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RAMBLERS



Members of the Boyne City High School varsity basketball team are, back row from left: coach Tim Smith, Armen Karaptian, Grant Ameal, Evan Conklin, Scott Morrow, William Kurtz, and Dillon Olmstead. Front row: Collin Babb, Caleb Helsley, Jordan Sweet, Christopher Eaton, Reed Ameal and Drew Mittig.



Members of the Boyne City High School ski team are, back row from left: Lee Blossom, Garrett Shepherd, Josh Grove, Ryan Kasper, Nick Simeri, and Cory Mills. Coach Bob Simpson. Front row: Jessica Grice, Alison Wright, Alex Welborn, Natalie Lindsay, Astrid Graefe, and Ricio Ruiz. Not Pictured: Kyle Barden, Jared Wilmot and Ryan Witten.



Members of the Boyne City High School cheerleading team are, back row from left: Abby Mapes, Breann Lamb, Julianne Rivette and Breeze Kerr. Front row: Amanda Burns, Stephanie Fortune and Jessica Dunlop.



Members of the Boyne City High School girls volleyball team are, back row from left: coach Casie Parker, Jennifer Connell, Emily McLane, Ashleigh Wiltjer, Tori Crum, Stepheni Vroman, Jessica Nichols and assistant coach Sara Hall. Front row: Alexandra Welborn, Rachel Jabara, Molly Hausler, Emma Clemens and Lindsay Baic.

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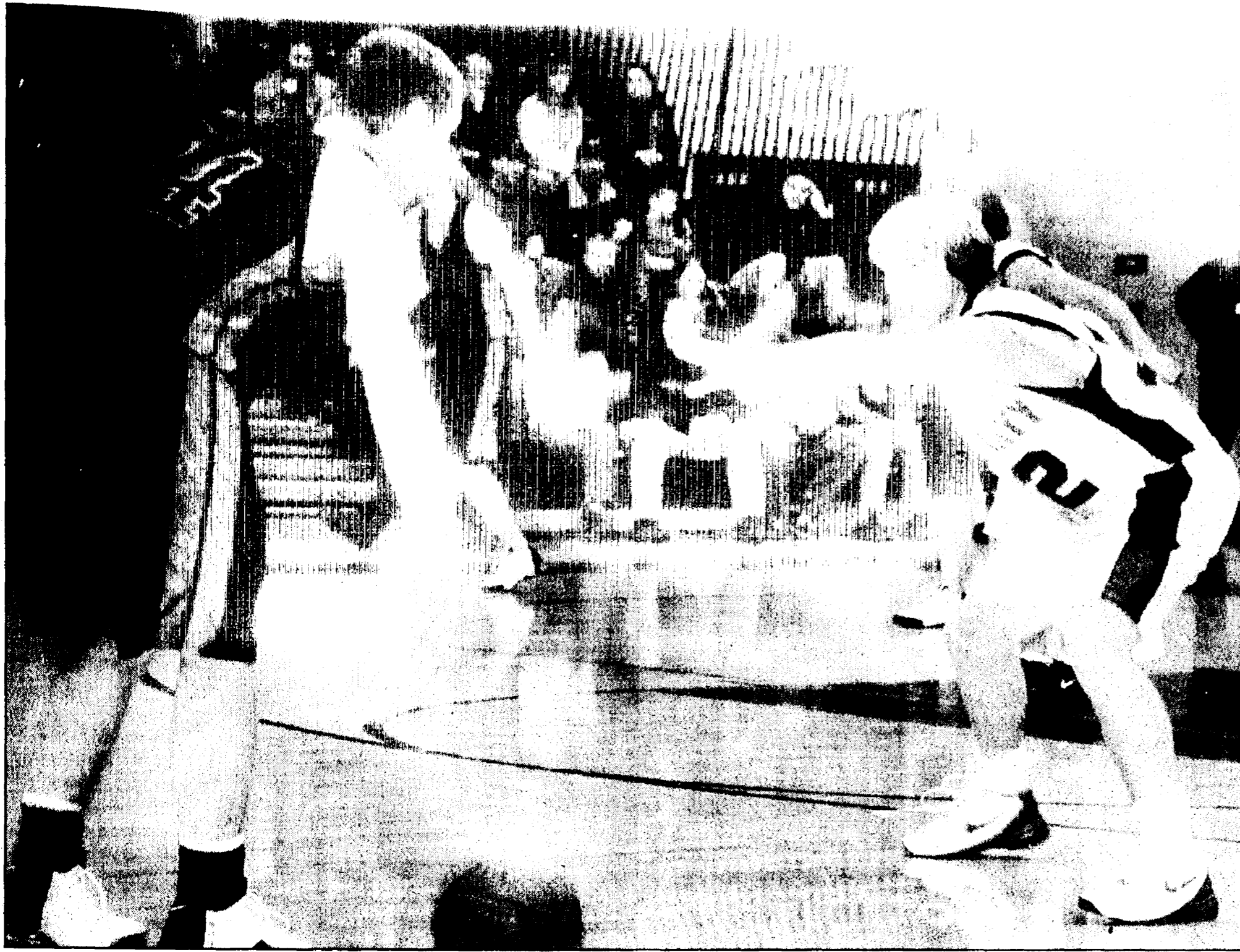
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Intensity is written all over the face of Grant Ameel who drew a tough assignment against Manton – guarding Blake Allen, an all-state player last season. Ameel was up to the challenge as he held Allen to just 11 points for the game. On the offensive end, Ameel finished with 17 points.

Ramblers earn big win over Manton

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

Dillon Olmstead tossed in 18 points and Grant Ameel added 17 points and eight rebounds to lead the Boyne City varsity basketball team to a 58-47 victory at home over Manton on Friday, Dec. 10.

The 11-point win was the first of the season for the Ramblers, who bounced back from a loss to Bellaire in their season opener.

Caleb Hlesley also hit for double digits to bolster the Boyne City attack with 10 points. Hlesley had eight rebounds.

"We played most of the game with a 10-point lead," said Boyne City head coach Tim Smith.

"We took care of the ball and we only turned it over 10 times. It was like the shoe was on the other foot from the Bellaire game."

In that game the Ramblers fell behind early and could never cut the margin to less than 10 points.

The Ramblers set the tone early on Friday taking a 15-6 lead after one quarter and went into the locker room at the half with a 32-22 advantage. Boyne City outscored Manton 26-25

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Cutting across the lane, the Ramblers' Drew Mittig finds an opening and looks for a pass during Boyne City's win Friday against Manton.

Loggers have no problem with Detour

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The Boyne Falls varsity basketball team bounced back from an opening game loss to East Jordan with a dominating 70-46 victory over Detour on Saturday, Dec. 11.

The Loggers did a much better job of taking care of the ball on offense in their second game with only eight turnovers, down from a total of 24 in the game against East Jordan.

"I think that our overall quickness overwhelmed them," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla. "They never got into their set offense and after the first quarter we were pretty comfortable."

The Loggers took control of the contest early and held leads of 16-6, 40-19 and 53-28 at the quarter breaks. Forward Demetrius Burks turned in his second straight standout performance with 22 points, 10 rebounds and five steals.

"Demetrius took control for us as the overall leader. He spread out the floor and he did a good job of penetrating with the ball," Hamilla said. The well-balanced offensive attack also included Ben Kondradt with 12 points, Jim Gross with 10 points and Trevor Matelski with nine.

Up front A.J. Hawkins led the rebounding crew with five boards, while Jeff Miller hauled down four. Jeremy Burton led the Red Raiders with 14 points. Boyne Falls will travel to Pickford this Friday.

JV's Win In OT

The Boyne Falls junior varsity squad outscored Detour 8-3 in overtime to gain a 59-54 win. The Loggers led the game 14-10 after one quarter, while Detour led 27-22 at the half before the two teams stood even at 41-41 after three quarters and 51-51 at the end of regulation time.

Netters tip off the season

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The high school varsity volleyball season began Saturday, Dec. 11, when both Boyne City and East Jordan traveled to the Early Bird Tournament hosted by Inland Lakes.

Charlevoix captured first place at the six-team round-robin tourney with a victory over Hillman in the championship match, while Inland Lakes defeated East Jordan in the consolation game to earn third place.

It was fast-paced action at the event which featured new rally scoring, which awards points on every serve. A new rule was also in effect that counts a serve as good even if it touches the net on the way over.

East Jordan's Lady Devils went 1-1-3 in the round-robin session defeating St. Ignace, losing to Hillman and then gaining splits with Charlevoix, Inland Lakes and Boyne City.

"I was very happy with our play. It was a great way to start the season," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel. "We played great defense, but we need to work on our hitting. The foundation for a good team is there, but we need to keep working hard."

Nachazel praised the play of sophomores Jessica Roberts and Jill Drenth as well as senior Tabatha Grover for leading the effort on Saturday. Grover (nine aces, four kills, five digs) and Drenth (three aces, 19 kills, three

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EJ off to strong start

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

East Jordan guard Kyle Daneff poured in 21 of his game-high 31 points during the second half to lead East Jordan's varsity basketball team to a 70-63 victory over Boyne Falls in a season opening Lake Michigan Conference vs. Northern Lakes Conference match up on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Daneff's high output overshadowed a 22-point performance by Boyne Falls swing man Demetrius Burks. Daneff also hauled down seven rebounds, had five steals and dished out two assists in a game that "established himself as a complete player both defensively and offensively," according to his coach Lance Bailey.

Daneff's second-half surge was a huge factor as East Jordan rallied from a 33-32 deficit at the half to outscore Boyne Falls 38-30 after the intermission and pull out the win.

"It was a great basketball game that was well fought on both sides. Boyne Falls came out crisp and took it to us in the first quarter, but we were able to get back in the game with some intense defense and some turnovers," said Bailey.

The Loggers showed their crispness taking a 20-13 lead at the end of the first quarter before the Red Dev-

ils cut the margin down to one point, 33-32, going into half time.

"Our downfall was that we had too many turnovers against their press," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla about his team's miscues.

"If we take care of the ball, we'll do better. We'll learn from our mistakes."

The East Jordan press forced the Loggers to turn the ball over 24 times in the game. East Jordan outscored Boyne Falls 18-15 in the third period and then a 20-point fourth quarter run by the Red Devils put the cap on the seven-point victory.

Two other Red Devils reached double figures as Eric Hansen contributed 11 points, five rebounds and seven assists, while Tyler Spence added 11 points, three boards and five steals. Adding to the Logger stat sheet were Jim Gross (eight points), Josh Jarema (eight points), A.J. Hawkins (seven points, eight rebounds, three steals) and Ben Kondradt (seven points).

In the junior varsity game, East Jordan built a 40-17 first half lead and then outscored Boyne Falls 36-22 after the break to earn a 76-39 victory.

East Jordan 100, Mancelona 52
East Jordan scorched the nets in a big way on Friday, Dec. 10, to reach the century mark on the scoreboard with a 100-52 win over Ski Valley

Conference-foe Mancelona.

Four different Red Devils reached double figures to power the attack as Daneff hit for 18 points, Spence and Hansen tossed in 14 points each and Tom Krause contributed with 10.

"It was one of those nights where everything went our way," Bailey said.

"It was keyed off of our defensive intensity and the team attitude that the guys had."

Adding to their all-around games, Daneff had eight rebounds, Spence had five assists and three steals, Hansen had three assists and five steals and Krause had six rebounds, five assists and four steals.

In addition Alex Lorne and Brandon LaCount hauled in six boards apiece, while Chris Becker and Ryan Peterson each grabbed five.

"It was nice to see the guys really work together and have some fun. I'm really pleased with the attitude, work and team focus of these guys so far," Bailey said.

East Jordan jumped out front by a 34-14 margin after one quarter, led the contest 61-30 at the half and held a 78-45 advantage going into the final quarter. Jeremy Howard scored 12 points and Bobby Flake added 11 to lead the Mancelona scoring.

East Jordan will open league play this Friday with a trip to Charlevoix.

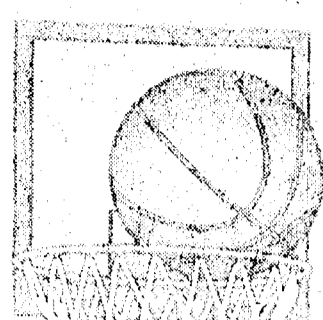


Tyler Spence takes a slap to the wrist as he drives to the basket Friday night at Mancelona. Spence and the rest of his teammates were firing on all cylinders in their 100-52 victory over Mancelona.

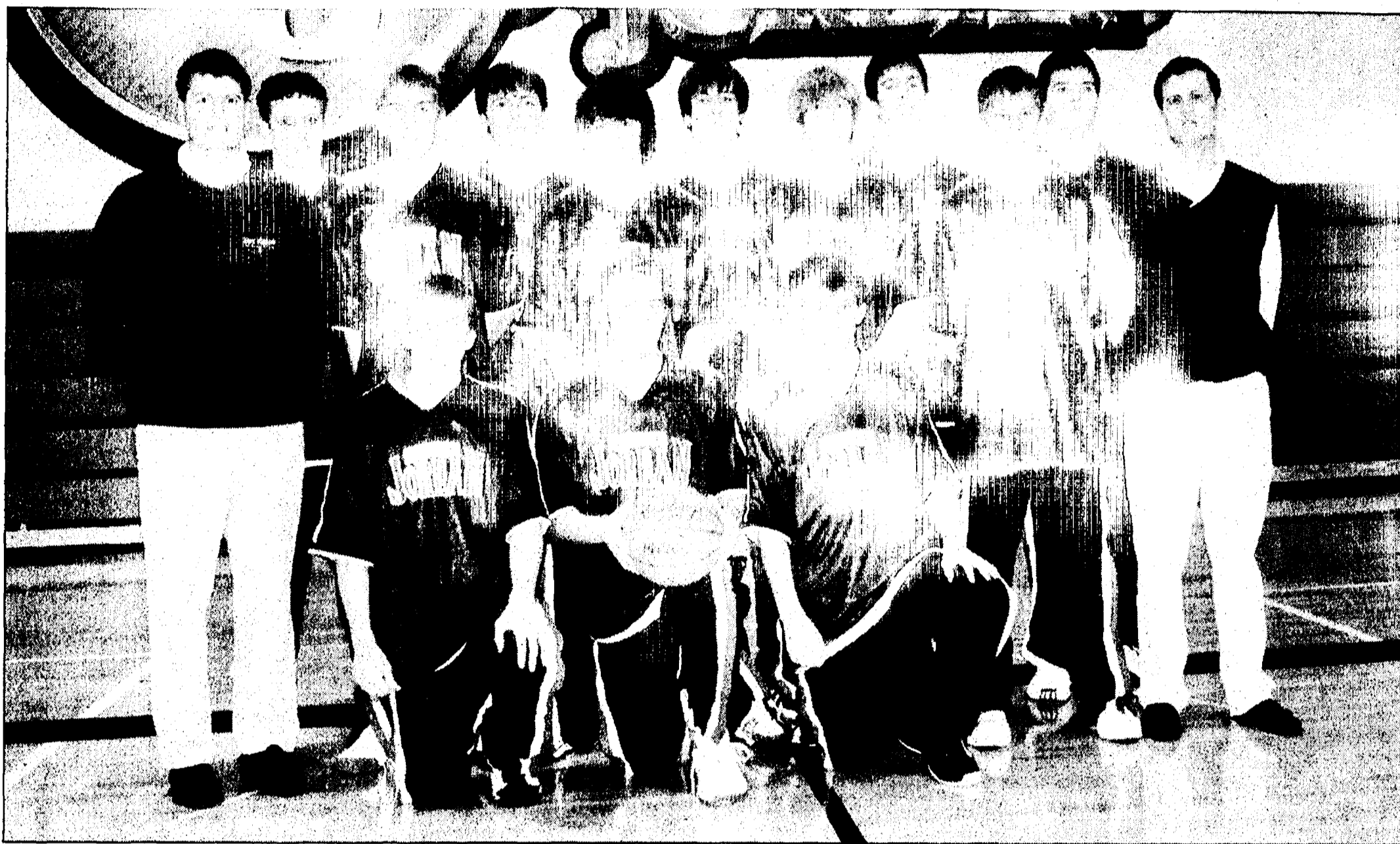
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RED DEVILS

EAST JORDAN



Members of the East Jordan High School Varsity basketball team are, back row from left: Chris Becker, Alex Lorne, Chad Kraemer, Kyle Daneff, and Tim Kraemer. Middle row: assistant coach Sean Ferguson, Kaleb Brown, Andrew Streufert, Ryan Peterson, Eric Hansen and coach Lance Bailey. Front row: Brandon LaCount, Tom Krause, and Tyler Spence.



Members of the East Jordan High School Varsity cheerleading team are, back row from left: Sienna Richards, Brooke Sheridan, Katy Kovel, and Samantha McKenney. Middle row: Britney Kline, Amanda Thomas, and BobAnn Fick. Front row: Ashley Kenney and Bethany VanderMay.



Members of the East Jordan High School Varsity ski team are, back row from left: Elizabeth Hasseld, Katherine Rowley, Jason Palmrose, Mac Brennan, Ben Archer, Katie Diller, and Sarah Lorne. Front row: Kristen Kovel, Kelsey Poineau, Tricia McClung, Stephanie Poindexter, and Kyungjin Rhew.



Members of the East Jordan High School Varsity girls volleyball team are, back row, from left: Stephanie Olszewski, Jill Drenth, Kayla Matejewski, Christine Jackson, Tabitha Grover, Amanda Arreguin, and Sierra Roberts. Front row: coach Paul Nachazel, Megan Warnos, Bridget Knight, Katlin Hefty, Jessica Roberts, and Nina Peters.

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blocks) were both named to the all-tournament team, while Roberts (five aces, eight kills, 38 assists, six digs) earned the team most valuable player honor.

Boyne City's Jessica Nichols earned the team's most valuable player award serving at an 80-percent clip for the day with 49 digs and 10 kills.

In addition, the Boyne City team was given the sportsmanship award as voted by the coaches and officials.

Ramblers

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James Phillips led Manton with 17 points, while Blake Allen chipped in with 11 points.

figures as the Ski Valley Conference Eagles downed the Lake Michigan Conference Ramblers 58-40 on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

The Ramblers will travel to Gaylord this Friday and then host Elk Rapids next Tuesday as the Lake Michigan Conference play gets underway.

Bellaire 58, Boyne City 40. Three Bellaire players reached double.

Rating the deer season

Despite herd reductions, season was 'good'

By NATE THOMPSON Contributing Writer

A lack of snow, warmer than average temperatures and the Department of Natural Resources' efforts of reducing the deer herd size in northern Michigan to around 20-25 deer per square mile has each had a hand in limiting the number of deer shot in the region during the firearm deer season.

At least that's what officials have found at six deer check stations in northern Michigan, DNR wildlife habitat biologist Brant Mastenbrook said.

"We're down about 10 percent from the same time as last season," Mastenbrook said from the DNR field office in Atlanta, Mich.

Hunters are not required to bring their deer into check stations, and DNR officials would be hard pressed to talk with every successful hunter in the region.

The numbers could also reflect declining concerns of bovine Tuberculosis (TB).

1,500 deer in 2000, a year in which the threat of bovine TB was relatively new and hunters generally took greater precautions.

At the same time, the deer count at the Mackinaw Bridge was also down, indicating hunters crossing into the Upper Peninsula from the Lower Peninsula also didn't have as much luck as the year before.

"One big reason for the potential drop in numbers is we have issued a lot of doe permits the past couple of years," Mastenbrook said.

Mastenbrook said the DNR had a goal coming into the season of trimming Michigan's estimated deer herd of 1.8 million.

Although the numbers might indicate otherwise, Mastenbrook still labeled the deer season as "good," despite all things considered.

"With the weather situation, I'd say overall the season was a good one," he said.

What made the season brighter was it was a relatively safe one. Only one shooting fatality was reported; it occurred in Hillsdale County, DNR law enforcement officer Jeff Gaither said.

Central Lake resident bags near 700-pound elk in Gaylord

By NATE THOMPSON Contributing Writer

For nearly 20 years, Central Lake resident Steve Juday has applied for an elk permit in the state of Michigan.

And for 20 years, he has failed to receive one.

That is, until this year, when he received a call from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources indicating he had been one of the few lucky ones selected.

"It's really a lottery-sort of system (the DNR) runs," Juday said.

"Actually, you probably have a better shot at winning the actual lottery than getting an elk permit."

Fortunate enough to have received a bull permit, Juday now had the challenge before him of locating an elusive elk.

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DNR wildlife habitat biologist Brain Mastenbrook, the department's goal is to keep the elk herd in the state to around 800 animals. Smaller herd sizes helps reduce their tendency to wander off state land onto nearby farmlands, where one elk can do more damage than an entire herd of deer.

Juday set up camp on state land in Gaylord, near Tree Tops Resort.

"I hunted with the help of a guide and it's awfully good we had one," Juday said.

"They had permission to hunt on land that otherwise I probably couldn't have

hunted on.

"And the guides knew the land, which was also a plus," he added. "They told me right away that we were going after a big one."

Juday hunted throughout most of the day on Tuesday, Dec. 7 in a steady rain and didn't see a thing. The rain turned to snow late Tuesday, however, which usually means tracking will be easier.

Early Wednesday, Juday and others in his hunting entourage finally got a beat on where "one of the big ones" may have been.

"I was hunting with this young kid and his dad and the kid jumped on a track," Juday said. "He starts going on a dead run through

the woods and he expects me to keep up in the snow while I'm holding a gun," Juday said, with a grin.

The pair finally caught glimpse of a bull in the distance, but were in a thick stretch of woods and initially couldn't get a clear shot.

"We saw the track and we kept on following it," Juday said. "We didn't want to spook it because elk can go for four or five miles without stopping. They're not like deer who run for a mile or two and then stop and rest."

Fortunately, the massive bull halted in a somewhat open stretch.

"If you don't get excited at that point, you shouldn't

be hunting," Juday said. "I was fumbling my shells and shaking pretty bad."

From about 75 yards away, Juday pulled up, aimed, and fired.

And a bull that dressed out at close to 700 pounds with a massive rack of 14 points, dropped to the ground.

"They needed a front-end loader just to lift it up and place it in the back of my truck," Juday said. "I had a hard time just lifting its head up for a picture."

Juday, who was the starting quarterback on Michigan State University's 1965 National Championship team, stopped in downtown Bellaire during the early evening hours on Wednes-

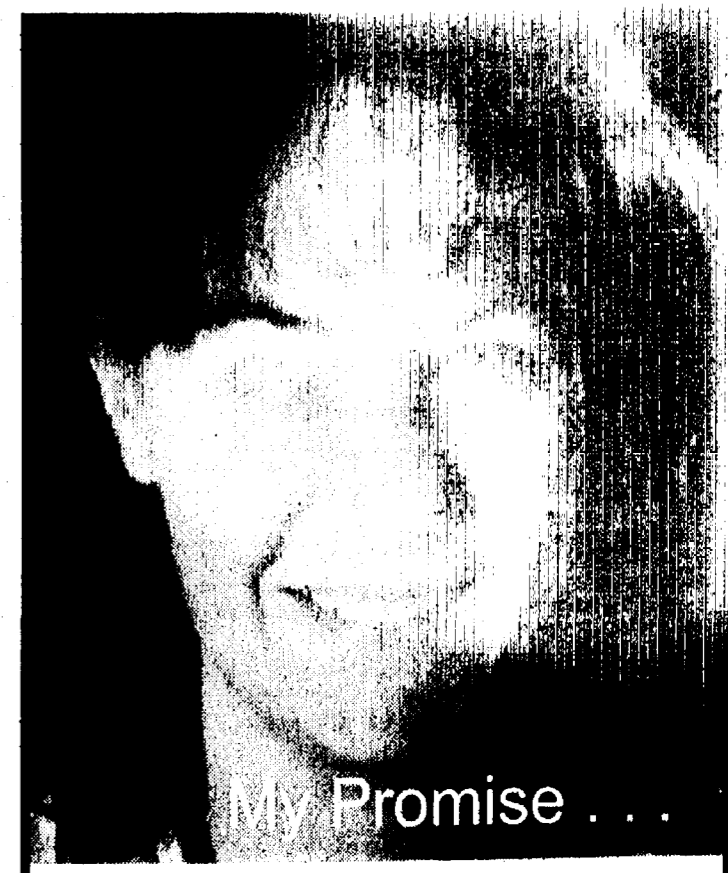
day with the massive animal in the back of his truck. A number of admirers stopped by to congratulate him on a successful hunt.

"I was No. 39 at the check station (in Gaylord) and they told me that's the biggest bull they've seen," Juday said. "I knew it was a pretty big target I was shooting at."

Since Juday is now a successful elk hunter, it is unlikely he will ever receive another permit. DNR officials have indicated that anyone who draws two cow permits has to wait 10 years

to even apply again. If a hunter draws two bull permits, they're done for life.

"I was thinking, if this was the only one I could get in my lifetime, I might as well make the most of it," Juday said.



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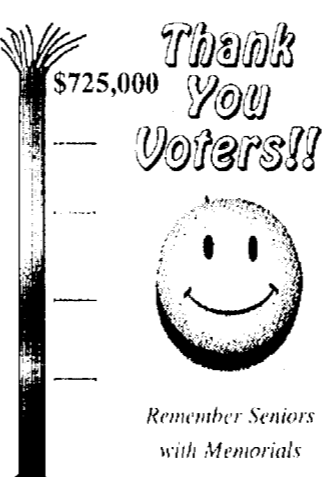
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Steve Juday of Central Lake rolled into Bellaire last Thursday with a 700-pound elk in the back of his pick-up. It wasn't long before a crowd gathered to take a look.

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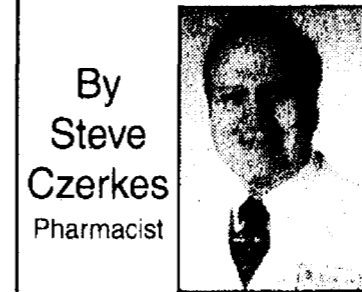
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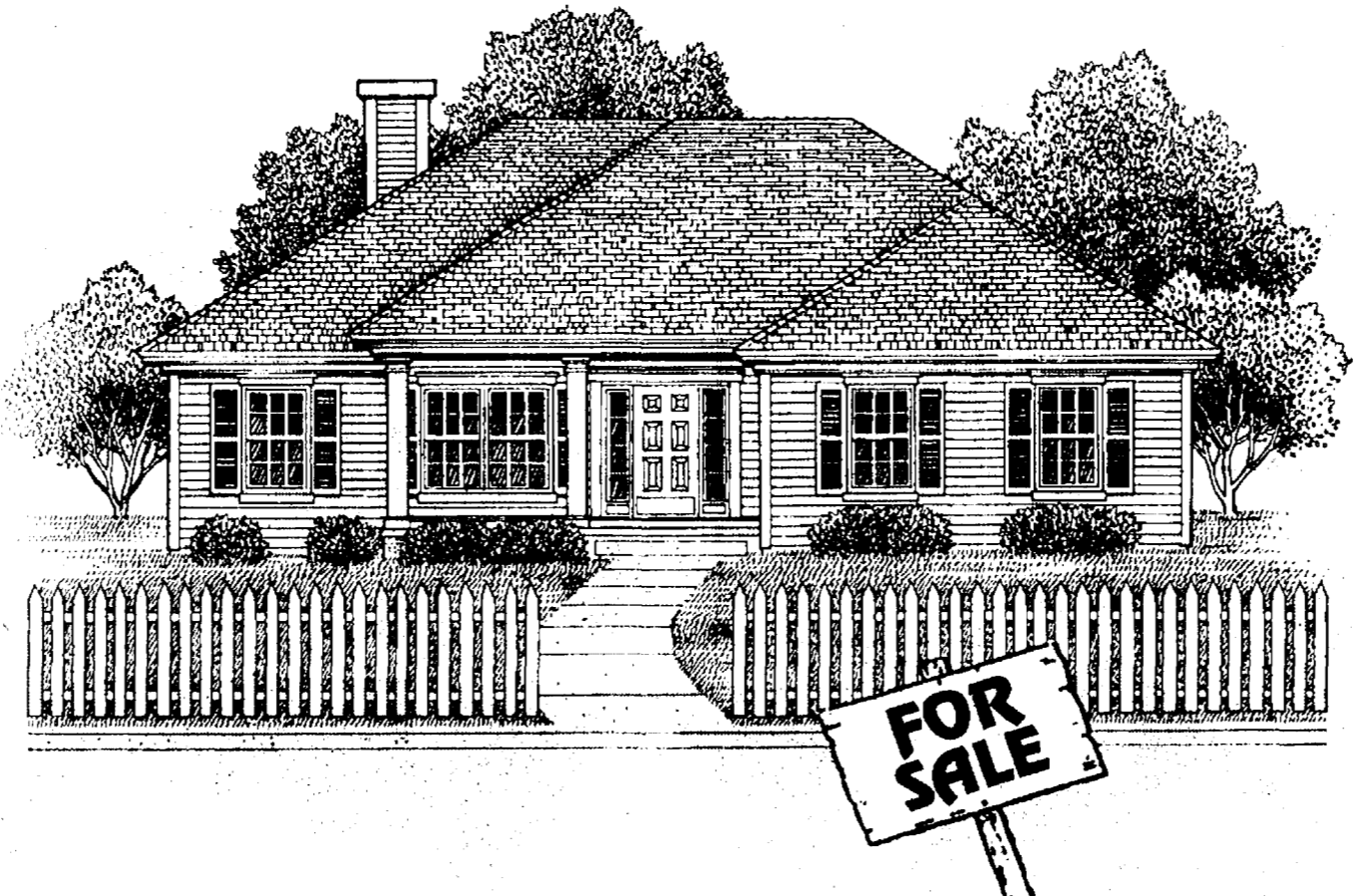
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When a child gets an opportunity to get up close and personal with the couple from the North Pole, there is no way you are going to get them to "look at the camera." This young child, filled with the wonderment of the season, was one of many who had a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in East Jordan last Thursday.

HE GETS RED CARPET TREATMENT IN EAST JORDAN

Santa's visit packs the house

It was a still, mild December night in East Jordan when Santa stepped off the untraditional fire engine sleigh on Thursday. The sidewalk was crowded from the Civic Center all the way around the corner by the Computer Center.

Parents held their kids — or their kids' winter accessories — while they waited

expectantly after the tree-lighting ceremony. Volunteers passed out hot chocolate and home-made cookies.

When the fire engine arrived and delivered its passengers, the crowd cheered for Santa and Mrs. Claus and their entourage of elves and walking Christmas trees.

The Clauses were ushered into the Civic

Center where they took seats and began receiving requests.

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