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At A GLANCE

'Town Meeting' set for Jan. 14 at Boyer Falls Public School

Boyer Falls Public School will hold a Town Meeting event at the school to discuss the possibility of expanding the existing school building, due to a steady increase in student numbers.

Last week, The Citizen-Journal reported the date of the meeting as Wednesday, Jan. 7; the meeting will actually take place on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m.

The informational session will also allow time for public input.

For more information, call the school at 549-2211.

Winter fun on tap at Sno-Blast in East Jordan

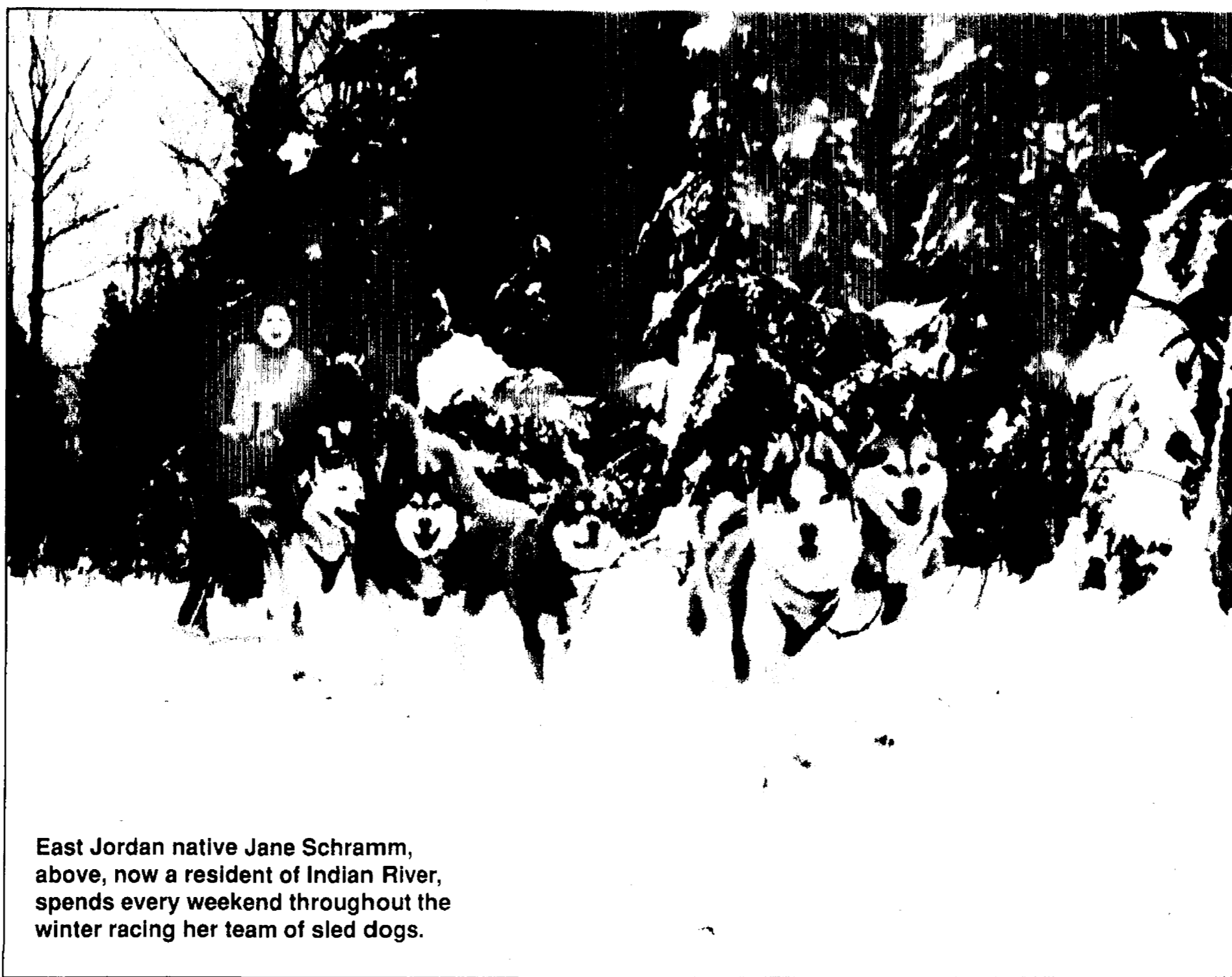
The snow is flying, and just in time for East Jordan's annual Sno-Blast event, set for this weekend, Jan. 16-18.

In its 23rd year, the event features plenty of family fun, including a chili supper on Friday night, snowmobile races, a Sno-Blast parade, and a sled dog dash on Saturday, and a Sno-Lover's breakfast on Sunday.

The event will also feature the crowing of the Winter Knight and Belle of the Blizzard, following the Sno-Blast Parade on Saturday.

For a full schedule of events, see pages 6 and 7.

For more information, call the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351.



East Jordan native Jane Schramm, above, now a resident of Indian River, spends every weekend throughout the winter racing her team of sled dogs.

JANE SCHRAMM WILL BRING SLED DOGS TO SNO BLAST IN EJ THIS WEEKEND

The dog days of winter

East Jordan native Jane Schramm is very specific about her take on dogsledding: "It's not a sport, it is a lifestyle."

It's that commitment and enthusiasm that has led Schramm, now a resident of Indian River, to bring her dogs, and her lifestyle, to Sno Blast in East Jordan, for the first-ever Dog Sled Dash, set for Saturday, Jan. 17, from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Community Park on M-32.

Having taken part in a number of winter festivals around northern Michigan it occurred to Schramm that it was time to give her hometown a taste of her passion for dog sledding. "I wanted to bring something back to the community where I grew up," she said. "I'd been doing this for Cedarville, Gaylord, doing it ev-

erywhere but where I grew up, so I just bugged everybody [involved with Sno Blast] for quite awhile."

Participants at Sno Blast will not just watch dog sled runs, but rather will have a chance to run their very own team, for about 100 yards. "Teams" will consist of one or two dogs, Schramm said, due to the fact that "Even I have a hard time doing six or eight dogs." The cost of \$5 per child and \$8 per adult helps to cover dog food, gas, and time away from the racing circuit; additionally, 10 percent will support the Sno Blast festival. Those attending are asked to please leave their own pets at home.

For many who visit Community Park on Saturday, a chance to mush will be a once-in-a-life-

time opportunity; for Schramm, however, it's just another stop in a life all about sled dogs.

Schramm got her start in the Jordan Valley, as a young woman growing up and attending school in East Jordan. "My dad thought it'd be a wise thing to get me into something that showed me some responsibility," she said of her introduction to sled dogs. Though she found joy in the sport, life took her in a different direction; ultimately, however, Schramm found her way back to her love for mushing.

"I've been extremely active for about six or seven years," said Schramm, who maintains Avalanche Sled Dogs, a kennel currently home

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Seeking a new leader

■ Top ambulance job open in BC

The City of Boyer City is actively seeking a new ambulance director, after parting ways with director Barb Flansberg in mid-December.

According to city manager Michael Cain, Barb Kerridge has been appointed acting director. Kerridge was a member of the department for several years before taking some personal time off. She returned to the service about six months ago.

"We have a good leader in interim director Barb Kerridge," Cain said. "She was the person I saw basically providing Barb Flansberg with assistance [in recent months] on things like preparing the budget, and we wanted to make sure we had leadership during this transition."

The position has been posted, with applications from interested parties due by Jan. 26. The timeline for hiring is simple, according to Cain; "The sooner the better."

Kerridge was scheduled to be officially introduced as interim ambulance director at Tuesday night's regular meeting of the Boyer City City Commission.

Once completed, the change of guard, Cain said, is expected to have a direct effect on the status of the department's efforts to upgrade to Advanced Life Support. The process, initiated in the fall of 2001, has, he said, "been languishing. It's something we're concerned about and are looking at very seriously."

"We have Barb Kerridge going back into all of the records with ALS determining what's been done and what hasn't, and talking with the state [ALS licensing] folks," Cain said.

Flansberg was the Boyer City Ambulance Service's first full-time director, taking over in September of 2001, several months after the resignation of long-time director Henry Erber.

Flansberg joined the service in 1985 and served as both assistant director and interim director prior to accepting the permanent director's position.

A new life

■ Harvest Barn Church finds new home with purchase of JV Express

Though it may seem like an unconventional move, the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church's decision to purchase the Jordan Valley Express was, as it turns out, directly in keeping with the vision of the church. That is, according to Pastors Kimon and Bridgette Criner, to be a "center for the community."

The acquisition, indeed, is a big step towards making that happen. Said Kimon, "Buying the former Express is a huge stepping stone for our community . . . A church should be a place where people gather, and we're opening our church to more than the people who come there on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings."

The building has already become home to the church's every-growing congregation, having housed the twice-a-week services since the first of the year; the future, the Criners say, will include a growing list of community events, including concerts and speakers. Saturday rollerskating will continue to be offered to the community during the winter months (this year kicking off on Jan. 17), and the Fiddler's Jamboree will be held at the facility for at least another two years. The church youth group is already

formulating fund-raising strategies to bring in the first concert, hopefully by this spring. "There's no reason to be nervous," Bridgette said, addressing community concerns that the public will no longer have access to the property. "It's an extension of what's already going on here. It won't be less, and we're wanting [to do] more."

Make no mistake, however; the building is first and foremost a place of worship. "This really is a church," Bridgette said. "We have services every Sunday and Wednesday." During services, the congregation sits on chairs that can be stacked out of the way when the space is needed; the layout of the building will remain essentially unchanged, except for the eventual addition of some classroom and/or office spaces around the perimeter of the structure. As it is, however, no alteration is needed for the structure to serve its primary purpose.

"When it was first built I came in here and knew it would be a great church," Kimon said. Over the years, the Criners and their congregation harbored the idea that they would eventually find a way to make the

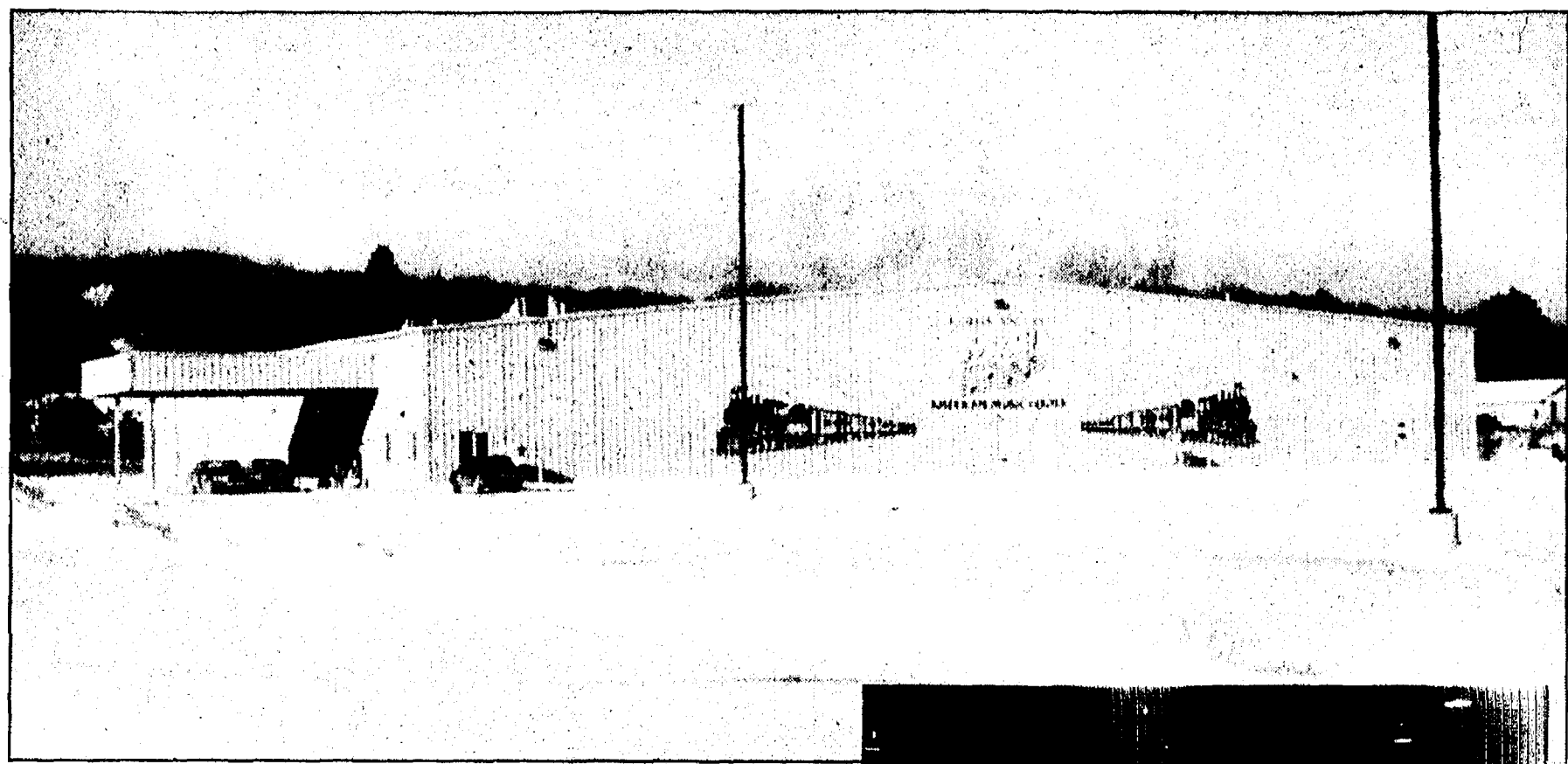
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Getting ready



Cast members of the Boyer City High School Drama Department's annual Boyer Meets Broadway dinner show have been spending long hours recently, under the direction of Bob Wollenberg, preparing for the big event. Shows are set for Feb. 10 and 11 at Boyer Mountain. For more information, see page 8.

photo by Angela Shultis



With a building fund begun as late as October of 2003, the congregation of the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church, right, in East Jordan still managed to raise enough to secure the purchase of the Jordan Valley Express by the end of the year. The church held its first service in the new location on New Year's Eve.



New life

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move happen, but it was only 15 months ago that the possibility was pursued seriously, as it became clear that the existing building would not hold the growing congregation much longer.

Established in 1987, the church originally existed at the corner of Fourth and Division; as it grew, the building at 301 Nichols Street was purchased. Two years ago, the sanctuary was replaced; however, increasing numbers made it clear that a new location was needed, with room to grow.

Kimon had no doubt about what the location should be. Indeed, he said, every time he delivered a message, at some point he'd turn to face the direction of the building, proclaiming "We are crossing the Jordan."

"Everyone would get all excited," he said with a laugh.

By fall, the time had come, it seemed, to make the dream a reality. Of course finances, then, became a central issue.

"We didn't have a dime to start this project," Bridgette said. "We just believed God would give us the money, and the people caught onto

the possibility."

A building fund was begun in the second week of October of 2003, and by Dec. 31, the purchase from original owners Tina Malpass and Francis Themm was finalized.

The congregation wasted no time in breaking in their new home.

"We had our first service on New Year's Eve," Kimon said. "[The congregation] is very excited," added Bridgette.

"None of us have really settled down yet."

As for Malpass and Themm, the couple couldn't be happier about the fact that the Express seems to be in good hands. According to Malpass, they knew from the get-go that the match between the building and the Harvest Barn Church was a good one. "We gave them a key and they just kept coming in," she said laughing.

After 10 years of owning and running the Express, the last five of which while it's been on the market, Malpass is excited about the fact that the church has the same hopes and

dreams for the building that she and her husband built it with. "It's just an extension of the dream," she said, "that they'll continue on with the community."

As the Criners discuss the church's dreams for the property, they're quick to clarify that it is indeed the congregation's dreams and not just their own. "We did not do this," Bridgette said, referring to herself and her husband. "It is the congregation who did this. They had the vision; they'd be here 24/7 if they didn't have jobs. The congregation caught the vision and they're running with it. It's just fun to be part of something bigger than yourself."

OBITUARIES

Esther A. Kratochvil

Esther A. Kratochvil, 82, of East Jordan died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

No services are scheduled at this time. Interment was in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1921 in the Bohemian settlement near East Jordan, Mich., the daughter of Frank and Pearl (Kolasa)

Stanek. She is survived by one daughter, Linda (Mike) Spence-Domacz; three grandchildren, Daniel (Cheryl) Spence of Westley Chapel, Fla., Michael (Teresa) Spence of East Jordan, and Aaron (Carolle) Spence of Comstock Park; seven great-grandchildren, Danny Jr., Joshua, Katie, Steven, Tia, Taylor and

Hunter; one sister, Irene (Guy) Russell of East Jordan; brother, Edward (Cathy) Stanek of Lansing; as well as a special friend, Lester Hurlbert of East Jordan.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the East Jordan Ambulance Association. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc., East Jordan.

Christina Marie Wiser

On Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, Christina Marie Wiser was escorted to heaven in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whom she loved and worshiped so much, after a nine month battle with cancer. She was 47.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at the Walloon Lake Community Church with pastor Jeff Ellis officiating.

Chris was born on Feb. 27, 1956, in Muskegon, Mich., to Benjamin and Amandasue Evans, the eighth of nine children. She lived in the Muskegon area for 15 years. In 1971, she and her family moved to Boyne City where she continued to make her home.

On Nov. 10, 1973, Chris and Lindon Wiser began their life together as husband and wife and on Feb. 25, 1996, Rebeca was born and completed their family.

Chris began working at Courter Products, now Honeywell, in 1976 and continued working there

for 27 years as a multi-assembler in the gyro area and as a production specialist.

Chris loved life. She loved and cared for all her family, friends and co-workers in the most selfless way, giving of herself at every opportunity, always putting others before herself. She was and continues to be an encourager and inspiration to those who knew her well and to those who have only recently had that pleasure.

Chris enjoyed going to church and to Bible study. She loved spending time with Rebeca and doing things with her more than anything. She liked to go for walks, picking wild blueberries up north and making blueberry pies. She enjoyed making sweet grass baskets and collecting bells.

Chris will be greatly missed by all of us.

Chris was preceded in death by her father, Benjamin Evans; two sisters, Trixi Newberg and Sally

Fredricks; and her sister-in-law, Judy Evans.

She is survived by her husband, Lindon Wiser, her daughter Rebeca Wiser, her mother Amandasue Evans, brothers and sisters, Margie (Don) Baxter, Jim (Barb) Evans, Bud (Jan) Evans, Benjoie (LouAnn) Evans, Conrad (Chris) Evans, Steve (Deanna) Evans; brother-in-law, Paul Fredricks; mother-in-law, Lillian Marie Wiser; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Russell Wiser Jr., Cathy (Don) Leech, George (Cindy) Wiser, Kalvin (Alice) Wiser, Donald Wiser, Doug Wiser, Wilber (Tina) Wiser, Steve (Carolyn) Wiser, and Fred (Kim) Wiser; and many nieces and nephews who all loved her very much.

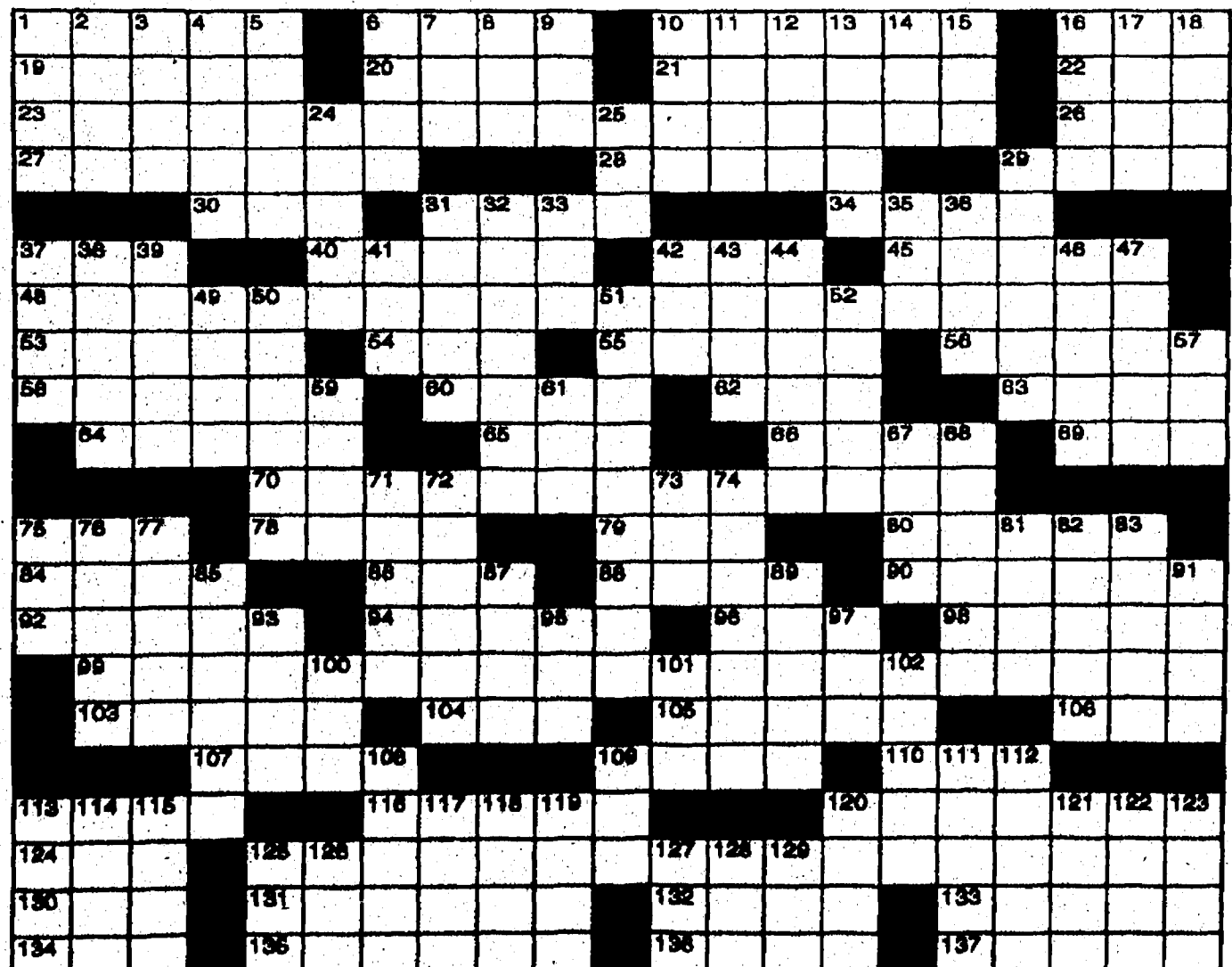
Memorial contributions may be made to Rebeca Lillian Wiser in loving memory of her mother, Christina Wiser.

Arrangements are in care of the Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City.

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LETTERS

Transit deserves kudos for a job well done

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to say "thank you" to the Charlevoix County Transit for the great service they provided in 2003. Actually, they have been doing a great job in our area for many years now and I wonder if people really realize how lucky we are to have them and utilize this excellent service as often as they can.

It is such an affordable way to go, especially for seniors.

I no longer drive and without this convenient and friendly service, I would be lost, lonely, and depressed. Not only has it filled my need for the necessary things, like getting groceries, going to the doctor, getting prescriptions, I can just call, make a reservation and just "get away" from routine life and shop in Petoskey or Charlevoix or get out for lunch or an early dinner, and once a month, they provide the transportation for a group "Evening Out," taking us to BJ's in Gaylord.

The transit drivers are friendly, courteous, polite, helpful and oftentimes fun, as are the dispatchers when you call.

I am sure there are many more ways they serve in this community and all throughout the county, in big and little ways, like the way they bring hot "Meals On Wheels" right to your home, and the way they decorate their buses on special occasions, for the pleasure of both adults and children and provide a package delivery and pick-up service, too.

Always liking to give credit where credit is due, and wanting them to know they genuinely are appreciated, I say, "Three Cheers!" to the Charlevoix County Transit.

Phyllis Sheehy

BC Fire Dept sets minds at ease in area business

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to thank the Boyne City Fire Department for taking the time to visit our facilities at Great Lakes Motor Works and Classic Instruments.

At the recommendation of our insurance company, I asked the Fire Department to visit our business.

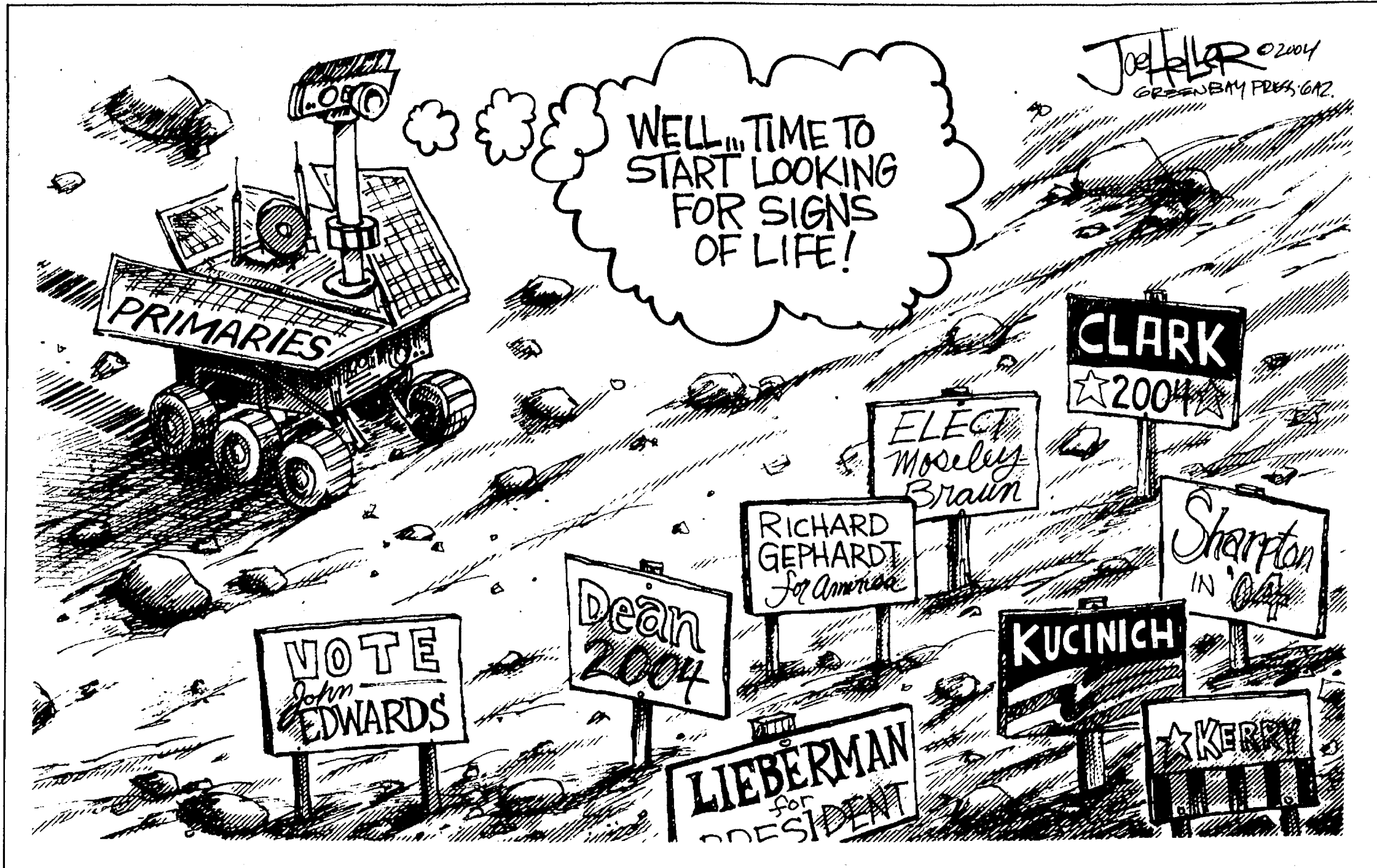
The purpose was to familiarize them with the layout, the location of fire doors, and the location of any hazardous materials, so that if a fire occurred, they would know what they were dealing with, thus making it safer for them and to better protect our property and that of our customers.

The members of the department were very professional. They asked very pertinent questions and made suggestions that will be a real help to us. It is a comfort to our staff and customers.

If you have not already done so, I strongly urge businesses to consider doing this.

Thanks guys!

John D. McLeod III
Great Lakes Motor Works
and Classic Instruments, Inc.



LETTERS

Boyne Community Christmas caps off another successful year, thanks to generosity of many

TO THE EDITOR:

Another Community Christmas has come and gone, and we want to thank everyone for all their wonderful support that we received. Thanks for all the wonderful gifts, money and hard work that was very generous this year.

I would like to be able to thank one and all personally but I know we would accidentally leave someone out, so hopefully this covers everyone. Thank you all from Boyne Area Community Christmas, all the churches, businesses, schools, and organizations who took part in making 2003 Christmas for the less-blessed a great success.

Everyone who was involved this year in our community and surrounding area made sure that no child went without Christmas. We packed toys for over 540 children and food boxes for over 1,000 people. We thank you from our hearts and wish everyone a blessed and happy New Year.

We especially want all our children in our school systems, elementary, middle, high school, nursery school, Head Start, Concord Academy Boyne, and Char-Em to know what a fantastic job they all did, and tell them how great they are and let them know that they showed us how caring they are.

They all pulled together as one, and that as a team there is no I or me, just us.

Again, thanks to one and all, without the support of you the people, we Boyne Area Community Christmas would not exist. We are just a group who puts it together, you the people make it happen.

Thanks to all and hope you have a happy and prosperous New Year in 2004 and thanks to The Citizen-Journal for all the support and recognition you gave us.

Ruth Witenki, chairman and
Ardith Hawley, corresponding secretary

Donations made a difference for holiday party

Thank you to the following Boyne City businesses for donating prizes for the Boyne City Senior Center Christmas party: Glen's Market; Carter's Food Center; Boyne Avenue Greenhouse; Pamelanias; Subway; McDonalds and BC Pizza. Your donations of prizes were awesome.

Cousin's music group, your Christmas music was wonderful!

Santa you were GREAT!

To borrow a line from a favorite country song - There are angels among us!

Thank you all.

Terri Powers



Nursery school fund-raiser

The East Jordan Cooperative Nursery is hosting a fundraising auction during the East Jordan Sno Blast Festival, featuring items for everyone, from wine tasting to pontoon boat rental, golf certificates, and child-themed baskets (pictured above with co-op students Julia Sherman and Jared Plechan). The event will take place on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. Complimentary coffee, tea and desserts will be served and free babysitting is available. For more information, call Alana Haley at 588-6391.

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'Boyne Meets Broadway' set for Feb. 10, 11

Tickets now on sale for dinner theatre event

In what has become a mid-winter tradition, members of the Boyne City High School drama department are preparing to hit the heights with the annual Boyne Meets Broadway dinner theatre performances.

Tickets are already on sale for the two performances, set for Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 10 and 11, at the Boyne Mountain Civic Center. The evenings will begin with hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

The five-course dinner will be served by drama department members, a la "Young Americans." Audiences will be treated to musical selections that include traditional favorites as well as some new "classics." The students are being directed by drama department head Bob Wollenberg.

Seating is assigned on a first come, first serve basis, and can be purchased for \$28.50 per person, which includes dinner and the show, by calling Boyne USA at 549-6054. "The best tables go first, so get your tickets early," Wollenberg said.



Boyne City High School drama department members have been toiling away after school, putting the final touches on numbers to be featured in the upcoming Boyne Meets Broadway dinner theatre performances.

Dog days

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to 10 dogs, at her home in Indian River. While some of her dogs are high-priced, bred-for-the-sport animals, others are rescues she's taken from area humane societies. "You can take an ordinary, every day couch potato and turn him into a sled dog," Schramm said with a laugh. "I've proven that many times over." Indeed, she notes, her two lead dogs are rescues, not "\$1,000 sled dogs."

Running both Siberian and Alaskan Huskies, Schramm teams up with racing partner Jason Willis of Xtreme North Sled Dogs in Millersburg to spend just about every weekend from first snowfall until March on the circuit around the northern lower peninsula and through the U.P., as well as for training which runs as early as September using wheeled rigs on gravel or dirt trails. "You talk about 'extreme sports,' this is an extreme sport," she said. In an average race, sleds run at 20 to 30 miles per hour, on trails that are "four feet wide with tree branches inches from your face." Both dogs and humans must be in top physical condition to be successful, a point that Schramm takes very seriously. "Not only do the dogs have to be physically fit, I have to be physically fit," she said. "I'm not going down the trail with a cheeseburger and a cigarette hanging out of my mouth." Her commitment to the health of her dogs is even more intense; "We're picky about nutrition," she said. "We're careful of how much protein, moisture, fat [is in their diets]. We boost it up during training and racing. My husband [Stan] always tells me that the dogs eat better than we do, and he's right."

"Our saying," she added, "is that the real athletes eat raw meat and sleep naked in the snow."

Not that they don't have nice cozy doghouses if they so choose. But, as Schramm relates, they often choose otherwise. "The county animal control officer stopped by and said 'wow, they'll all have beautiful doghouses, and they're all sleeping outside, Jane. What's up with that?'" Schramm said. "They like it." Not only do they like to sleep in the snow, but they like to run in it. A lot. Call Schramm's house during a snowstorm, and you'll hear her "retired" inside dog still yowling for a chance to get out in the white stuff. "You show them their leash and they jump," she said. "You show them their harness, and they jump 10 feet higher than when you show them a leash. It's what they do, what they love. It's in their blood."

It's also, it seems, in the blood of Schramm's own brood, three sons ages 4, 7, and 10. "All of them will be racing this year," she said. "It will be the first year for the two youngest, and for the 10-year-old, it's his third year of racing. It's all he knows. They've been raised with it."

To support years of racing, Schramm notes that sponsors are all-important, and that she couldn't do what she does without hers, including Budweiser and Jay's Sporting Goods, as well as Thompson's Feed and Kling's Welding.

"I could not do any of this without my sponsors," she said, a fact that is true for any racer serious about mushing. Family, too, plays a key role. "Jason's wife Cory and my husband Stan, if it wasn't for them we wouldn't be able to do this," Schramm said. "They're very, very supportive for us."

Which brings up that lifestyle point again. "Everybody says, 'oh, what a great sport,' but it's not a sport, it is a lifestyle," Schramm said. "Every day you have to shovel poo, every day you have to feed them. The dog food bill is usually quite substantial."

For those who are committed however, the benefits are many, including not only the thrill of winning or the run itself, but also sharing the dogs and the lifestyle with others. After doing Sno Blast, Schramm has her sites set on getting into the schools in East Jordan. Said Schramm, "I'd like to donate some time, and do a seminar or come and visit the kids."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New owner bringing new life to Boyne River Brewing Company in Boyne City

When life hands you lemons, the saying goes, make lemonade. Or, in the case of Michael Lynch, new owner of Boyne River Brewing Company in Boyne City, make root beer.

"Rambler Root Beer" is just one of the new features at Lynch's recently purchased restaurant, a venture that came out of a difficult time in the northern Michigan native's life.

After spending 25 years as a lighting technician for some high-profile Broadway shows, an auto accident ended Lynch's physically demanding career. The turn of events, though disheartening, ultimately gave Lynch a chance to return to his old stomping grounds.

"Boyne City and East Jordan have always been my home," he said. Taking his pension, Lynch decided to return to the area and undertake a new business venture of his own.

"I talked to my brothers," he said, "and my little brother had worked [at Boyne River Brewery] before, and knew the ins and outs."

After further discussion with his brothers Pat and Terry, and a look at the books, "I decided that the possibility existed, if we did it right, that it would be a successful business again."

After months of grappling with the red tape involved in acquiring the appropriate licenses, the business opened its doors on Dec. 19, featuring several beers brewed on the premises as well as the above-mentioned Rambler Root Beer.

By Jan. 1, the newly-added full kitchen was up and running, allowing the Brewery to add steaks, ribs, burgers, fish and chicken to its menu of sandwiches, chili, and soup.

Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week, Lynch said that the business is targeting local residents in the quest to build a loyal customer base.

"I wanted to give people a decent meal at a decent price, something I could get the locals to support," he said.

"I want a local guy to be able to come in here and



Boyne River Brewing Company owner Michael Lynch, pictured here with staff members Shannon Klein and Jennifer Overly, has had a full kitchen added to the establishment.

get a lunch for under \$5 and a breakfast for under \$4, and a family dinner and not have to go broke. I'm catering to local families and businesspeople, and my prices are based on that."

As for the beers, Lynch has purchased the rights and recipes to all the beers previously produced at the

brewery, and has invested in improving the processing system in order to ensure the quality of the final product. They've added two new beers, Boyne City Ale, which, Lynch said, "is the lightest beer a microbrewery can make," and Boyne City Red.

The new root beer is just the first step in what Lynch

hopes will become another aspect of the business, the Boyne City Soda Company.

A wine license is expected to come through soon, to enable the business to shortly begin selling its two wines, along with wine coolers in the summer.

The restaurant is open from 7 a.m.-11 p.m., seven

days a week, with breakfast served on Sunday until 2 p.m.

The restaurant will remain a nonsmoking establishment.

Boyne River Brewery is located at 419 E. Main St., Boyne City.

For more information, call 582-9001 or visit www.boyneriver.com.

East Jordan's Sunny Side Up Tanning and Nail Nook staff attend World Expo

The staff of Sunny Side Up Tanning and The Nail Nook of East Jordan recently attended the Indoor Tanning Association and Smart Tan World Expo held in Nashville, Tenn.

The 8,596 attendees learned about the latest

technologies in the tanning industry from equipment to tanning lotions and sunless tanning.

Attendees also had the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers including Ross Schafer, Omar Periu, Disney Corp's Doug Lipp

and Mark Victor Hansen, author of the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series.

One of the weekend highlights was the revealing of Dr. Michael Holick's book "The UV Advantage: New Medical Breakthroughs Reveal Powerful

Health Benefits from Sun Exposure and Tanning."

Dr. Holick is the director of the General Clinical Research Center at the Boston University School of Medicine and also directs the school's Vitamin D, Skin and Bone Center,

and is a photobiologist who believes that the benefits of regular sun exposure received in a non-burning fashion outweigh the risks.

"The conference was a lot of fun, but very educational and supplied us with more tools to help our cus-

tomers make wise, informed choices regarding their tanning habits," said Debbie Chappuis, owner of Sunny Side Up Tanning.

Sunny Side Up Tanning and the Nail Nook are located on Main Street in East Jordan.

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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.

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

East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse

Drag Racing Registration - 9 a.m.

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

Sno-Blast 2004 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:* Michigan Landmarks.

Refreshments

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

Sno-Blast 2004 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 - Randy & Jane Danforth of T&R Yamaha. Parade MC - Tom Clemens.

Crowning Ceremonies (post-parade)

In Memorial Park on snow stage. Crowning of the 2004 Belle of the Blizzard and Winter Knight. Sponsored by East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Sno-Blast Commit-

tee. Candidates are: Regina Brown, Melissa DeHaan, and Kathy Froysaa (Belle of the Blizzard) and Fred Murray, Dan Reece and Glen Thorman (Winter Knight).

JVFF Concessions - 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

At the Community Park. Help support the JVFF while enjoying the sled dogs. Warm up with a cup of hot cocoa or coffee and Krispy Kreme doughnuts! Beverages and lunches will also be available. For more information or advanced doughnut sales contact Kristie McCoy at 231-536-0297.

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After the Crowning Ceremonies, enjoy a complimentary frosty treat. Ice Cream Social sponsored by Arlie's IGA/East Jordan Market. Servers: East Jordan Chamber Junior Ambassadors.

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Winter Encampment

Step back into time with the Jordan River Sportsman's Club as they experience winter camping 1800's style. Join them at Community Park for a day of fun.

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

Murphy Field. Team entry fee \$10. Sponsored by Main Street Hair Cottage. Out-of-town teams encouraged to join. Contact Debbie Bennett at 536-3400.

Stew Supper - 4 to 7 p.m.

Enjoy a warm bowl of stew at Evangelical Lutheran Church on Rogers Road. Stew (vegetarian dish also available), coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Adult - \$5, Children under 12 - \$3, Children under 3 - free. Tickets available at Jordan Valley Outfitters and The Insurance Shop or at the door.

East Jordan Co-op Nursery Auction - 7 p.m.

At the Presbyterian Church. Complimentary desserts, tea and coffee. Money raised goes back to Nursery.

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

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

East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse, Mt. Bliss Road off M-32. Sponsored by East Jordan Sno-Mobilers, Inc. Menu: 'The Works' consist of pancakes, bacon, sausage, potatoes, eggs and toast. Price \$5 - Adults, \$2 - under 12, free under 5.

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

Winners announced at East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse. New this year - Wax Worm Races before and after awards ceremony. Wax Worm Races will benefit Kids Fishing Pond.

9th Annual Sno-Blast Fishing Contest

Ends at noon, Sunday, January 18. Certificates of accomplishments will be awarded at 1 p.m. East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse. New this year - Wax Worm Races before and after awards ceremony. Wax Worm Races will benefit Kids Fishing Pond.

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Boyne City Police Department

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

Monday, Jan. 5: Parking complaint on Water Street; minor in possession of tobacco at high school; citation for expired plate; property damage accident in Glen's lot.

Tuesday, Jan. 6: Citation for running stop signs; property damage accident on Boyne City/East Jordan Road south of Boyne Avenue; non-sufficient funds issued to Butler Drugs; citation for running traffic signal.

Wednesday, Jan. 7: Vehicle towed for snow removal; hit and run reported from Glen's parking lot; one arrested and transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on felony warrant; parking complaint on Water Street; welfare check on North Park Street; larceny from vehicle on North Park Street; unlock at Lexamar Drive; identity theft under investigation.

Thursday, Jan. 8: Suspicious vehicle on Pine Street; assisted Charlevoix

County Sheriff's Department on car/deer accident; property damage of mailboxes on Pleasant Avenue; parking over two hours on Water Street; snowmobile reported near Parkview Apartments parking; vehicle impounded from Maple Street; suspicious vehicle in cemetery; assisted ambulance department at Parkview Apartments; noise complaint at Parkview Apartments.

Friday, Jan. 9: Welfare check at Litzenger Apartments; unlock at S&K Foods; property damage at VFW reported.

Saturday, Jan. 10: Ci-

tation for speed; one arrested for operating while intoxicated second; domestic on North Park Street; drive off from Shell and two drive offs from S&K Foods; disturbance behind Sportsman's; citation issued for expired plate.

Sunday, Jan. 11: One arrested on warrant; assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on property damage accident on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road; malicious destruction of property on Crozier Crest; property damage accident on Front Street and West Main Street.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 holi-

day 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 Jor-

dan 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 can 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; Wednesday 12 noon (Big Book Study); Thursday 12 noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m.

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EJ students giving comfort with quilts

Patients at Charlevoix Area Hospital are more cozy and comfortable this winter, thanks to the handwork of two East Jordan High School students.

Courtney Hammond and Jacque Brun, both seniors, started a quilt-making project as part of their Community Service Club. Using a simple sewing method called strip quilting and fabric donated by the Quilting Cottage, the girls are creating colorful lap quilts for patients of all ages.

Showing off some of the quilts are (left to right) Charlevoix Area Hospital staff Patricia Brun, RN, (mother of Jacque); Rachel Moore, unit clerk; Sandy Bennett, RN; Kristie Lee, RN; and students Jacque Brun and Courtney Hammond.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

AFTER A TWO-DAY delay due to the weather, Boyne City residents D.J. Adkison and Dave Dyer made it back from their 10 (turned 12) day adventure in the Czech Republic. The young men planned the excursion over Christmas break because they "had never been there before." When they arrived at the airport Monday morning to catch their flight home it had been cancelled -- that's when the adventure really began! Fortunately they found a place to stay and two days later got another flight. Their parents, Dan and Chris Adkison and Leon and Jody Dyer, are very glad they're home.

ANOTHER MOMENTOUS Christmas 2003 story came in from Dawn Tillotson, returned home in Walloon Lake. She'd been in Brighton, meeting up with her brother from Florida and a sister from Seattle. It was the first Christmas they had been together in 65 years!

OMITTING NORM HAUSLER of Boyne Falls was an unintentional oversight in last week's item about The Cousins Band members. He is a valued member of the group. The Cousins Band will be giving another musical treat on Friday, Jan. 16 at the Boyne City Senior Center. So, hope everyone will be there, listen to their great music from 11 a.m. until noon, as well as stay for lunch and fun and get in on the 50-50 drawing!

BETTY KELTS had great news on Saturday! She's moved from her upstairs apartment, #29 to her downstairs apartment, #1 at Deer Meadows. All settled in now, she's really a "happy camper"!

DENEILLE MOES of East Jordan, ac-

complished artist as well as gifted in many areas, shared her recent trip to Israel with residents of Litzenburger Place on Saturday night. Deneille and husband Nick took the two-week trip at the end of October, joining the tour group of The Blossoming Rose, out of Grand Rapids. An expert storyteller, explaining the personal importance of "seeing," not only with her eyes, as the artist, "feeling" in an awesome spiritual sense, "hearing" the sounds and "smelling" the smells of the air, of towns, the language and people and the wind, "touching" many cultural artifacts, some areas, now quite commercialized rather than Holy, and "tasting" varied foods. "I knew it was a safe time to be there as my life is in God's hands and I knew our pastor and congregation of Charlevoix's Assembly of God Church was praying for us," she said. She played and sang one of her own beautiful songs in closing. Refreshments and fine fellowship were enjoyed.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES go out to the family and friends of longtime Boyne City resident Ruby Brannon, who passed away mid-week.

IN CONTINUING the spirit of giving, and calling ahead to see if it would be welcomed, two good-looking and rosy-cheeked seventh graders of Boyne City's Mrs. Vrondran's Life Management class delivered neatly wrapped mini-loaves of banana bread, after school on Friday's cold afternoon, with a "have a nice weekend" as they left. It was an appreciated kind gesture, letting them "help out" in the community, as was their goal.

TRENT LAWSON and wife Renee of Olivet and their 11-month-old daughter Paige spent the weekend here with parents Nancy and Bruce Lawson, also enjoying all this snow and snowmobiling! A real treat it was on Sunday

for mom Jean Korhase to spend the day with them. Having been under the weather and because of the weather, she had not been getting out much. Doing better, she's "On the road again!"

DICK AND ELAINE MARKOTT of the Detroit area enjoyed spending a few days here this week with her sister Donna Moll, and, of course, all enjoyed skiing!

GEN VARNUM hosted the Wednesday night gathering of Delta Delta sorority branch of Beta Sigma Phi. Plans were made for programs and parties for the New Year.

TAMI AND CHRISTIAN MULLETT of Lansing welcomed the arrival of a son, Thomas James, on Jan. 6, 2004. Thomas James weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and measured 21 3/4 inches in length at his birth. He has a sister, Sydney, age 2 1/2. Grandparents are Carol Bennett McGeorge of Boyne City and Connie Mullett of Florida.

SISTER AND BROTHER Katy and Kevin Clark were treated to dinner at the Outback Restaurant and shopping at the mall in Traverse City on Friday night by their parents, Pam and Bob Clark of Boyne City, in honoring their January birthdays.

BOYNE COUNTRY Region AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) held the January meeting at the home of Jim and Janet Shepherd on Saturday, Jan. 10, with 21 members attending. Winter activities were planned. The guys all enjoyed several games of pool while the gals made Valentines for seniors. For information for meeting times, call Arnold Hudson at (231) 525-2131.

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls

NAME: Matt Massey
PARENTS: Alan and Gisselle Massey
GRADE: Freshman
FAVORITE CLASS: Science
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Skiing
FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL TEAM: Pistons
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
FAVORITE BOOK: Lord of the Rings
FAVORITE MOVIE: Lord of the Rings
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Seinfeld
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Matt Massey is a great choice for student of the week," said Mr. Kirkby. "He has perfect attendance in my class and his grade certainly reflects the hard work and dedication he puts forth."



Matt Massey

East Jordan

NAME: Samantha Dunson
PARENTS: Wayne Dunson and Debbie Hinton
GRADE: Junior
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Horseback riding and baby-sitting
FUTURE PLANS: To be a daycare operator or work with special needs students.
FAVORITE CLASS: Kids Club Aide
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Samantha is a hard-working, delightful student," said Mary Standerfer. "She never gives up and always tries her best."
 "Samantha volunteers her time as a student assistant to East Jordan Kids Club," said Gretchen Goebel. "Her heart is as good as gold and it shows as she serves others."
 "Samantha is hardworking in class and has made tremendous progress," said Kathy Budd. "She is always willing to assist other students and has a warm caring heart. Samantha is a joy to work with!"



Samantha Dunson

Boyne City

NAME: Jenna Raber
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Joy Raber
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: "I'm playing softball and am currently a member of Michigan Youth in Government."
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I do a lot of reading and writing. But I love to watch movies and play video games with my friends. Especially 'Kingdom Hearts.'"
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to attend college after high school. Hopefully Grand Valley State University or possibly Finlandia if they'll have me! I want to study graphic art and animation."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jenna always has a positive 'can do' attitude," said Cindi Place. "She has been very helpful in keeping the media center organized. We really appreciate all Jenna's hard work."



Jenna Raber

OBITUARIES

Crystal Lorraine Tucker

Crystal Lorraine Tucker, 90, passed away on Dec. 14, 2003 in Palm Harbor, Fla.

A graveside service and interment will be at Soule Cemetery in St. Johns at a date to be determined.

Born in Kaliva, Mich. on April 28, 1913, she was the 11th child of Robert and Elnora Pepperman. After their untimely early deaths, she was adopted by her oldest sister, Hazel Birum, at 2 years old. She grew up in Lansing and Grand Rapids.

Mich. where she was a popular girl with a lovely soprano voice. In 1937 she married Glenn Tucker. They were married for 60 years until his death in 1997. After their two children, Bob and Mary Lee were born, Chris and Glen moved to Boyne City. Chris was very active in their Chamber of Commerce and made many life long friendships there. When the children started high school, the family moved to Grand Rapids. Chris was a fea-

ture soprano in the Park Congregational Church choir for over 40 years. She was an executive secretary to several Grand Rapids businesses and was awarded secretary of the year for the State of Michigan in 1965. She was also active in the restoration of Tiffany House in Jenison, Mich.

Retirement for Chris and Glen took them to Stuart, Fla. where they had many friends in the Natalie Estates Park and at the First

Congregational Church. Chris loved to entertain and decorated all the parties at Natalie Estates for years. She loved to sing and have fun and gave that spirited love of life to her family and friends.

She is survived by her son, Bob Tucker and his partner, Jimmie Shaw, of Palm Harbor, Fla.; her daughter, Mary Lee Millsap and son-in-law, John Millsap, of Placerville, Calif.; her grandson, Bill Millsap, of

Los Angeles and her niece, Dorothy Skarjune, of Detroit; as well as other nephews and nieces, grand nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her husband, her grandson, Michael Millsap and her daughter-in-law, Linda Tucker.

Memorial gifts may be made to Palm Harbor United Methodist Church c/o Robert L. Tucker, 99 Diogenes St., Dunedin, FL 34698.

William C. "Bill" Walden

William C. "Bill" Walden, 78, of East Jordan, died on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004 at his daughter's home in East Jordan.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. and a Vigil Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004 at

11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. The Rev. Fr. Daniel Gallagher will officiate. Interment will be in St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery, East Jordan.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1925, the son of Chester A. and Josephine (Stanek) Walden. Bill served with the 370th Bomb Squadron of the U.S. Army as an Airplane Mechanic-Gunner from July 15, 1943 until his discharge as Tech/Sergeant

on Sept. 14, 1945. On June 29, 1946, in East Jordan, he married Marietta Burbank. Bill was a life long resident of East Jordan and had worked at the East Jordan Iron Works for over 37 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Sweet-Rebec Post #227 of the American Legion. Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing, but was an avid baseball and softball fan and attended most of the games his

grandchildren played in.

Bill is survived by his wife, Marietta Walden of East Jordan; one son, Christopher K. Walden of Elkhart, Ind.; two daughters, Teresa Verellen and Michelle (Tim) Hansma, all of East Jordan; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Alice Murray of East Jordan; two brothers-in-law, Charles Burbank of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Fred Burbank of Zephyrhills,

Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents; his son-in-law, Brian Sweet; six brothers-in-law, Howard Murray, Ed Nemecek, Chuck Ager, Percy Batterbee, Victor Heinzelman and Norman King, preceded him in death.

Memorials may be given to the East Jordan Ambulance Association. Arrangements were made by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.



Poster winners

East Jordan Elementary fourth-graders Luke Hawley, Heather Knowles, Austin LaCount, Kara LaVanway, and Derrek Bourdo, were named the winners of the recent Sno-Blast Poster Contest. The students received gift certificates from Blockbuster Video and Little Caesar's Pizza; their posters are on display in downtown East Jordan. courtesy photo

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It's Ramblers over Red Devils

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports writer

Point guard Reed Ameel tossed in 22 points to lead Boyne City to a 67-51 Lake Michigan Conference victory at home over East Jordan on Friday night.

Jordan Voice added 15 points with seven rebounds, while Tyler Daniels had six rebounds for the Ramblers, who picked up their first league win of the year.

"I felt we had a lot of contribution from a lot of players," said Boyne City coach Tim Smith. "We gave

them a lot of looks with our pressure defense."

"Jordan scored 11 points in the second half, he established himself in the middle and he got them in foul trouble," Smith added.

The Ramblers jumped to a five point 19-14 lead after one quarter and

lengthened the margin to 38-30 at the intermission.

The lead stood at 50-41 going into the final eight minutes when the Ramblers out scored the Red Devils 17-10 in the fourth quarter to gain the 16 point win.

Kyle Daneff led three Red Devils in double digits with 20 points. Rhett Malpass and Tyler Spence scored ten points each.

The Ramblers will travel to Elk Rapids on Friday night and then host Grayling next Tuesday, while the Red Devils will host Charlevoix on Friday.

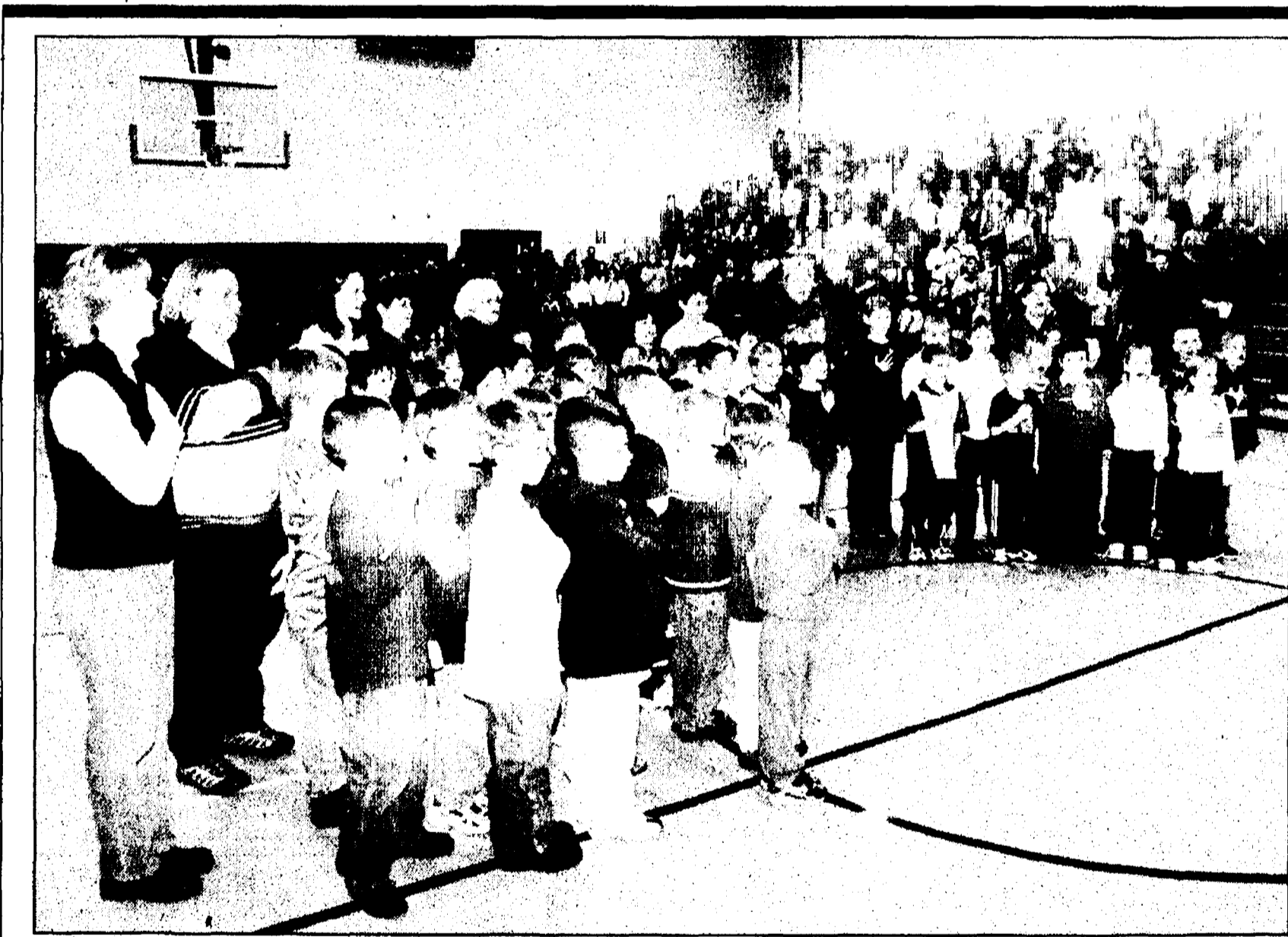
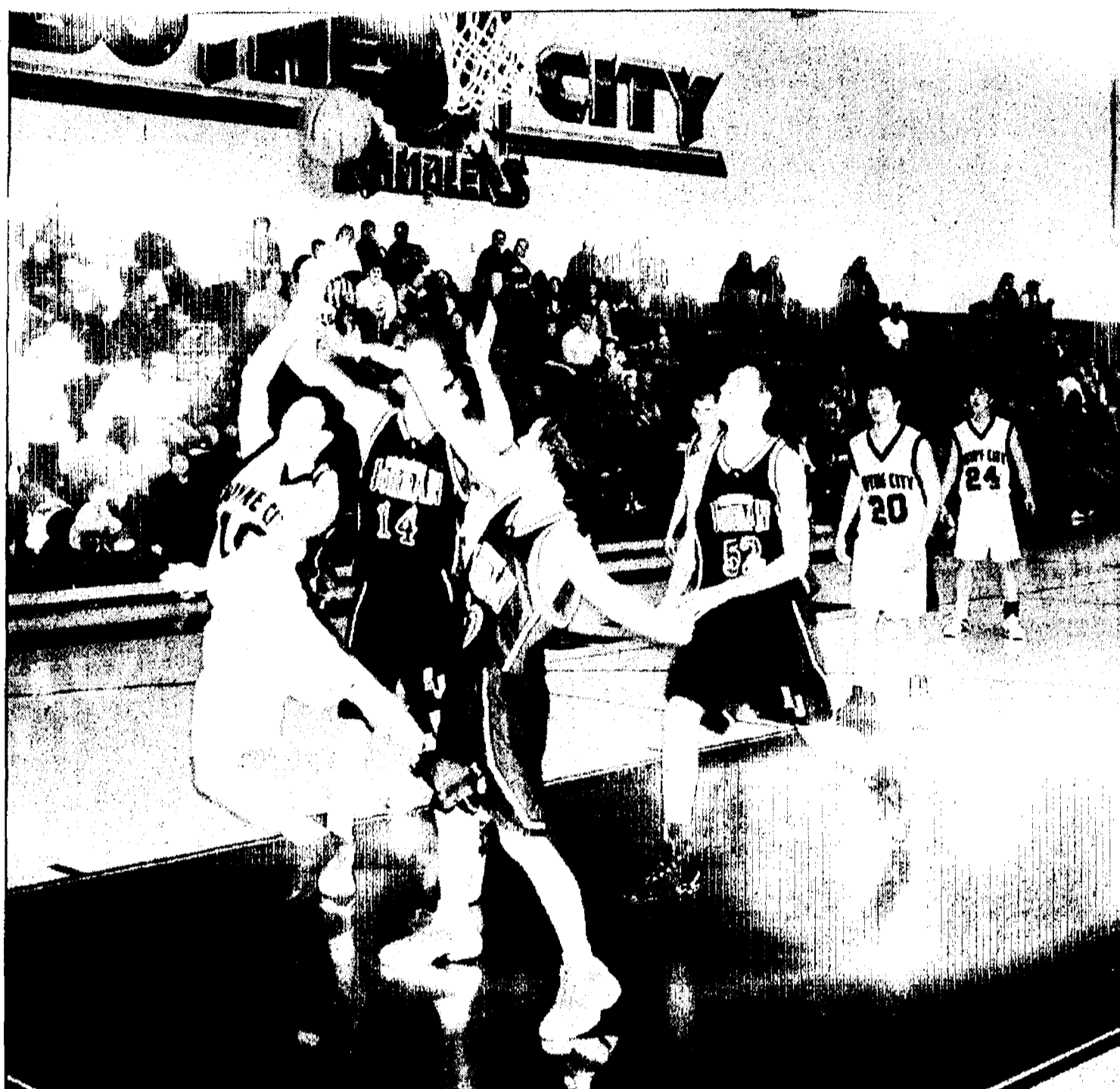
In the junior varsity game East Jordan downed Boyne City 70-52.

The Ramblers led the game 10-9 after one quarter, but the Red Devils took a 39-17 lead at the half and led 58-33 after three periods to pull away for the win.

Taylor Voice tossed in 21 points for Boyne City (1-4), Scott Morrow added 15 points and Tyler Kruzell chipped in with 11 points.

The Boyne City Ramblers hosted the East Jordan Red Devils, left, on the court last week, taking an early lead and wrapping up the night with a 16-point win. At far right, Boyne City's Grant Ameel goes head to head under the net with East Jordan's Rhett Malpass.

photos by Vic Ruggles



Special singers

Carrying on a long-standing tradition, Boyne City Elementary second-graders took center court before the start of Friday's basketball matchup between Boyne City and East Jordan, to lead the singing of the national anthem. For more on the game, see the story, above.

photo by Vic Ruggles

Loggers top Wolverine, are 4-1 overall

By HOLLY GASCO
Student Writer

The Boyne Falls Loggers took an early lead over the Wolverine Wildcats this past Friday, with the score of 27-4 at the end of the first quarter, and taking the win with a final score of 63-15. The team moved to 2-0 in the conference and 4-1 overall.

Josh Jarema led the Loggers on the scoreboard with 27 points, and Demetrius Burks followed with 14 of his own. Josh Gasco also helped the team with the first four points at the opening minutes of the game, and he led in rebounds with six, along with six blocks. The Loggers were 7 for 9 from the free throw line.

Coach Frank Hamilla said that he was very happy with the score of the game, adding that he was even happier about the intensity level in the game. "We have a tendency to be not as intense in the second half of the game as we are the first," Hamilla said.

The Boyne Falls J.V. team also won their game 63-17. The next game for the Loggers will be Friday, Jan. 16, at Vanderbilt.

A tough week for EJ netters

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports writer

The Red Devils picked up two wins and two splits against three losses last Saturday to place fifth at the eight team Inland Lakes Bulldog Volleyball Tournament.

In pool play East Jordan defeated Pickford (15-4, 15-6) and Onaway (15-13, 15-7), while gaining splits with Inland Lakes (8-15, 15-7) and Rudyard (11-15, 15-13).

Losses to Pellston (6-15, 8-15), Harbor Light (8-15, 4-15) and Cedarville (6-15, 11-15) rounded out the team's play.

Coach Paul Nachazel hopes his team can build on the effort as the season progresses.

"It was important for us to pick up a couple of wins," he said. "We're

playing well, but we're having some momentary lapses.

"We need to focus on the little things so we don't have the breakdowns."

Jessica Crick led the team with 21 digs, 29 assists, seven kills and five aces, while Jill Derenzy chipped in with 16 digs, seven kills, one block and eight aces. Tabatha Grover added eight aces, 12 kills, ten digs and two blocks, while Krista Kenny added eight kills, six digs and four aces.

Pellston went 6-0-1 in pool play and won the team trophy with a 15-8, 15-6 victory over Cedarville in the finals.

On Thursday, East Jordan hosted Boyne City, taking the loss 15-7 and 15-6.

The Red Devils could not recover from a slow start against Elk Rapids

on Monday night losing out to the Lady Elks 3-15, 15-9, 8-15 on the road in the Lake Michigan Conference opener for both teams.

"We came out sluggish," said coach Nachazel. "Christmas break was hard on our team. We had lots of players out of town and it showed. We seemed one step out of sync the whole match."

Despite committing eight service errors and 40 passing errors the Red Devils still managed to force a third game to decide the match.

Crick led the team with four aces, seven digs, six assists and one block, while Amy Schroeder had six digs and Kenny chipped in with a solid passing game.

The Red Devils (5-8-5) will be on the road at Charlevoix tomorrow night.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYNE CITY

Jan. 15: JV volleyball, at Grayling, 6 p.m.; Varsity volleyball, Grayling, TCSF, E. Rapids, home, 6 p.m.

Jan. 16: JV/Varsity basketball, at Elk Rapids, 6 p.m.; Freshman basketball, at Elk Rapids, 4:15

Jan. 17: Cheer team, Rambler invitational, 10 a.m.

Jan. 20: JV/Varsity basketball, Grayling, home, 6 p.m.; Freshman basketball, Grayling, home, 4:15 p.m.

BOYNE FALLS

Jan. 16: JV/Varsity basketball, at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m.

Jan. 20: JV/Varsity basketball, Alanson, home, 6 p.m.

EAST JORDAN

Jan. 15: Freshman volleyball, at Charlevoix, 6 p.m.; Ski team, at Nubs Nob, 4 p.m.; JV/Varsity volleyball, at Charlevoix, 6 p.m.

Jan. 16: JV/Varsity basketball, Charlevoix, home, 6 p.m.; Freshman basketball, Charlevoix, home, 4:15 p.m.

Jan. 17: JV volleyball only, at Inland Lakes, 9 a.m.

You can e-mail The Citizen-Journal at citizen@voyager.net

Snow X winner

East Jordan's Reece Bartlett, 17, earned a first-place trophy in the Beginner 500 at the Michigan Snow X race held in Cadillac on Jan. 10. Bartlett, who this year joined the Michigan Snow X Racing Association, finished second in the finals at the event. "It's a rush, but very exhausting," Bartlett said of participating in the sport. "Much tougher than playing a football game." Bartlett is currently seeking corporate sponsorship in order to continue participating in the race series. For more information, call him at 536-9877.



Snow Express for MS set for Jan. 19 at Boyne Mountain

Jimmie Heuga's Snow Express for MS steams into Boyne Mountain on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 19.

The Snow Express is the major fund-raiser for The Heuga Center, a non-profit organization that conducts national educational/wellness programs for those with MS; for the event, teams of three raise \$1,000 to enter.

The winner at Boyne is awarded an expense-paid trip to Vail, Colo. for the International Finals, March 31-April 4.

This year The Heuga Center celebrates 20 years of promoting health and creating hope for people and families living with multiple sclerosis. It's also the 40th anniversary of founder, Jimmie Heuga's Olympic bronze medal.

The funds raised at Boyne Mountain help bring The Heuga Center's renowned CAN DO Programs to Michigan, and help provide scholarships to Michiganders to attend the program.

Hundreds of people from Michigan and their families have benefitted from this unique and acclaimed program.

"The Snow Express is a great opportunity for people of all skiing and boarding abilities to have a fun day on the slopes, with parties, free lift tickets and meals, while raising money to help fellow Michiganders who have MS," said Dale Hardy, event director.

The fun starts on Sunday night, Jan. 18, with cocktails in the Snowflake Lounge at Boyne Mountain. Monday's race events

begin with breakfast, followed by a marathon ski race in which racers try to tally as many vertical feet as possible in a set period of time, usually two to three hours.

Lunch is then served and in the afternoon participants return to the mountain for a Giant Sialom race.

Hors d'oeuvres and an awards ceremony round out the day.

Hardy hopes this year's event attracts many teams because it falls on the national holiday, making it easier for people to participate.

For lodging reservations, contact Boyne Mountain Reservations, 1-800-GOBOYNE; ask for special Snow Express rates.

Local sponsors for Jimmie Heuga's Snow

Express for MS include Boyne Mountain, TV 9&10, Yoplait/Columbo, and Western Concrete. National sponsors of the events include: American Airlines, Boeri Helmets, Cliff Bar, Dermatone, Fiji Water, Grabber Warmers, High Sierra, National Frozen Foods, Odlo, Red Hook Brewery, Rolex Watch USA, Rudy Project, Schick Quattro, Shred Alert, Smartwool, Smith Sport Optics, Swany, Thrifty Car Rental, Turtle Fur, Vacation Connections, Vail Resorts, Wilson.Lass and Yakima.

For more information about the Snow Express, call Dale Hardy at (231) 7755877.

For information about The Heuga Center and its programs, call (800) 367-3101, or visit www.heuga.org.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

Boyne Area Midgets

The Boyne Area Hockey team is connecting the dots, improving their passing game and it paid off this past weekend as they won three of three games. The team is made of 15-18 year olds from Boyne City, Charlevoix, and Petoskey.

On Jan 10, 2004 the team avenged their tournament loss the prior weekend to the Soo's BB team by taking both games at home. Boyne took an early lead in the first game and never

looked back, winning 7-3. JP Fiedorek, Justin Conklin, Russell Williams, Troy Scarborough, and Darren Looze scored, and Ryan Fields netted two. Assists were given by Stephen Cahoon, Josh Aown, Conklin with two, and Cody Webster earned a playmaker with three.

In the second game, Boyne took the early lead again and kept it to a 3-1 victory. Looze, Conklin and Fields scored, with assists from Scarborough,

Aown, Looze, Fiedorek and Williams. Netminder Bobby Courtright made 21 saves in goal while Boyne put 38 on the Soo goalie.

Jan 11 the team traveled to Centre Ice to play Traverse City #2 team. Courtright had a shutout behind rock solid defense, and Boyne outshot TC 47-13 in the 7-0 win. Assists were credited to Looze (with two), Scarborough, Conklin, Williams, and William Brown. Goals were scored by Aown,

Webster, Conklin, Gabe Korhase, Williams, Brown, and Stephen Cahoon.

"This team has a lot of balance," said coach Aown. "A lot of points are coming from our short defensive lines, which means the forwards aren't stingy about cycling back. Truth is, these guys just love to play hockey."

The team will play in an Invitational Tournament next weekend in Traverse City.

Boyne Area Hockey gets Community Foundation grant

Boyne Area Hockey Association (BAHA) was honored recently with a \$2,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The grant will support the purchase of much-needed goalie equipment for players 11 to 17 years of age within the BAHA organization.

"We would like to thank the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for their generous donation," said BAHA president Todd Shumaker.

"Our goalies were in dire need of new and upgraded equipment. They are very excited to have the opportunity to be better protected. Charlevoix County is blessed to have an organization like the Community Foundation so dedicated to youth in our area."

Boyne Area Hockey Association provides about 100 youth and families in the Charlevoix County area the opportunity to play hockey. In the past members have played on their outside rink located in Boyne City at the city-owned Avalanche Park area.

Due to circumstances beyond BAHA's control they will be leaving Avalanche and relocating to the Boyne Falls area thanks to a generous land and monetary donation by both Boyne USA Resorts



Boyne Area Hockey Association (BAHA) receives grant from Charlevoix County Community Foundation for the purchase of much needed goalie equipment. Front row: Aaron Clark (Mite Division), Andrew Clark (PeeWee Division), and Kolbi Shumaker (Squirt Division). Back row: BAHA president Todd Shumaker, Charlevoix Foundation representative Maureen Radke, equipment manager Brian Zettle, vice president Curt Reynolds.

(Boyne Mountain) and Lexamar Corporation. While in transition BAHA youth will be skating this year out of the new Polar Bear Rink in Petoskey.

"Plans are in the works for the start of our new rink, but for the time being Polar Bear has worked out well for all involved," said a BAHA spokesperson.

"We are excited about finally playing indoors. We have had cancellations in the past because of our outdoor status and the uncertainty or Northern Michigan weather. We are however looking forward to being back in our hometown and with our 'hockey families' again!"

The new rink plans to not only provide BAHA

hockey but also community open skate times as well as summer activities.

Fund raising is already underway but there is more to be done. For more information, to volunteer, or to make a donation in support of BAHA, call Shumaker at 582-0658; Curt Reynolds, vice president, at 582-3238; or A1 Aown, 582-2646.

PUBLIC NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
File No. 03-010622-DE
Estate of Allen Henry Beebe, deceased, date of birth Sept. 22, 1907.
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Allen Henry Beebe, who lived at 211 W. Lincoln St., Boyne City, Mich. died Dec. 6, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Pamela E. Clark and Charlotte A. Scott, named co-personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Dated: Jan. 14, 2004
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For
Charlevoix State Bank
30400 Telegraph Rd
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48025-5822
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Dated: Jan. 14, 2004

ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage Company, As Mortgagee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 200.0995

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Planning commission
Public notice is hereby given that the Wilson Township Planning Commission will conduct a public meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, in the Wilson Town Hall located at 02530 Boyne City-East Jordan Road, Boyne City.
1. A public hearing to consider Zoning Ordinance Amendments in order to amend portions of the Zoning Ordinance text in order clarity and eliminate regulations that are conflicting or unclear.
2. A public hearing to consider a request for approval of a private road for Jeffery Dean located at 00828 Anderson Road Property Tax #15-015-003-024-00.
Further information these issues are available through the Township Planner by calling (231) 582-0343. Written comments may be submitted until noon the day of the meeting to the Wilson Township Planner, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712 or e-mail comments to smcpherson@boynecity.com.

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Work of late East Jordan resident Marion McKay is focus of exhibit

The Crooked Tree Arts Center, Jordan River Arts Council and Shadetree Studio will collaborate in presenting the exhibit, "Marion MacKay in Retrospective" in January, 2004.

The show will coincide with openings scheduled Jan. 17, from 2-4 p.m. at the Crooked Tree Arts Center; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Shadetree Studio in Petoskey; and Sunday, Jan. 18, and from 1-4 p.m. at Jordan River Arts Council in East Jordan.

Longtime family friend and artist Lesley Pritchard is curating Marion's cre-

ative legacy which survives in an extensive body of work, produced over a period of 40 years.

In her search, almost 200 original paintings in both oil and acrylic, drawings in charcoal, ink, pencil, and pastel, and sculpture were selected for final review. These works represent Marion's productive nature in all media and ability, from realistic to abstract, from figurative to non-objective expressionism. Prior to this concurrent show at Crooked Tree and JRAC, few of these chosen works have been exhibited publicly.

Pritchard became acquainted with Marion in the early 1970s.

"We were kindred spirits," she recalls.

"After first being introduced by Bruce Jansen, owner of The Wood Shop in Boyne City, we continued to connect. About the same time, we got together with a group of local artists and Artist's North was formed."

The group met regularly at each other's studios and often gathered to learn about each other's art and share good times. Some of the best times were spent at the original Bohemian

farm known as Cracker Barrel Hill which Marion shared with her husband, Basil.

Located in the Jordan Valley, Cracker Barrel Hill consisted of a series of additions to the original hewn log cabin and evolved over time into a labyrinth of studios and living spaces.

These add-on studios provided the setting for Marion to continue her years of art work. According to Pritchard, "She loved painting from life and was always in search of models. Perhaps a fellow artist, or her devoted husband, Bas, would com-

ply. If a model wasn't available, then she painted flowers or animals or landscapes.

"Often Marion simply painted events from memory."

Paintings to be included in the exhibit, such as the Amaryllis, The Wedding Dancers, or Susie's Sunflowers, are examples these.

Said Pritchard, laughing, "One night we all got together and painted pictures on the inside walls of their house."

The larger body of Marion's work is abstract expressionism which has often been compared to Oskar Kokoschka and DeKooning.

Her work bursts with energy in both color and form, and often displays her humor. Others describe her work as vivid and vivacious.

According to Pritchard, Marion often stated, "From the first time I picked up a crayon, my destiny was stamped. I was born to be an artist!"

She started her formal training in the 1950s at the Society of Arts and Crafts and received final training at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, before moving to northern Michigan in the late 1960s.

Her work can be found in many private collections and has been showcased in various periodicals. In 1993, another selection of her work traveled through Michigan and was exhibited both at the Jordan River Art Center and the Crooked Tree Art Center.



McKay, who painted "The Wedding Couple," above, produced her body of work over 40 years, beginning her formal training in the 1950s at the Society of Arts and Crafts. She moved to northern Michigan in the late 1960s.



A retrospective of the artist, Marion MacKay will be on exhibit at the Crooked Tree Arts Center, Shadetree Stained Glass Studio and Jordan River Arts Council beginning mid-January. "Amaryllis," above, is one of the watercolors that will be on display.

Marion painted to the very end. Following Marion's death in 1996, Pritchard remained friends with the family and especially close to Basil.

In addition to Bas, Marion is survived by her son Mitchell and daughter Marilee, who all live in a large Victorian house in East Jordan.

Marion's paintings line the walls and fill the many rooms.

This retrospective came about after Pritchard ap-

proached the Jordan River Arts Council, suggesting that the Marion's work warranted a regional showing.

Noting the extensive body of work, a collaborative effort was thought possible between the two art centers.

Most of the work will be for sale, with Pritchard presenting a gallery talk at both openings.

In addition, Penny Cristo, longtime friend of the MacKays and owner of

Shadetree Stained Glass Studio, Petoskey, will also showcase Marion's work during the exhibit times of Jan. 16 through Feb. 14.

For more information concerning the exhibit contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, (231) 347-4337, 461 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey; the Shadetree Studio, (231) 347-1011, 417 Howard Street, Petoskey; or the Jordan River Art Council, (231) 536-3385, 301 Main Street, East Jordan.

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