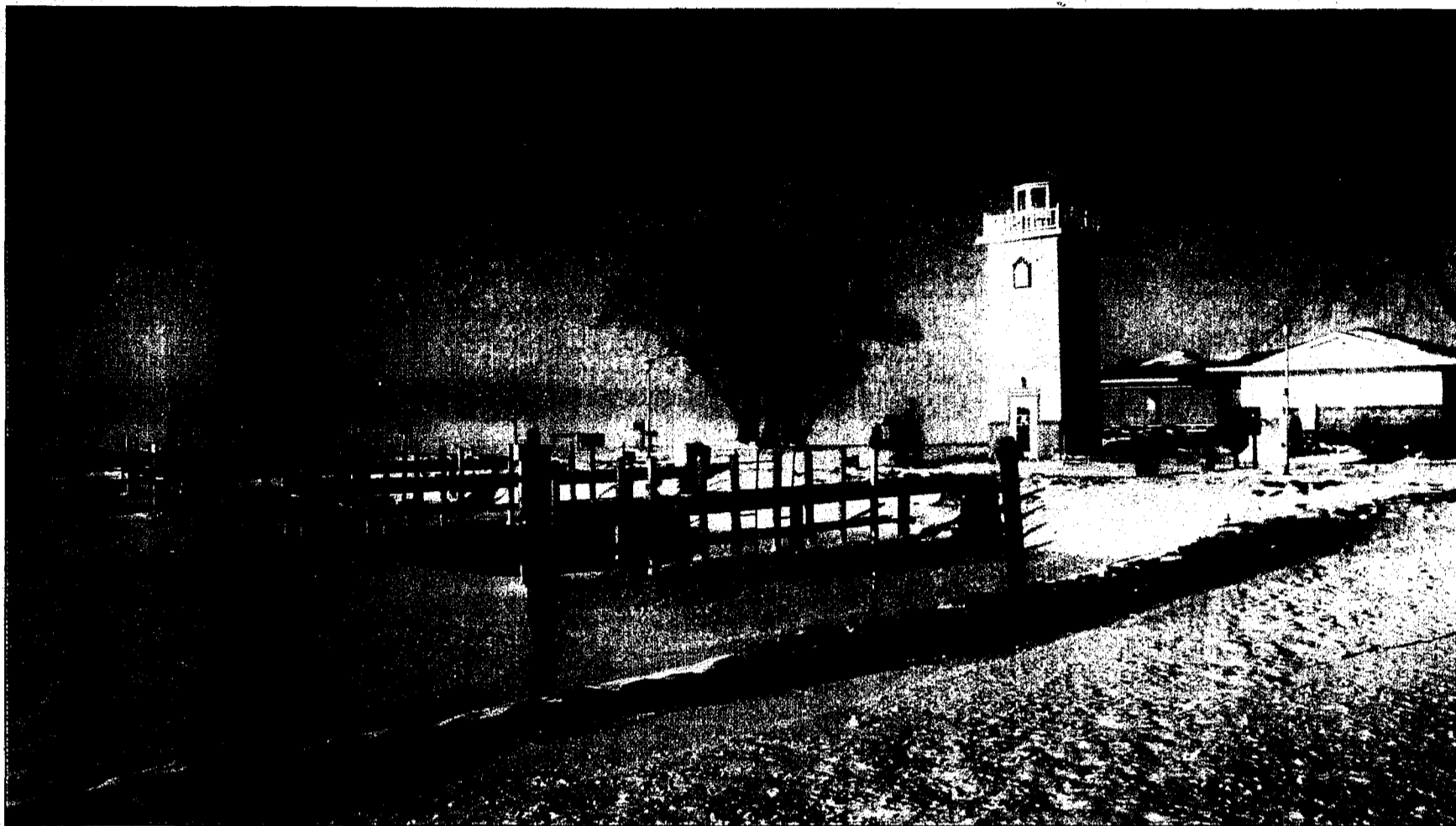


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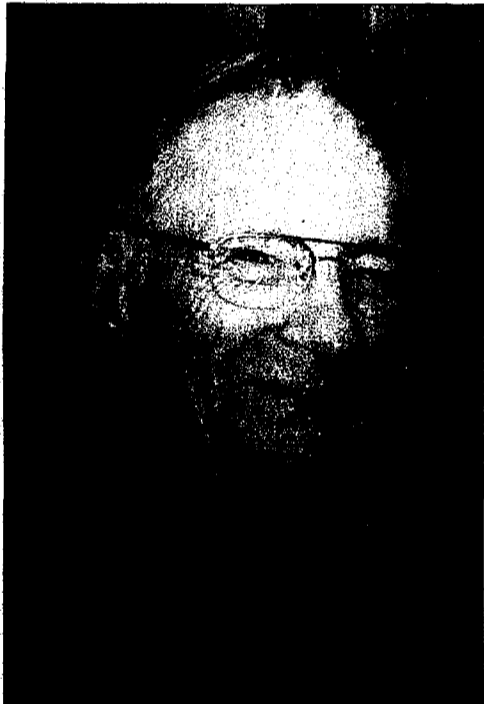
Frigid temperatures gave rise to frost and blue skies late last week, turning the landscape into a sparkling scene of stark beauty. Inviting during the summer months, the city marina was best appreciated briefly from a distance. The city's waterfront was a topic of discussion at the recent "Plan-It Boyne City" kick-off at city hall.



JOHN SMITH GIVING BACK TO A COMMUNITY HE CALLS HOME

Quiet generosity has enormous impact

By JANE BOOZE
Contributing Writer



John Smith has funded an East Jordan Rotary Opportunity Scholarship through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

John Smith has worked for years behind the scenes, and would prefer to remain there now. It is in the interest of those whose lives have been and will be touched by John Smith's generosity that his story is being told.

This week, East Jordan schools received the East Jordan Rotary Opportunity Scholarship, funded by a \$500,000 endowment from Smith. It is a new scholarship, created for this purpose: To "enhance the educational opportunities of East Jordan students." The students who are targeted for this scholarship include graduating high school seniors who have been accepted and are attending an in-state, accredited vocational technical school or program, a Michigan community college, or a State of Michigan four-year public college or university. The student must be able to prove a financial need.

The student must have a grade point average in the range of 2.0 to 3.3. It is a Rotary International scholarship, but the Rotarian behind the gift is a kindly and soft-spoken man, with a heart — and real affection — for the at-risk youth of East Jordan.

A trust fund was also established, which will provide Smith with a modest income for life, after which the balance will be transferred to the scholarship, bringing it to a projected total of more than \$1 million.

To fully appreciate his contribution and compassion, it's useful to see the way he has lived his life, and how he gained the resources to give so much back.

After he graduated from college in 1936 — when tuition for a term cost \$35 — Smith applied for a teaching position in East Jordan.

East Jordan schools weren't offering an enticing income, by today's standards: \$900 a year to teach high school Latin, history and algebra classes. But when Superintendent Wade offered him the job, Smith took it and moved north.

"I enjoyed the area," he said. "I got acquainted with the kids, of

course; hunting in the fall was great, snowshoeing in the winter was lots of fun. I had a good time with the people, basically."

One, in particular. The next year Smith began going out with home-ec teacher, Margery Smitton. And smitten he was. They married the next fall.

"It was wonderful," he said. They rented a house across from the school for \$15 a month and Margery began to put her home-ec expertise to work on the house.

"My wife, in addition to being a teacher and a good cook, was also interested in architecture," Smith said. "We spent the first year remodeling that rental outside and in.

"The result was, when we left for summer school in June, the house sold. After all that work, we got notice at summer school that the house was sold and we would have to be out Sept. 1," Smith said, with twinkling eyes. The saga didn't end there. He and Margery rented another house near the school and she worked her magic (and he his tools) again.

When summer school came, the house sold.

They wised up.

"When we got back, we decided that was enough of that, and decided we would build a house. We bought a lot kitty-corner from the school for \$125," he laughed.

By this time Smith was the high school principal, though he was still teaching a Latin class. World War II had broken out, but at 27 and as an educator, he was exempt from the draft.

"But Dr. Beuker and I had a disagreement one day, and he was the head of the draft board," Smith smiled. "The day after our argument, I got notice I was drafted."

So in 1943, Smith was in the Army and was sent overseas with the Third Division to Italy. He was in combat immediately.

"The Third Division was used throughout the war as an attack

"He is so strong in his convictions. He regularly challenges the rest of us to do more and do it better. Many of us don't even know who he is, but he has touched so many lives."

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INSIDE



DOWN SHE COMES. BOYNE CITY SKIER KYLE BARDEN EARNED TWO FIRST PLACE FINISHES LAST WEEK. SEE PAGE 9 FOR A STORY ABOUT THE MEET.

Master plan update attracts much interest

By B. J. HETLER
Contributing Writer

Boyne City officials and residents kicked off "Plan-It Boyne City" on Jan. 17 at city hall, where more than 40 people attended a community forum, some of whom signed up to serve on committees to plan for the city's future.

The forum was led by city planning director Dan Reed and assistant planning director Barb Brooks, who are updating the master plan which is used to guide local government policymaking for growth and development.

townships update their plans every five years, Reed said. The city planners were pleased with the level of interest expressed by residents at the meeting.

"I'm very happy," Reed said. "This is the first city project that has drawn so many people. To get this kind of

community."

A significant aspect of the master plan is the waterfront plan. The waterfront extends for three and one-half miles within the city limits from the south at Eveline Township to the north end at Young State Park.

Waterfronts in northern Michigan cities are areas of intense pressure from those who want to develop the properties for hotels, condominiums, housing and businesses.

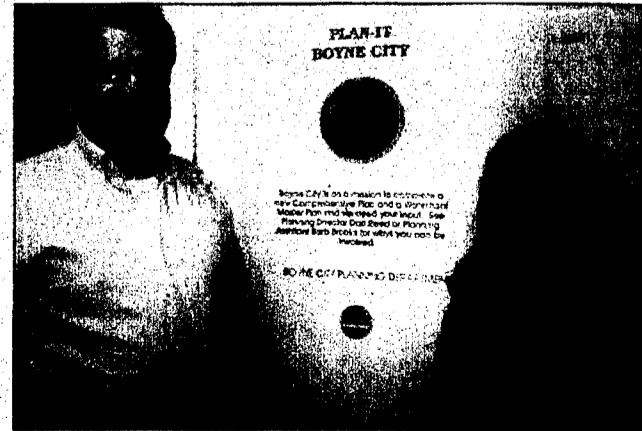
"The community wants stringent protection of the waterfront," Reed said. "People have a sense of ownership of the waterfront and feel a part of the area is for

"To get this kind of response for this kind of project is fantastic. Boyne City residents are very involved, very interested in their community."
— Dan Reed, Boyne City city planner

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Boyne City planning director Dan Reed and assistant planning director Barb Brooks are shown with the Plan-It Boyne City poster. The project is an update of the city's master plan, which is used as a guideline for policymaking when it addresses issues of growth and development.



Strive director Gary Roberts with mentors, from left: Connie Roberts, Molly Gee, Barb Worgess, Charlene Roberts, Emily Murray, and Brenda Malpass.

Educational gift

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division. We were never pulled out of the line — we went from one jump to another," Smith said, his expressive face sober with memory. "As a rifleman in L Company, I was in the thick of it all the time. I became ... fatalistic. 'That shell wasn't for me — maybe the next one will be.'"

The Third Division was sent into Anzio under the command of a British general.

"The British were so doggone conservative all the time," Smith said. "We invaded and met no resistance, and then

we were told to dig in. This was fatal. The Germans knew we had set in, they came in and settled on high ground all around. We lived in water for three months, until May when we got orders to break out of Anzio.

"This was like saying we were going to stand up in front of machine guns and get shot down, which is exactly what happened. Out of 188 in L Company, there were 32 left (about 30 were later-found alive with other units)," said Smith. "I was one of the lucky ones.

"We got word when we arrived in Rome that we were being pulled out of combat and were to be garrison troops in Rome. We were only 32 men, no officers, at a lumber yard by the Roman Forum, the Coliseum — it was terrific," he said. "I spent 10 days exploring ancient Rome that I had studied all those years."

In May 1945, the war in Europe ended. "I didn't leave Europe until Dec. 26, 1945, and got into New York Jan. 12, 1946. We were on a tiny transport ship that carried just our company — we watched the big ships steam on by," Smith said. "The third day out we were still in the English Channel."

Margery met him in Grand Rapids — they had been apart two and a half years.

"Sunday we came to East Jordan to our home. That afternoon I got a telephone call from Superintendent Wade. He said, 'Second semester starts tomorrow, and I am expecting you,' and I started school on Monday."

"As teachers, (Margery and I) had always wanted to help kids," Smith said, but now that the war was over, they were ready to start a family. Unable to have children, they went through an adoption agency in Grand Rapids.

"They called and said, 'We have a two and a half-year-old boy. We think you might like to see him,' Smith said. "I took the day off school and went to Grand Rapids. We took him home right then. He was very frightened, he didn't understand what was happening, but he'd been through so much.

"He had been neglected — just terrible," Smith said. His new parents took him to get clothes — snowsuit, boots. "He was happy with those — it was wintertime and he enjoyed the snow. He just really became part of the family.

"A couple years later we adopted a baby girl. The baby was a month old and we loved her from the minute we saw her. Unfortunately, she was killed in an auto accident when she was 15," he said simply.

It is impossible to know what pieces of a person's life make him what he is, but John and Margery Smith's decisions were already showing signs of the heart that would continue to impact their community decades later.

A year and a half after he returned from Europe, Smith took a principalship in Charlotte. At \$4,700 a year, compared to his current \$2,500, the Smith family couldn't pass up the opportunity.

They sold their East Jordan home, and bought a fixer-upper in Charlotte. The Smiths hired their East Jordan friend, Harry Watson, to help them remodel, and he worked with them until they were broke, Smith said.

"When it was finished, a real estate agent approached them with a buyer who was willing to pay \$22,000 for their house. It was the 1950's.

"Nobody had ever heard of that amount — we took it," Smith said. "We found

another old house and spent a few years remodeling that. When we finished it, we saw another old house. We bought it and remodeled it — in my spare time — Saturdays, Sundays and nights." All this while he was working as principal, guidance counselor, attendance officer, he laughed. There were no assistants back then, he said.

"Well, Margery and I spent 20 years in Charlotte. We bought and sold and remodeled houses. That's where the money came from for the scholarship fund," Smith said.

Fast-forward to the end of that productive 20 years, and the Smiths moved back to East Jordan. Their son was now grown, and, after another remodeling job (again undertaken with the help of the indispensable Harry Watson), they decided to sell the lake front property that they had purchased to facilitate summers in the north and "settle

down." They bought some land on Peninsula Road and built their final house. "And lived happily ever after," Smith said. "That is until five years ago, when Margery died."

But the happily ever after did not die with his beloved wife. Smith determined to keep her memory and her love of children and learning alive with a memorial scholarship.

Chip Hansen, superintendent of East Jordan schools, said this about John Smith: "He is a gentleman in every sense. A gentleman, and a gentle man."

Barb Worgess, fellow Rotarian, said, "He is so strong in his convictions. He regularly challenges the rest of us to do more and do it better. Many of us don't even know who he is, but he has touched so many lives."

Since joining Rotary International in East Jordan when he was still a young East Jordan principal, Smith has always been an inspiring member. With his help, the East Jordan club has earned the distinction of being 100 percent Paul Harris fellows, as well as 100 percent Rotary benefactors — Smith thinks they may be the only club in the world with both honors. So it is not surprising that his personal giving has had so much to do with Rotary.

Sometimes people want to know — and should know — the source of their enrichment.

It was Smith who donated the first \$20,000 to implement the Rotary International Strive program in the East Jordan high school. It was also Smith who donated the \$100,000 that built the skate park for a group of kids that is often ignored or misunderstood.

Similarly, the scholarship he has now set permanently in place through Rotary specifically targets students who demonstrate willingness and desire to succeed in spite of a lack of academic excellence and financial resources.

According to Bob Tambellini of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which will manage the scholarship, "John has concentrated (his gifts) on education ... (he has) chosen to support a group whose struggle is so much greater and whose need for recognition is so much harder to come by.

"His generosity comes from his heart and comes as a reflection of what he has held important all his life," Tambellini said.

"He taught us, 'Et tu, Brute!' and awakened my love for language," said a 75-year-old former student.

It is the hope of awakening a love of learning, and building a bridge to opportunity, as well as a 58-year commitment to Rotary that motivates Smith. 2004 was Rotary International's 100th anniversary.

"I had meant to give the scholarship as a centennial gift," Smith said, "but it didn't turn out that way.

"All this is about kids," he said. It enriches and inspires the rest of us to know that a stranger in our midst is willing to give to the farthest reaches of his ability for something he believes in.

Only hopefully John Smith isn't quite a stranger any more.

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Program **STRIVES** for success

By JANE BOOZE
Contributing Writer

Rotary International Strive is a program whose goal is to help at-risk students reach their goals, including graduation from high school. It pairs local mentors with at-risk high school seniors.

The seniors are identified by East Jordan high school guidance counselor Gina Cross, in conjunction with high school principal Tammy Jackson.

"They are at-risk seniors, who are not considered 'on-time' graduates. They have to pass all their classes and take correspondence classes," Jackson said. "We target kids who could use an extra support person in their lives. Once the students are identified, we talk to them directly, to inquire about their interest in the program ... about 95 percent are interested in being part of it."

Jackson said that now that the program has really gotten underway, with seven mentors participating every week, students approach her about joining Strive.

Cross agrees. "It's grown every year," she said. "We are not always successful, but it is very, very helpful to me to have an adult that meets with these kids on a weekly basis. It can be their lifeline, their saving grace; the mentors are an intermediary between students and their teachers. The kids feel like they have someone on their side."

The program is five years old in East Jordan, though, as a Rotary-based program, it has had a foothold in other schools much longer.

Barb Worgess was Rotary president when she heard about it when she attended the Rotary president-elect training, and thought it would be good for East Jordan.

She had a willing co-sponsor for her plan in Gary Roberts, who had wanted to implement Strive since he first learned of it. He did the research, visiting the Strive programs of other districts, and talking to Rotary members about funding it.

One day Bob Tambellini, of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, approached him. "He said, 'You don't have to worry about Strive,'" Roberts said. "'You have the funding.' John Smith had donated \$20,000 to establish a Strive scholarship."

With that, Strive became a reality in the East Jordan high school. It started out with three or four students, and Roberts, Worgess and Sara

Schroeder mentoring. It has had its share of growing pains. The mentor and student handbooks have been re-written a number of times.

But, according to the national average, Strive programs have about a 50 percent success rate in achieving graduation for its participants, and in East Jordan the rate is higher. One of the motivating factors for Strive students is that they are offered financial rewards for improvement, including a reward for graduating.

Nina Romero, a Strive student, said that one of the reasons the program works is not because of the money offered, but because of the friendship.

"(My) mentor cared," she said. "She would be disappointed if I failed — let her down. But then she would help me figure out what we can do next semester."

Romero wants to live in New York City and be a fashion designer. Having a distinct goal helps remind her to stay motivated in her classes.

"The mentor will help motivate you to go toward your goal," Romero said. "If you need help researching colleges, they'll help. They'll be there if you are having a bad day. When we have these meetings, we just talk about what we did over the weekend, or if we're doing bad in class, what we can do to make up."

Roberts said that it takes a quarter or a third of the year to get the students to like and trust the mentors. But when that trust occurs, Romero said that it is a good motivator.

"Ask questions, get to know me, so that you can help me strive for my goal," she said. "Getting to know her (Romero's mentor) better made me open up more — my personal life, family, struggles in school. Getting to know her made it easier."

"It takes no skill," Roberts said. "It just takes wanting to."

"And commitment," Cross said. "Mentors need to want to and they need to make the commitment — otherwise it's very defeating. The kids are devastated when their mentors aren't there."

"We don't have to teach," Roberts said. "The teachers are doing their jobs."

"It's a weekly support group," said Cross.

"They're (mentors) the good police," Jackson said. "They're not going to yell at you, ground you,

take away privileges. They're just going to help you figure out how to solve the problem.

"Mentors have learned to work with the teachers and staff and have a comfort level with the school," she said. "They play a parenting role with some practically learned tools. Some of them are mentoring because they had kids that needed it, and some were one of those students."

"Mentors are sharing their life experience. They are interested, not because they birthed you, but just because they are interested," Jackson said. "It's motivational to have someone take time out of their day. Parents are perceived as being supposed to do certain things, but if another adult chooses to do them, that has an impact."

"These Strive kids," Worgess said, "they're penetrable. We can break through the shell and find the potential. But we do it with a tin of peanut butter cookies, a bottle of pop — and genuinely caring what happens to them."

Roberts said that he remembers that his parents didn't know too much when he was a senior (but have wizened with the years), and they were his only adult influence. He participates because he believes that it is important for youth to have an extra-parental adult in their lives.

Roberts is not mentoring this year. The seven participating students are matched with mentors, and Roberts' job is to orchestrate the process and act as liaison as needed. But he is always there Thursday mornings — he believes that Strive serves a purpose, and he has a vision for it.

He believes that if there were enough volunteers, maybe Strive mentors could meet with juniors on Wednesdays, and maybe with more sophomores on Tuesdays, and eventually, with enough help from enough adults who care, the phrase "drop out" would disappear from the educational lexicon altogether.

If you are interested in learning more about Strive, or would like to volunteer, contact any Strive mentor: Gary or Charlene Roberts, Barb Worgess, Sara Schroeder, Molly Gee, Connie Roberts, Emily Murray or Brenda (Tracy) Malpass.

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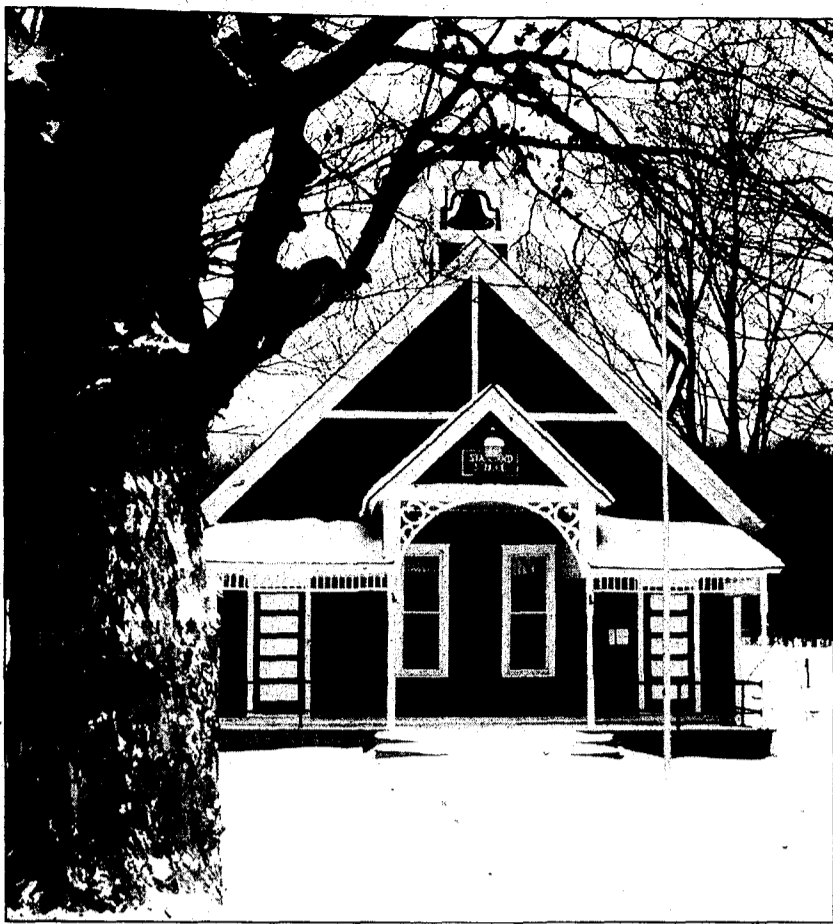
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Suspect faces multiple charges after car chase

A 19-year-old Charlevoix County resident is facing multiple charges after leading police on a car chase early Sunday morning.

Chad Johnson, who lives on Loeb Road in Marion Township, was taken into custody after a 52-minute chase that started in Charlevoix Township when 911/Central Dispatch received a call that a subject left a local restaurant intoxicated.

He was charged Monday in Charlevoix County District Court with five counts of attempting to flee and elude police, drunk driving, driving with a suspended license, and assault with a dangerous weapon — his vehicle.

His bond was increased from \$100,000 to \$500,000 by District Court Judge Richard May at the request of Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema.

The chase started at 2:28 a.m. Sunday when Johnson was stopped by a Charlevoix County deputy sheriff but fled, according to Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater. Johnson then led officers on a chase from Charlevoix County through Antrim County and ending in Otsego County.

Departments involved included the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, East Jordan Police Department, Michigan State Police (Petoskey Post), Antrim County Sheriff's Office, Emmet County Sheriff's Office, Petoskey Department of Public Safety and the Gaylord Police Department.

Several patrol vehicles sustained damage, Lasater said, including two Charlevoix County vehicles, an East Jordan vehicle, and a Michigan State Police vehicle. An Antrim County Deputy was also struck but not injured, according to Lasater.

The suspect's vehicle was initially slowed when stop-sticks were deployed by the Emmet County Deputy but he continued to drive the disabled vehicle until a second set of stop-sticks were used by Gaylord Police Department, Lasater said.

The suspect is currently lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail.

Lasater said he "would like to recognize the professional and common sense response to this pursuit by all police officers involved and the stalwart efforts of 911/Central Dispatch."

Plan update

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the public."

The Plan-It Boyne City outline of the comprehensive master plan identifies the many projects. One project of importance to residents is walking and biking trails. The initial focus will be on the designation and design of local trails, with consideration of connecting to regional trails a possibility in the future. Other transportation projects include street design, roads, sidewalks and the airport.

Historic preservation will concentrate on the city's downtown buildings and neighborhoods. Currently, Pearl Street is the only neighborhood with an historic designation and this project will identify other neighborhoods to receive the designation.

Housing and land use will look at the city's demographics to determine future needs. Other local communities will serve as background for comparisons of growth and development demands and the solutions adopted by those communities.

The goal of the "Winter Cities" project is to provide more winter activities for residents and visitors, and at the same time benefit area businesses.

"We have pretty much five or six months of winter, we need to embrace it," Reed said.

Throughout the many goals and projects, overriding principles are protection of the environment and sustaining the character of Boyne City.

The shoreline, wetlands and watershed areas are some of the concerns that will be addressed as the master plan is developed. The city will seek wildlife habitat, "green community" and "tree city" certifications.

"As we grow we don't want to harm the environment," Reed said. "It's also important to sustain Boyne City with sound businesses to create jobs now and in the future."

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Scott MacKenzie participated in the community forum.

"I'm really excited that there is a cohesive and collective effort to create a shared vision," MacKenzie said. "I'm very optimistic that as a community we can find a common denominator to move forward."

At the meeting, MacKenzie said he stressed the importance of outreach to area townships to work on master plans for their communities so there is a collaborative effort.

"We're not in a bubble here, the neighboring communities will have an effect on Boyne City," MacKenzie said. "I hope that Wilson, Boyne Valley and Eveline all work to collaborate efforts."

The committees are meeting for discussions and will report on the findings at a meeting to be scheduled in March. Contact Reed at 582-0337 for more information.

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Know your limits when it comes to snow shoveling

By Ernie Harwell



It's said that there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. Well, I'd argue that here in Michigan, we have a third: snow.

Now there's no doubt snow can be beautiful. However, it can also pose some risk to our health.

If you have a personal or family history of heart disease or high blood pressure, if you smoke, or if you're generally an inactive person, you can be in a danger zone if you run out there to shovel the walk.

Even generally healthy people need to be careful. Here are some tips:

- Freshly fallen snow is easier to shovel, so try to remove snow right after a storm.
- Dress warmly and in layers.
- Drink water to avoid dehydration.
- Bend from the knees and tighten your stomach muscles as you lift the snow.
- If the snow is too heavy to lift, push it like a snowplow.
- Most importantly, take it slow and stop if you feel pain or discomfort.

The bottom line is that it's important to do what's right for your health. Your best options might be paying a youngster in the neighborhood to shovel your walk or asking someone for a helping hand.

Take care of your health before it's lonngggg 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 87, 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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LETTERS

Keeping up with shoveling duties much appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is long overdue. For 14 years during the winter months, I have driven through downtown East Jordan on my way to work in Charlevoix. And during each of those snowy winter days, I have been amazed at the outstanding job that East Jordan does with their snow management.

Applause please for all the downtown business owners who either personally, or with paid helpers, relocate all the snow from the sidewalks to the street. And a huge applause to the city road crew, Dave White and all those who see to the removal of the snow from the sidewalks and the streets.

Regardless of the current depth of snow surrounding the cities, it is a joy to drive through and see merely a dusting of snow from one storefront across the street to the other storefront. During the winter months shopping and stopping at local stores, businesses and restaurants is truly a pleasure in downtown East Jordan.

On behalf of all those who trudge through the snow in other local communities please accept my sincere "thank you" and gratitude for the outstanding job you all do in sometimes severely cold weather.

And all this is done, usually before 6:30 a.m. It is a pleasure to drive through and shop in East Jordan because of the effort, time and expense of the city, employees and business owners.

Kathy Johnson

Contributions of many made 2004 successful for Camp Quality

TO THE EDITOR:

Camp Quality Michigan had another successful year thanks to many friends and supporters.

Our year began with a teen weekend on Beaver Island followed by a day at Comerica Park, summer camp at Camp Daggett and the winter adventure teen ski camp.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make these events such a huge success:

Young Americans, Three Men and a Tenor, Northwest Academy Jazz Band, storytellers Tony Miron and Warren Petoskey, Boyne City Re/Max, Bill Freehan, Jim Nothrup, Leon Vercuyse, DJ Doctor Joy, Zonta of Charlevoix, Boyne City American Legion, Boyne City Street Legends, Queen for a Day, Sheriff George Lasater, and the Boyne City Police and Fire Department.

These are just a few of the wonderful guests we would like to thank for donating their time.

We would also like to thank all of the wonderful people and organizations who have donated their time serving and preparing meals, as well as the doctors and nurses, photographers, all of the staff and companions and anyone else who has donated their time or money to help make Camp Quality a success.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to AAA of Michigan and Avis Ford of Southfield for donating our much needed new van.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity so that we may continue to offer free camping experiences and year-round support for children with cancer and their families.

Amanda Swiss, Volunteer
Media Coordinator
Camp Quality Michigan

WE WELCOME
YOUR LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR.

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



LETTERS

Will troops who put themselves in harm's way be justly rewarded?

By MAXINE HOUGH

"Is help on the way" for those who have served and have been harmed "In Harm's Way" and for all who have served in the military?

Historically, it has been the veterans themselves who have been instrumental in bringing their needs to the attention of the public, and our government, in particular. In 1922 the veterans of World War I, who had fought and won "the war to end all wars," marched on Washington to heighten awareness for the need for adequate pensions and disability benefits for themselves.

It was a former National Commander of the American Legion, a World War I veteran, who was instrumental in designing what became the "GI Bill" for World War II veterans. The GI Bill is popularly known as the bill that provided college education for veterans, but the most important parts dealt with disability benefits for those who had been wounded.

The Veterans Administration became the agency to oversee this program. However, it has never been able to keep up with the demands placed upon it due to the discretionary spending of Congress.

Then came the Vietnam veterans, many of whom were disabled and in need of assistance. The VA was swamped and unable to deal with the demands upon it. Disability claims for the effects of Agent Orange were denied. Before the Vietnam issues were solved, then came Desert Storm and the mysterious and unexplained illnesses reported by the veterans of that war. Again, disability claims were denied.

The veterans themselves and especially the veterans organizations worked with the VA and Congress to af-

firm the need for their claims. (Only recently has it been made known that the "mysterious" illnesses were a form of radiation poisoning from handling the depleted uranium in the warheads.)

The conflicts in Bosnia, Afghanistan, and now Iraq have put tens of thousands of American troops in danger and thousands wounded. Many are still receiving treatment in military hospitals. However, the military is anxious to turn them over to the VA for treatment—but will the VA hospitals and clinics be able to handle this new influx of disabled veterans?

Also, at that point, as their military service is terminated, the extent of their disability will be evaluated. This is crucial because it will determine the amount of monthly payments the disabled veteran will receive. This disability income will have to replace or supplement the veteran's civilian job. Will the burden of responsibility fall on the veterans themselves, and their veterans organizations, to insure that they are duly compensated for their sacrifices in these conflicts?

Or will we continue to "Support our Troops" by writing to our congressmen to urge our government and the Veterans Administration to adequately reward these veterans who put themselves "In Harm's Way." The names and addresses of our congressmen are:

Senator Carl Levin, 1860 McNamara Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Suite 1860, Detroit, MI 48226;

Senator Deborah Stabenow, 280 East Saginaw St., East Lansing, MI 48823-280;

Rep. Bart Stupak, 1120 East Front St., Suite D, Traverse City, MI 49686-2927.

(Maxine Hough is a member of the American Legion Post #228 in Boyne City.)



Plans for new senior center moving ahead

If everything goes according to plan, construction of the Boyne Senior Center could begin as early as March and be completed in time to host a Thanksgiving dinner in November.

Since voters overwhelmingly approved the millage to build the senior center last November, members of Boyne Area Seniors have been busy.

Northwest Design Group of Petoskey has been hired as the project architect and DEM Architects of Gaylord are doing the design work for the facility.

According to Todd Sorensen, executive director of the Boyne City Housing Commission and a member of the Boyne Area Seniors board, a contract with the two firms was signed last week.

The three-year millage approved by voters will raise \$750,000 to build the center and another \$60,000 has been raised over the years for the project.

The center is proposed to be built on property owned by the housing commission next to Deer Meadows on Division Street. Some initial site work has been completed and more is planned in the coming weeks. There is some concern that due to more than 50 years of drainage from Avalanche collecting on the site some soils may have to be removed, Sorensen said.

The scope of how big an issue the soil quality is will be determined after more testing.

Plans for the senior center are on the agenda for the Feb. 21 Boyne City Planning Commission meeting.

If the plans are approved, the Boyne Area Seniors hope to put the project out for bid in March and open bids in April. Construction could start shortly thereafter.

The center will feature a full kitchen, a dining area with seating for 140 people, offices, conference room, sound system, and covered patio area.

"It is going to be nice," Sorensen said. "Basically we are designing it that if we want to have a program, we can have it."

"We want to make sure this is something that will be there in 100 years."



Jim Slough, owner of East Jordan Auto Parts, accepts the award as Recycler of the Year from County Commissioner Shirley Roloff, chair of the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee.

County honors top recycler

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee has named Jim Slough of East Jordan Auto Parts as its first annual "Recycler of the Year" for his outstanding recycling efforts.

Committee chair Shirley Roloff presented Slough with the award at a recent meeting of the county's recycling committee.

"Jim has done a wonderful job in recycling foundry-grade materials, aluminum, copper, stainless steel, brass, lead, and other materials," Roloff said.

"He probably does more for recycling than any business or organization this side of Emmet County's Transfer Station."

During the past year East Jordan Auto Parts has recycled more than 3 million pounds of materials including approximately 2 million pounds of foundry-grade material, along with copper, stainless steel, junk cars, underground oil tanks, cast iron radiators, aluminum products and other materials.

Scrap materials recycled by Slough come from a wide variety of sources including appliance stores, auto repair shops, contractors, businesses, other salvage yards, transfer stations, community clean up projects, farms, individual consumers, public works, etc. Many items, Roloff said, are cleaned by first removing any non-ferrous metals, then the metal is sorted, graded and packaged for shipment to appropriate markets. Many items are used "as is" for construction projects, etc.

The Slough family has owned and operated East Jordan Auto Parts for more than 60 years.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

HELEN SEVENER recently was honored for her 95th birthday at her Boyne City home. Surprising her with many beautiful flowers, cards and candy on her special day were several family members there to share it with her. Belated Happy Birthday, Mrs. Sevenser!

VERLIN THOMPSON of Boyne City and other area family members were among those attending the farewell service in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, Jan. 26, for his Aunt Edith (Sadler) Archer. Mrs. Archer unexpectedly passed away this past week.

GOOD NEWS for ice-skaters is that the rink and warming house is open for the season at Avalanche Park in Boyne City, with daily hours 12-9 p.m. with supervision provided. This past very cold weekend, it was Luke Reinhardt, supervising in the warming house, then he went back school at Lake Superior State University, but he'll be back! Check out the other winter-time fun of cross-country skiing, sledding or whatever strikes your fancy.

LOUISE HART of East Jordan celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday, surrounded by her family and her church family and friends. Her party was held in the parish hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan and was

hosted by her children and the ladies of St. Ann's Altar Society. Her family and friends serenaded her with the song "Every Little Breeze Seems to Whisper Louise." Happy Birthday, Louise! Love, "Us"

THE YOUTH Group from Walloon Lake Community Church hosted a dinner and bake sale on Sunday, Jan. 23 in support of the two teens from WLCC that are at House of Hope in Traverse City. The turnout was overwhelming! The packed dinner crowd was treated to a presentation given by House of Hope Staff counselor Scott Hickman. He told how the program at House of Hope changes not only the lives of the teens there but also the lives of their families. Youth Pastor Don Bump and his wife Jana thank all who helped make the afternoon such a wonderful success. Much thanks also goes out to Pastor Don, Jana and the teens for their support - the lasagna and fun were an encouraging time for all of them! The "Messiah's Misfits" are planning on recording soon with the proceeds from the CD going to support Amy, one of the students at House of Hope, a residential home and school. She is doing well and receiving the care and attention she needs to restore purpose to her life, for the 16 to 18 month program. In reaching out to others, more financial support, beyond the generosity of family and friends is needed. For more information about this wonderful ministry, please

call Gail Gerrie at 536-4364 or visit www.HouseofHopetc.com

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES go out to the family and friends of Nora Belle Cole of Boyne City, who passed away this past week.

CHECK OUT the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation website "calendar of events." There are lots of things coming up now and throughout the year there at the hospital and around the area. Wine, Cheese & Chocolate - A Woman's Healthy Heart, Estate Planning for Women, 100 Miles in 100 Days, Spring Plant Sale, Pink Ribbon Ride, Symphony on the Green, Home Tour, Garden Walk, Zonta's "Literary Delights" and the Deer Widow's Exposition, to mention just a few. Log on to www.cah.org/foundation and go to "Calendar of Events."

ELEANOR WEST has returned from a trip to Phoenix, Az.. She met up with Judy Follette in Laughlin and they picked up Patty (nee Moore) and all enjoyed visiting former Boyne residents, Fred and Kay Moore, who send the message of, 'Hey, tell everybody at home 'Hi!' from us and that if they ever come this way, be sure to stop and see us!'

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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

East Jordan High School

NAME: Tim Selonke
PARENTS: Mark and Paula Selonke
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Soccer, basketball, and baseball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Woodworking and snowmobiling
FUTURE PLANS: Become an Architect
FAVORITE CLASSES: Drafting and woods
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Tim has made tremendous improvement this year," said Mr. Gee. "He works hard. Tim is a pleasure to have in class. Keep it up Selonke!"



Tim Selonke

"Tim has made huge improvements in his drawings," said Mr. Cross. "I am glad to see his hard work pay off." "Tim works hard every day," said Mrs. Richardson. "He's one of those quiet students who doesn't always get the limelight, but he certainly deserves recognition for being such a good student." "Tim has grown and challenged himself this year," said Mrs. Zell. "He's bound to be a success!"

East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Molli Andor
PARENTS: Ronald and Mari Andor
GRADE: Sixth
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Molli is one of the most cheerful students in the sixth grade," said Wendy Crick, Anne Petrie, Craig Dehoog, Jaime Barlow, and Paul Keyser. "She always comes to class with a great attitude, ready to learn. She gives 100 percent on every assignment and activity, and they are always done extremely well. She is truly a pleasure to have in class!"



Molli Andor

Boyne City High School

NAME: Lindsay Baic
PARENTS: Anne and Nick Baic
GRADE: Sophomore
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Sports, reading, hanging out with friends
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, soccer, basketball, band, jazz band
FUTURE PLANS: Go to college, get a job, and get married.
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Lindsay is an exemplary student," said Elizabeth Hemming. "She is respectful, responsible, and always puts forth a great deal of effort. I have to mention Lindsay's Cell project this year, as she did a great job on it. Lindsay is a pleasure to have in class and I find her genuinely nice. Congratulations Lindsay!"



Lindsay Baic



New guild officers

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild recently elected officers. They are, from left: Christine Unbehau, vice president; Anne Marie Barnes, secretary; Dee Vincent, treasurer; Ruth Water, past president and advisor; Claudia Bryant, North Central District president of the Michigan Association of Healthcare Advocate; and Louise Hilligan, president.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COFFEE HOUSE
First & third Saturday
The Open Door Christian Coffee House in East Jordan meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Main Street in East Jordan. On Feb. 5, The Boss's (Ken, Scott and family) will perform; Feb. 19, The Messiah Misfits; March 5, Maple Sugar; and March 19, Southern Praise. Donations will be accepted at the non-denominational family event. Pizza, coffee, tea and pop are available. The public is welcome.

FOOD PANTRY
Every Sunday
The East Jordan Baptist Church holds a food pantry every Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the church, located at 812 Ontario Street. For more information, call 536-7155.

OES CHAPTER 95
First Monday
The OES Evangline Chapter 95 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 212 N. Lake Street. All OES members are invited. For membership, call 582-6819 or 582-0506.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER
Mondays
The Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center, on Park Street in Boyne City, is open every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For information, call 582-0089.

BOYNE FOOD PANTRY
First & third Mondays
Food pick-up hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon and third Monday from 5-7 p.m., or on Tuesday if a holiday falls on Monday. The food pantry is located at 401 State Street.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE
Tuesdays
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City every Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. preceding weekly bingo. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets or call 582-7811 at that time.

ADULT OPEN GYM
Tuesdays
The East Jordan Community Education Adult Open Gym will meet every Tuesday through March 29, from

7-9 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School gym. The cost is \$1. No children or students will be permitted to play; participants must be at least 18 years old, and should bring their own equipment. For more information, call 536-2250.

SCRAPBOOKING
First Tuesday
Come join the scrapbooking group at the Boyne District Library in the community room from 5-10 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring any projects you are working on.

JORDAN VALLEY VFW MEETING
Second Tuesday
A meeting of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 is held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. Information: 544-5312.

JV VFW POTLUCK
Third Tuesday
A potluck dinner of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 and Auxiliary is held at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For more information, call 544-5312.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
First Wednesday
The Alzheimer's Association Support Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Adult Day Center (Senior Center). The Center is located at 116 Main Street in East Jordan. For information, call Barb Shooks at 231-536-5300.

BOYNE VALLEY LIONS CLUB MEETINGS
Wednesdays
The Boyne Valley Lions Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library.

EJ FOOD PANTRY
Thursdays
The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the Health Center. Pickup or donation hours are held Thursday at 9 a.m.-noon.

KIWANIS OF BOYNE
Thursdays
Interested persons are invited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie, and community service every Thursday morn-

ing at 7 a.m. at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City.

GRANDVUE AUXILIARY
Second Thursday
The Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month, except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. For more information, call 582-6278.

AA MEETINGS
Weekly
The Boyne Valley Group of AA meets in the basement of St. Matthew's, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday noon, 8 p.m. (Big Book Study); Tuesday noon; Wednesday noon, 8 p.m.; Thursday noon, 8:30 p.m. (Step Study); 8 p.m.; Friday noon, 8 p.m. (Grapevine Study); Saturday 10 a.m. Meetings are closed and non-smoking. The first Friday of each month is an Open Talk/Potluck at 7 p.m., with meeting at 8 p.m.

ALANON
Thursday nights
Al-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

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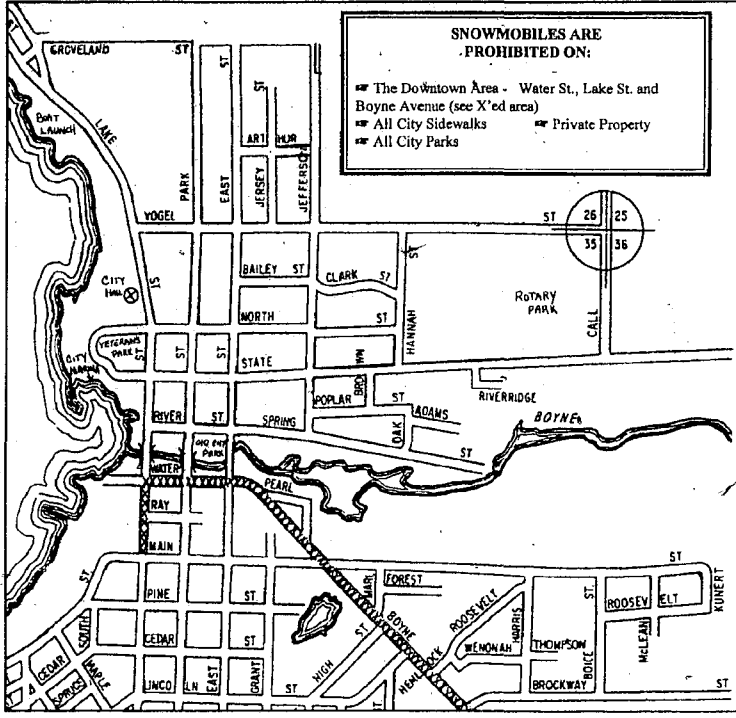
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Police remind snowmobilers to follow the rules

To eliminate problems between snowmobiles, property owners and motorists, the Boyne City Police Department wants to remind snowmobilers of the rules that regulate in-town snowmobile traffic in Boyne City.

- The regulations include:
- A snowmobile may be driven on any street except those X'd on the map to the left, to give access or to return from a riding area.
 - A snowmobile, when and if driven within city limits, must obey all traffic regulations.
 - A snowmobile, when and if driven within city limits, must be driven as far to the right of the plowed portion of the roadway as possible.
 - A snowmobile, when and if driven within city limits, must stop at all intersections, whether or not such intersections are a stop street for

- vehicular traffic.
- It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile at any time on Water Street from Boyne Avenue to Lake Street, and on Lake Street from Water to Main Street, and Boyne Avenue from East Street to Division Street.
 - It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile at any time on or across all areas of Old City Park and the City Marina.
 - It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile at any time on or across all areas of Veteran's Memorial Park and Sunset Park, except the following areas: A strip 20 feet wide from the back of the curb running parallel to the west side of South Lake Street from the north end of

Veteran's Park to the South Lake Street bridge over the Boyne River; the municipal sidewalk on the west side of said bridge; and a route through Sunset Park to the north and behind the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce building to Front Street.

- Snowmobiles are prohibited from all lands within the boundaries of Rotary Park at all times except in the parking areas provided for the specific purpose of parking.
- It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile on municipal property for the purpose of entering or leaving the ice on Lake Charlevoix except at the following locations: the north boat launching ramp and Tannery Park.

For more information or questions, contact the Boyne City Police Department.

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

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

Monday, Jan. 17: Two vehicles towed and issued citation for parking between 2-6 a.m.; there was a report of a hit and run to Century 21 building; Consumers Power reported malicious destruction of property to window; Boyne Mobil had drive off; littering complaint on Silver Street; one person arrested on warrant; property damage accident at West Michigan and Charlevoix Street; officer assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff Department

on Addis Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 18: Property damage accident at West Lincoln Street and Maple Street; alarm at Deer Meadows.

Wednesday, Jan. 19: Non-sufficient funds check issued to BC Pizza turned in; lines down on Forest Street; property damage accident at North Lake Street and State Street; civil dispute on East Division Street.

Thursday, Jan. 20: Breaking and entering at BRI under investigation; citation issued for failure to yield.

Friday, Jan. 21: Prop-


erty damage accident at Shell station; speed citation issued.

Saturday, Jan. 22: Traffic citation issued; drive off from Boyne Mobil; motorist assist at North Lake and East Michigan Avenue; suspicious situation on Front Street; snowmobile complaint on Lincoln Street; civil standby on Wenoah Street; one arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and tobacco.


Sunday, Jan. 23: Person arrested for operating vehicle; arrested minor in possession of alcohol; domestic dispute on Roosevelt Street.

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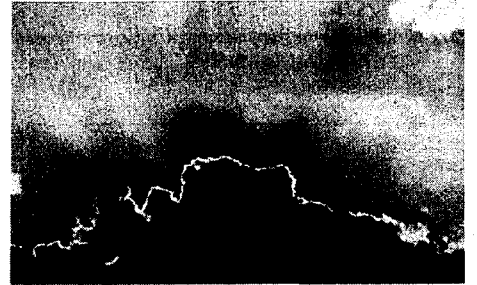
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Chris Winkler works for the Center for Student Missions in San Francisco, and enjoys the city and its people.

On a mission

Boyne City High School graduate dedicating his life to serve others

By LAURA CASSIDY
Contributing Writer

Since graduating from Boyne City High School in 1998, Chris Winkler has expanded his horizons, from the inner city of San Francisco, Calif., to Cameroon, Africa. During his senior year at Hope College, Winkler, who was pursuing a teaching degree with a social studies major, student taught in Chicago, Ill.

"It wasn't until my student teaching that I realized it wasn't for me," he said.

His experience in Chicago, however, did give him a feel for life in the inner city — which he loved.

In May 2002, after graduating from Hope, Winkler did an internship with the Center for Student Missions (CSM) in Chicago. In October of that year, he was hired on with the organization full time and he moved to San Francisco.

"I love CSM, what we do and what we stand for," Winkler said. CSM serves a two-fold purpose: it provides short-term volunteers to existing urban service organizations and it serves as a middle-man between church youth groups and urban service opportunities. Groups can visit the city for one to six nights and CSM schedules their housing, meals and activities. Students participate in a variety of services to the homeless, from soup kitchens to shelters, to after-school programs.

CSM also pairs children with homeless people, to facilitate friendships. Winkler explained that although homeless people may have money thrown to them when they're panhandling, they don't get a lot of individual attention.

"No one talks to them; no one looks at them," Winkler said. "We try to show them dignity — that's a big thing, to show them that they are someone."

Besides being exposed to people of different socio-economic backgrounds, students are taught about different cultures. CSM takes them to ethnic restaurants so they can have a taste of the Indian, Thai or Ethiopian way of eating. They are also educated about social justice issues.

"It's important for students to know what's going on in other parts of the U.S.," he said.

One of the questions Winkler frequently encounters is who is to blame for homelessness. He has learned through friendships with homeless people, that most homelessness is tied to drug or alcohol addiction or mental illness. "A very small percentage choose homelessness," Winkler said.

Often they are people who have been kicked out of their families because of drug or mental problems. Otherwise, they may have been left on the street when a state mental institution closed.

In San Francisco, one in three homeless is a Vietnam veteran, who had difficulty adjusting after returning home.

While Winkler recognizes that a homeless person at one point did make a choice that led to their homelessness, he has learned that he can't blame them for it. The power of addiction is very strong, Winkler said.

"It has really influenced how I approach people," he said.

Winkler's method of serving is to love the people he comes into contact with, to be there for them, to talk to them, and develop friendships with them.

"I never would've thought that I'd have friends who are in and out of drug and alcohol rehab," he said. "It has definitely given me a better perspective on where they are in life.

He believes that a person must hit rock bottom and want help before anyone can really help them.

Even then, "It's a long, long road," he said.

"It takes a real, active God" to make it through the recovery process.



Before moving to the Bay area, Chris Winkler lived in Chicago where his internship included working with children in a homeless shelter.



Winkler, a 1998 graduate of Boyne City High School, is pictured in his office at the Center for Student Missions in San Francisco.

Winkler's parents, Chuck and Jeanine of Boyne City, are supportive of him, despite the danger that is often associated with the inner city, and have taken the train to San Francisco to visit him twice.

"They are very supportive of what I do because they know I am doing what God has called me into."

In an area where he lived for a few months, Winkler witnessed people selling drugs openly in the streets. The neighborhood where he works has a lot of gang activity, and was the site of shootings this spring.

Winkler's love for serving others has also taken him to Africa. He remembered back to middle school, when he wrote a report on Zimbabwe. "Since then Africa has had some sort of special intrigue for me," Winkler said. In college, Winkler took a class on Africa.

"God uses ordinary folks in whatever jobs — musicians, construction workers, nurses and teachers. You don't have to be in full time ministry."

"It seemed like a really amazing place — a beautiful continent and beautiful people," he said.

In September, he travelled to Cameroon in west Africa for two weeks. He visited a few college friends who live in Cameroon, teaching at a school for missionary kids. His adventures included hiking in the rain forest and travelling in a bush taxi to a village where he stayed in a mud hut for five days. The bush taxi ride was not a typical taxi ride: 25 people were crammed into a 15 passenger van for the slow trip to the village. Winkler recalls that life in the village was very peaceful—the pace of life was much slower. Though he couldn't talk to many of the native people, they had a campfire and he played a drum as they sang.

When he went into the village to buy food, hundreds of eyes followed him because it was rare for them to see a white person. Kids playing called their friends and cousins to come and look. And they repeatedly said "how are you," the only English phrase they knew. Winkler replied, "how are you."

"It's good to be taken out of context and put in circumstances where you think more about your position in life," Winkler said.

While in Cameroon, Winkler had the chance to talk with quite a few missionaries, and decided he was interested in mission work there.

Winkler is now in the application process to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators for two years, either assisting with government relations or scheduling short-term mission trips to Africa.

One thing that Winkler has learned through his ministry experiences is, "God uses ordinary folks in whatever jobs — musicians, construction workers, nurses and teachers. You don't have to be in full time ministry," he said.

If you would like to receive updates from Winkler, contact him by email to receive his newsletter: chris@csm.org. If you'd like to support Winkler's ministry, mail a tax-deductible donation with a note designating it to Chris Winkler to: CSM, P.O. Box 900, Dana Point, CA. 92629.

Boyne hosting Literacy Night

Parents and families are invited to attend a Literacy Night on Thursday, Feb. 3, at the Boyne City Early Childhood Education Center, 321 S. Park Street.

The event is open to families with children 0-5 and their siblings. All children 0-5 will receive a book, courtesy of Boyne City Public Schools and Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

A free dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by sessions for parents and their children.

Parents will be able to attend a session titled "Learning Through Play, Language and Literacy," led by Jill Haan, Early Childhood Literacy Consultant with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. Haan will discuss with parents about how language and literacy is developed through everyday interactions with their child.

At the same time, children will be supervised in nearby classrooms and interacting in literacy learning activities.

From 6:30-7 p.m., parents and their children will regroup to share in parent and child play activities.

The Literacy Night is sponsored by Boyne City Public Schools and Stepping Stones to School. Stepping Stones to School is a network of services available at no cost for all families, with children between birth and age 5 in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District region of Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties.

Stepping Stones to School is a partnership involving Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency Head Start, the local public schools within Char-Em ISD, area libraries, and several other organizations.

For more information about this family network of services or to register for Stepping Stones to School, call 231-547-6217 or toll free at 1-877-868-3714.



Nature's paintbrush
Reaching into the clear morning sky, frosted branches created a work of art drawn by nature's hands.

EJ school board considers sinking fund to help ease budget pressure

The East Jordan Board of Education at its Jan. 17 meeting received a report on the Evidence Based Literacy Instruction (EBLI) strategies being utilized in the middle school communication arts program.

The report, presented by sixth grade communication arts teacher Wendy Crick, and Teresa Hart, director of curriculum, provided the board with information about EBLI, including the positive impact that the program is having on student achievement.

Middle school faculty members Jaime Barlow and Kay Holley also contributed to the report, citing their experiences with EBLI, which targets students who are substantially below grade level, and provides intensive support for the students as they work to increase their word recognition and reading skills.

At the meeting the board also reviewed and approved amendments to the district's 2004-2005 general fund budget. With the amendments, the budget anticipates revenues of \$10,132,700 and expenditures of \$10,364,297. The district will utilize \$231,597 from the fund balance to balance the budget this year. The fund balance is expected to fall to \$720,896 by the end of the year, a level that Superintendent Chip Hansen indicated was "as low as we can comfortably go," given the "uncertainties the school district faces in 2005-2006."

The board also reviewed the performance of the debt retirement fund. The board discussed the possibility of reducing the fund's millage levy for the coming year by a quarter mill. Brian Olzewski, director of business, told the board that the value of property in the district had increased by an average of 7.5 percent annually for the past four years, and his projections were based on "conservative" growth estimates of 5.5 percent annually over the next four years.

"It seems that a quarter mill reduction is well within our reach," Olzewski said. "The reduction would reduce our levy from 3.8 mills to 3.55 mills."

The timing of the reduction would coincide with the board's interest in seeking a small building and site sinking fund proposition.

"We clearly need to find ways to preserve general fund dollars," Hansen said. "Lowering the debt retirement levy and replacing it with a small building and site sinking fund is something to consider."

Building and site sinking funds can be used to make major repairs to school facilities, including roof and boiler replacement and other facility improvements.

Hansen said the state's inability to fund public education makes such a plan attractive to the school district.

"If we can find a way to provide funding that will help keep our buildings in good shape, in a time when the state is unable to provide additional funds to schools, then that makes sense to me," he said.

"Such a replacement would allow us to free up more dollars from the general fund that could be used to maintain some of our staff and programs in these difficult times."

Hansen said that several area communities have building and site sinking funds in place and that the funds are working well in those communities. The building and site sinking fund, if approved by the board, would replace the reduction in the debt retirement fund levy and would be on the May 3 ballot with the annual election.

The board reviewed and approved a resolution authorizing the scheduling of the annual election, which will be held Tuesday, May 3.

It also reviewed and approved a resolution authorizing the district's ongoing participation in the Char-Em Be-Four program.

SERVICE NEWS

Navy Seaman Recruit **TAMARA M. ZELL**, daughter of Roxanne M. and John T. Zell of Boyne City, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Zell completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Zell is a 2004 graduate of East Jordan High School.

Hospital offering program educating women about recognizing signs of heart disease

A special program for women will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2.

The program will help women recognize the symptoms of a heart attack that are specific to a woman and how to describe those symptoms to your physician.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling 547-8651. The program will be held in the large conference room at the hospital.

Tina Foltz, RN, and Monica Speigl, ACSM, exercise specialist with the Cardiac Rehab Center at Charlevoix Area Hospital, will talk about healthy hearts, exercise, and symptoms that every woman should know in the event of a heart attack.

"While more and more women are discovering that heart disease can be a killer, not enough women know the symptoms that can help them determine they could be having a heart attack," said Kathy Johnson, foundation director with the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

Statistics show that heart disease is the number one killer of women in America. The American Heart Association says that women can combat those numbers by increasing their consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains; decreased consumption of saturated fats and trans fatty acids; choosing foods full of nutrients; controlling their caloric intake and regular physical activity.

"Reservations are required because our space is limited to just 50 women," Johnson said. "We anticipate having a full house."

The program is sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, Don's Markets of Harbor Springs and Charlevoix and Kilwin's of Charlevoix.

Cost for the event is \$8 per person, \$5 for members of the Foundation's Lighthouse Club, Boyne Harbor Masters, Bridge Builders and Great Lakes Society.

Tai Chi classes offered in Boyne City

Meg McClorey is offering tai chi classes in Boyne City. Tai chi is a gentle and safe exercise, according to McClorey, who has studied and practiced for 11 years. She began teaching tai chi in Boyne City in 2001, and also teaches at North Central Michigan College.

Medical research has shown that tai chi practice is effective for reducing stress and enhancing immune function. Tai chi is a moderate aerobic exercise and one expert has called it, "The most powerful weight-bearing exercise known to man."

Its benefits for reducing falls, lowering blood pressure, reducing anxiety and improving balance and posture have been widely published.

McClorey's classes are based on movement awareness and the Yang "short form" with a health-based emphasis. According to McClorey, the daily practice of tai chi reduces stress and increases flexibility.

The goals of the classes are to learn a daily tai chi style routine, to increase enjoyment and benefit of daily exercise, to enhance the ability to cope with stress and to improve body awareness and a sense of well-being.

For more information on class times and costs, call McClorey at 582-7689 or e-mail her at megspots@sbglobal.net.

DEATH NOTICE

Dustin Robert Hartsough, 18, of Bremen, Ind., and formerly of East Jordan, died Jan. 19, 2005 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Community Gospel Church in Bremen. Pastor David McGee officiated. Burial took place at Fair Cemetery in North Liberty.

MANY THANKS

I WOULD LIKE to thank Glens, Carter's Food Center, and McDonald's of Boyne City, along with all the volunteers and especially the donors who took time out of their busy holiday season to donate blood on Dec. 20 at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City.

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SPORTS

Ramblers' woes continue against top league teams

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The Boyne City varsity basketball team did not seem to be all playing on the same court on Friday, Jan. 21, when Traverse City St. Francis carved out a 66-34 conference win at home in what Boyne City coach Tim Smith called his team's "worst game of the year."

"We had 20 turnovers against their half-court pressure," Smith said. "We tried to dictate the tempo, but we did not have everybody on the same page."

The Gladiators did the dictating from the start, forging a 12-4 lead after one quarter and taking a 12-point 26-14 lead at the end of the first half.

Smith wanted a slower pace to the game, but the Gladiators were able to take advantage of the chances they had to put the ball in the basket.

"We've got to slow the game down until our shooting percentage goes up. We need to cut down on the number of possessions," Smith said.

St. Francis outscored Boyne City 19-7 in the third quarter and 21-13 in the fourth to seal its fifth league win of the season against just two losses.

Kyle O'Brien scored ten points, while Austin Greiner and Hunter Norstrant added nine points each for St. Francis.

Dillon Olmstead (nine points, three

assists), Caleb Helsley (six points) and Jordan Sweet (six points) paced the Ramblers.

Charlevoix 57, Boyne City 35

Charlevoix took a 27-21 halftime lead and added 30 points after the break to hand Boyne City a 57-35 defeat on Monday, Jan. 17.

The game was closer than the score indicated as the Ramblers were able to cut the lead to under ten points twice in the second half of the game.

"We had the game within two points in the third quarter and we got it to six in the fourth quarter, when we decided to go after them a little bit," said Smith.

The Red Rayders responded to the challenge by making their shots down the stretch to pull away from the Ramblers.

Charlevoix held leads of 15-11, 27-21 and 39-29 at the end of the first three quarters.

Eddie Waldron scored 15 points and Jared Hunt added 13 points for the Red Rayders.

Reed Ameal paced the Ramblers with ten points and five rebounds, Sweet scored seven points, Scott Morrow had six points and Grant Ameal grabbed five rebounds.

The Ramblers (1-9 overall, 0-5 Lake Michigan Conference) will travel to Elk Rapids this Friday and travel to Cheboygan next Tuesday.



Kyle Barden shows the form that earned her two first-place finishes at last Thursday's conference meet hosted by Boyne Mountain.

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Hot shooting sinks Red Devils

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

Harbor Springs shot a torrid 77 percent from the floor in the third quarter and 65 percent in the fourth quarter to rally from a 26-21 deficit at the half and hand the East Jordan varsity basketball team a 77-60 defeat on Friday, Jan. 21.

Greg Oldman scored 14 of his game high 22 points during the surge which saw the Rams tally 31 points in the third period and 25 points in the final eight minutes.

Payne Schanski added to the rally scoring 12 of his 14 points in the second half.

"We played the best defense of the year in the first half and held them to 21 points," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey.

"The kids played with passion, intensity and as a team. We missed some key offensive opportunities in the first half to really put them away and that came back to haunt us."

The Red Devils held a 14-10 lead after one quarter and took a 26-21 advantage into the locker room.

"We kept it competitive, but their second half explosion was too much. I hope that we can take the half court defensive intensity that we displayed for the first half and build on it for the future," Bailey said.

Tyler Spence had another outstanding game for the Red Devils with 20 points, six rebounds, three assists and a seven for seven night at the free

throw line.

Kyle Daneff chipped in with 13 points and nine rebounds, while Brandon LaCount had eight points and four rebounds.

Bailey also cited Kaleb Brown for the job that he put in while guarding Harbor Springs' top scorer.

Elk Rapids 84, East Jordan 64

Another hot shooting performance hurt the Red Devils on Tuesday, Jan. 18, when Elk Rapids' Jeff Guntzvilier poured in 36 points to lead the Elks to an 84-64 win in Elk Rapids.

Elk Rapids held leads of 20-14 and 39-32 at the end of the first two quarters before out scoring East Jordan 25-11 in the third to make it a 21 point bulge going into the fourth period.

"Elk Rapids is a very athletic team that plays excellent defense," Bailey said. "We struggled to contain them defensively and on the boards. Their key players really stepped up big on the offensive end."

"On a positive note, Tyler Spence played a phenomenal game and he is beginning to blossom as a multi-dimensional basketball player. Tommy Krause played a nice all-around game also," Bailey said.

Spence had 19 points, seven assists and three rebounds, while Daneff had 16 points and six boards. Krause contributed with seven points, six rebounds and six assists.

East Jordan will host Charlevoix this Friday and next Tuesday Mancelona will visit East Jordan.

PACE SETTER

Barden leads Boyne City girls to second place finish

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

Boyne City racer Kyle Barden posted a second straight double win when she captured first place in both the girls slalom and the giant slalom at the second Lake Michigan Conference league meet of the season, held at Boyne Mountain on Thursday, Jan. 20.

Barden turned in a two-run time of 1:01.66 in the slalom and a 44.82 combined time in the GS, while leading the Lady Ramblers to a second place showing in the six-team event.

Traverse City St. Francis earned its second league meet win heading the girls team standings with 49 points followed by Boyne City (76), Charlevoix/East Jordan (98), Grayling (118), Harbor Springs (119) and

Elk Rapids (no score).

Charlevoix/East Jordan's Katherine Rowley placed fifth in the GS and teammate Michelle Fritsch placed sixth in the GS and ninth in the slalom to earn the other local top 10 finishes.

The Harbor Springs boys team turned in another dominating performance to capture the boys competition with 24 points.

Grayling placed second with 88 points followed by Elk Rapids (120), Char/EJ (143), TCSF (158) and Boyne City (157).

Boyne City's Nick Simeri topped the top local racers with his fourth place finish in the GS. Simeri also finished 11th in the slalom. Charlevoix/East Jordan's Andrew Mallory placed 12th in both the slalom and GS.

Boyne Falls downs Alba, but stumble against Harbor Light

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

Four players scored in double figures to highlight a balanced attack that saw the Boyne Falls varsity basket earn a 75-57 Northern Lakes Conference win on the road over Alba on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Ben Kondrat and Josh Jarema tossed in 14 points each to lead Boyne Falls, while James Newson and Trevor Matelski added 10 apiece.

The Loggers took control of the game in the early going jumping out to leads of 17-9 after one quarter and 37-22 at the end of the first half. The Loggers held a 59-34 advantage going into the final quarter.

Marc LeBlanc led Alba with 19 points, Wayne Secor added 16 points and Jeff Coan contributed with 14.

It was a different story Friday night when Harbor Light Christian defeated Boyne Falls 72-58.

After trailing by double digits at the end of the first half, the Loggers battled back in the third quarter to cut the margin to three points. But Harbor Light weathered the storm and outscored Boyne Falls by 11 in the final quarter.

Jarema led Boyne Falls with 17 points and A.J. Hawkins had 11.

Boyne Falls (7-3 overall, 4-2 NLC) will host Cadillac Heritage Christian this Friday.

The Boyne Falls junior varsity team upped its record to 6-4 overall and 5-1 in the conference with wins over Alba 61-29 and Harbor Light Christian 76-52.

VOLLEYBALL

EJ netters drop a pair

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The East Jordan varsity volleyball team held leads in all three games on Thursday, Jan. 20, but Kalkaska still managed to pull out a three game 25-23, 25-20, 25-16 win over East Jordan at Kalkaska.

"I am very proud of our performance. We have been making some defensive changes and they are beginning to pay off," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel.

"This match could have gone either way."

Jill Drenth led East Jordan with four kills, three digs and two blocks. Jessica Roberts added three kills and six digs, Sierra Roberts had three kills and seven digs and Amanda Arreguin had two kills, one block and one dig.

Traverse City St. Francis 3, East Jordan 1

The Lady Devils pushed league leading Traverse City St. Francis to four games on Monday, Jan. 18, but the Lady Gladiators prevailed with a 25-12, 26-24, 12-25, 25-8 win on their home court.

The victory kept St. Francis undefeated in conference play with a 5-0 record.

"We came out sluggish, but we played some good volleyball. Our passing was much better. Their hitters hit soft and we did not adjust our defense to their style," said Nachazel.

Tabatha Grover had four kills, six digs and one ace to lead East Jordan, Christine Jackson contributed with three kills, one block and one dig and Jessica Roberts had 11 assists, three digs and one kill.

East Jordan will host Harbor Springs this Thursday and travel to Elk Rapids next Monday.

The East Jordan junior varsity squad fell to St. Francis in a tough 25-20, 25-20, 14-16 three-game match.

Mary Shaw led the Lady Devils with 11 points, six kills, six aces, four digs and one block. Kayla Hines had 10 points, four digs, three kills and two aces, while Kayla Winnish had four points, five kills, four digs and two aces.

Ramblers lose to Harbor

The Boyne City varsity volleyball team lost two key players to injuries on Thursday, Jan. 20, when the Lady Ramblers fell to the Lady Rams in a Lake Michigan Conference battle at Harbor Springs.

Harbor Springs took the match in three straight games 25-20, 25-21, 25-19 to drop Boyne City to a 1-4 record in league play.

"Our defensive specialist (Tori Crum, shoulder) got hurt in the first game and our setter (Emma Clemens, bruised hand) got hurt in the second game," said Boyne City coach Casie Parker.

"We lost an 18-10 lead in that second game. The bench did a nice job of coming in and stepping up."

Emma Clemens was 100 percent serving for the Lady Ramblers with eight assists, while Molly Hausler was also 100 percent from the line with seven assists.

Emily McLane served at 95 percent with six kills and three blocks, Jessica Nichols had 28 digs and eight kills and Trisha Tomkins chipped in with three aces.

Boyne City (1-16 overall) will host Traverse City St. Francis tomorrow night and next Monday Charlevoix will visit Boyne City.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

East Jordan

Jan. 27: Freshman/JV/Varsity volleyball, Harbor Springs, home, 6 p.m.; ski team, at Boyne Mountain, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 28: Freshman/JV/Varsity basketball, Charlevoix, home, 4:15 p.m.
Jan. 31: Freshman/JV/Varsity volleyball, at Elk Rapids, 4:30 p.m.; Freshman basketball, at Bellaire, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 1: JV/Varsity basketball, Mancelona, home, 6 p.m.

Boyne City

Jan. 27: Freshman/JV/Varsity volleyball, Traverse City St. Francis, home, 6 p.m.; ski team, at Boyne Mountain, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 28: Freshman/JV/Varsity basketball, at Elk Rapids, 4:15 p.m.
Jan. 29: Freshman/JV/Varsity volleyball, at Pellston, 9 a.m.
Jan. 31: Freshman basketball, Cheboygan, home, 4:15 p.m.
Feb. 2: JV/Varsity basketball, at Cheboygan, 6 p.m.

Boyne Falls

Jan. 28: Boys basketball, Cadillac Heritage Christian, home, 6 p.m.

White Pine Stampede set for Feb. 5

More than 700 cross country skiers will converge Feb. 5 on Antrim County for the 29th annual White Pine Stampede.

The Stampede, sponsored by Alden State Bank, offers a variety of races including a 50K, 20K, 10K and Junior Stampede on Feb. 6.

"After 29 years, I think we've got cross country skiing on the map," said Stampede organizer Jack McKaig. "We hope we can continue the tradition this year."

The event has been attracting hundreds of racers to the area since its inception in 1977. McKaig estimates 750 racers were on hand in 2004.

Planning for this year's race, which began months ahead of time, is going well and McKaig said all the

area needs is a bit more snow. The trails for the races cut through the forests between Mancelona and Bellaire. The finish line is in Shanty Creek.

This year, the 50K race will begin at 9 a.m., the 20K at 10 a.m., and the 10K at 11 a.m. Registration into the races must be completed 45 minutes prior to the race.

The start area is at Mancelona High School, which will be open for restroom use. In addition a breakfast will be served in the high school, all you can eat for \$4 from 7-10 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Mancelona Health Center.

For updated information on the race and weather conditions in the area, visit the event's Web site at www.whitepinestampede.org.

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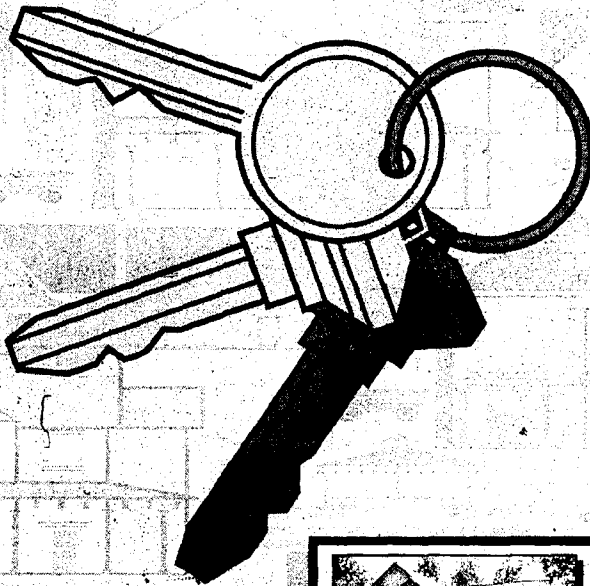
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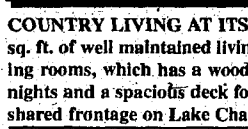


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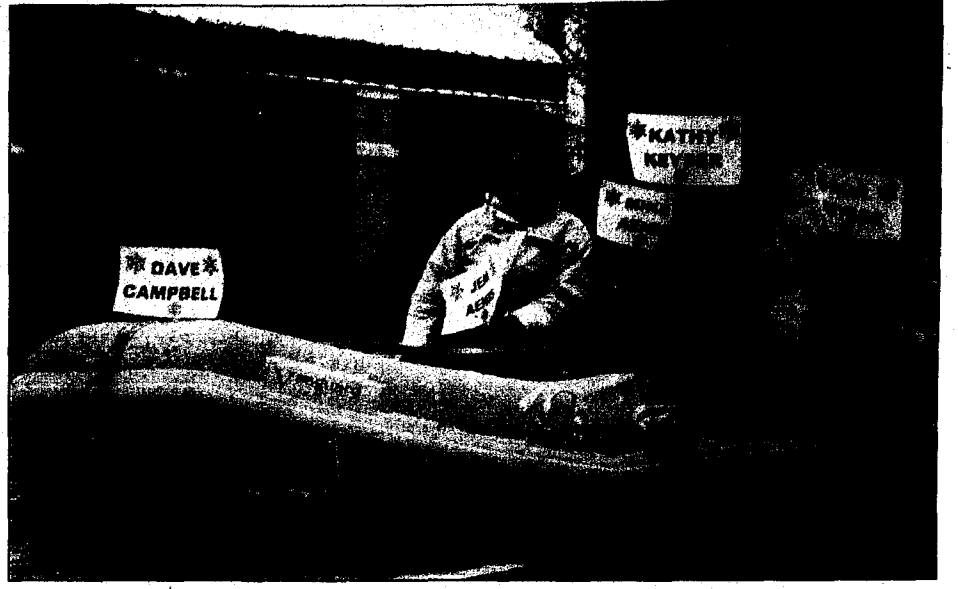
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EAST JORDAN SNO BLAST 2005



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Winter Knight and Belle of the Blizzard contestants, from left, Dave and Lori Campbell, Jen and Mike Aenis and Kathy and Paul Keyser. It was a tough court to choose from, but Jen and Mike Aenis were crowned following the parade.

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A Sno-Blast enthusiast bundles up against the cold while waiting for the parade.



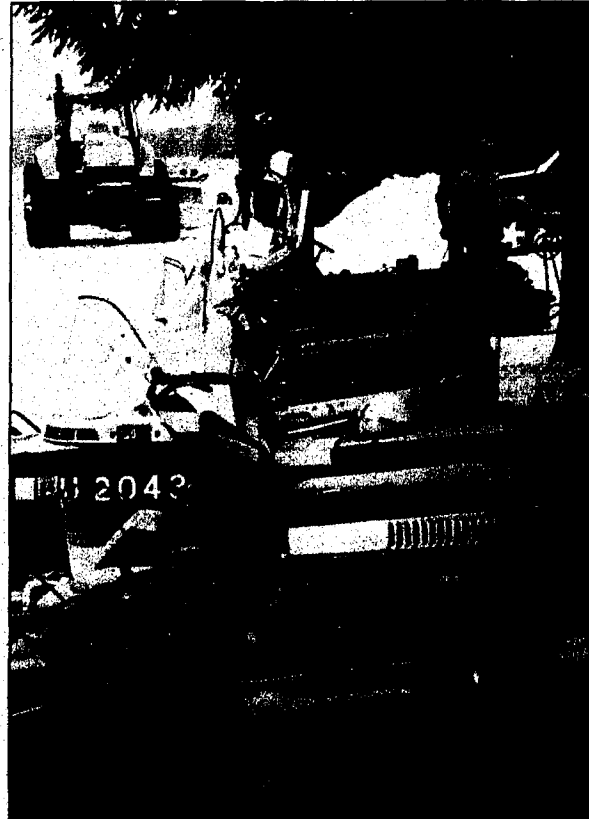
Skyler Campbell receives a lei from the Jordan Inn's Mike Downs, in keeping with the Tropical Paradise theme of the Sno-Blast.



Old Man Winter strolls down Main Street in the Sno-Blast parade. He brought snow and cold weather with him, to the delight of festival planners and participants.



SpongeBob relaxes under a palm tree in the front yard of Julie and Mickey McGuire. The winning sculpture is the work of the whole Artgetsinger family.



The annual drag races (far left) took place without a hitch at the East Jordan Snomobilers Club. Spectators could watch the races as well as look at the antique machines displayed outside the clubhouse. The snomobile club provided concessions and a place to warm up for race enthusiasts.