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## At A GLANCE

### City of BC seeks input on update of recreation plan

The City of Boyer City will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. seeking input on the community's five-year recreation plan.

Created to identify the recreation needs in the community and to establish plans for future recreation projects, a recreation plan 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.

The public hearing will be held as part of a special meeting of the Boyer City Parks and Recreation Commission, and will be held at City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., Boyer City.

For more information, call 582-6597.

### Tickets available for upcoming 'Boyer Meets Broadway'

Tickets are now available for the annual Boyer Meets Broadway dinner shows, set for Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 10 and 11, at the Boyer Mountain Civic Center.

The shows combine the creative talents of members of the Boyer City High School drama department with fine food from the Boyer Mountain staff. Drama students will serve the meal, "Young Americans" style. The five course dinner includes appetizer, salad, a chicken entree with side dishes, a specialty coffee course, and a tiramisu dessert to top things off.

The evening's entertainment will include selections from "Fiddler on the Roof," "Chicago," "Oklahoma," and more, as well as a sneak preview of the school's spring musical, "Footloose."

Seating is at 6:30 p.m., with the show beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$28.50 per person, and seating is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. To purchase tickets, call Boyer USA at 549-6054.

### Inservice dates have changed for Boyer City Public Schools

Boyer City Public Schools has revised their teacher inservice schedule for the 2003-04 school year.

The half day inservices originally scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday, March 16, have been cancelled. Instead, there will be a full day teacher inservice on Monday, Feb. 9. Students will not attend classes that day.

## BF superintendent: "Folks, we're out of room"

About 50 community members gathered in the Boyer Falls Public School cafeteria recently, to hear the details of a plan being considered to add space to their four-year-old school building. According to Boyer Falls School Board president Marv Schwem, the reasoning is simple — "We have outgrown this school," he told the crowd at the meeting. "It is a problem, but it is a wonderful problem to have."

The proposed additions include two new classrooms on the elementary wing, two classrooms on the middle

school wing, and two labs on the high school wing, as well as new storage space, restrooms, and an expansion of the cafeteria. The classroom space was part of the original plan for the building when

it was first constructed in 2000, but was cut due to state regulations regarding square footage permitted in

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--Boyer Falls school board president Marv Schwem

the project based on bonding issues. "Being good planners," Boyer Falls School superintendent Mark

Parsons noted of the board and administration, "we do have plumbing, electricity, etcetera, to the edge of the wings to make adding on easier." With student numbers steadily on the rise, the district has already

gotten as creative as possible with the space currently available, but the bottom line is, Parsons said, "We are us-

ing rooms for purposes other than that for which they were intended." The current situation has a community room and distance education room being used as classroom space at various grade levels, middle school science being taught in a vocational education room without windows or water, and a stage area being used for middle school reading sessions.

The first grade classroom houses 26 students, a number that, by all accounts, is too high, particularly for

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### Winter color

Participants and spectators alike were decked out in their brightest hues at Saturday's Snowmobile Drag Races, an annual tradition at East Jordan's Sno event. The races were just one of the many offerings of the weekend-long event, which also included dog sled demonstrations, the Sno Blast parade, a Moonlight Sno-Shoe hike, and much more. For more photos of the day's events, please see page 12.

photos by Vic Ruggles

## Looking at options

### Study eliminates discharge option in BC wastewater system upgrade

It's back to the drawing board, or at least on to another option, after an engineering study concluded that a land application method of wastewater disposal was not a viable option for the City of Boyer City's planned wastewater system improvement project.

According to Larry Fox, representing Capital Consultants, the study conducted by his firm indicated that the land available for such a disposal method, approximately 11 acres situated adjacent to the existing lagoons near the city airport, were not suitable for that particular method of wastewater disposal.

"You need sandy soil permeability to allow drainage down through the soil to an aquifer," Fox said. While the property has permeable sand at the top, underneath, he said, there are "varying thicknesses of clay lenses, impermeable lenses within the sand."

Such lenses, Fox noted, cause water to "move down until it hit the impermeable layer where it stops and has to move horizontally until it hits permeable sand or the edge of the embankment and flows down the side of the embankment."

The clay lenses would slow the expected application rate, Fox continued, as well as create an increased potential for erosion and instability. "This does not appear to be a practical alternative, and that's the bottom line," Fox said. "This was a very

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### FOR LONGTIME EAST JORDAN CHAMBER DIRECTOR MARY FACULAK, IT'S JUST

## Time for a change

After 14 years at the helm of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, Mary Faculak is moving on. "I'm retiring," she said with a smile. "Like anything else in life, you just know it's time." Having officially tendered her resignation as president (formerly known as executive director) to the chamber board on Jan. 13, Faculak will hold her post through mid-February.

The retirement, of course, doesn't include the more-than-full-time job of running two women's apparel stores, the EJ Shoppe in East Jordan and Mary's of Boyer in Boyer City. In fact her resignation is, in part, intended to free her up to pursue her latest venture, yet another store, Mary's of Charlevoix, set to open mid-spring. "There are some new business ventures," she concedes. "Some new opportunities have presented themselves, and I'm practicing everything I've ever preached to other businesses. Seize the moment... and enjoy the ride." Indeed, even as this particular ride

winds down, it's clear that it's one Faculak has enjoyed immensely. "It's been a fabulous experience, a wonderful 14 years," she said, seated at her office last week at the chamber's new downtown location. "There's no college course, no textbook that could have enabled me or allowed me to experience the things I have here."

Faculak's career at the chamber began unassumingly enough, after she'd opened the EJ Shoppe on Main Street and joined the chamber. "I came to East Jordan to do retail," she said. "I had some chamber experience, and I saw some areas I felt I could help develop, so I applied for the job and went forward from there."

Fast forward, some might say. "We did a lot as a community in the last 14 years, and as an organization in the last 14 years," Faculak said. Highlights include involvement in the formation of the Downtown Development Authority and the adoption of the new city charter; the establishment of the ambassador program; the creation of educational workshops;



East Jordan chamber president Mary Faculak, left, and office manager Carol Gaimore are enjoying their new office in the Main Street Center downtown. Faculak, however, will soon leave the office, as she has decided to "retire" as the head of the chamber.

the establishment of the News Capsule chamber newsletter; the implementation of regular board retreats, strategic planning, and team-building

events; the development of the Business After Hours and Wake Up East Jordan events; the development of a successful reinvestment program; the

implementation of a nature-based tourism promotion concept, including

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# Out of room

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particularly for that grade level. "That is a very intense load for first grade," Parsons said. "We have two aides in with that teacher, but that is a very full room." This year's kindergarten class consists of 36 students.

The current count number for the entire student body sits at 335, up from just 287 students in 1999, a gain of 48 students. Seventy-three students come to the school through School of Choice.

With the large number of students, cafeteria space is also at a premium. "The count numbers for meals served is the highest it's ever been," Parsons said. "With that comes a more-than-full room."

A proposed cafeteria addition would expand the current cafeteria area to include seating for an additional 96 students.

Other additions include a possible bus garage ("that's been on the list for a long time," according to Parsons) and a new bus, as well as outdoor storage/restrooms, and maintenance equipment.

On the technology end, new servers and computers are proposed as part of the project for the high school wing. Though computers have been upgraded and servers increased since the building was constructed, another upgrade, included in this proposed millage, would help the school get a jump on ever-advancing technology. "This is the fourth year in this building, and they tell us technological capacity doubles every nine months now," Parsons said. "This is an opportunity to get us back to the cutting edge and provide for our students."

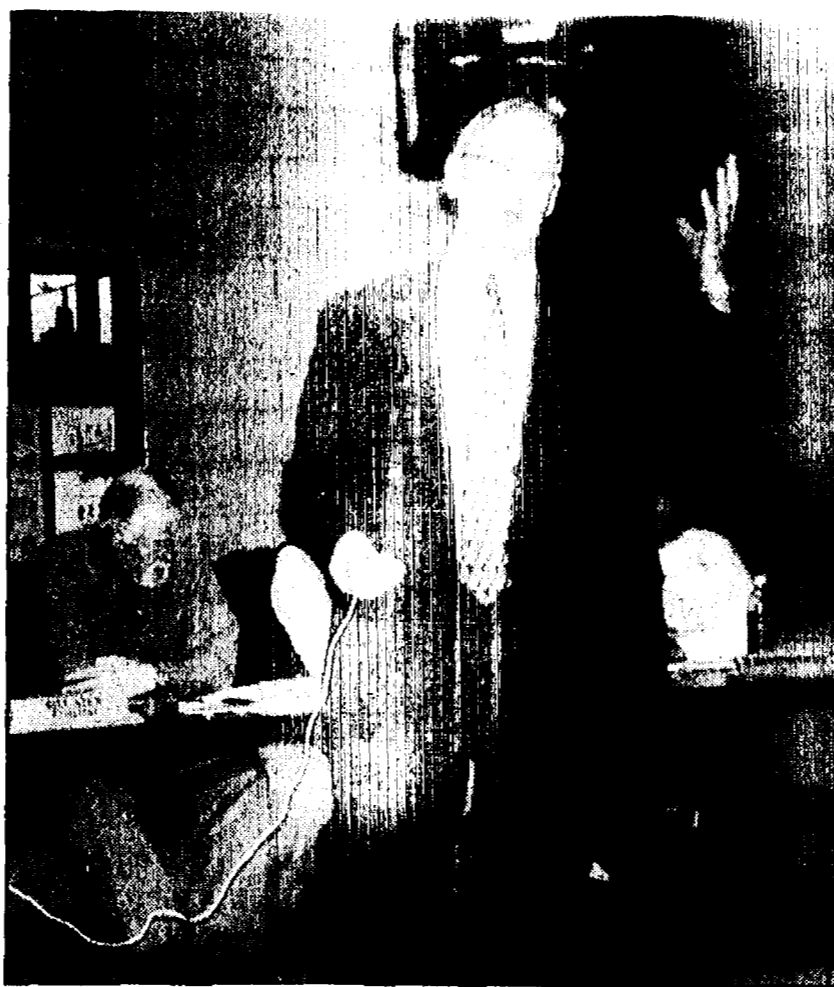
If implemented, the proposed additions

would carry a projected pricetag of \$2,450,000; the district, through a little financial wrangling, however, would keep its millage rate at a total of 6 mills.

The total cost to a taxpayer whose property has a taxable value of \$100,000 is approximately \$300 per year. Based on the consistent, longterm growth of the district's State Equalized Value, the millage is expected, in a best case scenario, to drop over time. "We've averaged well over 10 percent [SEV] growth per year for the last four years," Parsons said.

If the community supports the project, the school board would have to make an official resolution to decrease the [current] millage on the building by 1.6 mills, and then ask voters to approve an increase of 1.6 mills [to support the new construction project] for a total of 6 mills.

All costs and drawings discussed at the meeting, school officials were careful to note, are strictly preliminary. "These are all estimates," Parsons said. Likewise, the elements included in the projected scope of the project are all up for discussion. Said Parsons, "These are ideas. They're not set



Boyne Falls School superintendent Mark Parsons explained key aspects of proposed additions to the school building at a town meeting last week. The school has hired GMB Architects to work on the project, should enough community support be garnered to take the issue to a bond election.

in stone, but they are for your consideration."

Comments from community members present were generally supportive, though some voiced concerns over controlling growth and class size. "The entire board of education is committed to small class sizes, reasonable class sizes," board president Schwem responded.

Adding additional classroom space, he noted, will actually contribute to keeping the class sizes manageable; currently, he said, "If we tell Mark [Parsons] or Bill [Aten, school principal] to split the size of a class, they say, 'where are we going to put them?'"

School representatives are scheduled to meet with school bonding officials in Lansing on Feb. 2, after which time the State has 30 days to approve the request to go for a bond issue. If approved, the process would begin to set up a special school election, likely to take place in mid-April. In the meantime, Schwem suggested that a BEE (Building Educational Excellence) Proud committee, like that which supported the bond issue that led to the construction of the current school building, be reformed.

Those interested in participating can contact Schwem at 549-3180.

# Boyne City Schools to drop driver's ed

## Funding cuts at the state level led to Boyne City Board of Ed decision

Prompted by a cut in state funding that previously subsidized driver's education for students, the Boyne City Board of Education voted to eliminate the school's participation in a driver's education program.

According to Boyne City Schools superintendent Jim Cooper, state-level funding totaling \$6.1 million previously earmarked to subsidize driver's education for public school students has been redirected for use in traffic safety enforcement, meaning that, as of Feb. 1, "there will be no reimbursement to any school in the State of Michigan for driver's education."

Schools had, prior to the funding cut, been reimbursed \$90 per student for those kids involved in driver's education, an amount then passed on to the students as savings in the total cost of their driver's education.

The portion paid by the student this year has been, said Boyne City High School principal Karen Jarema, \$287.

After some discussion on the possibility of the district subsidizing a portion

of the total cost for students driver's education for at least the current semester, the board voted 7-0 to eliminate participation in the program.

While board members voiced concerns about the burden the cuts would make on families of students seeking a drivers license, it came down, simply, to dollars and cents, in a time of lean school budgets.

"What do we do when Title dollars are cut? We quit offering Title programs," Cooper noted. "The board doesn't have to come up with the money just because the state didn't."

Though Cooper noted that it was, ultimately, the board's decision, "We ought to weigh 'what is one more year going to do?' against 'if we're out of the business, we're out of the business.'"

Area students will still be able to complete driver's education through private driving schools, just not on the campus of the high school.

"I'm confident that students are going to have access to driving classes locally," she said.

## FAST FACTS

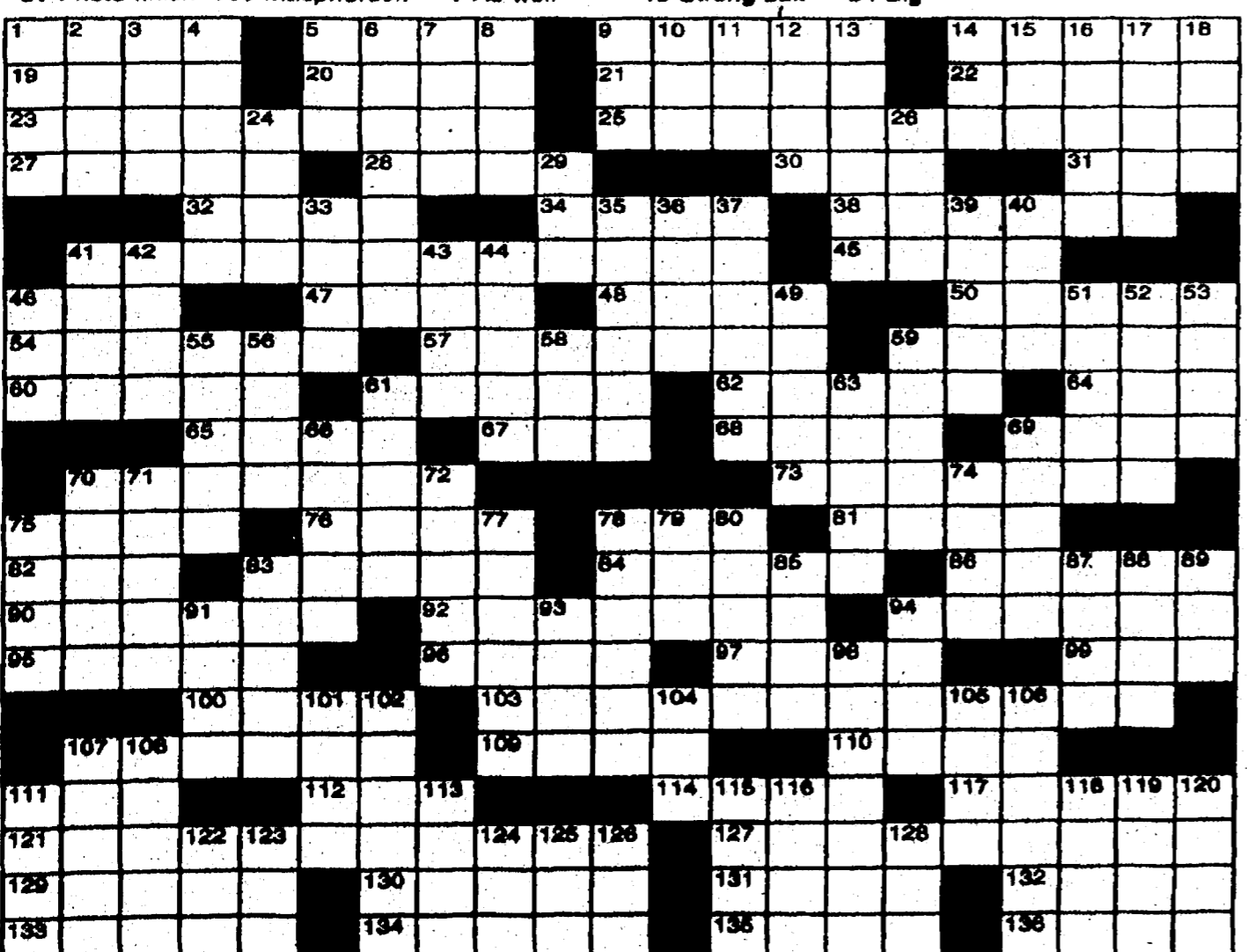
Boyne Falls Public School is considering a building expansion to accommodate a steady growth in student numbers. Here are some facts about the preliminary proposal:

- The total project cost is estimated at \$2,450,000. The millage is expected to remain the same as at present, 6 mills.
- The student population has grown from 287 students in 1999 to 335 in the current year, with 73s students currently attending classes in the district through School of Choice.
- Proposed project elements include: two rooms on the elementary wing, with added storage; two rooms on the middle school wing, with added storage; a computer lab and new science lab, on the high school wing; expanded cafeteria space; the addition of restrooms and storage to the high school wing; acoustics work in the gym and stage area; new server and computers for the high school; furnishings and cabinets; a bus garage; one new school bus; outdoor storage/restrooms; and additional maintenance equipment.

## TRICKY BUSINESS

# Super Crossword

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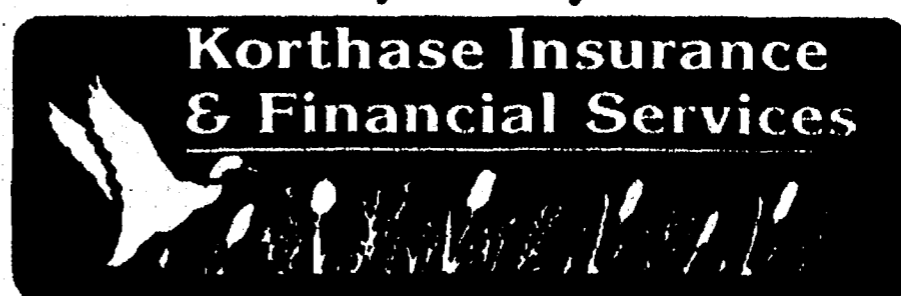
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# New planner is on the job in Boyne

In Boyne City, new city planning director Dan Reed is getting down to business, taking over the post last week following the resignation late last year of longtime planner Tim O'Leary.



Dan Reed took his place as Boyne City planning director last week.

Reed brings a varied background to the table, boasting employment by both communities and private planning firms.

With a major in environmental planning and a minor in municipal planning, Reed graduated from Syracuse University's College of Environmental Science and Forestry, moving into an internship in Traverse City. Subsequently, Reed spent time as an associate planner at Fort Wayne, Ind., and the planning director for Bay City, before making the jump to UP Engineers and Architects in Marquette, and, later, a busy planning firm in Grand Rapids.

At that point, working four nights a week in addition to the traditional daytime hours, Reed said, "my wife said 'do something else.'" A client of his at the time, the City of Belding, was looking for a planner, and so Reed went back into the public sector.

The year to get "back up north" was there, however, and so, when the job opened

up in Boyne City, Reed took advantage of the opportunity.

"We wanted to move back up north, we wanted to be in a resort committee," Reed said, noting that his wife, Laura, is an active skier. The couple has two daughters, ages two and six.

Though location was one factor in what at-

tracted Reed to the Boyne City planning position, it was not the only factor. "There tends to be a little bit more of progressive planning up here," he said.

"I like that. I'm very involved in regional trails, waterways, some of the environmental programs."

He's also looking forward to his duties as harbor master, which come as part of the package for the holder of the key Boyne City planning position.

"I'm very intrigued by that," Reed said, admitting no past experience in the field. "I'll get up to speed very quickly."

Another area to receive Reed's full attention is the updating of the City's Master Plan, which will take place over "the next couple of years."

In the short term, Reed said, "I'd like to work on the municipal tree program, and some lighting issues."

Getting acquainted with the community is, likewise, high on Reed's to-do list.

"I'm trying to get a feel for the area," he said.

Reed can be reached at Boyne City City Hall, 582-6597.

# Toys for Tots reporting large number of holiday donations

The Northern Michigan detachment of the Marine Corps Reservist in the Toys for Tots Program since the inception of the local program five years ago, with nearly 13,000 toys donated by local area individuals and companies for distribution in Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan Counties. In the program, Marines placed boxes in nine cities throughout the three-county area; toys collected benefited nearly 2,500 youngsters. With the assistance of The Salvation Army, local community organizations, area churches and many other volunteers, distribution went smoothly, according to Marine Corps League member Glen Williams.

The program was started by a Marine Corps Reservist in 1947, in Los Angeles. Since that time, the program has spread throughout the country. Last year, more than 13 million toys were distributed nationally.

The Marines offer their thanks and congratulations

to all the individuals and groups that participated in making the program such a success.



## WORKSHOPS

**Art Therapy and Quilting Workshop**  
Instructor Sylvia Walworth  
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Feb. 11, 2004.  
9 am - 8 pm.  
To register contact Sylvia, 231-599-3065 or e-mail jewalw@torchlake.com

## Masquerade, A Cloth Doll

Instructor Kathie Briggs  
Jordan River Art Center  
Jan. 24 and 31 2004, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
To register contact Kathie, 231-547-4371 or e-mail kbriggs@voyager.net

## Watercolor Workshop

Instructor Pat Tinney  
East Jordan High School Art Room  
March 1, 8, 15, and 22 - 9 pm - 5 pm  
To register contact Pat, 231-536-3447

## WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes  
Pharmacist

## HEALTH TIPS FROM MEDICAP PHARMACY

### Winter Blues

If you experience symptoms of depression each winter that disappear in the spring, you may suffer from SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder). Symptoms include changes in sleeping and eating habits, weight gain, feelings of hopelessness or apathy and lethargy. The cause is believed to be associated with melatonin, a sleep-related hormone. Shorter, darker winter days seem to stimulate an increased production of this hormone in some people. Treatments include bright light therapy and some anti-depressant medications. Discuss your symptoms with your doctor.

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9:15 nightly  
Thurs, Sat & Sun 12
- ALONG CAME POLLY - PG-13**  
7:10 & 9:15 nightly • Fri at 5  
Thurs, Sat & Sun at 12, 2:15 & 5
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- TORQUE - PG-13**  
7:05 nightly • Fri at 5:10  
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# Something for everyone

■ Boyne Area Gymnastics and Dance is still growing, with offerings to keep both kids and adults moving

Since getting a home of its own in 2001, Boyne Area Gymnastics has come a long way in fulfilling the dream of adding programs, equipment, and students to its offerings to the community. According to director Kari Streelman, however, there is still plenty of room to grow.

"The big thing is the variety we have," Streelman said of the offerings that have been added over the last couple of years. "And it's not just for children."

In business for nearly 25



Some enthusiastic gymnasts ham it up in "the pit," a gymnasium feature filled with foam blocks, creating a safe place for aspiring athletes to learn tough tricks. Gymnastics, however, is just one aspect of the facility, which also offers dance, step aerobics, and yoga.

years, the non-profit organization has long been known for serving up gymnastics instruction to area kids ages three and up, based for a number of years in the gym at Boyne City Elementary. In 2000, financing (through a building fund and "a very large loan") was secured and a lot was purchased on Beardsley Street. By April of 2001, the 7,200-square-foot steel-constructed building was complete, featuring a gymnasium, dance room, dressing area/bath-

rooms, lobby, and office space. Since opening, the interior of the facility has been steadily completed, due in part to the hands-on work of volunteers. The dance room and parking lot have been completed, and new equipment has been added slowly-but-surely, most recently including a new vault and rings, set to be delivered anytime.

"We're pretty much on schedule for what we anticipated," Streelman said of the equipment additions, which have been attained through fund-raising activities and grant monies, including a matching grant from the Frey Foundation.

Class offerings have expanded as well, extending from the traditional gym-

nastics programming for boys and girls, to dance, yoga, step aerobics, and, most recently, martial arts. The martial arts program is just beginning to get noticed by potential students. "That's become a really awesome activity," Streelman said, "and it's not well-known yet that we do that."

Dance, too, has slowly expanded to include tap and ballet for kids as well as a jazz/hip hop class, though the potential for adult dance classes definitely exists. All it would take is a sufficient show of interest, according to Streelman. "I've had a person here and there mention ballroom dancing," she noted. "We would do any of that." It would take a suffi-

cient number of interested students to give her the impetus to go out and secure an instructor for the course, but, she added, "there may come a time that we just plunge into offering a ballroom dancing class. We'll see what happens."

Finances, of course, are an issue; as a non-profit organization, Boyne Area Gymnastics and Dance depends not only on tuition but also donations and grants to support future offerings. It's a reality that, while endlessly frustrating, is simply something Streelman has to deal with.

"What I'd really like to see happen," she said fully, "is for the loan on the building to 'disappear' someday. Then we'd be doing great."

Though up until the present, fund-raising has been confined to grantwriting, cookie dough sales, and the annual Cartwheel-A-Thon event, some broader, community-wide type fund-raisers are currently in the planning stages. The target date for such an event will be sometime this spring.

The next session of Boyne Area Gymnastics and Dance classes will begin the week of Jan. 26, with offerings in gymnastics for boys and girls ages three and up; tumbling for cheerleaders; martial arts; yoga; step aerobics; and dance. For more information, call Boyne Area Gymnastics and Dance at 582-9787.



Martial arts is a recent addition at Boyne Area Gymnastics, and is offered for children and adults.

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# OPINION

## LETTERS

### Main Street manager seeks info on history of Boyne theater

TO THE EDITOR:

Since moving to Boyne City, I have slowly been piecing together the city's history and attempting to connect the dots between important people, places, and moments in time. Recently, I have learned the Boyne Theater, originally the Bellamy Opera House, will have the 100th anniversary of its opening on March 18, 2004.

In a quest to learn more about the building and its history, I am writing to ask anyone for information they may have on the place. In the small amount of research I have done, from reading Robert Morgridge's "Settlers to Sidewalks" to an old newspaper article with a photo of the theater's interior, I have found little else.

A while back, I was able to take a tour of the building and couldn't help but wonder what the theater was like. If anyone has old photos or artifacts from the opera house, please call me at 582-9009 or stop by the Boyne City Main Street Program office at 112 S. Park St., Suite F (above the Citizen-Journal). Thank you for your help.

Kelly Larson, manager  
Boyne City Main Street Program

### Spirit of the season was felt at Christmas dinner in Boyne

TO THE EDITOR:

Christmas Day of 2003 we looked out the windows to behold a lovely blanket of snow draped over the landscape. This scene added a special warmth to the thought of the Christmas Dinner soon to be served.

Once again, for the seventh year in a row, the annual community Christmas Dinner was held at the First Presbyterian church of Boyne City. Ninety-four dinners were served this year. A few of those were delivered to people who are home bound, and were gratefully pleased to have a full course Christmas dinner brought into their homes.

All of this was possible only because of the generous people in this community, who gave of their time, their talents, their money and their love. We all thank you, all, the true sponsors of this dinner.

As in the past, people enjoyed their dinners, mingling with others. There were many desserts to choose from, made by several different people for just this occasion, so on this cold, winter day a cup of coffee and a piece of pie was the crowning touch for the various conversations floating through the air.

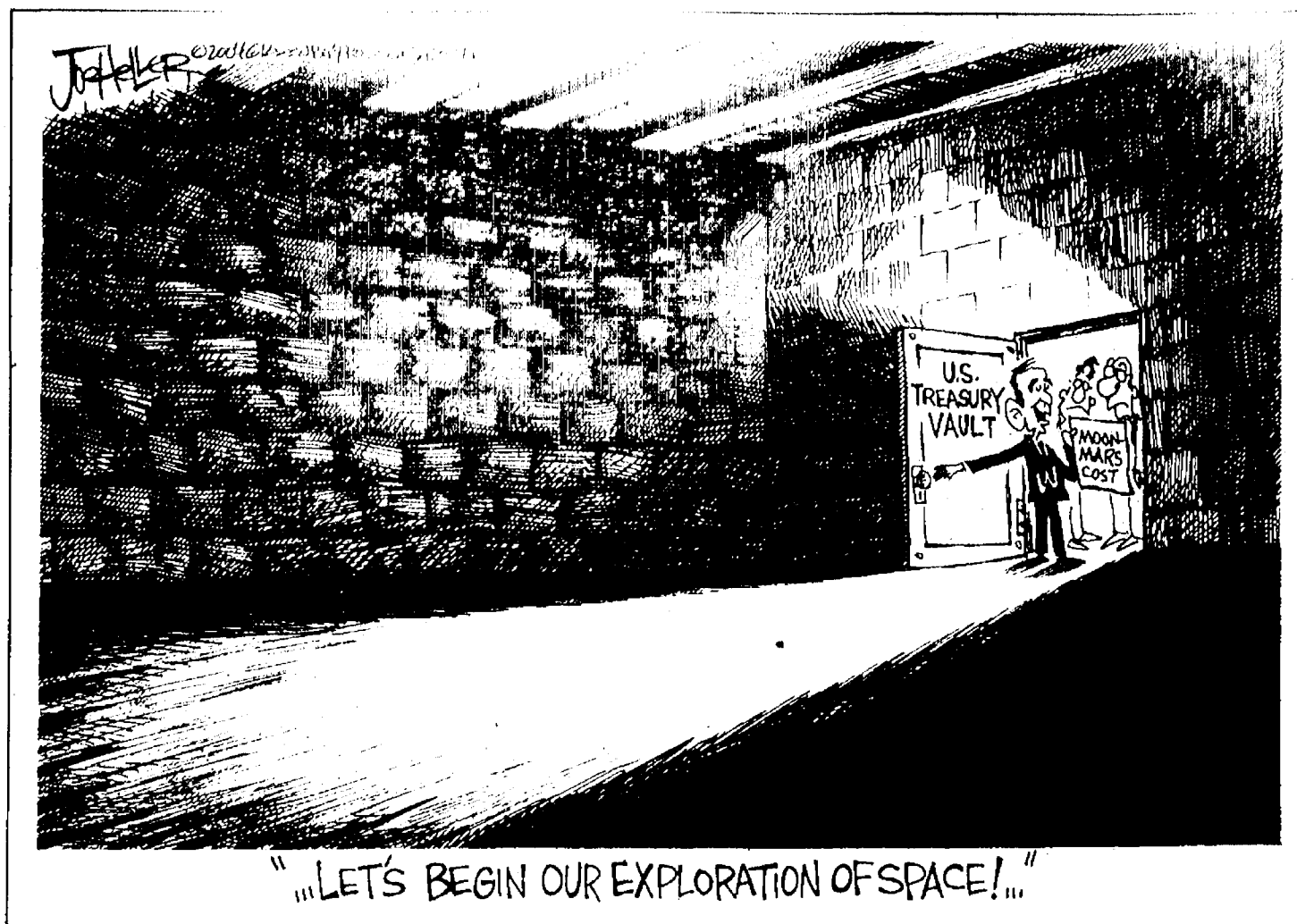
The special kind of warmth one senses during these times cannot, totally, be captured with words. It, truly, has to be experienced for oneself. Yes, it is surely, at least, partly, the Christmas spirit. But, there's a larger aspect. Maybe it's like the deep gratitude we feel when we reflect on the fact that God was willing to be born a helpless, little baby! Born to die, for each one of us on this earth, because He loves us so, so much He wasn't willing to give up on us.

He still isn't.

In His service,  
Al and Jenny Lawson  
First Presbyterian Church Boyne City

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THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.



## MANY THANKS

### Support of local company much appreciated

Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc.) would like to thank H&D Inc. employees for their very generous donation.

It was decided that instead of the money spent on beverages for their end of year party that the employees would make donations to charitable organizations. We are truly impressed with the responsible action of these employees. We are very appreciative to again be one of the organizations they selected this year.

Thank You!

Patricia A. Johnson,  
Administrator/Volunteer Coordinator  
Hospice of Northwest Michigan

## LETTERS

### Friends of the Jordan speak out against gas wells proposed in the Jordan Valley Management Area

TO THE EDITOR:

Currently there are four pending permit applications to drill natural gas wells within the borders of the Jordan Valley Management Area (JVMA) of the Mackinaw State Forest. Two well sites, proposed by Ward Lake Energy of Gaylord, Mich. are located in section 7 of Star Township, Antrim County. Two other sites, proposed by Kosco Energy of Traverse City, Mich. are located in section 12 of Echo Township, Antrim County. All four proposed sites violate the provisions of the Jordan Valley Management Plan (JVMP) of 1974, which specifically prohibits oil, gas or mineral extraction.

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Inc. (FOJ) supports and abides by the JVMP and is adamantly opposed to these proposed gas wells based on their negative environmental impacts, precedent setting intrusion into a protected natural area and drainage of public resources. To date all previous attempts to drill oil or gas wells on public land within the JVMA have been opposed, denied or withdrawn.

Following the ravages of the logging era and the Great Depression most of the JVMA reverted to State ownership and was allowed to heal. After years of planning and public hearings the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) formally adopted the consensual JVMP in 1974. The principles guiding the management of the JVMA are to protect in a near natural setting the exceptionally high environmental and aesthetic qualities of the nearly 23,000

contiguous acres of public land for low impact multi-use recreation. The success of this plan can be best summarized by MDNR's characterization of the Jordan River Valley as the "crown jewel" of Michigan's forest ecosystems.

The industrial-like development associated with drilling gas wells such as bulldozed well pads, access roads, flow lines and processing plants fragments, degrades and disturbs fragile forest ecosystems and will negate the multitudinous efforts invested to preserve this natural treasure. FOJ understands the desires to extract our energy resources and respects the industry's right to do so but pristine places like the JVMA should simply be off-limits. That was the purpose and intent from the beginning and the provisions of the JVMP should be respected and enforced.

However, despite the public's overwhelmingly strong support to protect this area, coupled with improved oversight by MDNR and MDEQ of a largely responsible industry, certain inherent legal conflicts still exist. At the very heart of this controversy is the recurrent issue of severed minerals. Michigan's property laws allow separate ownership of the surface lands and mineral rights and also grants mineral ownership dominance. The surface of the parcels in question are public owned while the mineral rights are privately held and leased. Additionally, for two of the proposed sites, deed restrictions convey to the mineral owner liberties regarding road access and surface use.

Denial of drilling permits based solely on the wishes of the surface owner will likely evoke a takings claim by the

mineral owner reminiscent of Nordhouse Dunes. Conversely, the mineral owners cannot reasonably expect to drill because these leases were purchased long after the JVMA received protective status.

But there is good news. Prudent and feasible alternatives exist to balance the rights of the mineral owner with public's mandate to protect this environment. The State of Michigan has the authority to trade mineral rights outside the JVMA thereby protecting the mineral owner's rights and preserving the integrity of both the JVMA and JVMP. FOJ proposes that these drilling applications first be evaluated based on the standard criteria of property law, environmental impact and economic viability. If any meet the needed criteria for permitting then the State and mineral owner should negotiate an equitable trade. The State of Michigan owns vast mineral holdings outside sensitive protected areas and has the legal authority to trade. Furthermore, precedent has already been established as a complex trade was successfully negotiated in the JVMA with Lee's Petroleum in 1998.

The citizens of Michigan expect our leaders to find a suitable resolution when so much is at stake. FOJ believes the tools for an equitable compromise exist to respect property rights and protect the environment. We sincerely urge the participants in these matters to seek the common good and avoid long term conflicts, ecological harm and unwanted litigation.

Dr. John Richter, president  
Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Inc.

## BACKWARD GLANCE



### Name that player

Two local residents went out a limb to respond to The Citizen-Journal's most recent "Backward Glance" photo, featuring a Boyne City High School basketball team circa 1923. Al Barden named a few of the folks featured in the photo, including Oral "Ollie" Paquette, Louie Manglos, Leo Speltz, and Carl Charon. Barden remembered the fellows, who were schoolmates of his older sister, Isabel Barden, noting that they sometimes came by the house to visit. "I was only just a kid," said Barden, who was about nine years old at the time. Also responding was Oral Sutiliff of Boyne City, who guessed that the coach standing at the rear is Art Speltz. Thanks for the responses, and look for another photo in an upcoming issue.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### New additions to staff of Principal Financial

Boyer City's Principal Financial Services is expanding, with the addition of two new staff members to provide even better service to an expanding clientele.

As of December 2003, Bill Himmelsbach and Ryan Seeley have joined Ron Mills in the office, opened solo by Mills in July of 2002. Building on a base of loyal clients, the addition of Himmelsbach and Seeley is intended to enable Principal Financial to continue to offer client-based financial services on a broader level, while maintaining the service element. "I specialize in financial planning," Mills said. "My forte is investments, stocks, mutual funds, estate planning, but there are a lot of things I'm not getting to. One person can't do it all."

Three, however, will allow the business to offer more, in a number of areas. A non-proprietary financial service, Principal Financial, Mill said, has the advantage of being "objective with what funds to use." With access to the same range of companies and products as peddlers like Matrix Direct, Principal has the advantage of offering personal service in addition to product choices. "We have access to hundreds of companies," Mills notes. "It's the same type of arrangement, but with us, you get an agent."

As agents, Mills, Himmelsbach, and Seeley aim to provide hands-on customer service, even though it means a more time-intensive approach. "Our approach is planning first," Mills said, "to get an idea of what the client wants, and needs."

"Over the years, our business has evolved into a three-step process. Service is number one, number two is having the expertise, and number three is having the products to meet those needs once you're through the first two steps."

The industry, Mills, concludes, "tends to lead with step three."

It was Principal's, and Mills', commitment to taking all three steps, however, that appealed to Himmelsbach, an East Jordan resident and 11 year veteran in the in-



Principal Financial representative Ron Mills, center, recently added to his staff with the hiring of Bill Himmelsbach, left, and Kyle Seeley.

urance and financial arena. "The end result [of that process] is that you will have a client for life," Himmelsbach said.

Seeley, a Boyne City native, is joining Principal at the early part of his career, and is in the process of getting all of his licensing. Said Mills, "I do see him specializing in lots of insurance things, like AFLAC, health insurance, life insurance. He's going to be a real good addition to our team."

Other support, Mills notes, comes from outside of the office, within the Principal Financial Group, the largest 401K provider in the nation.

"I have a staff out of Grand Rapids at the regional office that work directly with me," Mills said. "They constantly provide education, and allow me to pick up information about different market conditions, regulations, tax changes, and new products." Additionally, Mills has access to a staff of professionals, including attorneys and CPAs who, he said, "help me do my job."

Principal Financial is located at 202 S. Lake St., Suite C, Boyne City.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call 582-0964.

## Book sale will benefit Friends of the Boyne District Library

The Friends of the Boyne District Library are hosting a book sale on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7, during the Boyne City Winter Festival.

The sale will run on Friday from noon-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-3

p.m. in the library's lower level Community Room.

An extensive selection of gently used books will be available for a voluntary donation. Proceeds will further the Friends efforts to enhance library services.

The purpose of the

Friends of the Boyne District Library is to facilitate communication between the library and the community, to enhance services offered by the library, and to encourage patrons to volunteer time, resources, and talents to support the li-

brary. Anyone interested in joining can pick up a membership form at the library, Boyne Country Books, or the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call the Boyne District Library at 582-7861.

## Area students invited to apply for scholarships offered by auto club

The Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America (BCRAACA) is offering two \$500 scholarships for the coming year to high school graduates and seniors entering school for any phase of practice within the automotive field.

Those interested in applying should contact either their school counselor, their automotive high school instructor or the Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 902, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Completed applications for the BCRAACA scholarship must be received by March 1, and must include the High School Principal's Report (which may be ob-

tained by BCRAACA) and a transcript of your high school grades. High school graduates who have entered the work field must complete the application and return it with two letters of reference.

Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America members are dedicated to the preservation and restoration of antique, classic and veteran motor cars. The club conducts tours, meets, and events throughout each year, the largest being the Antique Car Show, Swap Meet, Antique Show, and Flea Market held the second weekend in August in Boyne City. For more information about the club, write to: P.O. Box 902, Boyne City, MI 49712.

## Time for a change

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bringing the statewide Nature Based Tourism Conference to East Jordan; partnership in the success of the Main Street Center project; and participation in East Jordan specific as well as regional marketing studies.

"We've tripled the budget and tripled the membership," Faculak said of the last decade and a half. "We've gone from a part-time to a full-time, year round office."

"We're now more than just an information center."

Carrying a large measure of the credit, Faculak notes, is the multitude of dedicated individuals and groups who've put their energies into helping develop the chamber into what it is today.

"I've worked with some wonderful, wonderful people," she said.

As the longest serving chamber director to date in the community, Faculak hopes she's leaving a positive legacy behind. "I hope I'll be remembered for my energy and commitment to teamwork, community pride, and giving board

members their own leadership skills," she said.

"I haven't lived here physically," said the Charlevoix-based Faculak, "but for the last 15 years I've embraced the community as my own, my town. It's been fun. But there are no regrets, no unhappiness."

She's excited, to be sure, about the work ahead. With the help of her new business partner, Dave Gaunci, she'll get Mary's of Charlevoix off the ground in the old Ace Hardware storefront on Bridge Street. "It just feels good," Faculak said. "It's been the opportunity of a lifetime."

ONE OF the major goals of the chamber for many of the years Faculak was at the helm was to find better accommodations for the chamber itself. Located for many years in a small building, dubbed by chamber staff as "the hut," on M-66, the chamber recently realized its goal, moving in December into its new digs at the newly renovated Main Street Center, located, of course, on Main Street in downtown East Jordan.

The move, Faculak said, has been energizing. "By being in the Central Business District, people are accessing the chamber more easily, and we'll see more people becoming involved in the chamber."

"We really seem to be in the hub of the community, and that's one of our goals."

Besides the downtown location, another plus of being inside the Main Street

Center is the addition of a brochure rack located outside of the chamber office door, making information accessible even when the chamber office is closed.

"We've noticed a lot more brochures being gone," said chamber office manager Carol Galmore. "It's nice."

For more information, call the chamber office at 536-7351.

## Tanglemere to present family concert at Jordan River Art Center

Tanglemere, an American group of players with a diverse background and a love for Celtic music, will present a family-oriented concert on Friday, Jan. 23, at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan.

The concert is a result of requests from patrons and community members for live music performances at JRAC, according to JRAC member Jane Diller, espe-

cially those which are family oriented.

Tanglemere members are Shelly Van Lier, flute, whistle, bodhran, and vocals; Bill Van Lier, mandolin, guitar, octave mandolin and vocals; Bob Sadler, fiddle and bow; Daniel Gorno, hands and feet, percussion and dance; and Sue Wood, accordion, keyboard, dance, and vocals. The group takes tra-

ditional songs and tunes, and pairs them with modern energy for a toe tapping, frolicking good time. Audience participation is encouraged.

The show will begin at 7 p.m. The Jordan River Art Center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan.

The group will also be performing in the East Jordan Schools earlier on the same day.

JoAnn Dalto, Performance Chairman, has planned the event which has been partially funded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

For more information about the family concerts or to request a special concert call the Art Center, 536-3385 or Jane Diller at 582-6399, or visit the arts center Web site at: [jordanriverarts.org](http://jordanriverarts.org).

## CLUB NEWS

### Piece Makers

Piece Makers will meet on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 6-9 p.m. at the Boyne City library to continue work on the community project quilts. Bring fabric to donate, sewing materials or unfinished projects. Call Darlene at 582-6206 for more information.

### The Jordan River Art Council PRESENTS

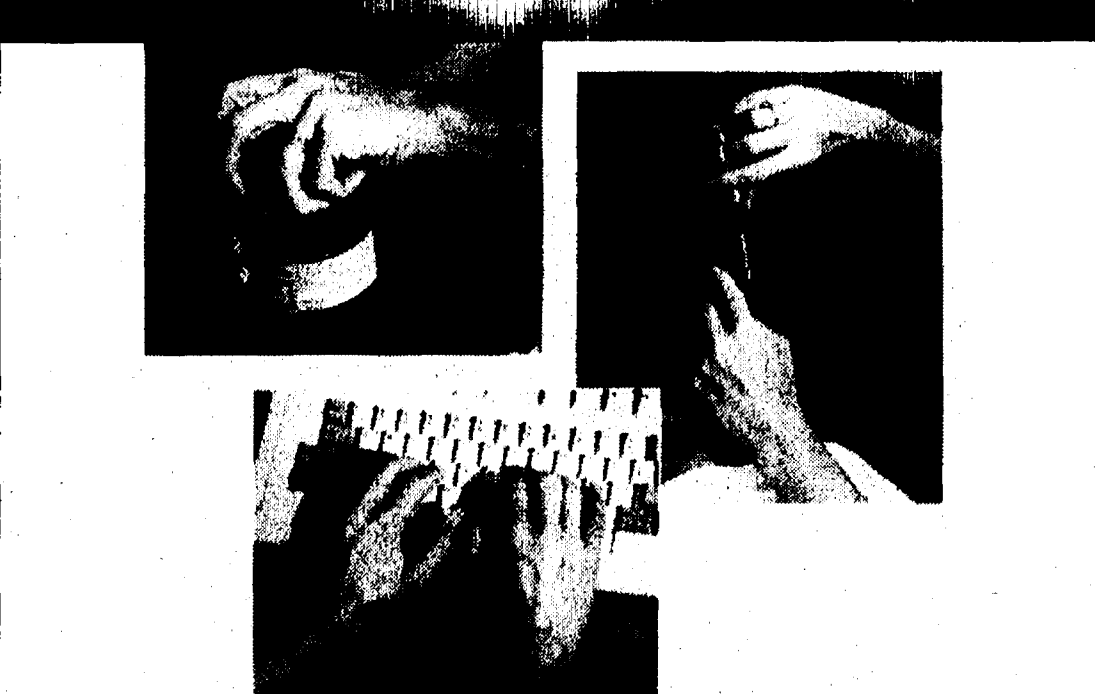
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## ANNIVERSARIES

### Dr. and Mrs. Hylon J. Heaton

Dr. and Mrs. Hylon J. Heaton of Boyne City, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary Dec. 27, 2003.

The couple was married in the Chichester house, home of Vivian Lucille Meyer, on Dec. 27, 1936. Dr. Heaton is a retired veterinarian and Vivian a retired school teacher, both of Boyne City.

The affair also celebrated Vivian's 89th birthday. In attendance were Wanda and Ron Warazek of Linwood, Mich.; Wendal and Vicki Heaton of Clark Lake, Mich.; and Hylon and Betty Heaton of Grand Blanc, Mich. Emilie and Laszo Kosa phoned their congratulations from Merritt Island, Fla.

A tape recording of wedding party voices, made on the occasion of the couple's 50th anniversary, was played, and Doc Heaton led his sons in some timely Barbershop music.

Dr. and Mrs. Hylon J. Heaton, right, celebrated 67 years of marriage on Dec. 27, 2003.



### Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Barb (Bussing) Matthew

Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Barb (Bussing) Matthew of Boyne City will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 23, 2003.

An open house hosted by their children and grandchildren will be held Jan. 24 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City from 2-5 p.m.

Jim was co-owner of Northern Michigan Electric for 23 years before retiring. Barb worked as a homemaker and did clerical/office work.

The couple has resided in Boyne City all their lives, living in the same house for the past 50 years.

Jim and Barb have five children, Jim (Jr.) and Kathy Matthew of St. Frances Wis., Jane and Jerry Noble of Ft. Gratiot Mich., Becky and Dick Katz of Boyne City,



Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Barb Matthew at the time of their wedding, left, and today.



Chris and Pat Hayden of Boyne City and Sarah and Tom Towne of Boyne Falls. They also have 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## POLICE REPORT

### Boyne City Police Department

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

**Monday, Jan. 12:** Suspicious vehicle on Pleasant Avenue reported; parking complaint on snow-removal-vehicle ticketed and impounded; unlock at Carter's; parking citation issued on Water Street; report of larceny from vehicle parked in Glen's parking lot; 911 hang-up at high school.

**Tuesday, Jan. 13:** Unlock of vehicles at Boyne City Elementary, Glen's and Citizens Bank; parking citation on Water Street; found property turned in and returned to owner; assault complaint under in-

vestigation; malicious destruction of property to vehicle parked at LexaMar; criminal sexual content complaint from Barn Mountain area; citation issued for careless driving; noise complaint at Parkview Apartments.

**Wednesday, Jan. 14:** One arrested for operating while intoxicated; officer called to high school on minor in possession of marijuana; one arrested for driving while license suspended and expired plates; snowmobile complaint on Boyne Avenue.

**Thursday, Jan. 15:** Property damage accident at Control Engineering; officers assisted with the Boyne City Elementary

School on locating student that left school; unlock on Jefferson Street; unlock at Glen's; citation issued for expired plate; unlock at Litzenger; one arrested on warrant.

**Friday, Jan. 16:** Personal injury accident on North Lake Street; parking complaint on Water Street; unlock of vehicle on Front Street; hit and run accident reported in Carter's parking lot; speed citation issued; arrest of operating while intoxicated second-transported; family dispute at VFW; speed citation issued; nine arrested for minor in possession/open intoxicant with all lodged at Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

**Saturday, Jan. 17:** Two

car property damage accident at South East Street and Ray Street; citation issued for expired plates; property damage accident at Lake and Water Street; unlock of vehicle on Roosevelt Street; assault complaint under investigation from South Lake Street; property damage accident at middle school; citation for stop sign; assault complaint from BC Pizza.

**Sunday, Jan. 18:** Snow impound ticket issued; arrested minor in possession of tobacco and trespass-lodged; one arrested for operating while intoxicated-lodged; unlock at Boyne River Brewery.

## American Red Cross looking to honor our 'Everyday Heroes'

The Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking honorees for its upcoming Everyday Heroes event. The chapter is currently planning the event, set for April 16, to honor and recognize people who have saved a life in the year 2003. The goal is to recognize local acts of heroism in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet

counties. Anyone living in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties can nominate an individual who has performed a heroic act in the year 2003. The Red Cross is looking for nominees in the following categories: Youth, Good Samaritan (girl); Youth, Good Samaritan (boy); Medical, Hospital Personnel, Ambulance,

Clinic, EMTs; Animal Rescue; Educator, Teacher, Administrator, School Personnel; Marine Rescue; Public Safety; Adult, Good Samaritan (woman); Adult, Good Samaritan (man); and Workplace Heroes. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 14. A Heroes Advisory Committee of community leaders in the four counties will review submissions and select winners. The awards will be presented at a breakfast on Friday, April 16, at Victories Hotel in Petoskey.

Nomination forms can be obtained at American Red Cross, Northern Lower Michigan Chapter in Petoskey, and chambers of commerce in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties. For more information, call 348-7666.

## Looking at options

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worthwhile alternate to consider, but it's not going to work at this site."

The pronouncement was not good news to area environmental organizations, including the Friends of the Boyne River and the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, who had pushed for the City to consider the ground application as opposed to the previously proposed discharges into the Boyne River or Lake Charlevoix. "We're really concerned," said Friends of the Boyne River representative Tom Sheets, at the meeting. "We're very interested at this point to explore other

options with regard to offsite disposal. It seems to me that it makes sense that we explore all the options that have some advantages over dumping directly into the river or directly into the lake."

"It's such an important thing, and our group is completely 100 percent against putting [the wastewater discharge] into the river."

Sheets assured the City that the Friends, along with other organizations, will be doing all they can to gather information, and thanked the City for listening to the concerns.

Other options suggested during the course of the meeting included a wetlands disposal option and the possibility of wastewater reclamation, perhaps in partnership with the system's biggest customer, Boyne Mountain Resort.

The bottom line, Fox noted, "comes down to economics. How much can users afford to [pay to] support this option?"

Commissioners and City staff agreed to look at further options, and no action was required following the presentation by Fox.

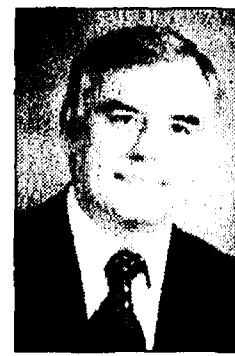
"This isn't anything we're going into quickly," said mayor Eleanor Stackus. "We're interested in everyone's comments. We want to be able to re-

view this and come up with the best plan for the community." The wastewater system upgrade is scheduled to begin construction this fall. In June of 2003, the City Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the implementation of the project, which carries an estimated pricetag of \$7.3 million. Once implemented, the planned improvements are expected to enable the City to better cope with increased demand in the system.

Funding is being applied for through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's State Revolving Fund.

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# SPORTS

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## Rayders fast start too much for Red Devils

By PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports writer

East Jordan ran into a talented, well-balanced Charlevoix team that showed its strength on both ends of the basketball court to overwhelm East Jordan and take an 86-48 conference win on the Red Devils' home court last Friday night.

"Their defensive intensity and aggressiveness really pays off for them," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey. "They shot extremely well in the first quarter and we weren't able to dig ourselves out of a pretty big deficit." The Red Rayders came out hot and kept up the pressure, with a 34-15 first quarter lead that opened up to 52-29 at the half and 76-44 after three quarters.

Scott Friske led Charlevoix with 17 points, 11 rebounds, six assists and three steals. Jared Hunt also had 17 points and Bryce Daley added nine points to the offensive attack. East Jordan's Kyle Daneff led all scorers in the game with 19 points and added eight rebounds, while Tyler Spence netted 11 points.

"We had a difficult time stopping Friske and Hunt," Bailey said, but added, "I was proud of our kids in regards to their attitude and effort. I would like to see us continue to improve on the defensive end to compete with teams the caliber of Charlevoix."

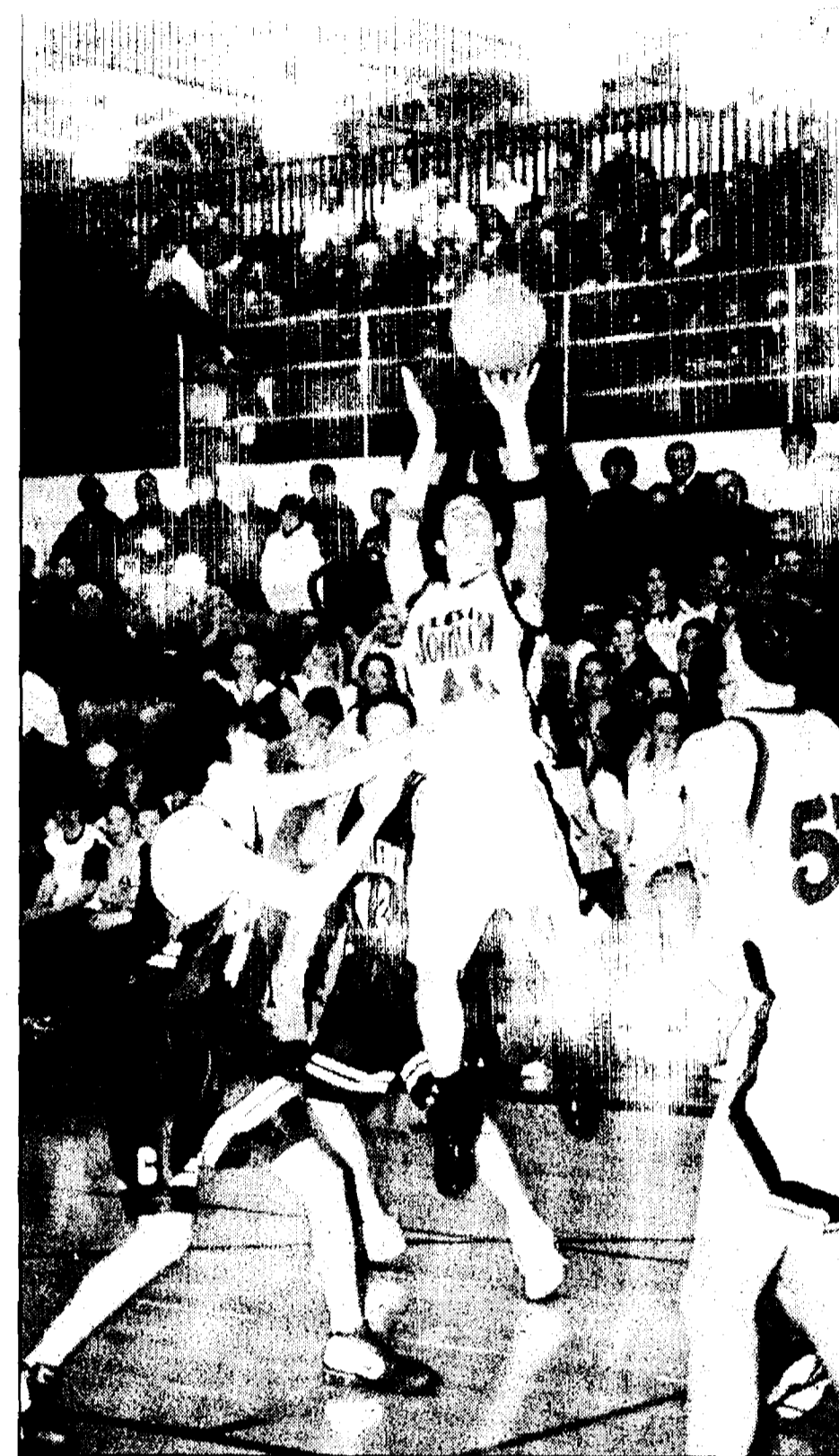
The Red Devils will travel to Kalkaska on Friday night and then host Mancelona next Tuesday.

**IN THE JUNIOR** varsity game East Jordan held leads of 18-14, 46-30 and 65-53 after the first three quarters to gain a 79-67 victory over the Red Rayders. Justin Wilson led the stat sheet with 23 points, five rebounds and four assists. Brandon LaCount netted 14 points and grabbed five boards, while Andrew Streufert chipped in with six assists. Coach Ken Doty was pleased with his team's effort and said, "We played as a team. Ten of 12 players scored and they hustled their butts off."



Photos by Vic Fuggles

East Jordan's Kyle Daneff, above, lead all scorers in the game with 19 points. He also added eight rebounds. At right, Red Devil Tom Krause has his eye on the net as he puts one up against Charlevoix on Friday night. It was Charlevoix's "intensity and aggressiveness," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey, that led to the Rayder's victory over East Jordan, 86-48.



## Scoring slump costs Ramblers

By PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports writer

A second half scoring slump cost Boyne City Friday night when Elk Rapids outscored Boyne City 23-13 after the break to gain a 54-44 Lake Michigan Conference win at Elk Rapids.

Boyne City trailed by three points, 16-13, after one quarter of play and tied the contest 31-31 at the half, but managed only six points in the third quarter and seven points in the final eight minutes.

"We did not have a good second half at all," said Rambler coach Tim Smith of the loss. "We have to stay focused more through the whole ball game."

Smith is still encouraged by his team's attitude, though, saying, "Everybody is disappointed, but we're still working hard and practicing hard. We're not going to quit."

Grant Ameel led the Ramblers with 17 points, six rebounds and three assists, while Dillon Olmstead chipped in with 10 points.

Smith also cited Reed Ameel for doing a nice job holding Elk Rapids' Jeff Guntzville to just nine points for the night.

Travis Bratschi led the Elks with 18 points and Kevin Maguire hit five three point shots to total 15 points.

Boyne City will travel to Harbor Springs this Friday.

## Loggers topple Yellowjackets

By HOLLY GASCO  
Student Writer

It was another conference win for the Boyne Falls Loggers, with a victory last Friday over the Vanderbilt Yellowjackets, 58-36.

Top scorer for the Loggers was Demetrius Burks with 15 points, followed by Josh Blackwell with 13 of his own. Blackwell also led the Log-

gers with 15 rebounds. Josh Gasco trailed with nine boards. The Loggers were 6 for 20 from the line.

"We thought as a whole and picked up the slack real well as one of our starters had an injury," said head coach Frank Hamilla after the game. "We played a great team effort. I was very happy with the defensive effort, it was very strong. And I was even happier when Gasco established an

inside game. "They played a good third quarter," said assistant coach Ted Beyer. "They were a little flat the first half, but good in the third quarter."

The Loggers are 3-0 in the conference and 5-1 overall.

The junior varsity also won their game, 66-38. The Loggers will go on the road on Friday, Jan. 23, to face Mackinaw City.

## BC netters go 1-2 in quad meet

By PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports writer

It was a busy night of volleyball action last Thursday when the Lady Ramblers played host to Grayling, Traverse City St. Francis and Elk Rapids for a Lake Michigan Conference quad meet.

Boyne City faced off against Grayling in the opening match and took the first game 15-7, but the Lady Vikings came back to take games two and three by 15-8 and 15-10 scores to grab the win.

For Boyne City Emma Persons had nine points and four kills, Susie Wellert added nine points and two blocks, while Tori Crum chipped in with three kills and Lindsay Tomkins had three blocks.

Mental mistakes cost the team in the second match of the night as St. Francis downed Boyne City 15-9, 7-15, 15-8.

Wellert scored six points in the game with four kills, three blocks and one ace. Cadie Britton scored five points with one ace and added four kills and ten assists. Tomkins, Jess Nichols and Persons put down three kills each, while Tomkins added four blocks.

The Lady Ramblers got a win in the final match with a 15-9, 14-16, 15-6

victory over Elk Rapids.

Nichols led the stats with 12 points, two kills, three assists and one ace, Persons contributed five points, three kills and one ace. Britton added three points, three kills and three assists and Wellert had three kills, three points

and five blocks.

The Lady Ramblers currently hold a 2-3 overall record with a 2-3 record in the conference.

The team will be in action against Alanson and Inland Lakes tomorrow night at Alanson.

## Ski season opens for East Jordan

By PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports writer

In the year's opening ski meet the Charlevoix/East Jordan boys ski team placed seventh and the girls team placed eighth at the Petoskey Invitational held at Boyne Highlands on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

The boys team earned 111 points in the giant slalom race and 126 points in the slalom with two finishers in the

top twenty.

The ladies also had a pair of skiers in the top 20 to score 116 slalom points and 142 GS points.

Boys race results:

Patrick Teske (S-16th, 56.86, GS-34th, 1:07.22); Taylor Fisher (S-28th, 1:02.17, GS-18th, 1:04.97); Cameron Attee (S-35th, 1:06.27, GS-45th, 1:09.80); Andrew Mallory (S-47th, 1:20.48, GS-31st, 1:07.02); Geoff Baier (S50th, 1:25.18, GS-DNF);

Mike Dupuis (S-DNF, GS-28th, 1:06.51)

Girls race results: Margaux Rowley (S-6th, 1:04.26, GS-11th, 1:01.85); Michelle Fritsch (S-25th, 1:16.01, GS-49th, 1:08.43); Kelsey Poineau (S-42nd, 1:26.35, GS-38th, 1:06.38); Katie Diller (S-43rd, 1:27.08, GS-44th, 1:07.32); Kristin Dupuis (S-49th, 1:31.93, GS-63rd, 1:23.35); Brenna Bergmann (S-53rd, 1:43.33); Jenny Rich (GS-64th, 1:33.06)

## EJMS skiers take first at Nub's

By PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports writer

The East Jordan middle school girls ski team beat out six area schools to capture first place at Nubs Nob last Thursday.

East Jordan scored 35 points to finish ahead of Petoskey (44), Harbor Springs (49), Boyne City (56), Charlevoix (136), Grayling (138) and Traverse City (no score).

The Boyne City boys team posted a third place finish with 71 points behind Traverse City (25) and Petoskey (26), while finishing ahead of Charlevoix (100), Harbor Springs (117), East Jordan (131) and Grayling (no score).

Following are the individual results for the East Jordan and Boyne City skiers:

East Jordan Girls - Katherine Rowley (2<sup>nd</sup>), Liz Hasseld (8<sup>th</sup>), Halley Crick (10<sup>th</sup>), Steph Poindexter (15<sup>th</sup>), Mary Gocha (19<sup>th</sup>), Emily Bajko (20<sup>th</sup>), Heather Jackman (38<sup>th</sup>), Kristen Kovel (49<sup>th</sup>), Andi Symonds (53rd), Sarah Kupovits (59<sup>th</sup>) and Maria Fish (62<sup>nd</sup>).

Boyne City Girls - Alison Wright (3<sup>rd</sup>), Christina Roland (4<sup>th</sup>), Caitlyn Wonski (21<sup>st</sup>), Lauren Boese (28<sup>th</sup>) and

Amber Stone (31<sup>st</sup>).

East Jordan Boys - Mac Brennan (3<sup>rd</sup>), Michael Cardwell (28<sup>th</sup>), Ben Archer (47<sup>th</sup>), Andrew Boyer (53<sup>rd</sup>), Jacob Crawford (57<sup>th</sup>) and Joe Hidakatsu (58<sup>th</sup>).

Boyne City Boys - Nick Simeri (2<sup>nd</sup>), Caleb McNamara (10<sup>th</sup>), Lee Blossom (27<sup>th</sup>), Joe Shear (32<sup>nd</sup>), Nick Thomas (34<sup>th</sup>), Tom Hague (38<sup>th</sup>), Jack Hufford (39<sup>th</sup>), Garrett Shepherd (41<sup>st</sup>) and Jared Friedrich (42<sup>nd</sup>).

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### BOYNE CITY

Jan. 22: JV/Varsity volleyball, at Alanson-Inland Lakes, 6 p.m.; Ski team, LMC league meet, Nubs Nob, 4 p.m.  
Jan. 23: JV/Varsity basketball, at Harbor Springs, 6 p.m.; Freshman basketball, at Harbor Springs, 4:15 p.m.  
Jan. 24: JV volleyball only, Harbor Light Tournament, 9 a.m.; Cheer team, Chippewa Hills Invitational, Remus, 10 a.m.  
Jan. 28: Freshman basketball, at Inland Lakes, 5:30 p.m.

### BOYNE FALLS

Jan. 23: JV/Varsity basketball, at Mackinaw City, 6 p.m.  
Jan. 27: JV/Varsity basketball, Ellsworth, home, 6 p.m.

### EAST JORDAN

Jan. 22: Ski team, at Nubs Nob, 4 p.m.; JV/Varsity and Freshman volleyball, St. Francis, home, 6 p.m.  
Jan. 23: JV/Varsity basketball, at Kalkaska, 6 p.m.; Freshman basketball, at Kalkaska, 4:15 p.m.  
Jan. 28: Ski team, Traverse City Invitational, Schuss Mountain, 10 a.m.  
Jan. 27: JV/Varsity basketball, Mancelona, home, 6 p.m.  
Jan. 28: Freshman basketball, at Bellaire, 5 p.m.

## Boyne City cheer team hosts first Rambler Invitational

The Boyne City Varsity Cheer Team hosted the First Rambler Cheerleading Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 17.

The event featured a MCCA Round 2 (stunt round) competition followed by an evaluation session with the judges. "The idea of this competition was to give each team an early season evaluation of their material," said coach Cindi Place.

The results of the competition were Brethren 156 points, Petoskey 153.5, and Boyne City 148.5.

It was the first competition of the season for each of these teams. Both Boyne City and Brethren will meet again this Saturday at the Warrior Invitational at Chippewa Hills High School. "The most important part of this competition was the judges evaluation. We now know what we have

to work on," Place said. "I think this format is very beneficial to start the season."

The BCHS Cheer Team includes; seniors Sarah Brown, Abby Burns, Samantha Burns, Alex Crum, Katie Dole, Keisha Kruzel, Savannah Hartwick, Vanessa Legg, Wendy Ostby; junior Adrienne Edwards, sophomore Kim Oliver; and freshman Kirsten Dole.



# BOYNE AREA HOCKEY RESULTS

## BAH Midgets

Boyne Area Hockey Paul Bunyan Lanes hockey team did well in the Traverse City Invitational Midget Hockey Tournament on Jan 16, 17, and 18. Sixteen teams from St Clair Shores to Newberry participated.

BAHA's first draw was the Blue Water Panthers from Port Huron. Eli Barsey opened the scoring with a short-handed unassisted goal. Blue Water answered, then the defense took over. In the third period Russell Williams took a pass from Justin Conklin and powered in a shot on a short breakaway, and Troy Scarbrough popped in a backhand to cap the 3-1 win. Josh Aown and Ryan Fields gave the assist on Scarbrough's goal.

Goalie Bobby Courtright made 20 saves and was awarded the game MVP.

The second game was against Mt. Clemens, with Boyne taking the win 2-1. Fields scored with assists from Barsey and Conklin, and Scarbrough put in passes from Darren Looze and Cody Webster on a power play. Courtright earned the win in goal as both teams put 14 shots on net. Defenseman Ryan Fields earned the MVP.

Boyne cruised to a 6-0 win in the third game with TC#2. Nick Ferree earned the shutout in goal. Fields scored the opener through heavy traffic, Barsey took a pass from Fields and lifted it over the goalie, Webster popped in a pass from Josh Aown on a pretty wrap-around. Williams drove in two slapshots, one on a pass from Evan Keller and the other from Britt King. JP Fiedorek gave a pass to Scarbrough who shot the length of the ice and hit the open net.

MVP went to defenseman Josh Aown.

On Sunday, the boys played Royal Oak in the

semi final bracket. Boyne got off to a quick start when Looze scored with assists from Webster and Scarbrough just 13 seconds in. Royal Oak shortly answered, but after Looze and Webster both scooped up rebounds and scored with assists from Webster, Fields, Looze, and Aown, the score stood 3-2. With eight seconds left, Royal Oak tied after capitalizing on a power play which gave them a 6-4 man advantage.

The game went into sudden death overtime, and Royal Oak took the game with 1:04 left. Courtright was in goal.

Justin Conklin was awarded the MVP.

## Boyne Area Squirts

The Boyne Area Squirt hockey team polished off two busy weeks playing seven games on the road

and at home. The stretch started off Saturday against a tough Mackinaw City team and, although the team put in a solid effort, they ended up with one loss and a tie.

On Sunday the team traveled to Alpena where their hard work paid off with two wins.

Kaley Aown backed up the team with a great effort as goalie.

The stretch ended at home the following week

with mixed results against Gaylord and Cheboygan. On Saturday the team came up with a win against Gaylord, followed by a loss to a tough Cheboygan team.

On Sunday the team was paired up against Gaylord again where both teams battled to a 0-0 tie. The tough Boyne defense was backed up by Keegan Reynolds in goal.

Over the course of the seven games, goals were

scored by Kolbi Shumaker, Nick Kolodziej, Zach Goodwin, Miles Wilkes, Trey Reinhardt, Brock Sanderson and Aaron Clark. The goals were assisted by Miles Wilkes, Aaron Clark, Eddie Brook, Weston Kartes, Zach Goodwin, Mitchell Reynolds and Kaley Aown. Congratulations to Miles

Wilkes who was elected Captain and Zach Goodwin and Kolbi Shumaker who were elected Assistant Captains. The team has an 11-3-3 record.

The Boyne Area Squirts would like to give a big thanks to East Jordan Iron Works, Inc. and Lexamar Corporation for their sponsorship of the team.

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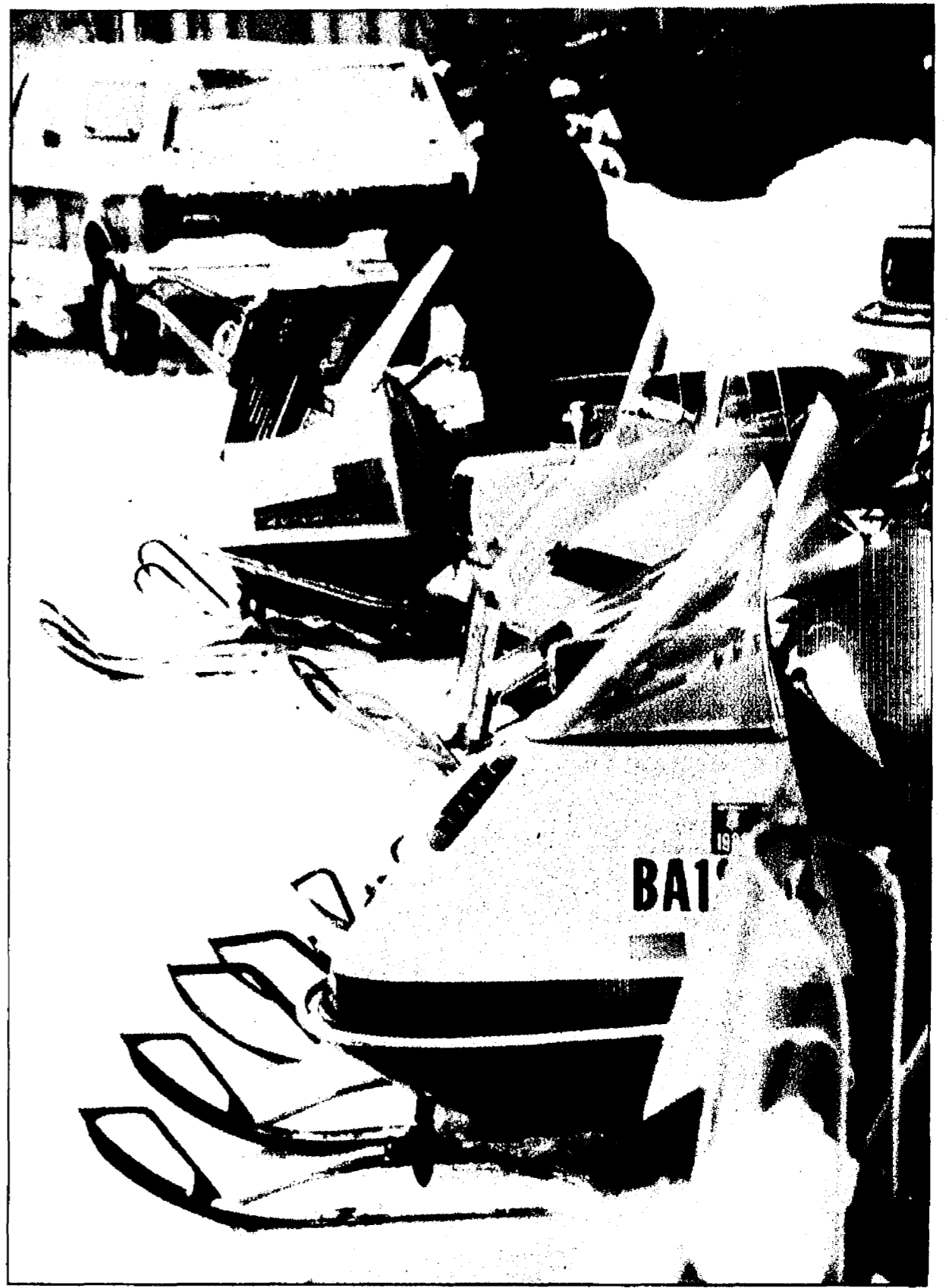
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# 2004 SNO BLAST

As always, there was plenty of snow and lots of fun to be had at East Jordan's annual SnoBlast winter festival, held last weekend in East Jordan. Participants showed that, as is illustrated here, northern Michigan really knows how to make the most of whatever winter dishes out.



This year's candidates for Winter Knight and Belle of the Blizzard were an enthusiastic bunch, waving wildly at the crowd from their "winter raft" trip down Main Street during the Sno Blast Parade. At right, sharing their crowning moment, are 2004 Belle of the Blizzard Regina Brown and Winter Knight Glen Thorman. Other candidates included Kathy Froysaa, Melissa DeHaan, Fred Murray and Dan Reece.



Snowmobiles old and new are always a mainstay of Sno Blast. Above, antique sleds were on display at the East Jordan Snowmobilers clubhouse on Saturday while, nearby, the snowmobile drag races, left, drew lots of racers and big crowds.



A new addition to the festivities this year was the Sled Dog Dash at Community Park. East Jordan native Jane Schramm brought her sled dogs out to play, giving participants a chance to do a little mushing of their own.



Snowmobiles are a staple of the annual Sno Blast Parade, which traditionally takes place on Saturday morning down Main Street in East Jordan. Galmore's of East Jordan said it all with their parade entry, above. At left, parade emcee Tom Clemens and East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce president Mary Faculak, and a young friend, were treated to some Hershey's Kises courtesy of outgoing Winter Knight, East Jordan Chamber board chairman Bill Himmelspach.

## THE RESULTS ARE IN . . .

Winners of the various contests associated with the 2004 Sno Blast festival include:

**Snow Sculpture:** Family Division, first place -- the Argetsinger Family; second place -- Erv and Clara Prevo. Civic Division, first place -- Brownie Troop #375.

**Parade winners:** 0-7 years -- Sydney Campbell; 8 years and up -- Julia, Bobby and Bob Sherman; commercial -- Galmore's Inc.; organization -- Rotary Club.

**Rotary Club Raffle winners:** Harry Watson, Barb Worgess, Bill Himmelspach, Mike Brennan, Tom Tennesen, Mary Kaley.

**Sno Blast Fishing Contest:** Pike -- Bill Nichols, 27 1/2", Cal Gillespie, 25 1/4", Charlie Prevo, 24 1/4"; Perch -- Duane Cutler, 9 1/2"; Rick Hawley, 8 1/2", Chris Brown, 7 1/4"; Crappie -- Chris Olson, 14 1/2", John Mischoney, 13 1/8", Dan Morse, 13"; Blue Gill -- Rick Hawley, 10 3/4", Bob Hawley, 9 3/4", Dick Bjornen, 8".

**Kids Fishing Contest:** Calvin Gillespie, 6 1/4" blue gill; Monica Cape-... perch and 5" blue gill; Kaytee Capelin, 6 1/4" perch and 5 1/2" blue gill; ... perch and 7 3/4" blue gill; Gabe Hawley, 8" perch and 5 1/4"



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