

Taking the stage

■ Students will be in the spotlight at the BCHS annual Fall Fine Arts Show

Rehearsals are in the final stages as Boyne City High School drama, band, and choir students work to perfect their numbers for the school's annual Fall Fine Arts Show, set for Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 8 and 9, at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. Shows are at 7 p.m. each night, and will feature a variety of numbers, including a preview of the spring musical, "Honk," selections from the Broadway show "Wicked," as well as some holiday favorites.

Priced at \$3 apiece, tickets are now on sale at the high school box office. After school and after work hours for ticket sales are set for Dec. 1, from 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Dec. 2, from 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Dec. 3, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Dec. 6, from 3:30-6:30 p.m., and Dec. 7, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Seating is assigned with ticket purchase. For more information, call the high school at 439-8100.



Brenton Fitzpatrick and Taylor Carlston perform a number, with a supporting cast, at a rehearsal last week for the upcoming fall show.



Danielle Burns, Paige Smith, Lane McCarry, Ethan Knott, Trent Pallagi and Brenton Fitzpatrick rehearse in costume for a selection from the Broadway production "Wicked."



Marie Johnson and Stephanie Fortune, above, make rehearsals look fun as they practice on stage last week.

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BC survey will gather information for grant

Boyer City residents are being asked to help the City pursue a grant for infrastructure improvements, by taking part in a survey being taken on Dec. 2 and 3.

Boyer City High School students have been tapped to assist with the surveys, with 15 or so kids from Michele Deming's psychology class on board to gather information. The students will be going door to door on Thursday, Dec. 2 and Friday, Dec. 3, between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., to gather information regarding household income.

According to deputy city clerk Sara McRae, the information is vital to the application process currently being undertaken by the city for consideration for Community Development Block Grant funding. The goal is to "show that a 51 percent majority, or more, of the households in Boyer City have low to moderate household incomes," McRae said, to improve chances of receiving the funding. Based on the total number of households within the city limits, which is 1,089, a sample size of 300 households is required for the survey; according to McRae, just over 100 surveys have already been taken, so the goal for Thursday and Friday is to gather data for about 200 more.

'Lights of Love' returns for 2004 holiday season

'Tis the season for giving, and so the Eta Nu Sorority of Boyer City will once again offer the chance to make a difference by hosting the annual Lights of Love in Boyer City.

Participants are invited to purchase a light or a heart for a special tree in memory of a person or group, with proceeds to support hospice patient care through the Hospice of Northwest Michigan. Lights range from \$3-25; a "heart of love" ornament can be purchased for \$35, with the heart to be sent to the contributor after the holidays.

A tree lighting ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m., at 201 E. Water St. (next to the Dairy Queen). Those attending are invited to enjoy a light supper at the Dilworth after the ceremony, at a cost of \$10. Orders for lights or hearts must include the name, address, and phone number of the donor; whether the order is to honor or be in memory of a person or group; the number of hearts or lights; and the color of lights ordered. Colors available are: white light, \$3; green light, \$5; blue light, \$10; red light, \$15; gold light, \$25. Checks payable to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan, can be mailed to K. Henricks, 02375 Pine Blvd., Boyer City, MI 49712.

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committee" who contact those who have ordered in previous years. The wreaths are so popular, Shaver said, that the group doesn't do any advertising, for fear of getting orders too large for their small but dedicated group of workers to handle. Each year, after orders were already taken and wreaths picked up, "we have calls from people wanting to buy more." Once they're gone, however, they're gone. But that's not to say that the ball isn't already rolling for next year. According to Shaver, her basement is currently home to more than 200 pinecones, being dried and ready for their holiday future.



Cool tools

Third graders at East Jordan Elementary School took part, along with professionals from the local area, in the annual "Tool School" event, getting a hands-on look at just what types of equipment are used in various professions. Dr. Steve Voci, above, gave kids a glimpse into the unique tools of the optometry trade.



Charlevoix County Animal Control officer Julie Whitley brought along some high-tech toys, including the scanner that reads identification microchips now frequently implanted in dogs and cats, to make finding lost animals easier. At left, East Jordan EMS volunteer Jim Jordan shows a third grade class, with the help of student Callie Berish, just how backboards, and other emergency medical service equipment, keeps patients safe.

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Ruth Ann Knysz
Surrounded by her family, Ruth Ann Knysz, 79, of Boyer City, passed away Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

In celebration of her life, a Mass of the Resurrection was held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyer City. The Rev. Francis Partridge officiated.

Ruth Ann was born on June 22, 1925, in Grand Rapids, and was the daughter of Alford and Lillian (Dirst) Katz. She grew up in Lincoln Park and graduated from Lincoln Park High School in 1943.

After working as a switchboard operator for Michigan Bell, Ruth Ann

proudly sold war bonds and worked as a lathe operator at Timkens during World War II.

It was at Timkens that she met her future husband, Peter Knysz. They were married on Feb. 18, 1946, in Fort Wayne, Ind., and they resided in Belleville, Mich.

During this time, Ruth Ann was involved in the Women's Relief Corps and was department president for many years. She was also a Cub Scout den mother and an active volunteer at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor, donating more than 3,000 hours of service.

When her husband preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 1975, she and her family moved to Boyer City. In Boyer City, Ruth Ann was a member of the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Altar Society, the Boyer City American Legion Auxiliary and a choir member at St. Matthew's Church.

Her other interests included bingo, gardening, canning, quilting and hockey. She was an avid Red Wings fan and enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports. Placing great importance on family, Ruth Ann always supported her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her six children, John (Mary Lou) Knysz of Canton, Mich., Steve (Pam) Knysz of Boyer City, Rick (Janet) Knysz of Fremont, Christina Knysz, Peter Knysz Jr. and Ruth Ann (Jeff) Porter, all of Boyer City; 10 grandchildren, Jeffery (Melinda) Knysz, Kelly (Robert) Smith, Justin, Jessica, Matthew and Adam Knysz, and Erin and Ryan Hennessy, and Gavin and Travis Porter; one great-grandchild, Alex Knysz, and an impending birth of a second great-grandchild in January; two sisters, Christina (Robert) Johnson and Dorothy "Dot" (Ed) Ekey; and

by an aunt, Pauline Kuhlman. In addition to her husband, Ruth Ann's parents and her brother, Richard Katz, preceded her in death. Memorial contributions may be given to several organizations through Ruth Ann's daughter, Christina Knysz. The family would like to especially thank all the people at Grandvue Medical Care Facility and the Charlevoix Area Hospital for the excellent care given to Ruth Ann during her illness. Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home in Boyer City.

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All I want for Christmas . . .

. . . is a shiny new fire truck. At least, that's what the Boyne City volunteer firefighters wanted, and their wish was granted, in the form of a brand new ladder truck picked up last week in Iowa. Pictured here are, from left, Jack Bush, Denny Amundson, Steve Erber and Gary Cole, at the conclusion of their trip.



Gary Cole, above, rode donning a headset, with which the truck is outfitted in order to facilitate communication among firefighters on a call. At right, fire crews check out the operation of the ladder, which extends up to 80 feet in the air.

photos by Vic Ruggles



Art center to host baroque ensemble

The Great Lakes Baroque Ensemble will present a Sunday afternoon concert on Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center.

The Baroque Ensemble has played at the Center several times and is brought back by special request. They also present educational concerts for schools and special concerts for other groups.

Ensemble members are: Robert Pattengale—harpichord, Peggy Beck—viola, and Bing Farrar—bass; all members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, and Roger Lilak—wind synthesizer.

The "Baroque Consort" has incorporated the wind synthesizer and bass in the place of the more typical Baroque era instruments.

In the 17th century a consort refers to a small ensemble of like instruments, and when a diversity of instruments is employed, the consort was considered "Broken."

Light refreshments will be served preceding the concert.

Currently on exhibition

is the Members Christmas Art for Sale.

The gallery is open from 1-4 daily with a special opening Thursday evening, Dec. 9, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for Family Christmas Crafts. Families are invited to make a craft together.

The center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan. For more information call 582-6399.



Ensemble members Robert Pattengale, Peggy Beck, Bing Farrar, and Roger Lilak have performed educational programs in the area.

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The training will allow people who are interested in becoming a volunteer or people who are volunteers the opportunity to learn more about the organization, and begin training courses.

Courses include basic needs sign language, ski binding certifications, ski area safety policies, and general organizational information.

Volunteers need not be able to ski to be useful, and there are numerous jobs other than ski instructor that need to be filled.

According to Challenge Mountain executive direc-

tor Sue Moody, there is such a large demand for services that hours have been extended to be open three weekdays and Saturdays.

Volunteers are needed particularly for weekdays, she said.

Those planning to participate in the training are asked to call 535-2141 to register.

Boyne Falls Public School Lunch Menu

Week of Dec. 6-10

- Dec. 6: Beauty and the Beast burritos or Hunchback hot pokets, Mickey Mouse mac and cheese, Shrek salad, fantasia fruit
- Dec. 7: Hot dog or burger on a bun, onion rings, salad, fruit
- Dec. 8: Hot ham or turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, fruit
- Dec. 9: French bread pizza or egg salad sandwich, green beans, salad, fruit
- Dec. 10: Chicken noodle casserole or cook's choice, dinner roll, salad, fruit

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Boyne City Public Schools

Week of Dec. 6-10

Elementary/Middle School

- Dec. 6: Pizzeria pizza, hot dog, harvest pilot, green beans, fresh fruit
- Dec. 7: Chicken patty, taco salad, corn oven baked fries, bananas, Sponge Bob milk
- Dec. 8: Turkey noodle casserole, pizzeria pizza, tater tots, broccoli, fruit mix
- Dec. 9: Chicken nuggets, meat lovers pizza, veggies and dip, tater tots, peach cup
- Dec. 10: Grilled cheese, chicken patty, tomato soup, fresh veggies, fruit mix

High School

- Dec. 6: Chili dogs, sloppy joes
- Dec. 7: Taco salad, breadsticks and sauce
- Dec. 8: Turkey noodle casserole, BBQ wrap
- Dec. 9: Salad bar, chicken nuggets
- Dec. 10: Burritos, pizza breadsticks
- Daily Choices: Three choices of pizza, turkey, ham and cheese or Italian style subs with fresh fixins; chicken sandwich; at least five side dishes every day, including such choices as: potatoes, rice, noodles, fruits, and vegetables. Fresh fruit and vegetables served daily.

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- Dec. 6: Chicken fajita, walking tacos or burritos, lettuce/refried beans, applesauce
- Dec. 7: Ravioli, pot pies, lasagna, sweet peas, fresh fruit
- Dec. 8: Nacho cheese, meat cheese, baked potato or quesadilla, broccoli, rice, pears
- Dec. 9: Sweet and sour chicken, egg rolls or hot dogs, hot veggie, pineapple
- Dec. 10: Pizza or taco salad, California blend, fruit

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