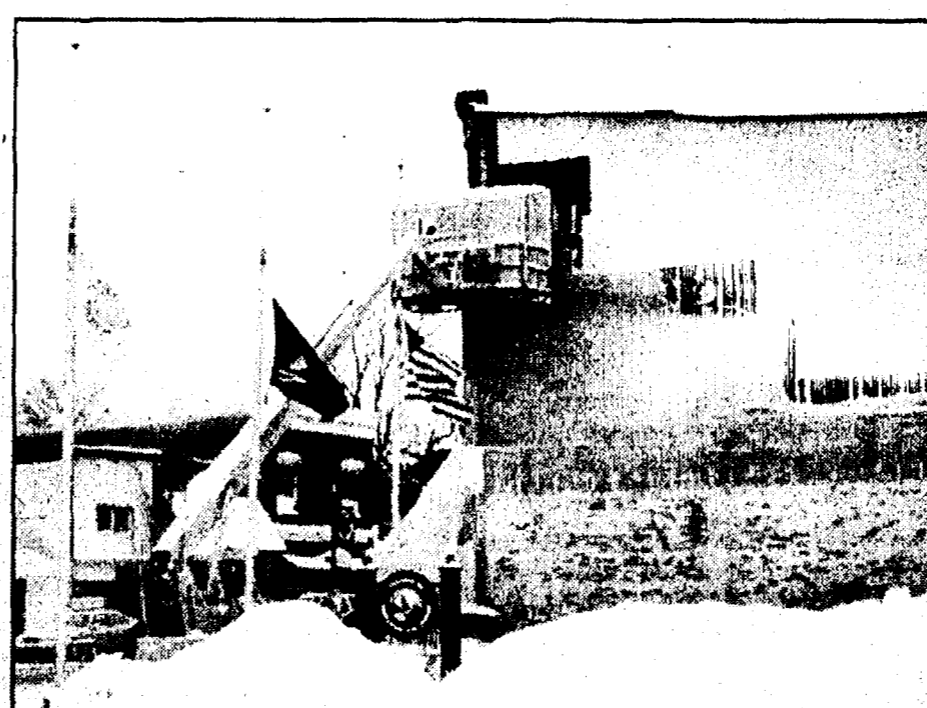
set, the project developers dove in, encountering remarkably few surprises, according to Floyd Wright, in a project that entailed essentially rebuilding the structure from the inside out. By September of 2003, the basic building was complete, with the first tenant, Jordan Valley Rehabili-

tation Clinic, settling in on the second floor. By November, Charlevoix State Bank held a grand opening celebration in their new digs, with the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce claiming their offices shortly thereafter.



September 2002

Key players gathered downtown in the fall of 2002 to officially announce the \$435,150 Community Development Block Grant awarded by the state, a key moment in the undertaking.



February 2003

As the winter winds whipped around them, workers took on the task of meticulously removing the old bricks on the south wall of the building, to be rebuilt with new bricks matched to the color of the originals.



September 2003

By the fall of 2003, the Main Street Center building was far enough on the road to completion to allow its first tenant, the Jordan Valley Rehabilitation Center, to take up residency on the second floor.

An official ribbon cutting event is being planned for the spring of 2004

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Great Job!

East Jordan's Main Street Center is building on

A rich history

Though the building now known as the Main Street Center has had a long and varied history, one thing has always been true; the imposing brick structure has always been considered a focal point of East Jordan's downtown.

Built in 1905, the building was an important part of East Jordan, which was busy and industrious from the lumber boom of that era. Serving as the company store for the East Jordan Lumber Company, the building

accommodated all workers and lumberjacks with supplies, clothing and groceries.

Owned by W.P. Porter, president of the East Jordan Lumber Company, the building was constructed of bricks made in kilns owned by local resident Harry Price. As a company store, the various elements of the business were run by a variety of local folks, including Earl Clark, who ran the grocery store; Aggie Porter and Ida Price, who ran the dry goods and ladies wear

components; and Billie Hawkins, who oversaw the mens' wear.

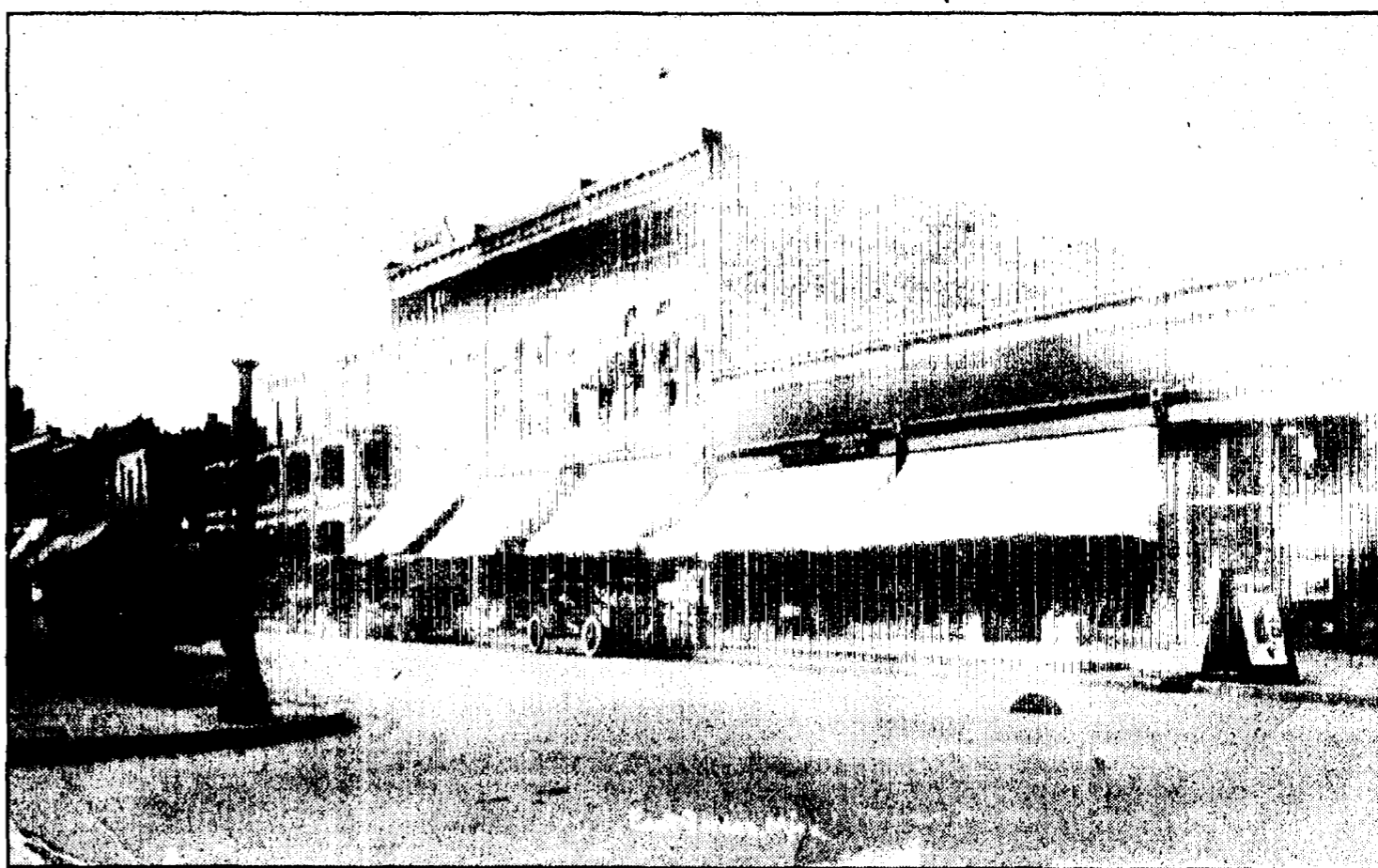
The second floor of the building served as the company offices for W.P. Porter, H.P. Porter and John Porter, as well as a secretary, Ethel Crowell and a bookkeeper named Brotherton.

At the peak of the lumber boom, the store did over \$1 million a year in business, but by 1928, the lumber had run out and the store closed, except for the mens wear portion, which continued and was run by Hawkins. The back part of the store was filled by Bill Porter who had a plumbing shop.

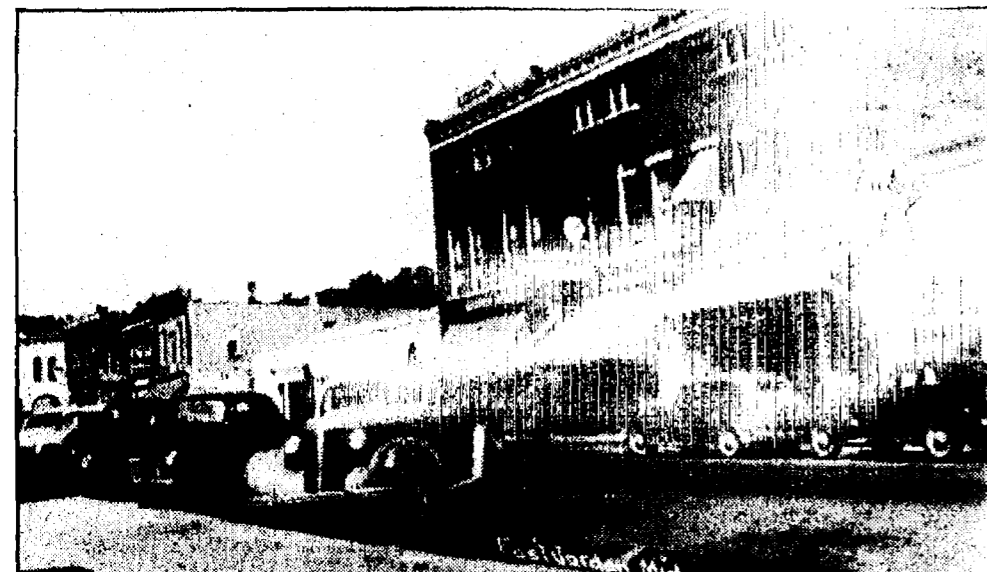
Later still, the location became home to Maxwell Grocery Store, and after that Snizbees and then Dalquist, both of which were Five and Dime stores.

After the lumber boom ended, the second floor of the building housed various doctors and dentists, including Dr. Harrington, M.D.; Dr. Pray, Sr., a dentist; and Dr. Van Dellen, M.D.

In the rear portion of the north half of the building, the Masons and East-ern Star lodges held meetings.



Circa 1920s



Circa 1940s



Circa 1910s

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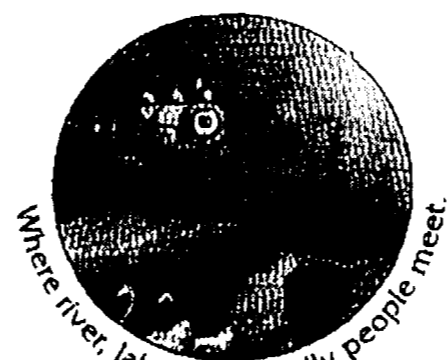
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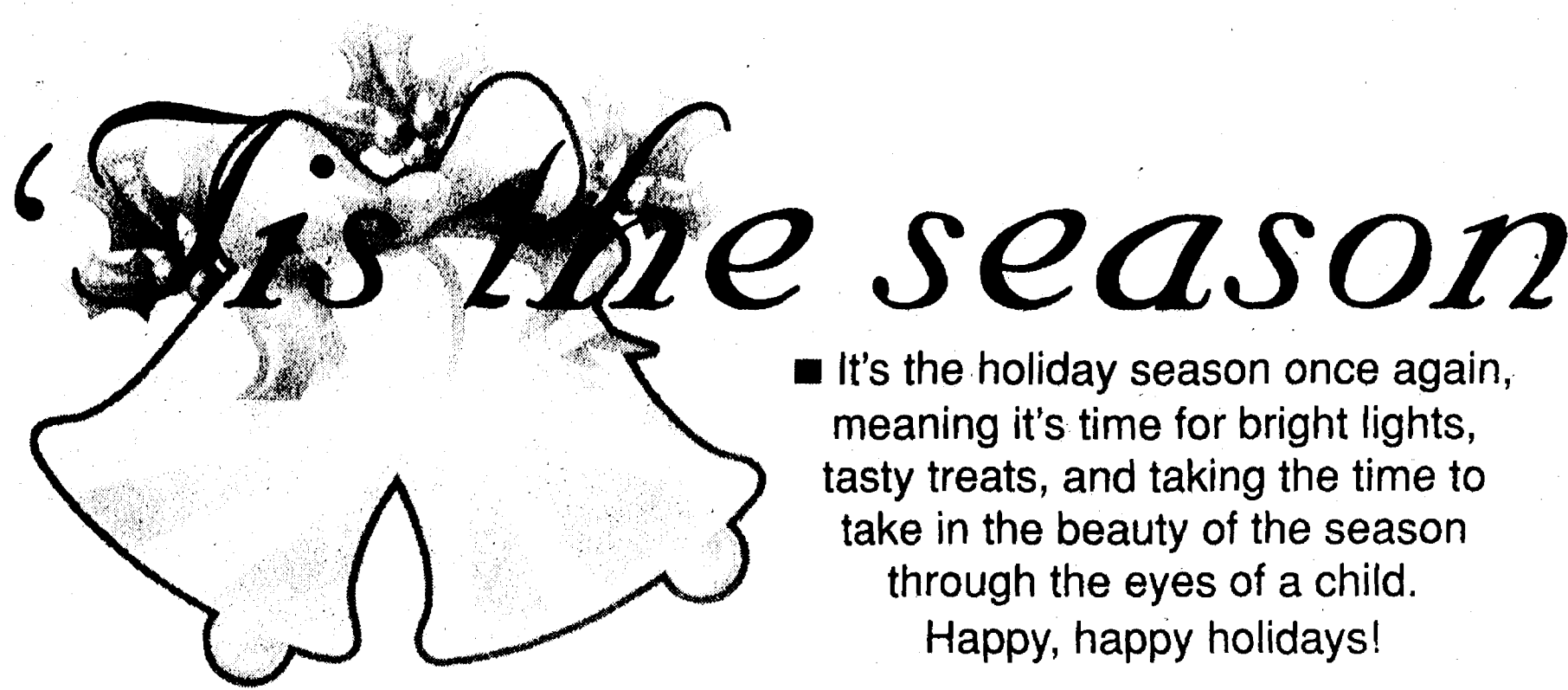
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■ It's the holiday season once again, meaning it's time for bright lights, tasty treats, and taking the time to take in the beauty of the season through the eyes of a child.
Happy, happy holidays!



Tour of Lights returns to Boyne City for 2003

As the big day draws near, area residents have a great opportunity to enjoy in all the twinkling colors of the season. To give folks a chance to enjoy Boyne City's bright displays, the Tour of Lights returns for the 2003 holiday season, sponsored by the Boyne City Rotary Club and Boyne Valley Lions Club.

The tours will run from Dec. 12-23 featuring two runs nightly at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., departing downtown.

There's no charge for the rides, but tickets are still required. Free tickets are available at Boyne Country Books on Water Street. For a map of the scheduled tour route, see the facing page.

Holiday flavors

The holidays are never complete without some really special taste treats that will tempt even the most stubborn scrooge. The following are recipes featured in the Boyne Valley Garden Club cookbook, A Taste of Boyne.

Festive Cranberry Salad

By Barb Howard

- 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/4 c. lemon juice
- 1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 (16 oz.) can whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 2 c. miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans
- Red food coloring (optional)
- 1 (8 oz.) ctn. frozen whipped topping, thawed

In a bowl, combine milk and lemon juice; mix well. Stir in the pineapple, cranberry sauce, marshmallows, pecans, and food coloring if desired. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into a 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Freeze until firm, 4 hours or overnight. Cut into squares.

Fireside Coffee

By Thorneta Rowe

Fill small jars with coffee mix. Good gift.

- 2 c. instant hot chocolate mix
- 2 c. non-dairy powdered creamer
- 1 c. instant coffee
- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Combine all ingredients in bowl; mix well. Store in airtight container. Mix 3 to 4 rounded teaspoons with 1 cup of hot water for each serving.

Contains 31 calories and 1 g fat per cup.

A gift of an 8 ounce cup, a jar of coffee mix, a package of biscotti, and a gourmet chocolate spoon. Nice gift for a coffee lover.

Cinnamon Sugared Nuts

By Dianne Strould

- 1 Tbsp. slightly beaten egg white
- 2 c. either pecans, almonds, or walnut halves
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves

Preheat oven to 300°. Mix egg white and nuts in medium bowl until coated and sticky. Mix remaining ingredients. Sprinkle over nuts. Stir until nuts are completely coated. Spread as a single layer on an ungreased jellyroll pan. Bake about 30 minutes or until toasted. Cool completely or serve slightly warm. Makes 2 cups.

Rum Cake

By Diane Strzelinski

Glaze:

- 1/4 lb. butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 1/4 c. water
- 1/2 c. dark rum

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in rum.

Cake:

- 1 c. chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 (18 1/2 oz.) pkg. yellow cake mix
- 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 c. dark rum
- 1/2 c. cold water
- 1 (3 3/4 oz.) pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix

Preheat oven to 325°. Grease and flour 10 inch tube or 12 cup Bundt pan. Sprinkle nuts over bottom of pan. Mix all cake ingredients together. Pour batter over nuts. Bake 1 hour. Cool.

Invert on serving plate. Prick top. Drizzle and smooth glaze evenly over top and sides. Allow cake to absorb glaze. Repeat until glaze is used up.

Holiday Salmon Souffle with White Sauce

By Maryanne C. Watkins

- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1/4 c. hard cheese, grated
- 1 c. white sauce
- 1 c. fresh salmon, cooked and flaked
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1/4 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 1 (12 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup (lowered fat)
- 1/4 c. whole milk
- 4 extra large eggs, separated
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar

Coat inside of a souffle dish with butter and sprinkle with the grated cheese. Set aside.

In a large saucepan, warm the white sauce over medium heat. Add salmon, salt, oregano, mustard, and pepper, stirring until smooth.

Set aside to cool slightly.

Combine soup and milk, cooking until hot, but not boiling. You can use this mixture as a sauce when you serve the salmon.

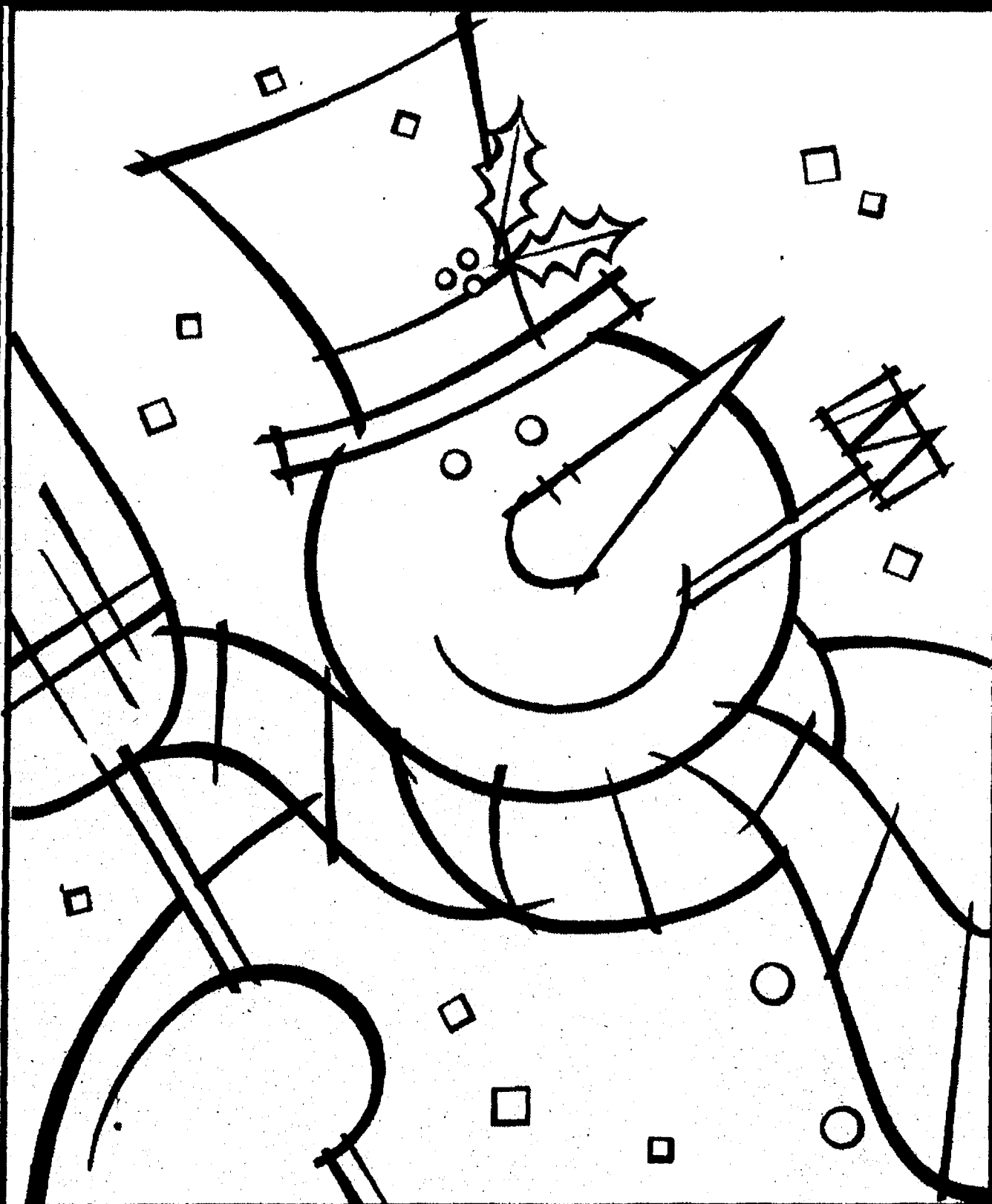
Beat egg yolks for 5 minutes until yolks thicken. Slowly mix in cooled salmon mixture, blending well. Set aside. Add cream of tartar to egg whites and beat until stiff. Carefully fold salmon mixture into egg whites. Slowly pour the mixture into souffle dish.

Bake for 45 minutes in a preheated 350° oven until souffle is puffy and slightly browned.

Serve as soon as possible.

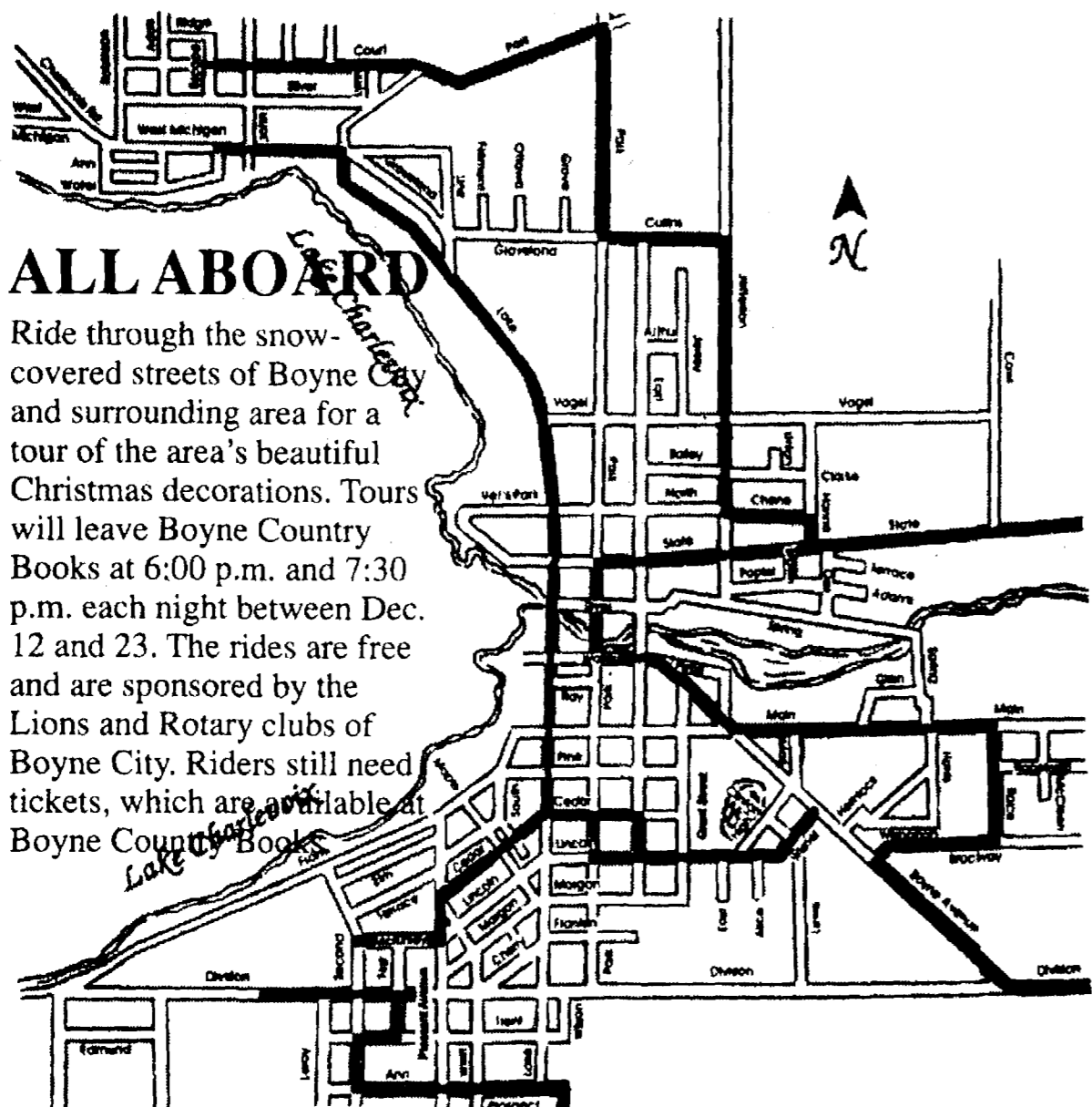
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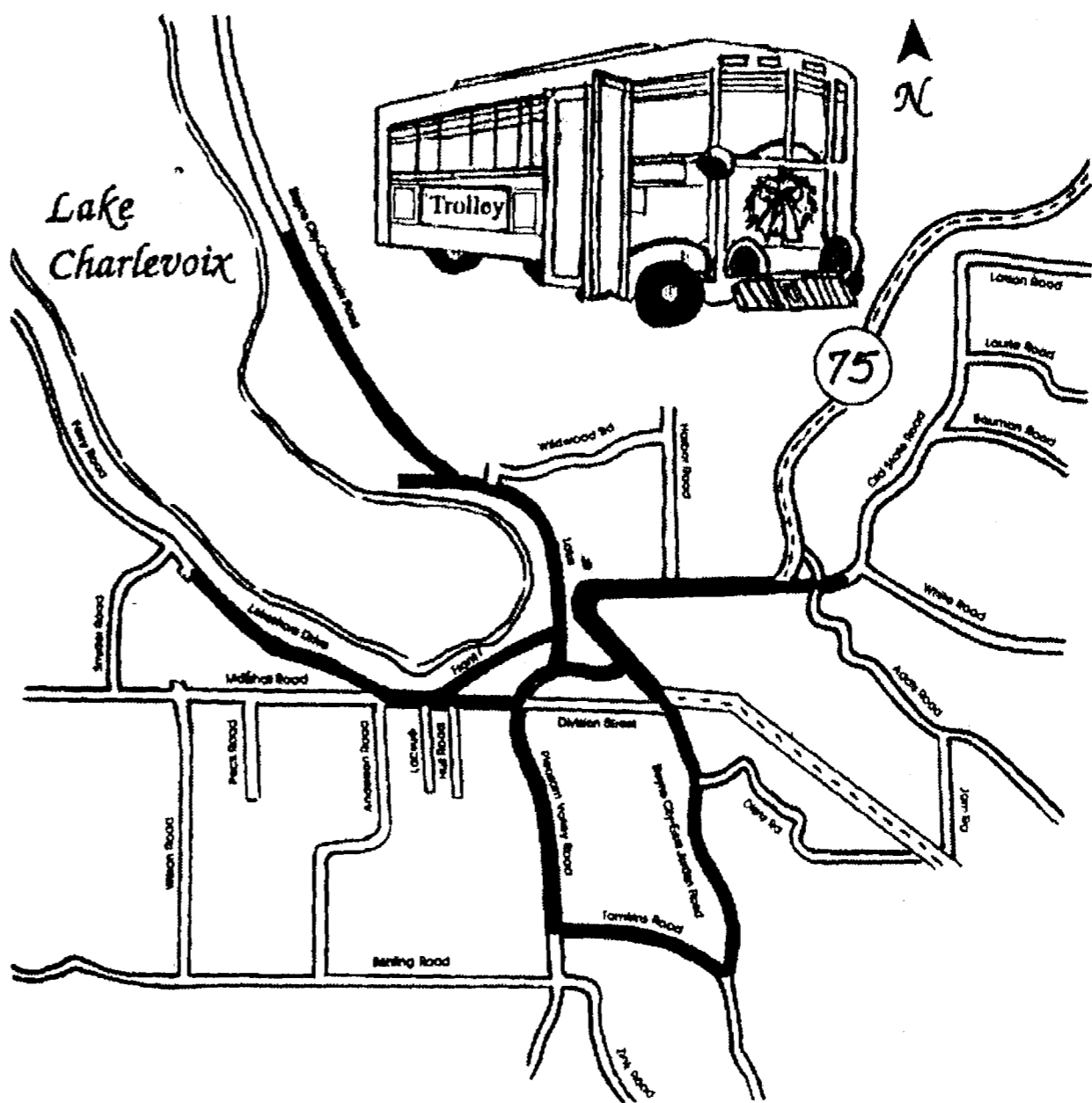
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The Evangelical Lutheran Church of East Jordan and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have

teamed up to provide a holiday luncheon for you and a gift for children. On Thursday, Dec. 11, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. the ELCA of East Jordan will host a luncheon at 7855 Rogers Road benefiting the "Read to Me - Prescription for Success" program.

The program helps provide free books for area physician's offices so that young children will receive

books when they go for their "well baby visits."

The luncheon including main entrée, salad, roll and dessert, is \$5.50. Take out meals are available by calling 536-7566 or at the door. All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the "Read to Me" program and Thrivent Financial will match funds raised. East Jordan Family Health Center, Boyne Area Medical,

Pine River Medical and Beaver Island Health Center will receive books from the program.

"Read to Me" is a program supported by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

For additional information about the luncheon or "Read to Me - Prescription for Success," or how you can support the program, call 547-8502.

Jordan Valley District Library selects books for Frostival

In the hopes of bringing people together through literature, the Jordan Valley District Library is hosting a Turn the Page @ Your Library program, focusing on public interest and awareness of books and reading.

Three titles have been selected by the public during National Library Week for three different age groups; the library is encouraging the reading of these books and participation in the free author events scheduled during the Winter Frostival Reading Program.

The adult selection, Song of the River, is the first book in the Storyteller Trilogy by Sue Harrison. An adventure, mystery and love story, the book takes place 80 centuries before our time, in the frozen, snowbound interior of a land that will someday be called Alaska. The trilogy continues with Cry of the Wind and concludes with Call Down the Stars.

Harrison was raised in the town of Pickford in Michigan's Upper Peninsula where she still lives. On March 3, 2004, Harrison will be presenting a program about the Storyteller Trilogy at 6 p.m. in the library community room.

The Young Adult selection, Impossible Journey by Gloria Whelan, is set in Communist Russia in 1934. Marya, a remarkable 13-year-old, and her younger brother must travel more than 1,000 miles to find their parents who have been exiled to Siberia.

Also available is the companion book Angel on the Square, the story of Marya's mother and her friendship with the Czar's daughter, Anastasia, during the revolution.

Whelan is the best-selling author of many novels for young readers. She lives with her husband Joseph in the woods of northern Michigan. Whelan will be presenting a program at the Jordan Valley District Library on Jan. 7, 2004, at 6 p.m. in the library community room.

The juvenile selection, Stranger in the Woods by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick, is a photographic fantasy about a stranger who arrives after a winter storm. Also available are the companion video and music CD.

Sams and Stoick are professional wildlife photographers who make their home in Milford, Mich. Laura and Rob Sams, producer of Stranger in the Woods: The Movie and Stranger in the Woods: The Soundtrack, will present a program about the works on Feb. 4, 2004, at 6 p.m. in the library community room.

Each of the above programs is offered free to the public.

For more information, call the Jordan Valley District Library at 536-7131 or visit jvdl.info.

POLICE REPORTS

Boyer City Police Department

The following information has been provided by the Boyer City Police Department.

Monday, Dec. 1: Littering complaint at East Division Street; malicious destruction of property to "Lights of Love" signs on East Water Street, sponsored by Eta Nu sorority; assisted on Boyne Avenue; larceny from Ann Street under investigation; noise complaint on South Lake Street; unlock of vehicle in Carter's parking lot; found property turned in and returned to owner.

Tuesday, Dec. 2: Report of fight at Tannery; larceny from Boyne Avenue; stolen property turned in from Hemlock Street; assisted Fire Department on C-56; domestic dispute at Parkview Apartments.

Wednesday, Dec. 3: Larceny from Hemlock Street; citation for expired plate.

Thursday, Dec. 4: Non-sufficient funds issued to Boyne Mobil turned in; malicious destruction of property to public restrooms on North Lake Street.

Friday, Dec. 5: Parking violation on North Park Street; property check on South Lake Street; call received on possible minor in possession of tobacco; larceny complaint from Carter's; well-being check at Parkview Apartments; one arrested on felony warrant - turned over to Petoskey Police Department.

Saturday, Dec. 6: Two arrested for operating while intoxicated, transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; possible fight near Pleasant

Avenue and Terrace Street; suspicious person on Maple Street; vehicle unlock at middle school parking lot; citation issued for expired plates and one for failed to transfer plate; report of people arguing at Glen's.

Sunday, Dec. 7: Noise complaint near Par-T-Pac; one arrested for operating while intoxicated - transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on malicious destruction of property at bowling alley.

Humane Society has 2004 calendar

The Charlevoix County Humane Society has announced the release of its 2004 Community Events Calendar.

Each month features a Charlevoix County resident and their pet or pets, and lists many of the major events occurring throughout the year in Charlevoix County.

Proceeds from the sale of the calendars will benefit the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Calendars are available for \$10 each and can be purchased at the following locations: in Boyne City, at

the Pet Haus, Huntington Bank, Boyne Country Books, and Citizens Bank; in East Jordan, at Charlevoix State Bank, Huntington Bank, and Busy Bridge Antiques; in Walloon Lake, the Crooked Tree District Library and the Walloon Lake General Store; and in Charlevoix, at Citizens Bank, Gruler's, Juilleret's, and Bullfrog Candle Factory.

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An early Christmas

Success of book benefits Walloon library endowment fund, operating budget

The Friends of the Crooked Tree District Library recently donated \$6,000 to the library's Endowment Fund, held at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The donation was the result of a project the Friends have been working on for several years which came to fruition over the summer with the publication of "Walloon Yesterdays," a pictorial history of the Walloon Lake area.

During the three-year process, the Friends were active in fundraising for the project, and the book became a labor of love for members Cynthia Hermann and Mary Erb, the book's co-authors. They were joined by Charles Schloff, who provided his expertise as a published author.

"Walloon Yesterdays' has been very well received," said Friends of the Library president Cindy Young. "We couldn't be happier with the response."

The library established its Endowment Fund during the process of building a new library in Walloon Lake, the result of a gift from the Mary K. Peabody Foundation. The goal for the Endowment Fund is \$250,000, which is now within striking distance, as the Friends' donation brings the total to \$197,370.

"Only income from the fund will be used to support the programs and operations of the library," said Robert Tambellini, president of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. "The principal of the fund will continue to grow so it will benefit the library now—and well into the future." Gifts to the fund qualify for a charitable deduction. In addition, donors are eligible for a 50 percent



Gathering to celebrate recent gifts to the Crooked Tree District Library are, seated, left to right: Mary Erb, Cynthia Hermann and Cindy Young. Standing: Robert Tambellini, Bunny Marquardt, Jane Smith, Liz Ramsey, Dolores Wehrenberg and Susan Conklin.

State of Michigan tax credit which significantly reduces the cost of the contribution.

The Friends also used proceeds from the sale of the book to donate \$6,000 directly to the library, to be used for current expenses such as technology upgrades. "This book is an amazing success story for the library," said library director Susan Conklin. "Not only did it raise funds for the library and the Endowment Fund, it also was a great promotion for the library, as people came to us in search of a copy. The library is so fortunate to have such an active and wonderful Friends group."

In a separate project, Friends member Bunny Marquardt coordinated several Walloon-area community groups to work with a local property owner, resulting in benefits for all parties involved. Lou Mettler donated the contents of a historic Victorian house in Walloon Lake, and the

Friends of the Crooked Tree District Library, Melrose Township Fire Brigade, and the Beautification of Walloon Lake Village Committee worked together to sort, clean and sell the items. They held a "Trash and Treasures" sale in Walloon Lake village, netting each group \$1,300. The Friends then turned the donation over to the library, where it will be used to purchase shelving.

Snowmobile club

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\$100,000, additional funding is usually required, meaning that the club will likely organize some fundraising activities as well. "This is a break-even venture," Snoeck said. "That's why snowmobile clubs put on fund-raising efforts."

Not only will such a trail connection provide a great ride for sled enthusiasts, but will also mean the creation of a main artery of potential revenue, running right through the Boyne Falls area. As a local business owner, Snoeck is excited about the positive impact he believes such a trail will have on his business, as are other area businesspeople. "It's the business owners in Boyne Falls here that are pushing it," he said.

Indeed, another local businessman, Kim Rotermund of Jake's Place, is equally optimistic about the potential benefits.

The club, he said, "will promote safety of recreational snowmobiling and a maintained trail system. It brings people [to town] and gets people to spend money in our communities. It's a win/win situation."

"I will support it in any way I can." The club is not, however, exclusive to the Boyne Falls community, hence the more inclusive name members have selected. "We're calling it the Boyne Valley Snowmobile Club," Snoeck noted. "It'd be re-

ally nice to get some people in Boyne City involved," especially, he said, to enter in discussions about ways to get Boyne City connected to the trail system as well.

While the club is still in the organizational stage, its members, at present about 18 strong, are working to put all the pieces in place so that work on the trail system, as well as organized activities, can move forward as soon as possible.

"We're just in our infancy," Snoeck said. "We need everybody to get involved."

And, he stresses, not just to be put to work. For these snowmobilers, fun is the bottom line. "We're trying to promote recreational snowmobiling," he said. "The idea is to try to get everybody together, to have evening rides, to meet and greet other snowmobiling friends."

The club is currently meeting the second Tuesday of the month at the Boyne Valley Fire Department in Boyne Falls. Applications for membership are currently being made available in Boyne Falls and Boyne City businesses. Anyone who would like more information or a membership application can call Snoeck at 549-2791 or club vice president Mark Reed at 549-2710.

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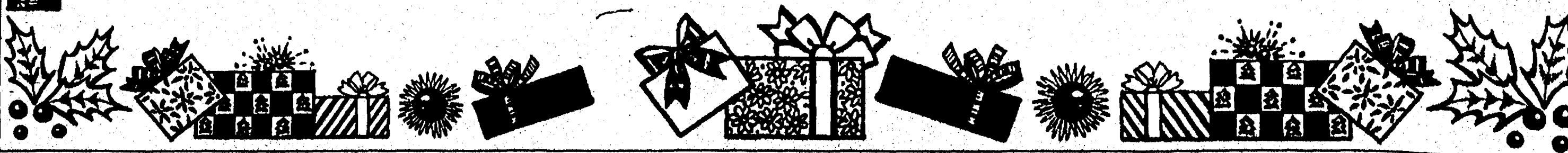
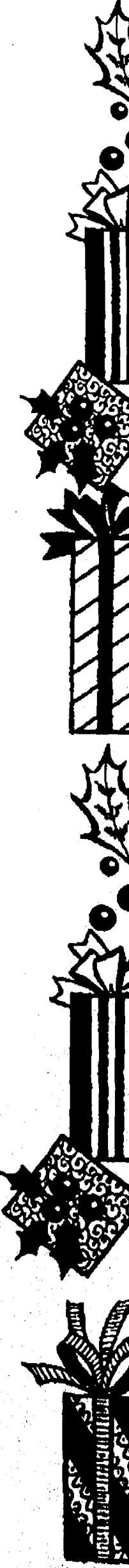
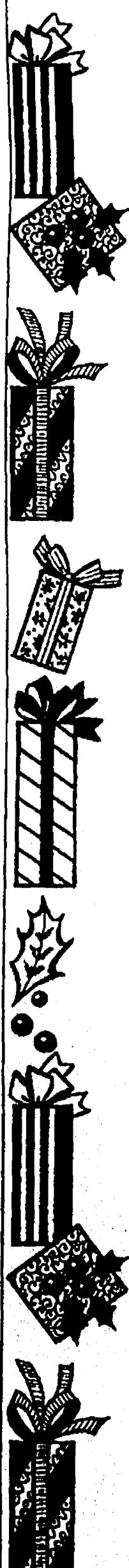
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EAST JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Looking to take a big step forward

A competitive, hard-working and athletic East Jordan boys varsity basketball team is ready to hit the courts for the 2003/2004 campaign.

Coach Lance Bailey is looking forward to a solid season if his young players can play solid defense and hit the boards hard.

Bailey has five letterman returning from last year's squad that went 3-18, but the coach is looking for his program to step forward and improve in the year to come.

"We started this summer with some good participation in a couple of summer camps," Bailey said.

"We know what we have to do and if we play hard and play some defense we'll be all right."

Returning starters Rhett Malpass (6'5" senior) and Kyle Daneff (6'4" junior) will anchor the inside play for the Red Devils, while Tyler Spence (5'10" junior) will handle the ball from the point guard position.

The Red Devils look to push the ball up the court quickly to get the offense going, while using a lot of motion, movement and creativity to get the ball inside to the big men or hit the basket from the perimeter.

Tyler Cutler (6'2" junior) was the team's leading scorer last year and also the second leading rebounder and he returns to add his ball handling skills to the inside-outside game.

Other players to watch for in the coming year are Tom Krause, Nathan Hartmen, Dale Reeves and Caleb Brown.

Bailey sees a strong Lake Michigan Conference race ahead and cites Charlevoix as the team to beat for the title.

The Red Devils will be in action this Friday at Mancelona and next Monday at Bellaire for a pair of non-conference battles before the league schedule gets underway.

EAST JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Mastering fundamentals key to success

After a year away from the sport, East Jordan varsity volleyball coach Paul Nachazel returns this season looking to get the Lady Devils back on a winning track. He has a veteran team to work with as seven seniors and four juniors return ready to play.

"We won't be a flashy team, but we will be fundamentally sound," Nachazel said. "If we play fundamental volleyball we will be very competitive."

The Red Devils have the experience and the talent to win, according to their coach, but after going without a victory last season the girls have to learn how to get the wins as a team.

"We need the winning attitude," Nachazel said. "We have the talent, but we haven't experienced it enough. Winning is contagious."

"All of our victories will come as a team and all of our losses will come as a team. Every member of our team plays a critical role."

Senior captains Jessica Crick, Krista Kenny and Jill Derenzy will provide the leadership for the Lady Devils as they head into the 2003/2004 schedule.

BCHS players named to 'dream team'

Boyer City seniors Nick Sulak and Paul Simeri have been named to the Traverse City Record-Eagle All-Region Dream Team for their outstanding performances on the gridiron in the 2003 season.

Simeri amassed 102 tackles from the inside linebacker position in 2003 and ran back one interception for a touchdown to earn his spot on the defensive dream team. Simeri finished his career with 305 tackles.

"He's been the heart and soul of our football team for the last three years. He's been a two way starter for three years and we've gone 27-6 in those three years," said Rambler head coach Dave Hills.

In addition to the dream team selection, Simeri was

also named to the all-Lake Michigan Conference first team for the second straight year, was a Class B all-state second team selection and was the team's most valuable player. Sulak averaged over seven yards per run as a fullback while setting a school record 1,713 yards rushing in 222 carries to lead the Rambler offense.

"He's got tremendous strength in his legs and he was tough to tackle," Hills said. "At fullback he was a featured position in our offense." Sulak was the offensive MVP, all-conference and honorable mention all-state.

Offensive lineman Brenton Rozycki earned a spot on the all-region first team to cap his senior season.

League play is set to begin on Friday, Dec. 19, with a road game at Elk Rapids.

Bailey is in his third year as the Red Devil head coach and teaches science at the high school.

Filling out the coaching staff are Andrew Otis (assistant), Ken Doty (JV coach) and Tracy Reich (freshman coach).

Teamwork is key for junior varsity squad

The East Jordan boys junior varsity basketball team is working hard to improve its basketball skills in order to put together a winning season for coach Ken Doty.

"Most of these kids have come through the East Jordan program," Doty said. "They have played together a lot and they have been winners."

Eric Hansen and Brandon LaCount will captain the team this year, while Andrew Struefert brings some junior varsity experience from last year's team.

Doty is emphasizing the team concept in the coming year with the entire squad contributing to make for a successful season.

Doty, a building official/inspector for Charlevoix county and a MHSAA referee since 1978, is entering his third year as the junior varsity coach. He currently lives in Boyne Falls and has been coaching basketball in the area for 17 years.

Crick is a third-year varsity player who will be the setter in the offensive scheme. Kenny is a second year player who will contribute all around the court. Derenzy is in her second year and will play at the outside hitter spot.

Also look for newcomer Kayla Matejewski to show her versatility and volleyball instincts at almost all positions.

Other returning players include seniors Sam Bingham and Chrisanne Solenke along with junior Tabatha Grover.

Nachazel sees a tough Lake Michigan Conference schedule ahead with every team vying for the title in a very competitive race.

The season gets underway this Saturday when the team travels to the Early Bird Tournament at Inland Lakes.

Conference play will begin on Monday, Jan. 5, with an away match at Elk Rapids.

Coach Nachazel is currently in his 10th year as a middle school teacher. He taught for seven years at Grand Rapids Northview and this is his third year teaching at East Jordan. Nachazel coached the Red Devil varsity team in 2002 before taking last year off when his wife gave birth to twins.

"He's a very athletic offensive guard. He anchored an offensive line that has produced four 1,000 yard rushers in two years," Hills said.

As a two-way player Rozycki had 97 tackles on the defensive side of the ball with one interception and two fumble recoveries. He also scored a rushing

touchdown on a "guard special" play in the Harbor Springs game.

Rozycki and running back Reed Ameal joined Sulak and Simeri on the all-conference first team, while Jordan Voice, Tylor Daniels, David Austin and Jordan Sweet received honorable mention all-conference.

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Ramblers running up-tempo offense

Boyer City's boys varsity basketball team will hit the hard court running in 2003 with an up-tempo style of play that will make for some exciting action in the season to come.

"We need to stay together as a team and play hard every day," said Boyer City head coach Tim Smith about his team's keys for success.

Five seniors and one junior and one sophomore return from last year's squad to give the Ramblers a good mix of veteran and young players.

Senior captains Brenton Rozycki, Tylor Daniels and Nick Follette will lead the group of returning lettermen that also includes seniors Jordan Voice and Rob Noeske. Junior Reed Ameal and sophomore Grant Ameal also re-

turn for another year. Smith hopes that his team can play the tough defense needed to win and rebound well to get the fast track offense moving.

A strong Lake Michigan Conference race is on tap for the Ramblers with Charlevoix, Harbor Springs and Elk Rapids the early favorites to take the league championship.

The Ramblers opened play Tuesday with a non-conference game at Rogers City. On Friday they play at Manton. The Lake Michigan Conference schedule starts on Friday, Dec. 19, at Charlevoix.

Coach Smith is entering his second year as the Ramblers' head coach. Mark Ameal is the assistant coach.

BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Veteran captains will lead Ramblers

Boyer City varsity volleyball coach Dorine Britton will stress teamwork, communication and defense as the keys to a successful 2003/2004 season for her Lady Ramblers.

"I have some strong and consistent servers, but inexperienced players in key positions will be a big weakness for us," Britton said.

Five seniors, four juniors and one freshman make up the 10-player roster this year. Britton will look to her veteran captains Cadie Britton, who is entering her third varsity season, and Emma Persons, who is starting her second year, to provide the leadership needed in the coming campaign.

Britton plays the setter and outside hitter positions, while Persons is an outside hitter and a defensive specialist.

Also returning from last year's squad are senior lettermen Jessica Clark, Lyndsay Tomkins and Suzie Wellert. Britton, Persons and Tomkins all saw considerable ac-

tion a year ago and their coach will depend on the trio to carry a big load again.

"All three saw quite a bit of playing time last year and I am looking for them to step it up a notch this year," Britton said.

The Lady Ramblers will get an early test this Saturday when they travel to the Early Bird Tournament at Inland Lakes.

The Lake Michigan Conference schedule will be tough as usual, says Britton, with Charlevoix and Harbor Springs the preseason favorites to take the title.

League play opens on Monday, Jan. 5, with a home match against Charlevoix.

Coach Britton is entering her ninth year as the Boyer City varsity coach. She currently works as a controller for Dry Harbour Motor Sports in Charlevoix.

Junior varsity coach Carrie Bricker-Hauger and freshman coach Jody Crozier fill out the Boyer City volleyball staff.

WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW STORIES BY PHIL TROMBLEY

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY RESULTS

The Boyer Area Midget (age 15-18) Hockey team is off to a good start.

They opened the season hosting St. Ignace on Nov. 13 at their home rink for this season, the Polar Bear in Petoskey. The game seasawed until the last three minutes when Boyer scored three unanswered goals to take a 6-4 win. Justin Conklin, Josh Aown, Evan Keller, Gabe Korthase, Troy Scarborough, and Eli Barys scored for Boyer. Assists were given by Barys, Conklin, Darren Looze, Brit King, Cody Webster, and Russell Williams. Nick Ferree was between the pipes.

On Nov. 20 the two teams met again, and Boyer took this game 3-1. Troy Scarborough netted two goals, and Russell Williams the other.

Assists came from Eli Barys (with 2) and Stephen Cahoon. Bobby Courtright was the netminder.

Saturday Nov. 22, the team defeated Newberry 3-2. Darren Looze scored two, and Brit King one. Evan Keller had two assists and Troy Scarborough the other. Goalie Bobby Courtright gave a solid performance.

On Sunday, Nov. 23 the team traveled to Cheboygan, and dominated the game, taking it 7-1. In front of goalie

Nick Ferree, Eli Barys notched a hat trick with three goals, Cody Webster and Brit King each scored two, and Darren Looze added the other. Wester, Looze, Barys, Troy Scarborough, and William Brown tallied the assists.

"We've had balanced scoring, great defense, and we're outshooting our opponents. These boys love to play this game" said head coach Al Boyn.

On Nov. 28, the Boyer Area Hockey Midget team played in St Ignace and dropped the game 7-2. Eli Barys and Russell Williams scored for Boyer, with assists from Josh Aown and Ryan Field.

On Nov. 29, the team

played two games in Gaylord. The first game was a 3-3 tie. Dylan Clark scored two and Cody Wester chipped in the other. Josh Aown, Troy Scarborough, Darren Looze, and Eli Barys gave the assists.

The rematch was fast and furious with more open ice and passing. Boyer won this contest 4-2. Darren Looze found the net twice, Cody Webster and Eli Barys once each. Looze and Barys added two assists each, William Brown and Troy Scarborough the others. Bobby Courtright was goalie all three games.

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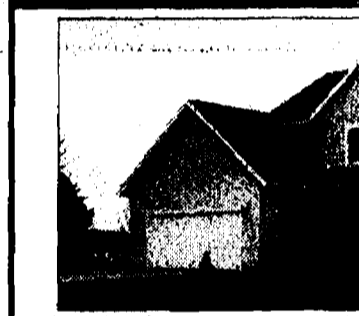
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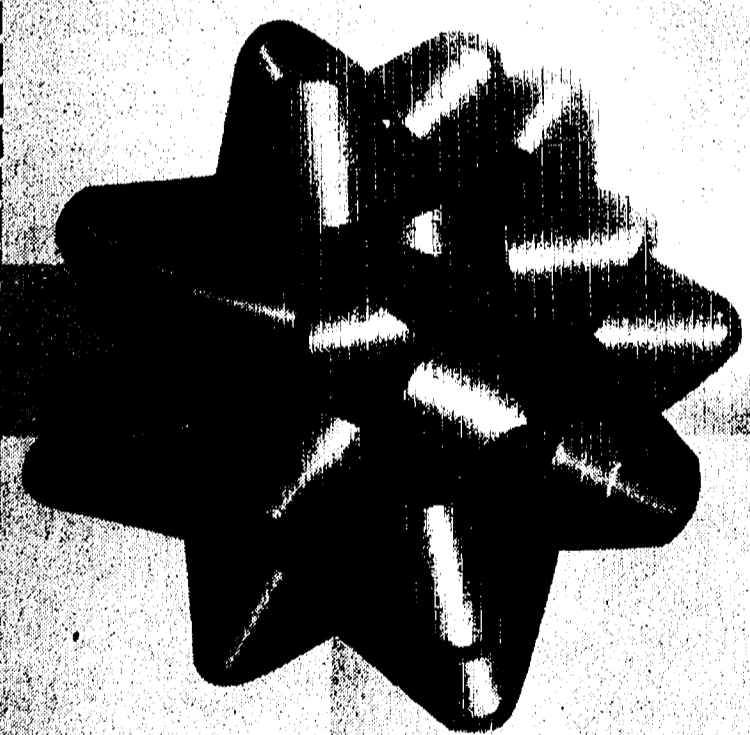
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Amanda Westrick was in the spotlight during last week's Fine Arts Festival performances at Boyne City High School, putting fiddle and bow to good use as she entertained the crowd. The annual event drew near-capacity crowds to see music and drama students.

photo by Vic Ruggles

Community Christmas

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shocked to find there's more," Odgers said. "That's why I'm so grateful we have people in our community willing to give and give."

And give they do, in the form of food, gift and cash donations, year after year.

The way the program works is relatively simple. Committee members take names of families and individuals in need, from a variety of sources, including the Family Independence Agency, schools, and ministers. Names need not come from official agencies, however, Witenki notes, "anybody can bring a name." Those added to the list are taken strictly on the honor system; there are no income guidelines or other criteria to "qualify."

"We can't judge," Witenki said of the committee's longstanding commitment to refrain from establishing such a criteria. "It is the community's money."

Names are kept strictly confidential, Witenki emphasizes.

Cash donations assist with the purchase of staple food items, purchased in bulk to assure that each basket packed has all the ingredients for a full holiday meal. In 2001, for example, the food order included 500 loaves of bread, 14 bushels of oranges, and 15 cases of green beans.

Donations of a variety of other food items come from the general public, along with gift items for children of all ages. Though many are storebought, a number of community members have long taken the extra time to give the children benefitting from Community Christmas something more personal, according to Witenki. Witenki's neighbor, Leanna Hardy, for example, makes quilts for the babies, as well as first-Christmas stockings and bibs. "She works really hard," Witenki said. This year alone, Hardy will complete 36 quilts and the same number of stockings.

Gently-used dolls and stuffed animals get makeovers from volunteers, including new hairdos and handmade outfits

for the dolls, and cleaning and fluffing for the stuffed animals.

Volunteers, Witenki said, "work all year long."

But the work, Witenki emphasizes, is not what she, or other volunteers, wish to have the spotlight on. Instead, she said, it is the families in need, and the community that steps up to the plate for them, that should be the real focus.

"You never turn your back on somebody that needs help," she said, and the Boyne community has exemplified that edict, time and time again. "Without the people, we would not be Boyne Community Christmas. They are the ones to be thanked. Without them, we wouldn't fill one box."

THOUGH FOOD, MONEY and toys have been trickling in, donations are down for this year's effort, a situation that Witenki hopes will rectify itself by the time boxes are packed on Monday, Dec. 22.

A number of factors, she believes, are contributing to the slow giving. "Thanks-

giving was late, there's no snow," she said. "Even the money is coming in more slowly than we expect. But organizations everywhere are down."

Money and gift items are most needed, especially gift items for teen boys and girls, and boys ages 8-12. Witenki suggests things like handheld games and watches for the boys, alarm clocks and hats and mittens for the girls. Any items, however, will be welcome. "We're happy as happy can be to get whatever we get," she said. "Anything that's given is used."

One item, however, may be the exception to that rule: the Monopoly board

game. People, Witenki said, "give them every single year," meaning that some kids end up getting the game every single year. She encourages folks to give other games, including Junior Monopoly, Yahtzee, and Trouble.

Donations can be dropped off at the Boyne City Early Childhood Education Building (the former middle school) from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily.

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