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AT A GLANCE

Who will be the lucky winner?

The \$2,500 Buy into Boyne jackpot drawing will begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) in Old City Park. The person whose name is on the winning ticket must be present to win. Winners will have five minutes to claim their prize.

Tickets for the drawing were obtained by redeeming receipts from any of 40 participating Boyne City businesses. For every \$10 spent between Oct. 15 and Dec. 21, one ticket into the drawing was awarded. The deadline for redeeming receipts is past. However, downtown still has a lot to offer: stores will stay open until 9 p.m. to accommodate last-minute Christmas shopping and will be serving refreshments.

Buy into Boyne is an initiative of the Boyne City Main Street Program, rewarding residents and visitors who shop locally.

Volunteers needed to pack holiday baskets

Community Christmas boxes will be packed on Dec. 23, starting at 10 a.m. at the Boyne City Early Childhood Education Building (old middle school).

Volunteers are needed to pack boxes full of food, clothing, toys and other donated items, for families in need during the holiday season. Drivers are need, beginning at noon, to deliver the boxes.

For more information call Ardith Hawley at 582-7880 or Ruth Witek at 582-3152.

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Christmas singers

Raising their voices in song, Boyne City Elementary kindergarten and second grade students lead the standing-room-only audience in "Up on the House Top" during their annual Christmas program at the Boyne City auditorium. Following their performance, the first- and third-grade classes took the stage to share their talents and enthusiasm for the holiday season. The program was directed by Erin Zucker.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

Controversy heats up over library land purchase

By B.J. HETLER
Contributing writer

A library board decision to purchase 18 acres of land along M-66 in East Jordan to use as the site for a new library riled some board members so much that they voted to strip the officers of their titles.

The proposed action was not listed on the agenda, but was taken at a Dec. 8 Jordan Valley District Library Board of Trustees regular meeting. Motions were then brought and approved to name Sara Schroeder, president; Bob Sherman Jr., vice president; Linda Robinson, treasurer; and Diane Boyer, secretary.

Among those who remain on the board of trustees, but no longer hold officer rank is 12-year veteran board president, Chris Curtin.

Former vice president is Joyce Wardwell and former secretary is Lori Bolt. Laurie Hurwitz-McNeil had resigned as treasurer in November. It is uncertain at this time whether Bolt has resigned.

Curtin stands by the Feb. 26, 2003 purchase of the land for \$400,000, and said it is a location that meets all of the needs of the library. However, she said she is willing to look at expansion at the current site, but if the library stays there that the community deserves a nice library and adequate parking.

The decision to move to a new location was made after years of planning, input from community focus groups and a community survey, she said.

"The board voted unanimously to buy the property," Curtin said. "We had planned for a new library since 1998, and the board met for seven months on the preliminary drawings."

Payments for the property bought on a land contract are being made yearly. The down payment was \$50,000 and approximately \$75,000 is paid off, Curtin said.

The Jordan Valley District Library serves more than 7,500 people

"I think the community deserves a nice library, but we should do it within our means."

- Harry Watson,
Library board member

throughout the district that spans 112-square-miles and includes seven townships. The property site just south of Glen's market in East Jordan is a central location for the district, Curtin said. The library is currently located on school property and it is the board's consensus that 10,000-square-feet on two levels is too cramped.

"We need 20,000-square feet to bring our collection up to the national standards for district libraries," Curtin said.

Board member Harry Watson agrees that the library needs to expand, but does not want to use the M-66 property.

"It could use some expansion, but the footprint where it is has plenty of room to put another building next to it," Watson said.

"I think the community deserves a

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A SIMPLE VISION HAS GROWN INTO A HOLIDAY TRADITION

Everyone is invited to Christmas dinner

All Lawson had a vision eight years ago that has since become a Christmas tradition in Boyne City.

A lifetime citizen of Boyne City, Lawson wanted to provide a place where everyone in the community could come and enjoy fellowship and a traditional Christmas dinner.

While working as a meat salesman, he sold to a cafe in Indian River that held a Christmas dinner for the community. Though he had given thought to starting some kind of Christmas

dinner, "That was what triggered the whole thing," Lawson said.

With the help of his wife Jenny, his son Brandon, his grandkids, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, and the community, he started what is now an annual Christmas Day feast.

The first year 35 people attended



Al Lawson

the free dinner. It has since grown: last Christmas 154 people were served.

According to Lawson, there is much diversity in the people who attend: seniors, couples, families and single people. The dinner attracts hungry appetites from East Jordan, Charlevoix and

passing through town and happen to see the sign have stopped in, he said.

Despite the diversity, one thing Lawson has noticed is that, "Everyone who comes wants to help in one manner or another." Often, those who come to eat end up serving and vice versa.

Between 30 and 40 people contribute to the dinner each year, both through donations and through service at the dinner. Lawson has families from the community who come

in to decorate, set up and to clean up. Others serve food, wash dishes, bake pies and donate food. The menu includes ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, fruit and homemade pie. And with Al cooking, you can count on good food. Though he has had no formal training, he has cooked professionally, managed and even owned his own

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Iraq through the eyes of a teacher

Leon Dyer returns to the classroom

By LAURA CASSIDY
Contributing Writer

Leon Dyer returned from active duty with the Army Reserves in Iraq on Oct. 27. He currently serves as the athletic director and assistant principal for East Jordan Middle School, teaching a couple classes at the high school.

In the past, he has taught math, physical education, health, social studies and he will soon be returning to the class room full-time.

On Dec. 1, 2003, the 38th Alpha Civil Affairs team, which Dyer serves, was deployed to Ba-qubah, Iraq, an

hour northeast of Baghdad. While there, he served as a liaison between the military and the local government, helping the government access food, water, fuel and monetary resources. One of the projects his team helped with was locating resources to restore a run down college.

Being an educator, Dyer noticed some differences between America's education system and the system in Iraq. Though Iraqi education is universal, students must score well on tests. If they don't, they are sent to do manual labor. This system, he noted,

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Let there be light

More than 100 Boyne Area Girl Scouts gathered last Wednesday evening with family, friends and community members to light the Community Christmas Tree next to the chamber of commerce office in downtown Boyne City. The tree has special significance to the Girl Scouts. It was approximately 30 years ago that their predecessors planted the tree with funds they raised from selling miniature trees they had crafted. This year's tree lighting was a cooperative effort between the Girl Scouts, the Delta Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, who purchased the lights, and the City of Boyne City which put up the lights. The Girl Scouts and sorority plan to make the lighting an annual event.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

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was similar to the education system he observed in Kosovo, during his two tours of duty there.

Another difference is that some Iraqi schools are segregated: Boys go in the morning to school and girls go after the boys have finished. Not surprisingly, the schools in Iraq lack the technology that is standard in most American schools. While some teachers may have computers, students are in need of basic supplies such as paper, pencils and recreational equipment.

Another difference that Dyer had to get used to was the constant hostility.

"You saw hostility all the time — it became a normal thing," he said. Most of the hostility, however, was toward the Iraqi government or police, rather than the American troops. According to Dyer, the greatest danger to the troops was not

gunfire, but IEDs — remote-detonated bombs that were buried under the roads.

Despite the hostility, Dyer had a positive experience.

"It felt good to know that the majority of people welcomed us," Dyer said. "The ones screaming and yelling that are always on TV are very few."

According to Dyer, citizens are grateful to be able to get their businesses started again and get their land back. However, he noted, "It comes out of the cost of the casualty that we're receiving."

Dyer's experience in Iraq has caused him to look at certain things differently: Things that used to seem stressful or extremely important don't anymore. His service has also caused

him to look at his students with new appreciation. "Some of the kids serving there were right out of high school. Those are the ones we need to be thankful to."



Leon Dyer

Dyer encouraged the community to continue to write the service personnel overseas. "A lot of times people say, I wrote and I didn't hear back. It's not that they're being rude. They have very busy days."

Dyer is thankful to the students and community members who sent him letters.

He also thanks the East Jordan School District for its

support during his third call to active duty.

"The East Jordan school system and the people were very kind and supportive," Dyer said. His appreciation is reciprocated by East Jordan Schools Superintendent Chip Hansen. "It's great to have him back," he said after the board renewed Dyer's contract at its Dec. 20 meeting.

Library

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nice library, but we should do it within our means."

He added that the M-66 property would have a long driveway that would be expensive to plow in the winter and to maintain, whereas the school now maintains the much smaller site.

But Curtin listed some benefits of the M-66 site. The library and parking spaces would take up six of the 18 acres, leaving 12 acres that could be used by the community or sold. Approximately six of those acres are zoned for high-density housing, she said.

The schematic cost projection for building on the M-66 property was estimated by the architectural firm of Merritt McPherson Cieslak at approximately \$150 per square foot. Watson estimates that building on the current site would be about \$100 per square foot.

The library board has eight members, four of whom are appointed by the City of East Jordan and four appointed by the East Jordan School Board. Members may only be removed from the board by resignation in writing, or by the governor under special circumstances.

The library board may remove members only in the event of negligence of duties, illegal activities or detrimental actions, said Watson. He said there was no wrongdoing on the part of Curtin, just bad judgment. Curtin,

whose term ends in 2006, said she will remain on the board as a member.

"There's been a persistent myth that the property was bought for too much money and there's talk that I personally benefitted (from the transaction)," Curtin said.

"I have absolutely, positively not benefitted in any way. One of my concerns is that the property will be disposed of and that it will be done without benefitting the community. This is the taxpayers' property and we need to protect it from special interests."

New board president Sara Schroeder said she is concerned about the direction of the library as it faces issues such as expansion.

"We need input from the community and plan to keep the community involved," Schroeder said. "The current board really wants to go over the decision. There are a lot of questions revolving around that decision." Schroeder said she did not know if the 18-acre property would be sold.

"It's a big question of what to do," she said. "It's a big step to explore all options."

The next library board meeting is 5:30 p.m. Jan. 25, 2005, at Jordan Valley District Library. Meetings are held monthly, but the date is usually set at the prior month's meeting.

Dinner

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restaurant. Everyone in his family grew up cooking. "Mother always told us that it's great to have things that taste good," Al said.

Lawson enjoys serving people so much that he has started a "Christmas in July" dinner. The Christmas menu attracts an even bigger crowd, serving 243 people last July. "I have no problem every year wanting to do it. It's a great motivator just to see the joy of everybody who comes."

Lawson's granddaughter, Brandi McMillan, along with

Caitlin Hager will be singing Christmas carols during dinner.

The dinner will take place from noon to 4 p.m. on Dec. 25 at the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St. in Boyne City.

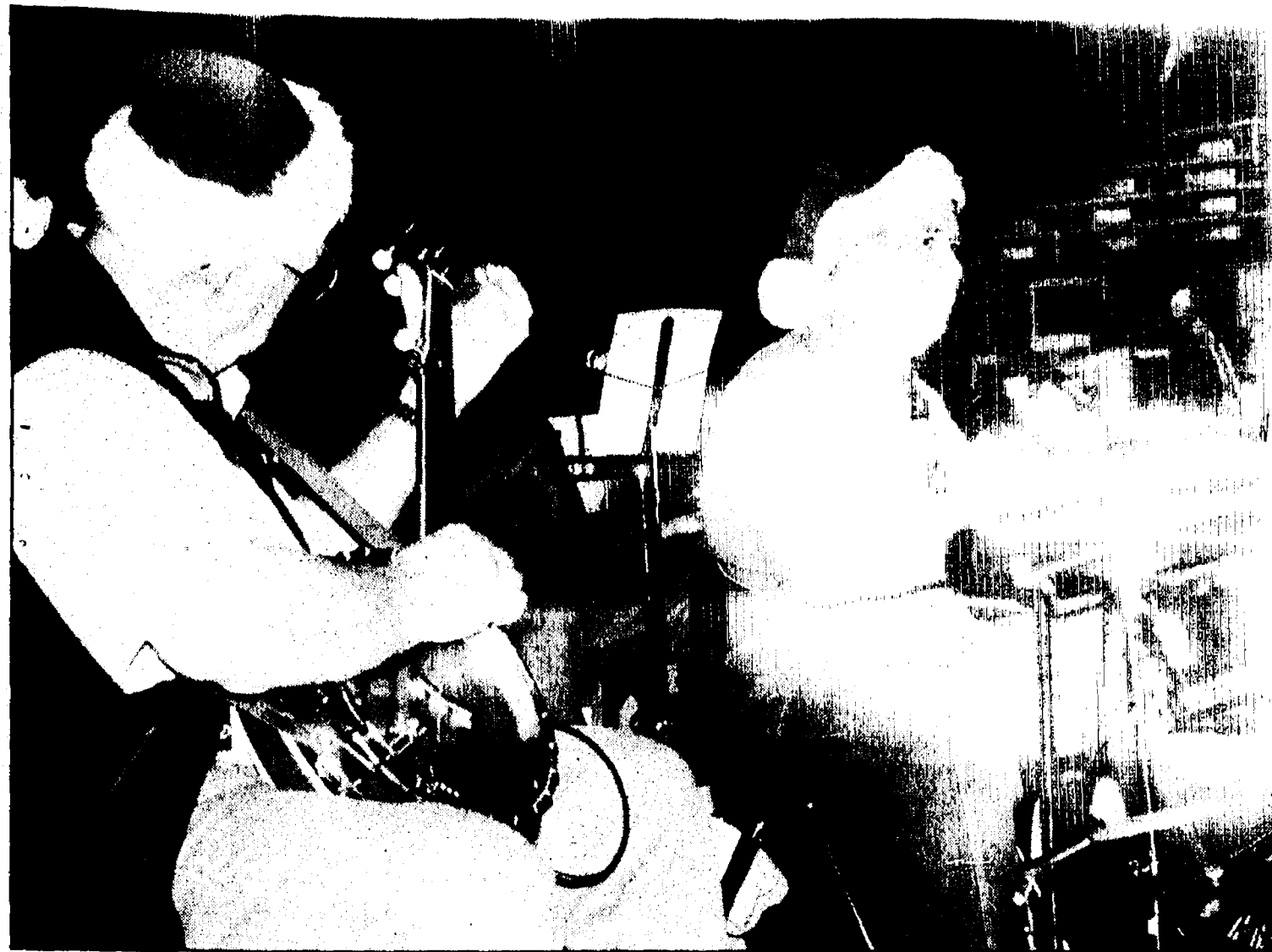
There is no cost for the dinner, but those planning to attend are encouraged to call in advance. There is also a delivery service to those who aren't able to come to the church.

Donations are still being accepted, and volunteers are always welcome. Call Lawson for more information at 582-7841 or 582-7983.

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THE COUSINS MUSIC GROUP



Photos by Vic Ruggles

"The Cousins Music Group" recently performed its annual Christmas show at East Jordan and Boyne City elementary schools. At left is Win Sluter, the eldest member of the band at age 82, and Gordon Howie, the band's junior member. Below is Duane Vorce who plays violin and special effects.

A group of seasoned musicians

Besides their love of music, the "Cousins Music Group" have another common trait - they are all retired.

And when they get together to play, be it at an elementary school, the Boyne City or East Jordan senior center or Grandvue Medical Center, they do it for free.

"We play for free at places where there would be no money for music," said band member Gordon Howie, who retired a few years ago from the Boyne City Elementary School. Those places include fund raisers for non-profit organizations, school programs, social events at Litzenger Place in Boyne City, or Hartwick State Park where they played last summer.

At 57, you might call Howie, who plays percussion, tenor guitar and the ukulele, the baby of the seven-member band. At 82, banjo player Win Sluter of Petoskey is its most senior member. Other members are Ed Clark of East Jordan who plays guitar, fiddle, mandolin and "other instruments"; Duane Vorce of Bayshore, who plays violin and special effects; Norm Hausler of Boyne Falls, who plays guitar and bass; and Leonard Brooks of Boyne City, who plays lead and rhythm guitar. The seventh member is Ginny Carey, who plays piano and the accordion with the band as often as she can.

As manager of the Lake Mañor in East Jordan, Carey also provides the band a place to play - "in front of a live audience" - for its monthly practices.

This month has been a relatively busy one for the group.



They played recently at Boyne City and East Jordan elementary schools for their annual jug band Christmas program, and they have a gig planned at the Boyne Senior Center starting at 11 a.m. on Dec. 30.

New Year's Eve will find the group at Grandvue starting at 6:30 p.m. and at Litzenger at 9 p.m.

While not earning money as a group, there are other rewards for the band's members. In general, according to Howie, the group plays music from the 30's, 40's and 50's. Howie remembers one time when they were playing in the Alzheimer unit at Grandvue and how the patients knew every song they played.

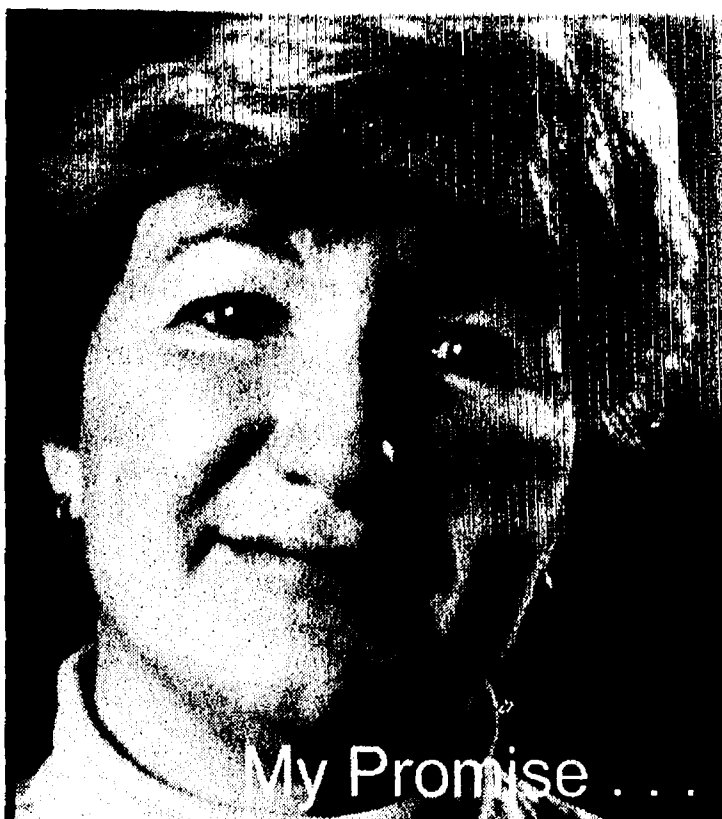
"It touches your heart to know they still enjoy the music," Howie said.

The band, officially, has only been together less than two years even though they have been playing for years. They started playing at Ray's Guitar, a downtown music store in Boyne City, and got together every Saturday. When the store closed a few years ago, "it left a hole and as an effort to try to fill that we just decided to play together. From that it just led from one thing to another."

The band is always looking for opportunities to play, according to Howie. Besides helping promote a good cause "we enjoy it and it's a lot of fun."

"And we do make pretty good music." Those interested in hosting the band can call Ed Clark at 536-0662.

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PAGES FROM THE PAST

Remembering an old-fashioned Christmas

DECEMBER, 1902

Dear Sarah,
Today was an especially memorable and delightful occasion. With Christmas right around the corner, I decided it would be wise and prudent to begin my shopping.

Early this morning, I arranged to hitch a ride into the Village of Boyne with some friends who were going that way. As it has been many weeks since my last visit to town, I was in for a real surprise. The whole of Boyne was certainly dressed in style for the holidays. There was even a fully decorated tree right in the middle of the street! In fact, there was such an abundance of good cheer in the air, I suspect it likely to spill over into the entire country.

There were also many more new shops than I had expected. And all filled to capacity with such rare and wonderful items that I found it a rather daunting task to arrive at making the proper decisions as to what to select for purchase. In the end, I settled on some nicely scented soaps and some fine confectionary for my aunt, a box of "Boyne Twister" cigars for my uncle, a warm and luxurious overcoat for my brother, and a quite unusual gift for my nephew... a jar of soap bubbles for blowing. They are quite fascinating and like something I have never seen before. Watson's Drug store was conducting a demonstration and it was said that blowing bubbles strengthens the lungs, hardens the muscles, sweetens onion breath, brightens the mind, and enlivens the imagination plus a lot of other good things. I'm not sure I believe it all, but I know he will love it just the same.

I am really amazed at how fast this little village has grown. Just two and a half years ago, when my brother and I arrived, there were just 900 people. Now there are well over 2000 residents.

The growth of the community, though due primarily to the boom in lumbering, has also attracted a great many other businesses and industries as well. During the past year, the community has celebrated the openings of the Boyne Tanning Company and the Boyne Chemical Plant... but even more exciting is the coming age of electricity. The recently established Boyne City Electric Company has just completed a dam and power house on the river. It is said by this time next year we may see electric lamps in many homes and businesses throughout the village. Some say electric power will dramatically change everyone's lives and will be used to power all sorts of machinery, even sewing and washing machines. Imagine that!

There is so much more I could write, but it is getting very late, so with regret, I close for now in order to prepare this ready for the post which comes early morning. Please remember me to your family and relay my best of wishes for a joyous Christmas.

Forever your friend,
Ivy

A note to our readers: Although this letter is a fictional account, it has been based largely on historical fact. It was a long-standing tradition to place a Christmas tree at the intersection of Water and Park streets. Watson's Drug was at the corner of Water and Lake Streets (where Sunburst Marine is now located).

Watch for "Pages from the Past" coming each month. This column is brought to you by the Boyne City Main Street Program.

MANY THANKS

Cookie walk a success

The Boyne City Presbyterian Women would like to express their gratitude to the community and surrounding areas for supporting their Christmas Cookie Walk held on Dec. 11.

Thanks to all this fundraiser was a success.

Helen Chappell and Carrie Edson,
Co-chairpersons of Christmas Cookie Walk

Wreath sale sets record

The Boyne Valley Garden Club would like to thank the community for its generous support of the Christmas Wreath Sale, as well as all its other activities throughout the year.

This year a record 413 wreaths were sold ranging in size from small to extra large. The proceeds of the sale are used to purchase flowers and bedding material for all the city gardens maintained by the club members.

Although the Garden Club will be hibernating until March, all the members would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season and a blooming good 2005.

Boyne Valley Garden Club



OUR SOLDIERS SERVING OUR COUNTRY

SSGT. Sean Hagerty



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SSGT. Sean Hagerty, a member of Boyne City's American Legion Post, began his military career soon after graduating from the University of Michigan. Following Basic Training at Fort Benning, Ga. in 1996, he accepted a Ranger Contract and was assigned to the 1st of the 507th Parachute Regiment. Airborne School. The airborne course is three weeks long and finishes with five jumps spread over three days. At graduation, the Ranger liaison picked him for the 75th Ranger Regiment and that very day began a three-week course entitled Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP) that would be the last step toward entering one of the three battalions.

Following graduation in April of 1997, Hagerty received his first choice for assignment, which was the 1st Battalion of the 75th in Savannah, Ga.

In Savannah, he was assigned to the 2nd Platoon, Charlie Company and spent his first year assimilating into his squad, while at the same time preparing for Ranger School. One year later, in April of 1998, he was selected to attend Ranger School and spent the next three months walking the woods of Benning, climbing the mountains of Dahlenega, or wading through the swamps of Florida. Other descriptions aside, he said, the most revealing was the relief that Ranger School was over.

Hagerty spent the next several years training with the Regiment both at home and abroad. During his 34 days of training in Germany, a four-day pass coincided with the opening of Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany.

During his years of training he occupied several duty positions: he carried the Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW) for awhile and spent eight months in the Anti-Tank (AT) section, firing an 84mm rocket called the Carl Gustav. Hagerty assumed the team leader role when he was promoted to sergeant in November of 1999. In April of 2001 he became Squad Leader in 1st Platoon, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

On Sept. 11, 2001 Hagerty was at Ft Benning, Ga. attending the Basic NonCommission Officers' Course. Upon graduation he raced home to watch as Alpha Company deployed to Afghanistan while B and C (his Charlie Company) stayed home. It was that group which was involved in Robert's Ridge and the downed helicopters claimed the lives of three of the Ranger's soldiers: SGT Bradley Crose, SPC Mark Anderson and CPL James Commons.

Hagerty was selected for escort duty for SGT Crose and proceeded to Dover Air Force Base to accompany his remains home. Hagerty said, "Throughout my military career, no such duty has ever touched me so deeply or had such an impact, not only on my military life but my personal life as well."

Hagerty's Battalion was deployed to Bagram Airfield in September of 2002, spending the next 104 days traveling through mountains and villages searching out terrorists and their Taliban conspirators (they found many) until they were relieved by another Ranger Battalion in January 2003.

His homecoming was short due to the invasion of Iraq. In February 2003 he headed overseas and was part of the initial invasion that crossed the border into Iraq where he and his fellow Rangers spent most of their time seizing several objectives in the Western desert that were considered vital to the assault on Baghdad.

Back at Fort Benning, Hagerty accepted a position with the Regimental Training Detachment, 75th Ranger Regiment where he is currently the Operations Sergeant. This assignment is affording Hagerty the opportunity to seek rehabilitation for a knee injury, continue his Masters Degree program in American History at American Public University and most importantly, to spend time with his family. Hagerty has one more year of his current enlistment, after which he, along with his wife and two children, will make the decision of whether or not to continue in the military.

During his career, Hagerty completed training at the Airborne School, Combat Lifesaver, Ranger School, Emergency Medical Technician-I, Javelin Gunner Course, PL.DC, Advanced Trauma Lifesaving, Jumpmaster, Pathfinder, BNCOC, and Special Operation Training. Hagerty has been awarded 1 Bronze Star, CIB, 1 MSM, 3 ARCOM, 2 AAM, 2 GC, 1 GWTSM (Global War on Terrorism Service Medal), 1 GWTEM (Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal), 1 NDSM (National Defense Service Medal), 1 ASR (Army Service Ribbon), Ranger Tab, EIB, SR Para Wings, and Pathfinder Badge.

(Soldier profiles are provided by members of the Boyne City American Legion and written by Maxine Hough.)

LETTERS

Programs were an uplifting and magical experience

TO THE EDITOR:

The Boyne City Elementary School holiday programs were truly an uplifting and magical experience. Seeing the stage overflowing with student performers and our beautiful auditorium forced to standing-room only, lifted my spirit about the wonderful community of Boyne and the magic of Christmas.

The programs that Mrs. Zucker orchestrates for our elementary students have always been fantastic. Even when we forced ourselves into the confined elementary school auditorium, our children were able to put a smile on all of our uncomfortable faces.

It's hard to believe that we could move into one of the largest auditoriums in northern Michigan and still not have enough seating for everyone. This is clear evidence of the incredible family and community support that Boyne City enjoys.

We certainly would be fooling ourselves if we believed that everyone in the auditorium this year was comfortable. However, just as in years past, even though many families had to stand and might not have had the best line of sight, they still left with a smile on their face. This, of course, is because when it's all said and done, we as parents and educators can endure just about anything when we know what we're doing is special for children. After all, it's all about the kids isn't it?

Because our community realizes we do what we do for our children, it was easy to be filled with joy at the end of the performances. To watch a child sing, dance, smile and dream you are quickly reminded of how magical Christmas is through the eyes of a child. Thank you for all of your support Boyne City!

Fred Sitkins
Elementary School Principal

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Kristen Cleary Scholarship Fund will support art, music students

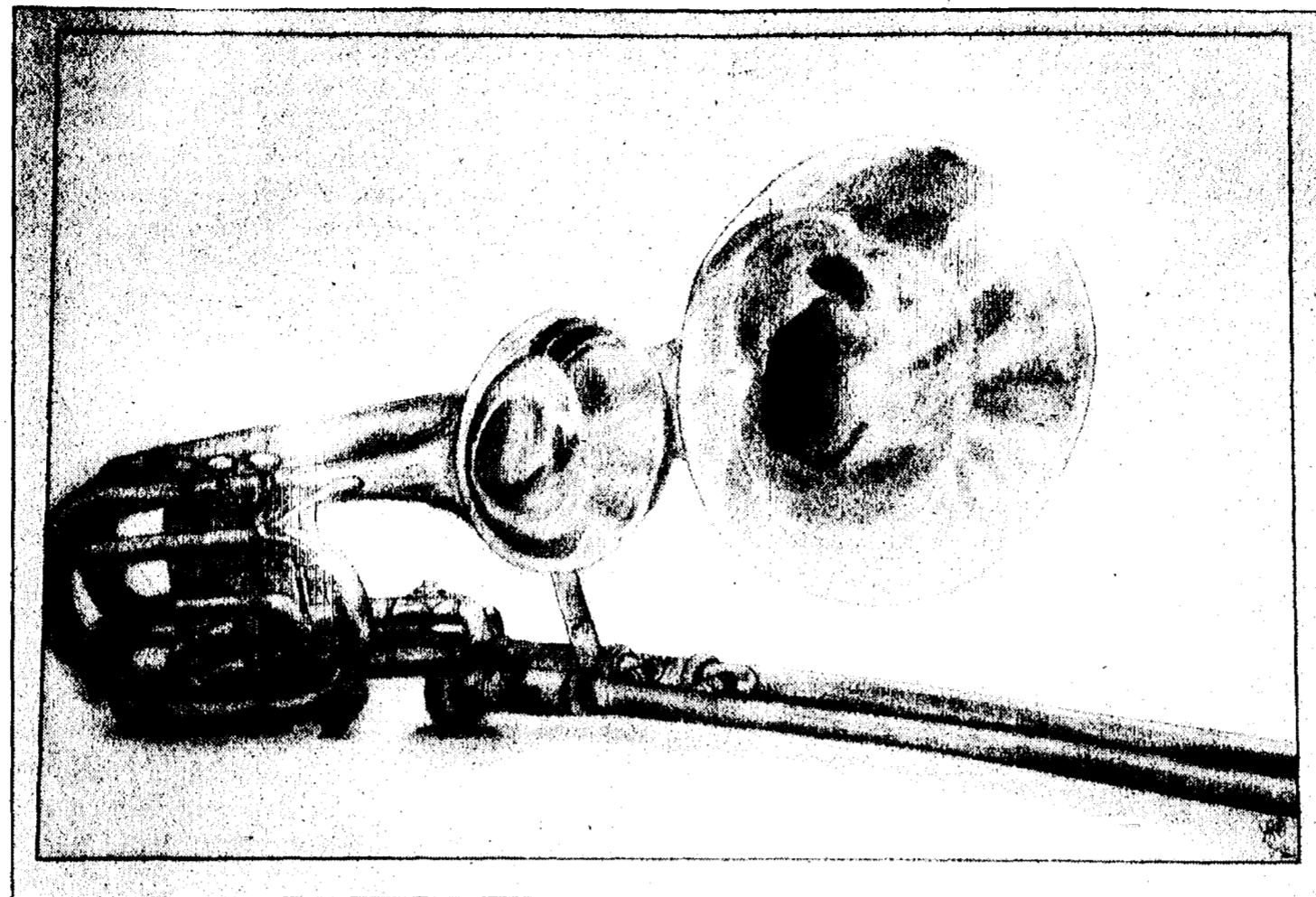
The family of Kristen Cleary has established a scholarship fund in her memory. Cleary, a 2003 graduate of Boyne City High School, was a talented artist, poet, pianist and composer. Her portraits of Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews Band and the archangel Michael represented some of her interests. She was attending North Central Michigan College and had plans to attend Kendall College to pursue a career in the arts.

In her memory, her family will award scholarships to art and music students in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties each spring. Depending on the pool of applicants, either one \$1000 scholarship or two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors. The application process will begin next spring. Interested students should contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for more information.

Those donating \$100 or more to the scholarship fund will receive one of Cleary's prints. The 2005 print is titled "Musicians" and is a pencil sketch of two horns. Each year a different print will be available.

Donations can be made to the Kristen Cleary Memorial Scholarship Fund by contacting the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at 536-2440 or Joslyn Cleary Matelski at 582-4863.

Prints are available for purchase by contacting John or Marilyn Cleary at 582-7263. All proceeds will benefit the Kristen Cleary Memorial Scholarship Fund.



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STUDENT NEWS

JAMES ROBERT GEE of East Jordan has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honor Society and was individually honored during a recent campus ceremony at Central Michigan University.

Golden Key International Honor Society was founded more than 25 years ago in Atlanta, Ga. and provides academic recognition to college juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class.

James, a 2000 graduate of East Jordan High School, is the son of Robert and Lori Gee of East Jordan and the grandson of Dale A. Gee of East Jordan.

HUNTER MILLER, a senior at East Jordan High School and Boyne Mountain Snowsports School instructor, completed his

Level I snowboard instructor certification. At age 17, Miller is the youngest snowboard instructor at Boyne Mountain to have earned this certification, which is part of the American Snowboard Instructor's (ASSI) program to validate a rider's level of knowledge.

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HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

BOYNE CITY AND BOYNE FALLS

♦ **The United Methodist Church** in Boyne City will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight service on Friday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. In Boyne Falls the Christmas Eve service will be held at 8:30 p.m. The churches are located at 324 S. Park St. in Boyne City and 407 Mill St. in Boyne Falls.

♦ **St. Matthew's Catholic Church** will hold its Christmas Eve Children's Mass on Friday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m. and Christmas Eve (traditional Midnight Mass) at 8 p.m. On Saturday, Christmas Day Mass will be held at 9 a.m. St. Augustine Church in Boyne Falls will hold Christmas Day Mass at 11 a.m. St. Matthew's is located at 1303 Boyne Ave. in Boyne City, and St. Augustine's is located at the corner of Grove and Maple streets in Boyne Falls.

♦ **Christ Lutheran Church** will hold Christmas Eve, Candlelight services on Friday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. The church is located at 1250 Boyne Ave.

♦ **The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City** will hold a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight communion service on Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. On Christmas Day, dinner will be served from noon- 4 p.m. Dinner is free. The church is located at 401 S. Park St.

♦ **The Episcopal Church of the Nativity** will hold a Christmas Eve service on Friday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. The Church of the Nativity is located on Main Street next to the Boyne District Library.

♦ **The First Baptist Church** will have a candlelight Christmas Eve service on Friday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. The church is

located at 875 State St.

♦ **Trinity Fellowship Church** will hold a Christmas Eve candle light communion service on Friday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 401 State Street

EAST JORDAN

♦ **St. Joseph Catholic Church** will hold a Christmas Eve Children's Mass on Friday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. and Mass on Christmas Day, at 9:30 a.m. St. John's Catholic Church will hold Mass Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 8 a.m. St. Joseph's is located at 207 Nichols St., and St. John's is on M-32, both in East Jordan.

♦ **The First Presbyterian Church** will hold a "People of Light" Christmas Eve service Friday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 207 Williams St. in East Jordan.

♦ **The Evangelical Lutheran Church** will hold a candlelight Christmas Eve service on Friday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m. The church is located at 7855 Rogers Rd. in East Jordan.

WALLOON LAKE

♦ **The Walloon Lake Community Church** will hold a Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24. The church is located at 04320 M-75 North in Walloon Lake.

HORTON BAY

♦ **The Horton Bay United Methodist Church** will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service Friday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Greensky Hill church. The Horton Bay church is located at 4961 Boyne City/Charlevoix Rd. in Horton Bay and Greensky Hill is located on Old US 31.

Vitamins help keep the human motor running

By Ernie Harwell



In Michigan, we know a lot about automobiles. We've become familiar with phrases such as "a well running engine requires oil every so many miles" or "you must keep the fluid levels at specified manufacturers suggested amounts" so that the engine won't lose performance.

The human body runs much the same way — it uses food to manufacture all of its building blocks and provide fuel. Vitamins assist us with some essential processes:

- * Regulating blood sugar levels and blood pressure
- * Converting food to energy
- * Bolstering the immune system

In other words, vitamins, in food or as supplements, help us to live. Making a healthy diet can be hard in these fast-paced times. Talk with your doctor about your diet and whether you may need to supplement it with vitamins and nutrients.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longgg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

THE ANNUAL Lexamar Christmas Party was a most enjoyable event this year as staff and employees gathered at beautiful Boyne Highlands for a festive meal, lots of prizes, drawing winners and fun for all!

THIS PAST Friday the Oral Sutliffs were among 42 others who went by Motor Coach to the Fox Theater in Detroit to see 'The Rockette's Christmas Spectacular. And, I quote, "What a wonderful performance it was!"

IN TOWN over the weekend were Ray and Terri (Tompkins) Barnes of Grand Rapids.

RUTH YAHR returned to her Litzenburger Place apartment this past week after sharing a wonderful early Christmas family celebration in Lapeer at the home of her daughter and husband, Kathy and Dave Dagley.

THE COMMISSION on Aging office located in Charlevoix held its annual Christmas open house on Friday, Dec. 17. COA board members, staff and friends attended. Refreshments were served as well as a good time of camaraderie was enjoyed by all. You can reach the COA by calling (231) 237-0103.

WHAT A heartwarming treat it was on Sunday's bitter cold day to be serenaded with Christmas Carols by the many warm smiles and sweet voices of the United Methodist Church Sunday School classes here at Litzenburger Place! Escorted by youth director Janine Winkler and Dr. Rich and Linda Mansfield,

residents were gifted again, with plates of decorated holiday cookies and truly beautiful God's Creation appointment calendars for 2005. Much thanks goes out to you all!

GREAT LAKES Energy hosted a nice Christmas luncheon this past week for their employees and retirees. Among them were Adella Bricker and Marie Schmittiel, who thoroughly enjoyed the tour of the new building.

THE ADULTS of Lakeshore Community Church of Advance shared a festive Christmas Dinner and party in Petoskey this past week at the Steak House (formerly Sheldde's Restaurant). The kids of the church had a pizza party and games and also a little rehearsal time in preparation for Sunday's Christmas Program.

ALL WAS well with peace and good will among all for the Annual Hardy Family gathering of Christmas this year. There were many delicious holiday dishes to eat, lots of fun and a gift exchange among the children. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Elwood and Phyllis Hardy met at the Lakeview Village Clubhouse on Sunday, with 49 and 3/4 in attendance, as a granddaughter and husband are expecting a new arrival in February.

MAY ALL hearts and homes be blessed with joy in celebrating "The Reason For The Season" and enjoy a very Merry Christmas!

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

Jenn Compton earns riding honors from MPHA

Jenn Compton of Boyne City recently received high honors from the Michigan Palomino Horse Association.

She and her horse, Mr. Ed, rode in several MPHA events this year and were presented with five awards at the MPHA banquet last month. Included in the list of awards are: MPHA 2004 Novice Amateur Champion; MPHA 2004 Reserve Amateur Champion; Champion Road Hack Horse; Reserve Champion Hunter Under Saddle Horse; and Reserve Champion Western Horsemanship Horse. Compton and Mr. Ed also finished third overall in Halter, Showmanship, English Equitation, and Western Pleasure.

Compton and Mr. Ed have won numerous events in the past at the local and state levels, but this was their first year seriously competing in the MPHA events.

Compton was also honored by her peers when she was voted in as amateur president for the MPHA for 2005. Additionally, she has been nominated for vice president of the MPHA, an election that will be decided later this month by the MPHA members.

Compton, the daughter of Dana and Jill Compton of Boyne City, is currently attending Sienna Heights Col-



Jenn Compton with her horse, Mr. Ed.

lege in Adrian. She is a junior studying communications and marketing. She hopes to continue competing in MPHA shows with Mr. Ed and would like to compete at the national level in the future.

Spanning the generations

Great great-grandmother Lucile Sherwood Shively of Boyne City recently joined members of her family for a five-generation photograph. Clockwise from right are great great-grandmother Lucile Sherwood Shively; her great great-grandson Brandon Linde of Glendale, Ariz.; great-granddaughter, Andrea Linde of Glendale, Ariz.; granddaughter Connie (Sherwood) Dunlop of Boyne Falls; and son Leonard G. Sherwood Sr. of Boyne City.



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OBITUARIES

Chester Alden Johnson

Chester Alden "Rooney" Johnson, 42, of Boyne City died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, at his home surrounded by his loving family and friends.

A memorial service was held Dec. 16 at Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City. The Rev. Ken Bernthal officiated.

Rooney was born Dec. 13, 1961 in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., the son of Pete and Jackie Johnson. Rooney grew up in Boyne City and graduated from Boyne City High School in 1980. He went on to receive an associate's degree in business management from NCMC. He spent many years working in construction, ran a handy man service and most recently obtained a license for home inspection, where he worked with local real estate agencies.

Rooney enjoyed sailing with his beloved grandfather, Al Ulrich of Charlevoix. He also enjoyed fishing, reading and making wooden piggy banks. The great loves of his life were his two daughters, Jessica and Cassandra, and his loving best friend and lifemate, Kelly Malo.

Rooney is survived by his two daughters, Jessica and Cassandra, at home; his mother and stepfather, Jackie and Don McNutt of Boyne City; father, Peter Johnson Sr., of Bridgeport; brother, Peter Johnson Jr., of Boyne City; sisters, Mary Lee Kelly of Ferndale and Shellie Johnson of Charlevoix; grandparents, Al and Marge Ulrich, of Charlevoix; his beloved best friend and lifemate, Kelly Malo; nephews, Axel, Nick, Corey and Justin; niece, Tricia; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Rooney was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Ruby Jones, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Christ Lutheran Church building fund.

I will love and miss you forever "my little Alley Rooney." Love, Mom.

Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City is serving the family.

Lorena J. (Brintnall) Cronin

Lorena Cronin, 85, died Dec. 12, 2004 while resting in her bed at the Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City.

A graveside memorial service will be held at the Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan in late spring.

Born May 19, 1919 on a small farm outside of East Jordan, Lorena was the first of five children raised by Arthur and Leden Brintnall. She graduated from East Jordan High School at the top of her class and attended Michigan State University for 2-1/2 years before leaving to marry her high school sweetheart and husband of 62 years, Arthur B. Cronin, on Aug. 31, 1940. Together they raised four children at the home they called Iris Haven in Roscommon.

Lorena was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Roscommon, Women's Guild and the Garden Club. She was one of the first Cub Scout Den Mothers after her husband started the local pack in the early 1950s. She was a founding member of the North Central Governmental Credit Union. A life member of the American Iris Society, her husband named an iris after her that won the prestigious Foster Cup for new iris seedling in 1996. Hobbies included painting and ceramics, and after Art's retirement, travel in Europe and most of the United States: first in a tent trailer, then an Argosy travel trailer and later a motor home. Alamo, Texas, was their winter residence until failing health forced a return to Michigan in their later years.

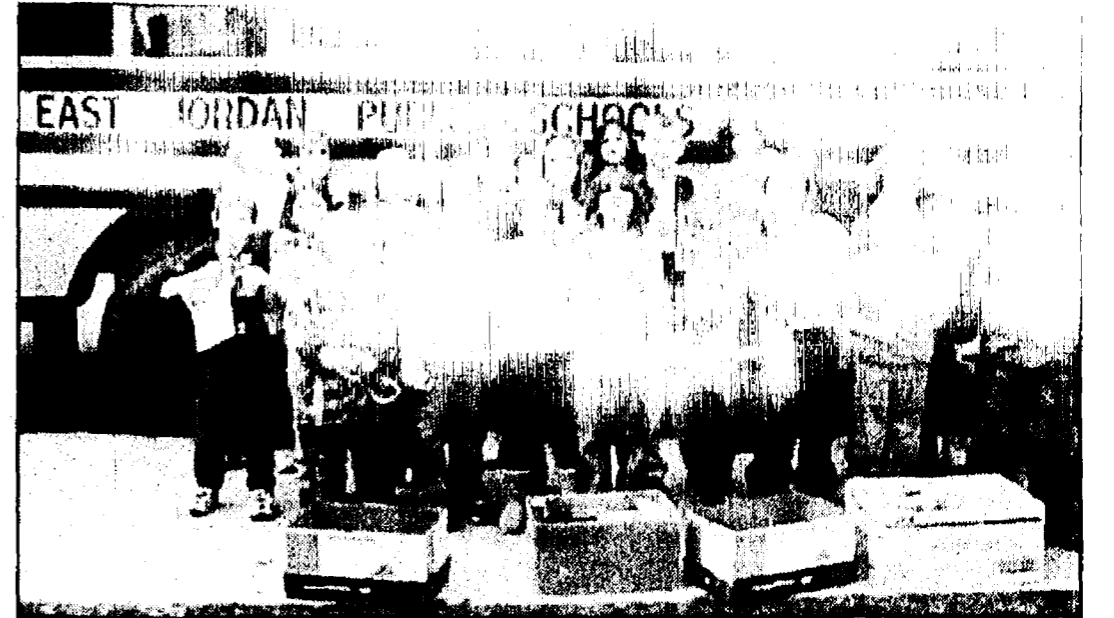
She is survived by her four children, Dan (Yoriko) Cronin, Iris (Robert) Walkup, Sharon (Fred) Wulf, and Kim (Cindy) Cronin; six grandchildren; six (soon to be seven) great-grandchildren; a sister Irene (Brintnall) Hungerford; a brother, Dr. Bruce Brintnall; as well as many nieces and nephews. Her parents, her husband and two brothers, Gale and Elgy Brintnall preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the First Congregational Church of Roscommon, and the National Arthritis Foundation. Arrangements can be made through the Penzien Funeral Homes, East Jordan.



Boyne Valley Lions Club

The Boyne Valley Lions Club donated \$500 to the Charlevoix County Humane Society and have issued a challenge to all other Charlevoix County service clubs and organizations to match it. Donations can be monetary or items from the Humane Society "wish list." Pictured, back row from left, are: Lions Harry Ahlborn, Gordon Lamble, and Nels Northup. Front row: Humane Society volunteer Carole Brisson, Lions Louisa Northup, Ed Hennessey, Joyce Lamble, Humane Society Director Laura Kemp, and Lion Ed Bobowski. Items on the Humane Society's wish list include pet toys, pet treats, collars, leashes, blankets, generator, office supplies, volunteers, handman, and board members - specifically an accountant, attorney, banker and veterinarian. For more information call the Humane Society at 582-6774.



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East Jordan students

Students riding East Jordan school bus #11 had so much success last year collecting items that they decided to do it again for this holiday season.

The idea started with Judy Muma, driver for bus #11, who told students last year about her son in the military and how tough it was on soldiers during the holidays.

At the same time, an area radio station was advertising a drive to collect items for troops serving overseas, and so Muma proposed the idea to the children riding her bus. They thought it was a great idea and they ended up sending gifts of food, treats, games, books, cards and letters to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The children wanted to do something like this again so we brainstormed and we were pretty much equally divided with Care and Share Food Pantry in East Jordan and the Charlevoix County Humane Society," Muma said. "So we thought why not do both?"

They did and according to Muma "there was a tremendous response both years. There are a lot of caring and giving people in East Jordan - especially on East Jordan school bus #11," she said.

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East Jordan Girl Scouts

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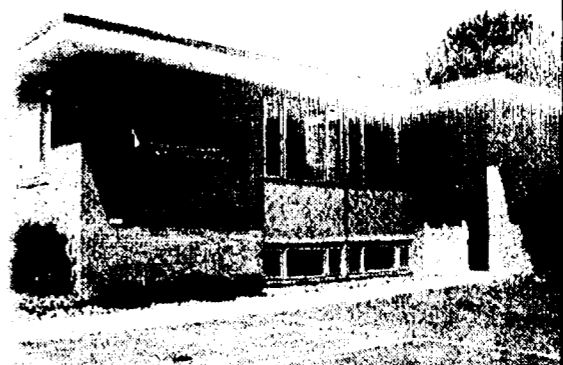


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By **Steve Czerkes**
Pharmacist

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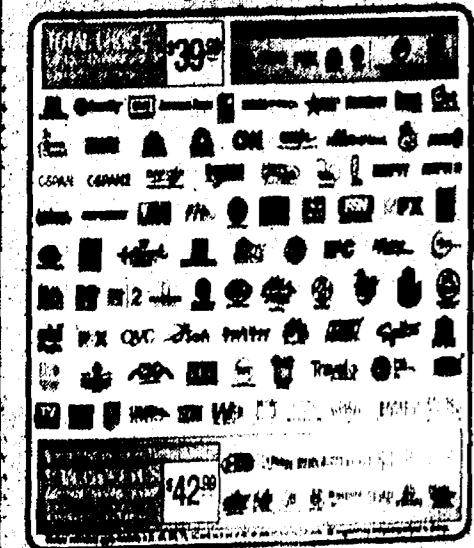
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Ramblers find a lid on the basket

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The Boyne City varsity basketball team faced a tough challenge on Friday, Dec. 17, when the Ramblers went on the road to take on a Class A Gaylord team on its home court.

Boyne City turned in a hard effort against the Blue Devils, but a 38 percent shooting performance from the floor hurt the Ramblers, who lost 71-54, in a big way.

"We had open shots, we had layups, we got the free throws, but we've just got to find a way to put the ball in the basket," said Boyne City coach Tim Smith.

"We're kind of in a funk, even though we played well and the guys played hard. We've played two Class A teams in a row who both probably played their best games," Smith added.

Josh Conway scored 16 points and Brian Lindsey added 13 points for the Blue Devils, who forged leads of 14-

8, 33-18 and 59-32 at the end of the first three quarters.

Grant Ameal had 14 points, six rebounds and five steals for Boyne City, while Dillon Olmstead chipped in with 10 points. Scott Morrow contributed with seven points and four boards.

Petoskey 61, Boyne City 34

Corbin Donaldson scored 16 points to lead Petoskey to a 61-34 victory at home over Boyne City on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Grant Ameal paced the Ramblers with eight points and Jordan Sweet had six points.

"They played like their season was on the line and we couldn't match their intensity," said Smith. "They've got a lot of big kids and we have to play well and shoot well to compete with these bigger schools."

Boyne City, 1-3 overall, hosted Elk Rapids Tuesday night in its Lake Michigan Conference opener. The Ramblers are then off until Tuesday, Jan. 4, when they host Suttons Bay.



With a Petoskey defender draped over him, Jordan Sweet turns and finds teammate Drew Mittig open at the top of the key in the Ramblers' loss to Petoskey last Tuesday evening. Petoskey's solid defense combined with the Ramblers cold shooting resulted in a night the Ramblers would like to forget.

Loggers head into break on a high note

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The Boyne Falls varsity basketball team went on an 18-8 fourth quarter run to break open a close game against Pickford on Friday, Dec. 17, and gain a 64-50 non-conference victory on the road.

Josh Jarema poured in 26 points to lead the Loggers, who will take a healthy 4-1 overall record into the new year.

"I think that we got up the floor pretty well and we tired them out in the end," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla. "We played them well and I'm happy with the way it went."

It did not go well early on as the Loggers found themselves down 8-2 four minutes into the game before Hamilla called a time out to regroup his squad. The Loggers responded with a couple of quick steals that led to some easy buckets that put the Loggers in front.

At the end of the first quarter Boyne Falls led the contest 16-14 and the margin stood at 32-28 at the half. The Loggers led 46-42 going into the final eight minutes.

"The big difference was our pressure defense and Demetrius Burks really controlled the boards with his 15 rebounds," Hamilla said.

Burks and Ben Kondrat scored nine points each, while A.J. Hawkins chipped in with eight points and Trevor Matelski contributed seven points.

Matt Ramontz scored 19 points and Chris Thompson added 10 points to pace the Pickford offense.

In the junior varsity game, Pickford took a 24-20 lead at the half and then

outpointed the Boyne Falls 29-23 after the break to capture a 53-43 win.

Earlier in the week, Boyne Falls had an easy time against Wolverine earning a 90-46 Northern Lakes Conference win at home Tuesday.

Boyne Falls is off until Tuesday, Jan. 4, when the Loggers travel to Mackinaw City.



Josh Jarema and the rest of the Boyne Falls Loggers found a clear path to the basket in their 90-46 victory over Wolverine last Tuesday.

EJ netters win first conference meet in two years

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The East Jordan varsity volleyball team can celebrate its first conference win in two seasons, thanks in large part to the productive serving arm of Caitlin Hefty.

Hefty turned a strong serving performance in the third game of the match, which turned the tide when East Jordan earned a Lake Michigan Conference win on the road over Grayling on Thursday, Dec. 16.

East Jordan took a 25-21 win in the opening game of the match, but Grayling came back to gain the momentum with a 25-18 win in game two. The Lady Devils regained that momentum on the strength of Hefty's serving and then closed out the match with two straight wins 25-15 and 28-26.

"The entire team played great. We haven't won a conference match in two years and it's great to get that monkey off of our backs," said Red Devil coach Paul Nachazel.

Bridget Knight was also a key factor against Grayling coming off the bench and providing some key passing. Sierra Roberts led the team with 16 digs, six kills and two aces, while Jessica Roberts contributed with 16 assists, two kills and two aces.

Tabatha Grover chipped in with 14 digs and four kills. Nachazel praised the Lady Devils for their determination saying, "We still have some parts of our game to work on, but our toughness is not one of them."

IN JUNIOR VARSITY action East Jordan took both games to down Grayling 25-19, 25-11. Laura Schiell led the Lady Devils with 10 points, 100-per-

cent serving and eight aces. Mary Shaw had eight points, five aces, two blocks and one kill, while Jeane Chew chipped in with seven points and five aces.

"The girls are really playing as a team," said coach Jackie Haley. "Mary did a great job at the net and Cassy Crick had a great passing game."

BELLAIRE 3, EAST JORDAN 2

The volleyball crowd got its money's worth on Monday, Dec. 13, when East Jordan and Bellaire staged a two-hour marathon battle at East Jordan.

Both teams had multiple chances to win the match, but the Lady Eagles prevailed in the end with a 20-18 victory in the fifth and deciding game. East Jordan took an early advantage with a 25-23 win in the first game before Bellaire captured the next two games by scores of 25-11 and 25-16. East Jordan pulled even with a 25-16 win in the fourth game to set up the final game showdown.

"Both teams played extremely well. We had plenty of chances to put the game away, but we couldn't capitalize," Nachazel said.

"Our team defense is continuing to improve, but we need to work on our attacking. I am very proud of our team spirit. We never gave up."

Sierra Roberts led the Lady Devils with three aces, eight digs and seven kills, while turning in an excellent defensive performance. Jessica Roberts chipped in with 15 assists, five kills and one ace. Christine Jackson put down five kills.

East Jordan (2-3-3 overall) will host Elk Rapids on Monday, Jan. 6.

Charlevoix hands East Jordan first loss of the season

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

East Jordan's varsity basketball team was determined to come out strong against the undefeated Charlevoix Red Raiders on Friday, Dec. 18, and Red Devil forward Kyle Daneff did his part scoring 13 of his 23 points in the opening quarter, but too much Red Raider talent led to a 92-63 Charlevoix victory.

Charlevoix's Jared Hunt led five Charlevoix players in double figures scoring 22 points, while dishing out

six assists. Cody Crain added 20 points and Ben Bergmann chipped in with 11.

"We decided to go right after Charlevoix from the onset and see how we stacked up," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey. "Kyle was the recipient of many assists and our guards did an excellent job of feeding him the ball."

East Jordan trailed Charlevoix just 23-17 after one quarter before a 25-17 second quarter run by Charlevoix put the margin at 48-34 as the teams headed to the locker room. In the sec-

ond half the Red Raiders outscored the Red Devils 19-14 in the third quarter and 25-15 down the stretch.

"In the second half we mounted some runs, but Charlevoix would always respond with a big three. Their guards did an excellent job of driving and dishing for the three," Bailey said.

"It was a learning experience, but I don't think the score indicates how competitive the contest was."

For East Jordan Tyler Spence scored 13 points, Chris Becker scored

10 points and Tom Krause had six.

East Jordan 80, St. Ignace 78

Spence hit a two-point bucket with just five seconds on the clock to halt a St. Ignace comeback and give East Jordan an 80-78 non conference win on the road on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Early pressure by the East Jordan defense handcuffed the Saints, while the Red Devils were able to build up a 14 point lead after two quarters of play.

"We extended the lead during the

third quarter and then St. Ignace went wild in the fourth quarter," Bailey said. The Saints climbed back into the game and finally tied the contest at 78-all with 20 seconds left, but Bailey was able to get a timeout called to set up the game winning play. St. Ignace missed its last shot at the buzzer.

"We had solid contributions from everyone and we really dominated the boards and inside play. This game will be good for us as we enter league play where we expect to have many close games," Bailey said. Daneff came up

huge against the Saints getting a double-double with 28 points and 16 rebounds to lead five Red Devils in double figures. Spence had 13 points and five assists to go with his game winner and Becker chipped in with 12 points.

Krause and Eric Hansen contributed with 10 points each. Krause also had 11 rebounds and seven assists and Hansen added five helpers.

East Jordan will resume play on Friday, Jan. 7, when they host Traverse City St. Francis.

BC netters still searching for their first win of the season

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The Boyne City varsity volleyball team is still seeking its first win of the season, but coach Casie Parker has seen much improvement from her Lady Ramblers and feels that better things are to come in the new year. "Despite our record I am still very confident that we will win it," said Parker about that elusive initial victory.

"We just have to have some patience. They've come a long way in the past few weeks."

Lindsay Baic highlighted the Lady Ramblers' effort on Saturday, Dec. 18, when Boyne City took to the road to compete in the eight team Lake Superior State University Tournament. Baic turned in a 95-percent

serving performance at the tourney, while putting down 12 kills and adding 52 digs.

Other standouts on Saturday were Tori Crum (94 percent serving), Molly Hausler (36 digs), Emma Clemens (24 assists), Jessica Nichols (eight kills) and Emily McLane (eight blocks).

In the pool play Boyne City fell to Gladstone (18-25, 13-25), White Pines (11-25, 11-25) and Rogers City (14-25, 11-25) before losing to Harbor Light (17-25, 13-25) in the elimination round.

"Jessica Nichols and Molly Hausler played very well throughout the day," said Parker.

**Harbor Springs 3,
Boyne City 0**
Harbor Springs came to

Boyne City to open the Lake Michigan Conference volleyball season and the visitors left town with a three game sweep of the Lady Ramblers on Monday, Dec. 13.

Harbor took the match with scores of 25-17, 25-10 and 25-8.

"We struggled with our passing and with nervousness, but in time we will overcome," said Parker.

"I am very confident in our team. We just need to take it one step at a time."

Nichols, Crum and Baic all had 100 percent serving performances to highlight Boyne City offense. Nichols added 14 digs, while Clemens chipped in with eight assists.

Boyne City will be off until Monday, Jan. 6, when the team travels to Charlevoix.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midgets hosted Mackinaw City on Dec. 11 and emerged with a 4-3 victory.

Eli Barsy scored twice and added an assist. Darren Looze and Ryan Hennessy each scored once, while Russell Williams had two assists, and Troy Scar-brough, Nick Dunwoody, Ryan Paridee, and Will Brown each had one. Nick Ferree was in the goal.

On Dec. 12, the team played Char-Em in Griffin Arena, winning 6-2. Hennessy scored twice; Barsy, Matt Kopke, Williams, and Dunwoody each scored one. Dunwoody, Ryan Paridee, and Evan Keller had two assists each. Scarbrough and Barsy each had one. Charlie Courtright was the winning goalie.

On Dec. 18, the team hosted Gaylord and won the first contest, a scrimmage, 11-1. In

the following game, Boyne earned a 5-2 victory. Scarbrough, Barsy, Williams, Brown, and Gabe Korthase scored, with assists from Dunwoody, Paridee, Barsy, Brown, and Aown. Boyne outshot Gaylord 30-11. Ferree was in goal.

On Sunday, Dec. 19, the team was in Alpena for two games. Alpena won the first 3-2. Scoring for Boyne were Paridee and Hennessy. Ferree and Courtright shared netminding.

In the secondgame, Boyne came out on top 5-3. Paridee scored twice; Scarbrough, JP Fiedorek, and Dunwoody each had one. Assists came from Scarbrough, Matt Kopke, Gear Robinson, Williams, Brown, and Hennessy. Ferree and Courtright again shared goaltending, with Courtright earning the win.

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Wolverine-Buckeye treat

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Commission hires engineering firm to complete BC street survey

What condition are the streets of Boyne City in? Where are improvements needed the most?

At the Boyne City City Commission meeting on Dec. 14, the commission hired the engineering company, Capital Consultants, to conduct a city-wide street survey to answer those questions, plus many more.

The study, costing \$12,800, will assess the condition of all city streets, rating them on a scale as to the severity of their need for improvement.

"We're going to take a look and see what it takes to get all the streets into good condition," said Department of Works Superintendent Dennis Jason.

Each year the commission assesses the state of Boyne City roads and plans what will need to be done in the next five years. This

"Roads are designed with a 20-year lifespan. Some of ours haven't had anything done to them in twice that long."

- Dennis Jason, BC Department of Public Works Superintendent

project will be more comprehensive. In addition to the streets, engineers will look at the city's water and sewage infrastructures where they might have an effect on the road system.

The report from the engineering company is expected sometime this spring, Jason said. After that, meetings will be held

to get public input.

"We need to get public input. We are getting something together so they can say, 'what about this street or this situation' and then we can put a plan together," he said.

The plan will include improvements to all city streets, paving gravel roads, reconstructing sections of

road and repairing curbs and gutters. The plan's cost is expected to be several million dollars.

According to Jason, the upgrades are much needed. "Roads are designed with a 20-year lifespan. Some of ours haven't had anything done to them in twice that long."

The plan the commission develops will be one that is a guide for future work and will be implemented over many years, Jason said.

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As part of the Winter Frostival, the library is sponsoring a district-wide reading program, "Turn the

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Three authors will visit the library: Tim Smith, author of the Buck Wilder books on Jan. 19; Kathy-jo Wargin, author of The Legend of the Petoskey Stone on Feb. 16; and Keith Evans, author of Dead Caribou Bags Hunter on March 9. All programs are free. Call the library at 536-7131 for details.

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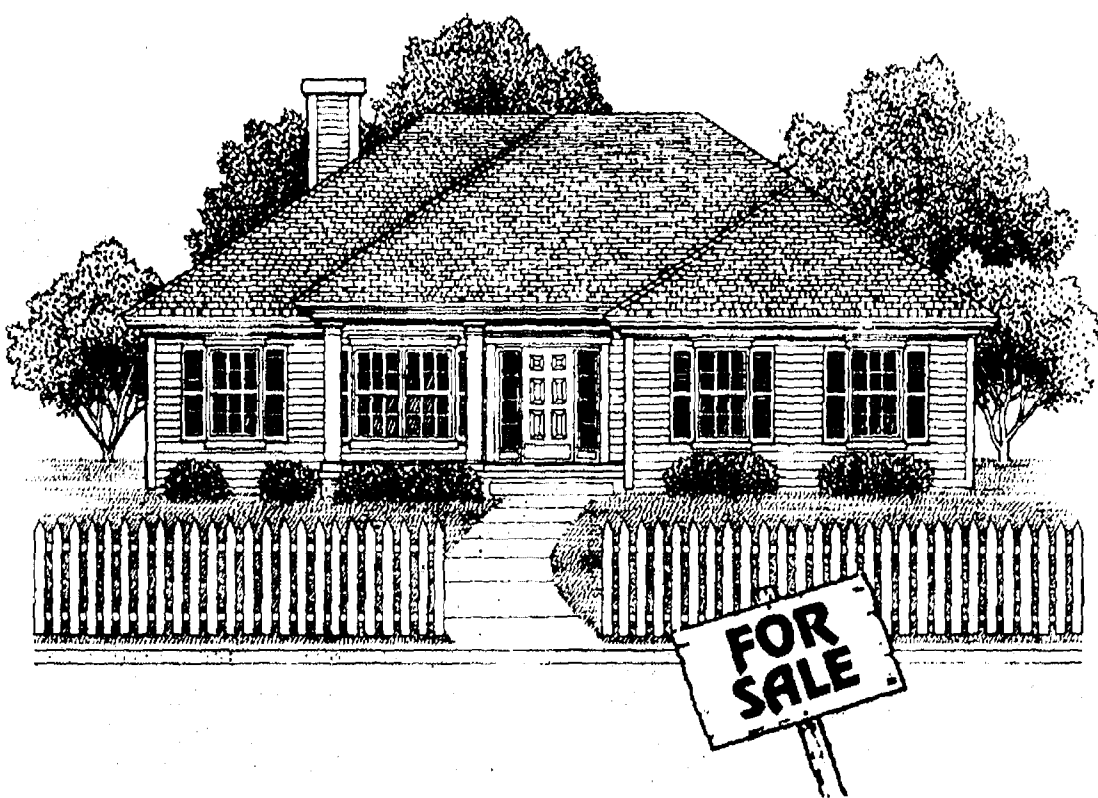
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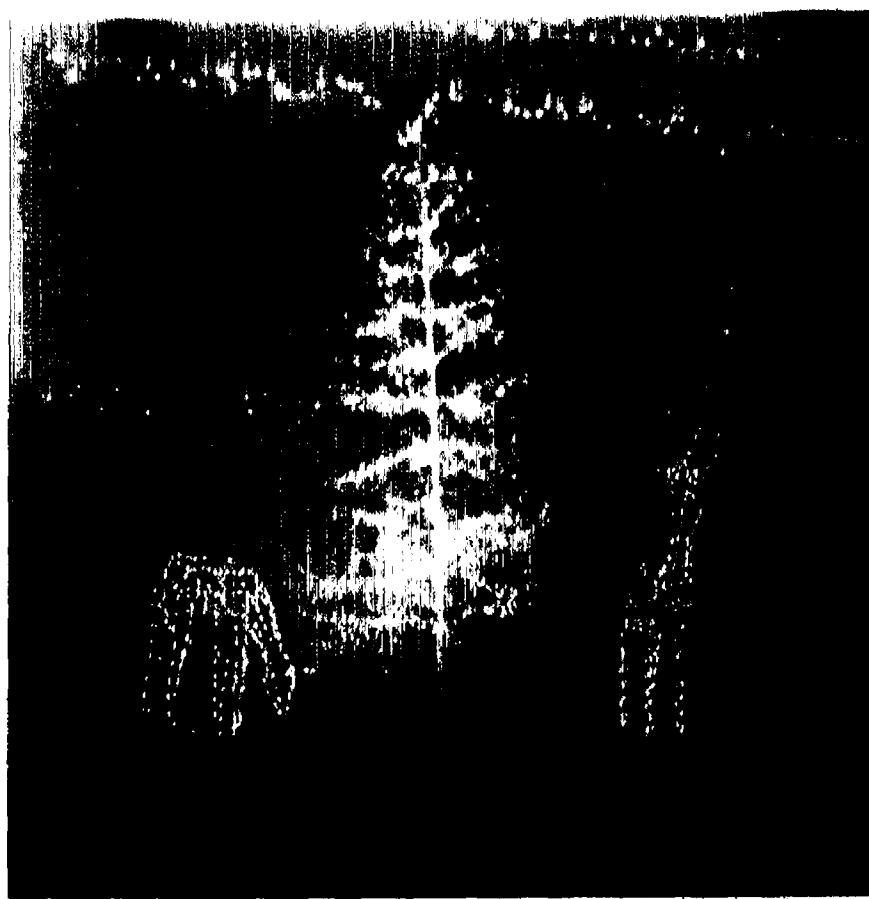
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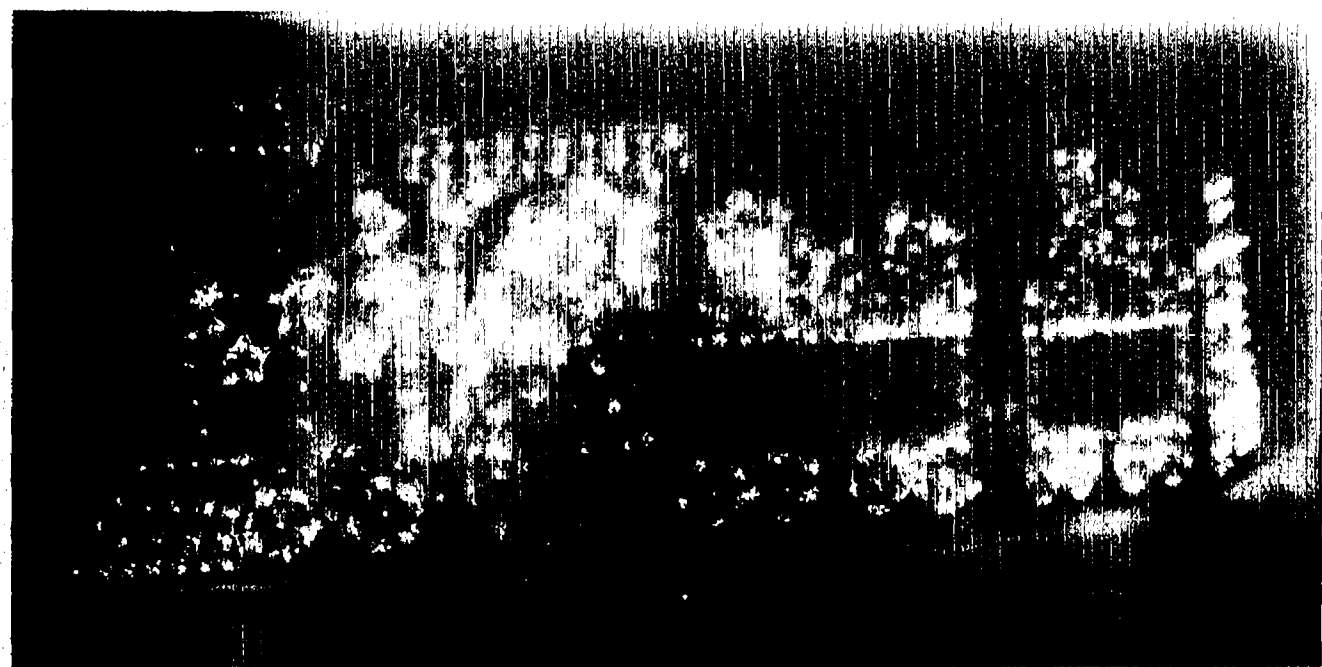
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