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At A Glance

Meeting will kick off market study in BC

On Thursday, April 22, the Boyne City Main Street Program will host a Market Study Presentation, to kick off the group's MEDC-sponsored market study project. The meeting will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Char-Em ISD building, located at 1313 Boyne Ave.

A town meeting and workshop, the evening will feature workshop exercises designed to encourage participants to share thoughts and ideas that will set the tone for local research activities as well as the development of strategies and recommendations to guide Boyne City downtown business development initiatives.

The market study is expected to be complete this summer, and will include an assessment of opportunities for business expansion and recruitment in the downtown business district and recommendations for the implementation of related projects and activities.

The public is invited to attend the event.

For more information, call Boyne City Main Street manager Kelly Larson at 582-9009.

Health, Fitness and Safety Fair to be held on Saturday in BC

On Saturday, April 24, the Boyne Area Chamber and Charlevoix Area Hospital are sponsoring the second Annual Health Fitness & Safety Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Boyne City Middle School.

Among the services being offered this year are free cholesterol checks, BPs and bone density measurement, along with information offered by area providers and businesses with activities for kids and door prizes.

Subway will be selling heart healthy and low carb lunch options from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

For information call Kathy at 582-6222.

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Spring sports are in full swing at area schools

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Miss East Jordan crowned before a sold- out crowd

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It's HISTORY



Boyne City bandshell is a thing of the past

■ Crews move fast on commission decision to tear down bandshell

The Boyne City bandshell, long the subject of controversy, is no more. At their regular meeting last week, Boyne City commissioners voted unanimously to have the structure removed, once and for all. According to the wording of the motion made by mayor Eleanor Stackus, the bandshell would be out of Veteran's Memorial Park by May 1.

As it turns out, that deadline should be easy to satisfy, with work crews already on site last weekend, removing the metal portion of the structure. "If you don't put a date on it," Stackus reasoned, "[the issue] stands on and on and on." It's a lesson Stackus said she learned well, after having been part of the commission that, in the fall of 1999, voted to have the structure, built in the mid-20th century, torn down.

The move, at that time, provoked an outcry from a group of citizens calling for the refurbishment of the old bandshell. At that time, commissioners acquiesced, after the group committed to undertaking the fundraising and hands-on work required to make the structure safe and usable.

Unfortunately, in the intervening five years, "those repairs have never been completed," explained city manager Mike Cain. "There's been no sign of progress in over a year, and that's left us in a worst-case scenario. It's a visible reminder that this project is in a state of limbo."

In addition, Cain concluded, "we can't let people use it because we don't

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City work crews were out bright and early on Saturday morning to take the first steps of disassembling the bandshell in Veteran's Park.

City taking a look at exposed sewer pipes

The City of Boyne City is taking steps to get to the bottom of a report that two sewer pipes, apparently supposed to be buried under the bottom of the Boyne River, have become exposed.

According to city manager Michael Cain, water and wastewater department head Dan Meads has been

working with engineers to have a diver inspect the reportedly exposed pipes.

The issue came to the attention of the City when local resident Larry Maltby, backed by the Coalition to Save the Boyne River, brought his concerns first to Meads and then later to the City Commission, via copies of a letter sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding the situation.

According to Maltby, he learned of the exposed pipes from another local resident; subsequently, Friends of the Boyne River head Tom Sheets made a dive to confirm

the claim. Having knowledge of what he deemed a potentially hazardous situation, Maltby said, he felt compelled to act. "I'm an engineer," Maltby said. "When you become knowledgeable of a [situation] like that, it's almost wrong to sit on your hands. [Informing the City and the DEQ] was done in that light."

Maltby had been encouraged, he said, to take the matter to officials after seeking input from the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, the Lake Charlevoix Association, a representative of the Friends of the Jordan, and the Northwest Michigan Community Health Organization.

According to the letter mailed last week to the MDEQ, Maltby indicates concerns about the vulnerability of the pipes suspended in the river current and "catastrophic consequences" that would occur

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A new chapter

■ Boyne Falls superintendent starts downstate job on July 1

After four years at the helm, Boyne Falls Public School superintendent Mark Parsons is moving on, having recently accepted a superintendent post at Lakeview Community Schools, north of Grand Rapids.

"It's a really good opportunity professionally," Parsons said of his new job, which will take him to a district "about six times" as large as Boyne Falls. "It's a good fit. In the interview process it became pretty clear that my background fits the needs that they had."

In his time at Boyne Falls, that background has come to include a multitude of projects and experiences, particular to the very unique position of being a superintendent at a K-12 building. "This is going to sound a little crazy, but I've learned everything," Parsons said. "I don't have assistants, so when you talk about buying a bus, or technology and understanding that, or food services, I've really had the opportunity to do all those things. I have colleagues who come up through the big schools but haven't had the opportunity to do those things. I believe that's a real advantage. I've worked with all those areas, done the budget, know how they work, and understand the expectations."

Parsons arrived at the conclusion of the construction of the current building, in late summer 2000; he's leaving as a bond proposal for additions to that building aims to make its way past voters (the election was held on Tuesday, April 20; results were not available before press time). In between, the district has seen its share of changes, including the increase of graduation requirements from 21 to 26 credits in conjunction with the implementation of a trimester schedule. "That's been a very good thing for our kids," Parsons said. "We now can offer 75 courses to students where they used to have only 52."

All of the things achieved in the last four years, however, Parsons emphasizes, were the work of a team, of

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photo by Angela Shuitis

Hands-on science

Boyne City Middle School students were eager to answer the queries of SFC Vincent Newsome on the National Science Center's Mobile Discovery Center, which visited the school last week. For more, see page 7.

Getting ready for 'Cinderella'

■ Tickets for EJ Thespians' spring musical, to christen the school's new auditorium, will go on sale May 1

Who can forget a prince, a pumpkin, and a glass slipper? One of the world's oldest and most beloved fairy tales, Cinderella will be performed by the EJ Thespians in East Jordan High School's brand new 500-seat auditorium, opening on Friday, May 7, at 7 p.m.

Subsequent performances will be held on May 8, 14, and 15, at 7 p.m. each night, and on May 9 at 3 p.m. Tickets, \$3 for adults and \$2 for children/senior citizens, will be for sale on Saturday,

May 1, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and May 3, 4, and 5, from 4-7 p.m., at the high school. Five hundred tickets are available for each show; no phone reservations will be accepted, and all sales are final.

Comprised of students grades 6-12, the EJ Thespians perform under the direction on Paula Vollbach. The choice of show for this year's musical, Vollbach said, was an easy one. "I chose Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical 'Cinderella' because it's about impossible dreams

coming true, which is what the EJ Thespians are all about. I was told it would be impossible to start a successful school theater program and now we're celebrating our 13th year.

"The second impossible dream was to have a theater in East Jordan," Vollbach continued, "and now we are the first performance in the new auditorium. The community support and involvement have been phenomenal as well. As Cinderella says, 'impossible things are happening every day.'"

Lead roles in this year's performance are played by: Liz Hasseld (Cinderella); Peter Sladick (Prince); Whitney Hershberger (Queen); Devin Brown (King); Margaux Rowley (Stepmother); Carolyn Elliott (Stepsister); Melody Bishop (Stepsister); Kim Beauvais (Fairy Godmother); Katie Diller (Herald); Jacob Breithaupt (Town Crier); Jacob Crawford (Town Crier); Nina Peters (Queen's Handmaiden); Brooke Hawley (Queen's



Cinderella castmembers Melody Bishop and Margaux Rowley work with director Paula Vollbach on a scene from the musical, set to open on Friday, May 7.

Handmaiden); Tyler Cutler (Royal Chef); Joseph Haney (Royal Steward); Chris Grose (Royal Page); Mo Ahmed (Royal Guard); and Richard Bjorem (Royal Guard). Supporting cast members include: John Renkiewicz, April Wakeham, Justin Nieman, Tiffannie Bearden, Erin Poindexter, Jason Palmrose, Megan Warnos, Sara Testa, Hannah David, Ryan Peterson, Bridget Knight, Steffy Poindexter, Jennifer Arnott, Benson Massey, Jeanne Schultz, Alicia Oliver, Rosa Ambrosio, Alison Romero, Alex Bayster, Karina Hosler, Jessica Gibbard, Danielle Rathbun, Missy Huver, Sara Robinson, Kaitlin Keane, Christa Fazio, Abbie Hawley, Bianca Goes, Beth Stallard, Misti Massey, Jerry Hosler, Andrew Boyer, Thomas Brown, Levi Warnos, and James Wheeler.

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For the earth

Boyne City Middle School students, clockwise from top left, Elise Freed, Melissa Seeley, Jessica Lambdin, Allison Aown, and Stephanie Woodward, pose with Earth Day themed grocery bags, to be distributed at area grocery stores on Thursday, April 22. The annual effort is part of a variety of Earth Day activities undertaken by the students.

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Making strides

Boyer City Main Street Program gets some official feedback, recommendations

After an intensive, four-day visit, members of the Main Street Resource Team presented their initial findings to the community, lauding the Boyer City Main Street Program for its enthusiasm and cooperation with other city organizations, and recommending adjustments to help the program continue to move forward.

Team members, which included representatives of the Michigan Department of Economic Development as well as the National Main Street Program, had plenty of good things to say about Boyer City, most focusing on the wealth of opportunities already in place in the community.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm, and really high caliber volunteers," said Ted Alexander, executive director of the Uptown Shelby Association and mayor of Shelby, North Carolina. Design expert Scott Freres, a Principal of The Lakota Group, Inc., a full-service

landscape architecture, urban design and planning firm in Chicago, targeted the waterfront, including both the lake and the river, as areas of untapped potential for the program and the community, and, said Nick Kalogeresis of the National Main Street Center, "I see so many positives, so many strengths. A lot of communities across the country don't have what [Boyer City] has. You have a lot of downtown businesses that do serve the everyday needs of the community, more than you think you do."

Throughout the visit, which was the second such event since Boyer City was selected as one of the first four communities to be included in the Michigan Main Street Program last June, team members got a crash course in the community through tours of the area as well as focus group meetings with various community members, including residents, business owners,



Representatives of the Boyer City Main Street Program joined folks from the Michigan Department of Economic Development and the National Main Street Program in an intensive four-day survey of the community.

and representatives of various community organizations. The result is a huge amount of information to sort through in a relatively short period of time. The initial report, made at a public meeting at City Hall on April 15, is, Kalogeresis said, "only a snapshot." A comprehensive report is expected in two months, and will "provide more advice and recommendations. The

intent," he said, "is for you to have a very successful Main Street Program." According to the initial report, the program is well on its way, though there were a few areas team members targeted for improvements. The consensus, for example, was that the enthusiasm for Main Street in Boyer City has resulted in an ambitious work plan, en-

compassing a long list of potential projects targeted for a relatively short period of time. "Make sure you know you've got time," Alexander advised the group, warning of potential burn-out. "You don't have to make everything happen right away. You've got such enthusiasm, all you've got to do is just pace it out." Alexander advised a revisiting of the program's workplan, with the intent of revising it, "to see what's

more realistic." According to Boyer City Main Street manager Kelly Larson, the recommendations, and feedback, were more than welcome. "It was really good to hear them say 'your program is doing very well,'" she said after the meeting. "To have somebody pat us on the back and say 'you're doing a good job,' but also to say bluntly that there are things that do need work." "It reminded us what our focus is."

Boyer City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing and the \$100 winner is... **Dave & Kerry Peck** April 17, 2004 Thank you for your support. All proceeds benefit the Booster project.

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Do you know the signs of a heart attack? If you are a woman, waiting for chest pains could be a serious mistake. A recent study surveyed women who had heart attacks and over 40% had no chest pain (a common symptom in men). Common symptoms for the women were shortness of breath, weakness, unusual fatigue, cold sweat or dizziness. A large majority also reported experiencing some new and different symptoms a month or so before their episode. These included unusual fatigue, sleep disturbances, shortness of breath, indigestion and anxiety. If you have been experiencing symptoms, see your doctor.
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District library partners with Stepping Stones
The Jordan Valley District Library recently signed on to be a partner with the Stepping Stones to School Alliance and help families and their young children better prepare for school. The partnership means the library will help register families in Stepping Stones to School and be able to promote activities they host for children birth to five and their families through the alliance. Stepping Stones to School is designed to help families walk their child toward school readiness starting at birth. Its purpose is to connect families with their local public school, provide families with resources in their communities, and provide fun and educational opportunities for families. This network of services is available at no cost for all families with children between birth and age 5 in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District region of Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties. The services are funded by a Michigan Department



Robyn Moyer and Dawn Pringle of the Jordan Valley District Library sign a partnership agreement with the Stepping Stones to School Alliance.

of Education grant that is coordinated by Char-Em ISD. For more information or to register for Stepping Stones to School, call 547-6217 or toll free at 1-877-866-3714, or stop by the Jordan Valley District Library, located adjacent to East Jordan High School.

Tea and Doll Show is a fund-raiser for library

The first annual Mother Daughter Tea and Doll Show will be held on Saturday, May 1, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Jordan Valley District Library Community Room. All generations are welcome to experience the delights of an English Tea. Karen Bos, Phyllis Childs, Linda Crawford, Beth Kiojima, Jeanne Matteson, Joan Sherman and Alice

Tobias will display more than 70 dolls from their collections, and participants are encouraged to bring a favorite doll to share. The event coincides with Janet Nemeth's doll display at the Jordan Valley District Library during May. The tea is sponsored by the Jordan Valley Library Friends with proceeds to benefit future library programs.

Space is limited. Reservations must be made by April 25, and can be placed by calling Brenda at 582-2793 or Phyllis at 582-3488. The Maple Street parking lot and rear entrance to the library will be used for this event. To join the Friends organization, call Roger at 536-0890 or stop by the library and pick up an application.

Bike auction set at BCPD

The Boyer City Police Department will hold a bike auction, selling off more than 20 impounded bikes, on Saturday, April 24, at 9

a.m. at the Boyer City Police Department parking lot, located at 319 N. Lake St. Auctioneer for the event

is Boyer City chamber director Scott MacKenzie. For more information, call the department at 582-6611.

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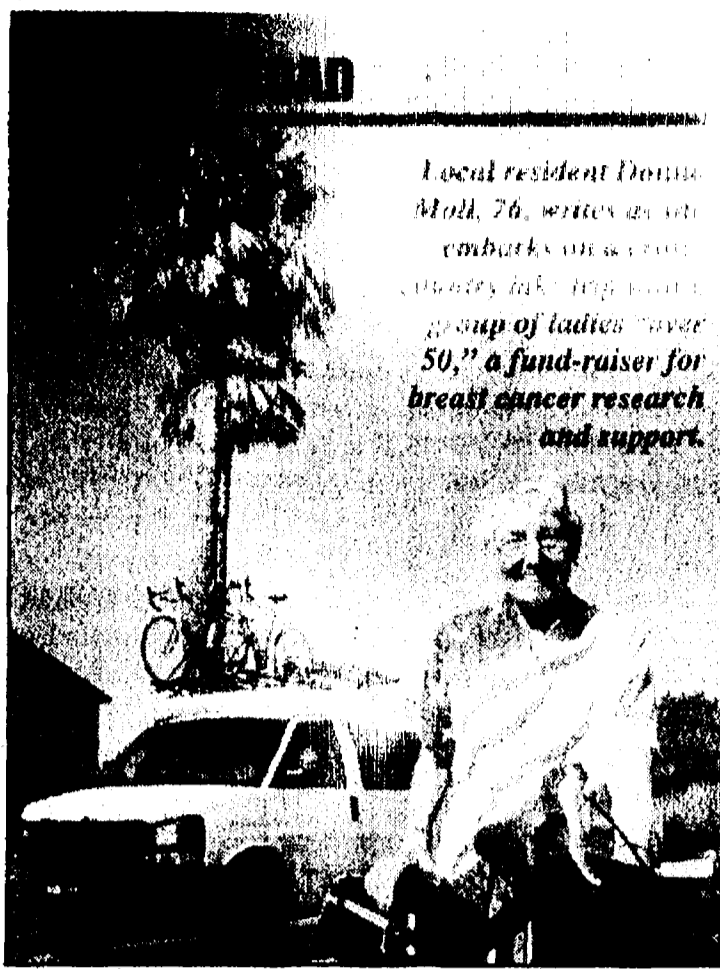
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OPINION



Local resident Donna Madd, 76, writes as she embarks on a 400-mile bike trip with a group of ladies over 50, a fund-raiser for breast cancer research and support.

Bike trip across country is full of adventures

Sue finally was able to make a Web site communication after a week of no possible contact, and so my e-mail through her has also had problems.

But not our trip — at least not insurmountable ones. But we have had everything from a tornado in the area, high winds and rain, (being "sagged" to our accommodations one afternoon because of dangerous weather conditions) two flooded roads — but also sunshine, good roads and most of the time not much traffic.

Thursday was an "adventure" day. My first experience with a flooded road crossing (because of the rains in the area) showed the friendly helpful Texas hospitality as drivers of a truck, flatbed and maintenance carried us over two different flooded areas that were impossible by bike. The day's ride was outstanding with steep up-hills and more rolling terrain.

Everything in the landscape shows the results of the moisture — spring green and flowering wild flowers. It was only a 40-mile day, so we arrived at FoxFire cabins early enough to get settled in our cabins and dunk our feet in the river nearby. We had an early Easter feast cooked by our staff and eaten together indoors at their unit. Paula added to the meal with a gourmet chocolate cake that she made and decorated.

The 13 ladies continue to be more interesting as the days go by, and they are great biking companions. The four staff members rise to every occasion — whether it is a golf ball that goes through the van window or a derailleur that breaks, or an alternate route because of flooding.

We are at the mid-mark of our trek through Texas and because it is such a huge state we had our Marguerita toast. This usually takes place at the dinner after we have crossed a state line, but twice in Texas!

This trip has totally changed my impression of Texas. The beauty of the landscape and the rolling hills and mountainous areas, especially in spring when everything is green make it absolutely incredibly beautiful — contrary to my concept of the straight flat roads bordered by dull, uninteresting and barren wilderness. It is a state I would love to visit again and to see more intensely.

Hopefully, it won't be so long before my next update. In the meantime, be assured that this senior member of the group is holding her own even though the body is tired at the end of the day. But so are 12 others!

Thank you to those of you who have sent me personal e-mails. I am delighted to receive them, but since I am already imposing on Sue with the use of her computer and skills with my general e-mail, I'll not answer any of your notes individually but send an update to everyone whenever I can.

Donna

CORRECTION

In the April 7 edition, in a photo caption to an article written by Bob Morgridge regarding the Morgan family, The Citizen-Journal erroneously reported that Boyne was once known as Pine Lake. According to Morgridge, though some referred to the area as the "Head of Pine Lake," the area was already known as the Boyne area, after the Boyne River, which was named in 1856 by John Miller. We regret the error.



LETTERS

'New Civics' excludes much of traditional American history

TO THE EDITOR:

Do you believe America can survive as a free nation if our children aren't taught about the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence? Should American public school classrooms teach about these vital American founding documents in civics classes or should they be ignored? Should America's school children learn that America is a free, sovereign, independent nation, of laws or should they be taught that they are citizens of a UN global village? Believe it or not, Congress is making that choice right now. It's urgent that your congressman hear from you right now before he votes America's founding principles out of public classrooms.

Do you want our children to be taught they are Americans or UN global citizens? Tell Congress your answer now. The House of Representatives is about to pass a bill that will destroy civics education in American schools. It's called the American History and Civics Education Act and it creates what is called the "New Civics."

New Civics teaches our children that they will soon be "global citizens" rather than Americans. The Declaration of Independence says you are born with your rights and it's government's job to protect them, but the New Civics rejects the idea that our rights are unalienable. The New Civics throws out the Declaration of Independence and replaces it with the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human-Rights.

The UN's Declaration says: "These rights and freedoms may in no case be exercised contrary to the purposes of the United Nations." Is that what you think American school children should be learning in classrooms that you pay for? What else should American civics classes teach except how our republican System works, why America is called the land of the free, how our free market system

works and that our system of justice is like no other in the world, where our rights, property and liberty are protected? If the American History and Civics Education Act is enacted by Congress, none of these things will be taught to our school children!

Nowhere in the curriculum is there any hint that the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution have anything to offer the rest of the world. The word "sovereignty" doesn't even exist in the curriculum. New Civics isn't patriotism, traditional history or freedom and teachers are already attending training sessions to Prepare to teach the New Civics.

At a "New Civics" teacher training session, one speaker wrote off the Declaration of Independence as "simply a political declaration to justify a violent revolution."

Do these anti-American globalists belong in our children's classrooms?

The American History and Civics Education Act is before Congress right now. Your representatives in Congress will act on this legislation very soon. Will they vote to remove the Declaration of Independence from the classroom and replace it with the UN's Declaration on Human Rights?

If you disagree that the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution should be ignored in today's modern classrooms, that our children should be global citizens instead of Americans and disagree that American liberty is "nothing special," then tell Congress now! At the Capital call Representative Stupak at (202) 225-4735, Senator Levin at (202) 224-6221 and Senator Stabenow at (202) 224-4822.

This is your chance to have your views heard and your voice could be the one to make the difference. Wake up America.

Jerry Evans

MANY THANKS

Local chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society recognizes national volunteer month

TO THE EDITOR:

April is National Volunteer Month. Each year, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter, recognizes the valuable role played by its volunteers in communities across the state.

These individuals assist in many capacities, giving of their time, energy, money, enthusiasm, and of themselves, or are caregivers to a family member with MS.

There are countless individuals who organize teams of family members, friends, and co-workers to participate in the fundraising and awareness-raising MS Walks, MS 150 Bike Tours and Longest Day of Golf in the spring and Summer. All of them make a difference in the lives

of so many.

Here in our Petoskey Support Group we have members, volunteers, and friends from Alanson, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Cadillac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Conway, East Jordan, Ellsworth, Gaylord, Harbor Springs, Indian River, Levinger, Onaway, Pellston, Petoskey, and St. Ignace. We provide a place to speak out and gain information.

Our meetings are every third Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m., located at the Community Health Education Center in Petoskey. New members, volunteers or friends are always welcome!

If you need directions to get to a meeting please call Peggy or Don at 536-7975.

LETTERS

All are invited to Boyne City Bikefest on April 24

TO THE EDITOR:

From the convergence of a new awareness of the importance of fitness to a healthy life, higher gas prices, mass produced lightweight composite materials, and American Lance Armstrong poised to win an unprecedented six straight Tour De France victory, emerges one of the more important opportunity/problems local governments will face in the near future: Increasing numbers of people operating bicycles and sharing the road with automobile users.

I invite government officials, organizations and individuals to attend BIKEFEST on April 24 to participate in a round table discussion of the question, What does local government do to influence bicycling?

My friend and riding buddy, Mike Webster will moderate the discussion; Mike currently serves as Township Supervisor for Melrose Township in Charlevoix County. The discussion will start at 4 p.m. in the afternoon and I hope that it will also serve a networking tool.

BIKEFEST is an event where people can buy, sell or trade used bicycle equipment, and cycle shops can sell old stock, in a festival atmosphere. Representatives from the League of Michigan Cyclists and the Tip of the Mitt Trails Council plan to attend the roundtable and they will staff an information booth during the festival. Other highlights include door prizes, gourmet pizza, and demonstrations.

I want to improve the secondary market for used bicycles; both those with bikes to sell and those in the market for an economical ride will profit. More people on bikes means a healthier community; and, I will sell more product and service.

Please plan to spend an hour or two on a pleasant Saturday afternoon talking about something that will make our communities better places. BIKEFEST starts at 10 a.m. and lasts until 5 p.m. and takes place at 114 State Street in Boyne City, half a block from Veterans Park. If you have questions, then give me a call at 231-582-6622 or reach me by e-mail at john@bikfixcyclingcenter.com.

Ride and Smile,
John McClorey

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

A WARM "Welcome" from residents and staff of Litzénburger Place goes out to Lorie (Kane) Selissen of the Boyne City Housing Commission. She is the new office receptionist. The office renovation is now complete and new office hours are Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., closing daily from 12-1 p.m. for lunch.

TODD AND CONNIE URMAN are the proud parents of a baby girl, Alissa Jane, born April 8, at 2:08 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18 inches in length at her birth. Alissa Jane has a two-year-old sister, Jenna Marie. Grandparents are Merle and Mary Carson, Denny and Kris Urman and Vickie Goldsmith, all of Boyne City. Great-grandparents are Jane and Buck Hawk of Petoskey, Jack Urman of Walloon Lake and the late Lyle Snover of Flushing.

A WARM "Welcome Home and a BIG Hug" goes out to Virginia Hegerberg, who returned last Sunday after having spent the winter months in Missouri, with daughter and husband the Rev. Richard H. and Pam Schmidt, and family.

TERI LYNN NORTHUP of Midland, laden with lovely gifts for Grandma Edna May, spent a wonderful time of visiting her and her Uncle Bill on Saturday.

PAUL AND JOYCE HIBBARD of Millington and his sister, Nancy Rennick of Big Rapids are here, rallying around their mother, Adell Hibbard, who has been in North-

ern Michigan Hospital for the past 10 days. Undergoing pacemaker surgery, she is doing better. Son and brother, Carl Hibbard, who flew in from Yazoo, Miss. on Thursday, joined the family. It is undecided where Adell will be going for physical therapy but we all say, "Hang in there, Adell!"

A WARM "Welcome Neighbor" goes out to Donna Moseley, who moved into Litzénburger Place this past week.

WORD HAS been received that former Boyne resident, Mrs. Otto (Grace Coanes) Stone, 76, of Linwood passed away this past week. Her final farewell service was held in Pinconning on Tuesday.

THE SWISS STEAK dinner and dance benefit of the Boyne Valley Fire and Rescue unit held at the K of C Hall in Boyne City on Saturday night was a great success! Sponsored by their Auxiliary, the beautiful spring evening of good food, a 50-50 raffle, fun and dancing to the terrific music of the Northern Nights, deserves an "appreciation and thanks" to all attending, and proved to be a real treat they are hoping to repeat next year!

A NOTE of encouragement, like "better times are coming," goes out to Boyne City's Vic and Diane Ayers. Arriving home a couple of weeks ago from winter in Florida, and much to their dismay, they are still cleaning up the mess and damage caused by the overload of the snow cave-in to the roof of their garage, totaling a car parked inside, too. On Tuesday, they attended the committal service of his

mother, Lucille Ayers, in Mancelona. Family members gathered at Vic and Diane's for lunch, following the service.

KATHY AND JIM RICE of Tecumseh, both of them school teachers, spent the last weekend of spring break, here in Boyne, visiting their mother, Arlene (Betty) Inman, and family.

JIM AND LINDA FELTON of Boyne City have returned from vacationing and enjoying visits with friends and relatives in areas throughout Florida and also in Mississippi and Missouri.

LARRY JUDKINS of Boyne City was transferred on April 9 from Traverse City's Munson Hospital to Cheboygan's Tender Care Rehab Center. By word of mouth, many concerned and caring area friends have known of Larry's unfortunate accident in Traverse City on March 3. His brother Rex says, "He's coming along well and is in good spirits, but it may take a long time in healing." A "better times are coming!" goes out to you, too, Larry.

JANET AND RODGER (Mike) Smith have returned to their Boyne Ridge Condo after having spent a few months of winter in Florida.

LEE STOWE, Flo Davis, and Marie Schmittiel were among the nearly full house attending Sunday's Musical Journey of Lewis and Clark Chorale, the spring concert at Petoskey's McCune Art Center. Awesome it was, the beautiful sets and music.

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

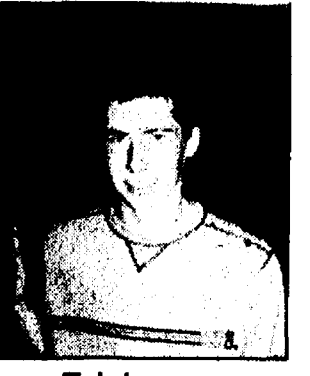
NAME: Eric Makarewicz
PARENTS: Tom Marker and Kim Fiel
GRADE: Sophomore
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I enjoy many sporting activities such as snowmobiling and downhill skiing. I also enjoy mechanical repairs as a hobby."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "My future plans include college at Northern Michigan. I hope to become an engineer."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Eric is doing outstanding in Biology this year," said Elizabeth Hemming. "He is a conscientious student who is organized, and works well with others in class. Eric exemplifies what a 'Student of the Week' should be. He has been a great student and I have truly enjoyed having him in class."



Eric Makarewicz

Boyne Falls

NAME: T.J. Jepsen
PARENTS: Tom and Sharon Jepsen
GRADE: Senior
FAVORITE CLASS: Limnology
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: ATV and Paintball
FAVORITE COLOR: Turquoise
FAVORITE FOOD: Steak
FAVORITE BOOK: Jurassic Park
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Stargate
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "T.J. is an extremely focused, goal oriented student who has developed highly effective strategies for success in the classroom," said Mr. Garver. "I have watched him grow into a classroom leader, and I will miss not having him in class when he graduates this spring."



T.J. Jepsen

East Jordan

NAME: Ashley Skop
PARENTS: Michael and Deanna Skop
GRADE: Freshman
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Softball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hang out with friends
FUTURE PLANS: Go to college, possibly be an architect
FAVORITE CLASS: Drafting
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Ashley is a bright, hard-working student," said Mrs. Standerfer. "She is kind and caring toward others and is a true pleasure to have in class."
"Ashley is a focused student," said Mrs. Stangis. "She is kind and considerate to other students. She is a creative writer and a confident speaker. There's not a day she doesn't come into the classroom in a good mood with a smile on her face!"
"Ashley works extremely hard in class," said Mr. Bailey. "Her work ethic and study skills are superb. Her positive attitude and kindness towards others make her a delight to have in class!"



Ashley Skop

Hospice offering volunteer training sessions

The Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to join its family of hospice volunteers.

Hospice will be conducting a volunteer training program starting Tuesday, May 4, with sessions meeting for four weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 5-7 p.m. Classes will be conducted at Greensky

Hill United Methodist Church in Charlevoix.

The first session will be a hospice orientation and discussion of the role of the volunteer, with each subsequent class dealing with a different aspect of training — grief and bereavement, death and dying, communications skills, understanding the family, spiritual care of the family, care and comfort measures, ethical issues, and personal stress.

Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services,

including respite care to the terminally ill and their families. Volunteers provide help not only with patients, but also through office work and fund-raising.

The Hospice of Northwest Michigan serves Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet counties.

'No Child Left Behind' is forum focus

A community forum on the controversial No Child Left Behind law is set for Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m., at the Charlevoix Middle School, with a panel discussion and a question-and-answer session.

Parents and other community members are invited to attend the forum to relate their experiences with the law and to hear how school administrators and teachers are attempting to meet the requirements of the law.

Jane Bailey, Director of Teaching and Learning at Petoskey Public Schools, will lead the panel and present a power point demonstration.

Charlevoix Middle School is located at 108 East Garfield, Charlevoix.

Anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer can call the Hospice of Northwest Michigan at 536-2842.

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Donkey Time

It was an "anything goes" evening at the second annual Donkey Basketball event in Boyne City last week, as teams of area residents met up, on donkey-back, on the basketball court. Winner for the evening, for the second year running, was the Boyne City Fire Department, who battled it out against the East Jordan and Melrose fire departments and a team from LexaMar. The real trick, of course, is eliciting cooperation from the donkeys, who are not known for their easy-going ways, leading players like the one at left to resort to some old-fashioned baiting techniques.

photos by Vic Ruggles

Sewer

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if the pipes were to break. He also notes that "[Dan Meads] assured us verbally that he has a plan to address this concern."

According to Cain, the City is now waiting for action from its engineers. "We want to get a proposal as soon as possible," he said. Meads was on vacation and unavailable for comment at press time.

COLLEGE NEWS

AMIE ECKER of Petoskey, a sophomore at Hope College traveled to Bolivia with fellow pre-medical and nursing students to help meet basic health needs for the urban homeless, rural poor and children in orphanages. She is the daughter of Gregg and Cathy Ecker of Petoskey and the granddaughter of Tom and Darlene DeNike of Boyne City, and Mark and Joyce Ecker of Petoskey.

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Plenty on tap at Jordan Valley library this week

During National Library Week, April 18-24, the Jordan Valley District Library is hosting activities to attract readers from newborn to seniors.

In conjunction with area libraries, the Jordan Valley District Library will participate in the Born to Read Baby program, in which the family of the first child born at Charlevoix Area Hospital or Northern Michigan Hospital during the week will be gifted with a tote bag of items designed to encourage literacy and learning for the youngest readers.

During the week, too, patrons will cast votes for the three authors to be included in the library's second Turn the Page@ Your Library series. All books being considered are written by Michigan authors and will be discussed during the library's Erotival reading festival in the winter of 2005.

A selection of new children's and adult books are also currently on display at the library for patrons to look over and order, part of the Books are Fun program in which patrons purchase books and

help to earn free books for the library. Orders can be placed until May 16.

Finally, Gloria Whelan, award-winning author of numerous young adult books, will speak on Wednesday, April 21, at 6 p.m. (rescheduled from the original date of Jan. 7).

The focus will be on The Impossible Journey, her adventure tale set in Communist Russia in 1934. The presentation, to be held in the library's community room, is free of charge.

For more information, call the library at 536-7131.

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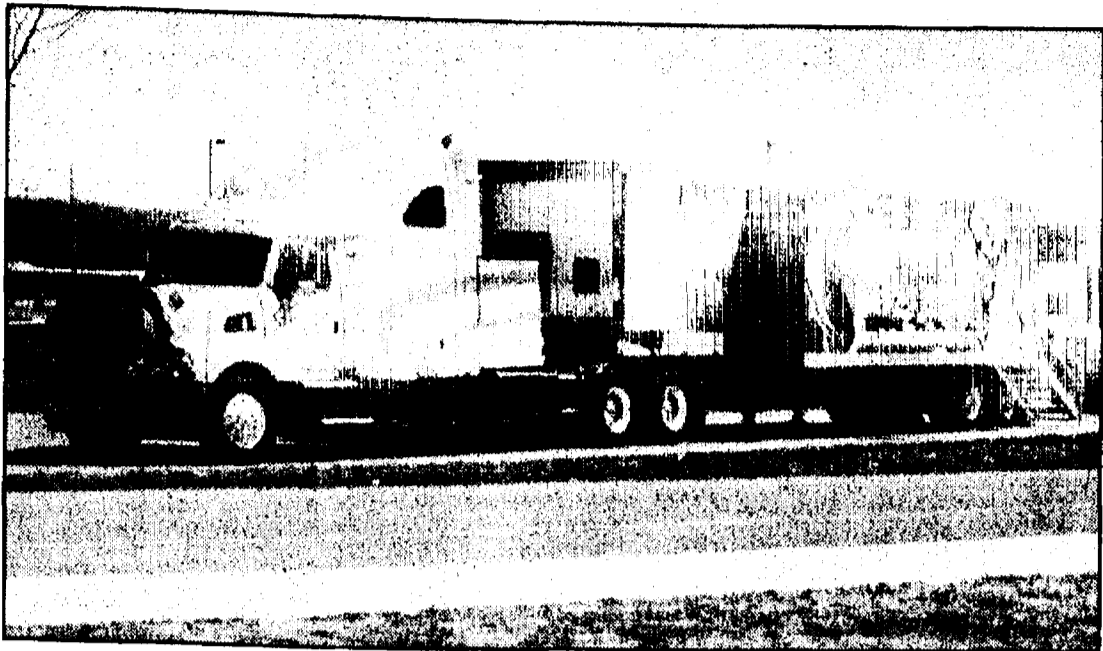
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Weird Science

The National Science Center's Mobile Discovery Center paid a visit to northern Michigan last week, with Boyne City and East Jordan students getting a first-hand look at some really cool science.



The Mobile Science Center is hard to miss, housed in a semi tractor and trailer adorned with brightly colored science-themed murals. The center's home base is the National Science Center, located in Augusta, Ga.

SFC Vincent Newsome, who travels nearly 300 days a year in the mobile center with fellow soldier SFC Dominic Merritt, helped Boyne City Middle School students TJ Wandrie, Lisa Skrocki, and Tommy Stevens, right, light up the room. At far right, things were looking up for Samantha McClure, as she got some hands-on experience with static electricity. Though Merritt said that typically, schools wait for four years for a visit from the unit, the area lucked out, receiving a visit less than a year after being signed up by Boyne City Middle School science teacher Susan Martin.



photos by Angela Shultis



MANY THANKS

WRC volunteers have improved the world

"How wonderful it is that nobody wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." - Anne Frank

The many volunteers at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) have graciously improved the world for the northern Michigan community in a variety of ways. 2,423 hours of volunteer service were donated in fiscal 2002-03. Our volunteer staff ring up sales at the Gold Mine Resale Shop, assist with agency mailings,

serve on the Board of Directors, support families at the Safe Home, answer the 24-hour crisis phone line, do facility upkeep and maintenance, style hair and provide makeovers at the Safe Home, and other important tasks.

National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, offers a unique opportunity for the WRC and the community to express sincere appreciation to all those individuals who so generously give of themselves to improve the world for others. Volunteers have always played an important

role in the success of WRC programs and have directly supported thousands of service recipients over the past 27 years. This added support ultimately benefits the

many families served by the WRC in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

Thank you to all the WRC

volunteers who have shared your skills with our agency and community over the years.

Your compassion and hard work continue to im-

prove the lives of many individuals and families in Northern Michigan.

Jamie Winters
Safe Home Coordinator

RSVP depends on volunteers

As we celebrate National Volunteer Week April 18-23, the Retired and Senior volunteer Program (RSVP of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties) would like to recognize the contributions RSVP volunteers make to

our communities. Over the past year our 275 volunteers donated over 41,000 hours of their time and talents to 85 non-profits in our area.

Volunteers have assisted with large mailings, blood

drives, office assistance, telephone reassurance, tax preparation, companionship at nursing homes, and middle school children with reading and many other projects. Senior volunteers are a vital resource

to our community; they enhance our quality of life. Thank a volunteer today.

Sally Pickering,
Project Director
RSVP of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties

Grandvue loves its volunteers


During this National Volunteer Week, Grandvue Medical Care Facility wishes to honor and extend a sincere thank you to our great team of volunteers. The many generous and caring efforts these individuals and community groups have contributed over the past year have helped to ensure a high quality of life for our residents and have helped us create a real "family" environment for everyone who lives and works at Grandvue.

We feel very fortunate to have the continued support of so many fine people living in our area. Thank you for your involvement.

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Open house set at Boyne City Preschool

Boyne City Preschool will host an Earth Day Celebration and Open House on Thursday, April 22, from 4-7 p.m. at the school, located at 1040 Roosevelt St., Boyne City.

The event will include Earth Day-related arts and crafts and an opportunity to meet the teachers and learn more about the preschool program.

Boyne City Preschool is a licensed preschool for children ages 3-5, with morning and afternoon classes available in two-, three-, four- or five-day sessions. FIA billing is available, as are partial scholarships courtesy of Eta Nu Sorority.

For more information, call the school at 582-7131.

POLICE REPORTS

Boyne City Police Department

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

Monday, April 12: Speed citation issued; assault complaint on Front Street; unlock at Glen's; malicious destruction of property to playground in Veteran's Park; suspicious situation near McKinley Street; citation issued for speed; one arrested for operating while license suspended - lodged at Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; assisted Antrim County with arrest in trailer park.

Tuesday, April 13: Harassment complaint turned in; one arrested for driving while license suspended.

Wednesday, April 14: Property damage accident in Glen's lot; assisted on State Street with Family dispute; threatening phone call complaint; unlock on Terrace Street; found property turned in and returned to owner; called to assist at Parkview Apartments.

Thursday, April 15: Fraud complaint at Mather's Ford; unlock on North Lake Street; property damage accident on Boyne Avenue near Beardsley Street; embezzlement complaint under investigation; littering reported on Boyne Avenue; assault reported from Glen's; one arrested for operating while intoxicated and lodged.

Friday, April 16: Animal complaint on North Park Street; dumping for trash on city property; vehicle unlock on Pine Street; assisted county on M-75 South; operating while intoxicated arrest - one lodged.

Saturday, April 17: Two traffic violation with citations issued; report of suspicious subject on East Main Street; arrested one on non-sufficient funds warrant; property damage accident on North Park Street; unlock of vehicle; dogs running at large on Jersey Street; assist county with car/deer accident on Boyne City-East Jordan Road.

BUSINESS BRIEF

New mortgage brokerage now open in Boyne City

HLI Mortgage, a full-service mortgage brokerage, is open for business in Boyne City.

Under the direction of branch manager Dave Crumbaugh, the brokerage offers a variety of mortgage options, including conventional, non-conforming, interest-only,

no-doc, stated income, sub-prime, VA, FHA and more, even to those, according to Crumbaugh, who have previously believed they couldn't get one.

"We are making it possible for those with bruised credit and even those with recent bankruptcies to own

their own home," Crumbaugh said.

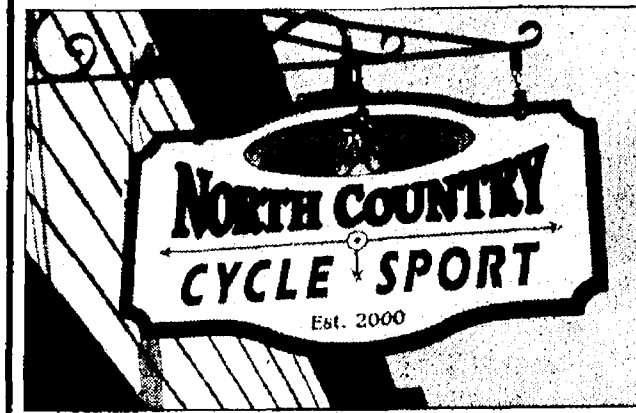
HLI, or Home Loans Inc., has other offices located in the Detroit area and southern California, after president Hal Ballew founded the company seven years ago.

The Boyne City office services the upper half of

Michigan, with several loan officers on staff to help meet the demand for refinancing due to current low interest rates and home purchases.

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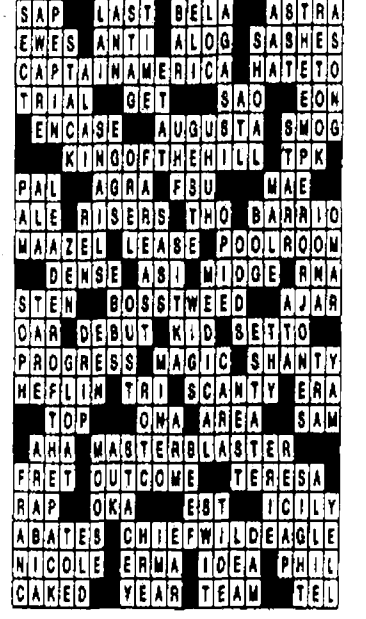
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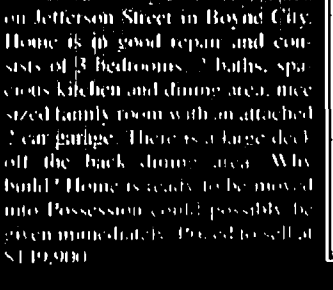
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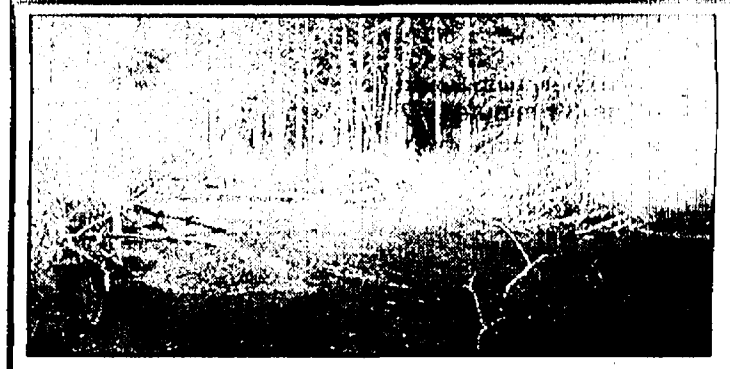


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Last year's winner Krystal Birgy passes the torch, or rather the crown, sash and cape, to Miss East Jordan 2004, Whitney Hershberger. In the competition, Hershberger fulfilled the creative and performing arts portion of the program with her dramatic storytelling, a gift that made her a top fore-runner participant for the school.



Contestants donned casual wear while completing the public speaking portion of the program. They are, above, from left: Courtney Hammond, Chrisanne Selonke, Jessica Crick, Margaux Rowley, Tiffannie Bearden, Whitney Hershberger, Jill Derenzy, Samantha Bingham, Kim Beauvais. At left, Margaux Rowley is poised at the podium during the prepared public speaking portion of the evening. Though Miss East Jordan takes home the top prize of \$1,000 in scholarship money, all contestants earn scholarship funds just for participating.

MISS EAST JORDAN 2004

Miss East Jordan:
Whitney Hershberger

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Second runner up:
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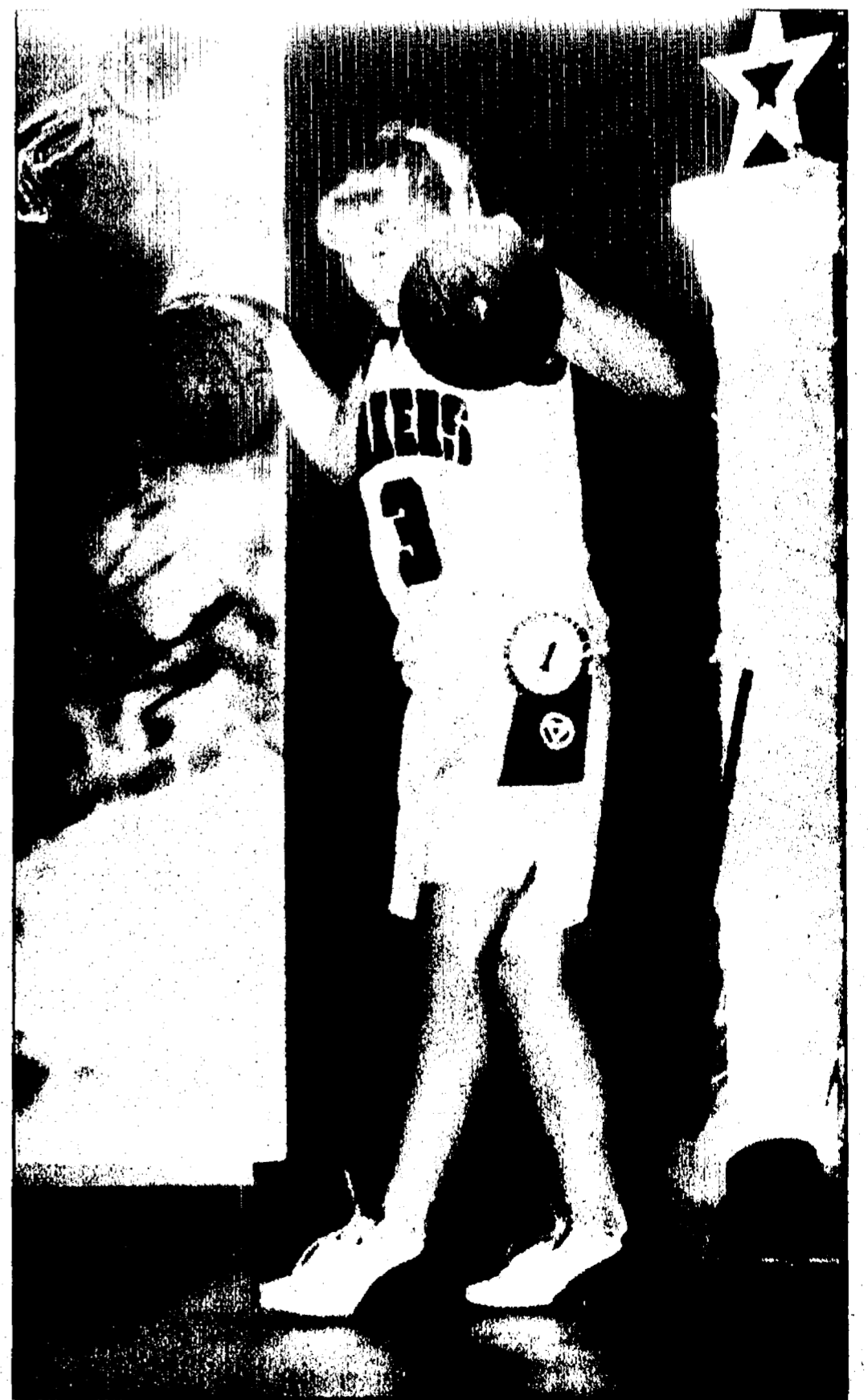
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The talent was unique and varied, ranging from piano and voice recitals, to more offbeat presentations, such as Courtney Hammond's basketball demonstration set to music, right, and Tiffannie Bearden's comedic "Duct Tape Monologue," in which she extols the virtues and versatility of duct tape while donning a duct tape ensemble, above.



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