



Brandon Howard's delight is written all over his face. Kelli Howard has made it a tradition to make a treat for her kids' birthdays and bring it to them at school. "Makes it special," she said. But making this birthday special meant a trip from Ft. Campbell in Kentucky, and Brandon didn't see it coming. "He'll always have this," said his mom.



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## A very Happy birthday

■ Kelli Howard makes it home for her son's big day

By Jane Booze  
Staff Writer

Kelli Howard hurried to school for her son Brandon's birthday last Wednesday. It was a longer trip to Boyne City Elementary School than most moms have to make.

Howard has spent the last few months at Ft. Campbell in Kentucky, recovering from injuries she suffered while on duty in Iraq.

She had missed all three children's birthdays last year.

"And that was okay, that was my job," she said. "But this year I was in the States and I wasn't going to miss it again."

So, she packed up and left Ft. Campbell on Tuesday, and, as is her tradition with her kids, she fixed a special treat and surprised Brandon with it at school.

And then she packed the kids back in the car and drove them to Kentucky with her. She said in 50 hours she drove 1,700 miles and got two hours of sleep.

"But I was with my kids," she said.

### AT A GLANCE

#### Students show support for troops

Boyer Falls students are sending out a lot of valentines this year. They are going to soldiers deployed stateside, soldiers who have returned from overseas, and in care packages to men and women who are in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Becky Palmiter, a member of the Boyne Falls Parent Teacher Organization, has students making the valentines, clipping current events news stories and writing letters to troops. Working with the PTO, the students will also be putting together care packages of items suggested by the American Legion.

"Everyone in our community is welcome to help our troops know that we care about them and appreciate what they do for us," Palmiter said. The effort could still use help with postage and care package supplies.

Joel Churchill of McDonald's of Boyne City is working with Palmiter by donating a percentage of sales on Friday, Feb. 11, between 3 and 8 p.m. to the effort, including 100 percent of its pie sales.

"If you can't make it to McDonald's on Friday, monetary gifts are also appreciated," Palmiter said.

Businesses throughout Boyne have posted lists of things for the care packages, Palmiter said, and anyone wishing to donate items can look at the lists or call for more information. A box for depositing those items will be at McDonald's Friday night, and at Glen's Market and Carters all week.

"Compiling, sorting, packaging and mailing will take many volunteers," Palmiter said.

Palmiter also encourages interested people to select valentines and current events clippings and write letters to show support.

For more information, call Palmiter at 582-3734.

## Wertz Warriors pay a visit to Jake's Place

By Jane Booze  
Staff Writer

Jake's Place is named after Kim Rotermund's dog. It may be Rotermund's style to give someone else the glory, but in the case of the Boyne Falls tavern's fund-raising efforts for Wertz Warriors, there is plenty of credit to go around.

"I was approached seven years ago to sponsor a rider," Rotermund said, explaining that every rider must be sponsored. "I wanted to be involved in a project where a percentage goes back to the local community."

Wertz Warriors was started in 1982 by former major league baseball player Vic Wertz, who led a group of snowmobilers 900 miles from Mt. Clemens to Mackinaw City in six days. The endurance ride was under-

taken with the goal of raising money for Special Olympics of Michigan state winter games. It raised \$35,000 that year. This year the Wertz Warriors, who criss-cross the state raising money, are aiming for more than \$500,000.

One of the beauties of the program, according to Rotermund, is the fact that 25 percent of locally raised funds stay local. While all the money is run through Special Olympics of Michigan at Central Michigan University, that 25 percent comes back to this area for the Area 33 Winter Games held annually at Challenge Mountain.

So for the last seven years, Rotermund has sponsored a rider and held fund-raisers to benefit the Special Olympics winter games. He holds two fund-raising functions with auctions: a pig roast the third Saturday

in August and a tailgate party for the Michigan-Michigan State game.

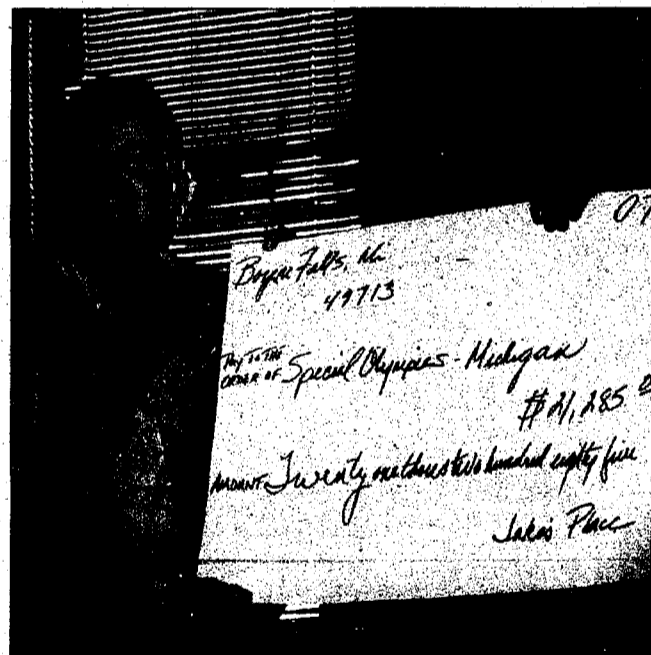
"We get support throughout the communities all around," Rotermund said. "We have no corporate sponsors — but if you give me a check, together we make our own corporation, we keep this going."

While there are no corporate donations, many businesses will donate auctionable items and services.

"Because it's a fund-raising effort, people will bid \$200-\$300 for something that's worth \$50," Rotermund said. "Some people just come in and give me a check for \$100. These are people who don't make 30, 40, \$50,000 — these are just genuine, good people."

Rotermund said that this is an indi-

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Kim Rotermund, owner of Jake's Place, presents a check to Mark "The Bird" Fydrich of the Wertz Warriors for the Special Olympics. The \$21,285 was raised locally over the last year.

## Laying the groundwork for Main Street



When not working on Main Street projects, Mary Campbell is busy with her business, MC Planning & Design.

### ■ After leading the program through its infancy, it's time for Mary Campbell to take a step back

By Jane Booze  
Staff Writer

Mary Campbell has a passion for old buildings, for downtowns and for community and property development. In an incomplete nutshell, that's what she does.

Through her business, MC Planning & Design, Campbell specializes in "providing natural resource based planning and design services to Northern Michigan clients." She is a community planner and landscape architect, doing planning, zoning and design, such as street-scapes. But Boyne City's Main Street project wasn't a business venture for Campbell. It was a venture of the heart.

One of the "natural resources" Campbell sees in a small town is its historic architecture and its downtown area. It was to ensure the preservation and development of this resource that she and a group of interested Boyne citizens began to create a base of education and

knowledge, attending training and educational seminars, such as Town Hall meetings.

"I went to a Town Hall meeting five years ago, and from then on I worked incrementally to do something here," Campbell said. "We had been looking into Main Street programs and laying the groundwork for this for years."

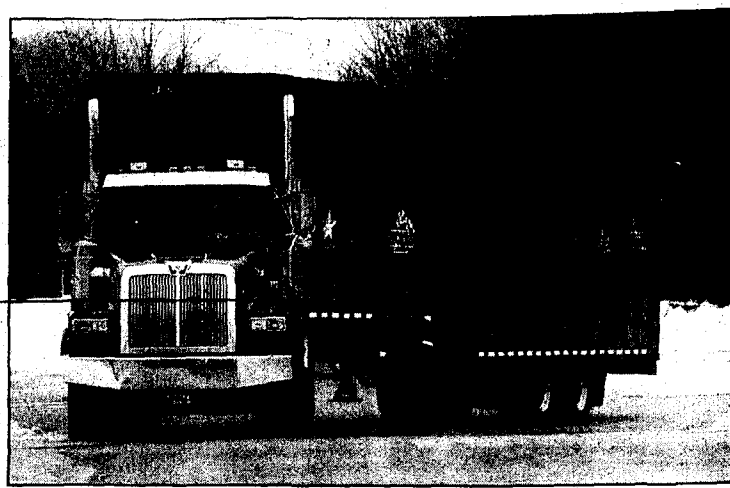
The Main Street program, a function of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, was reintroduced in Michigan a few years ago, and began by issuing a grant for technical assistance through the Michigan Economic Development Commission.

Thanks in part to Campbell's efforts, a grant was applied for and Boyne City was one of four communities to receive the first round of grants. The grant was given in July, 2003, and with it came various technical assistance.

"The MEDC brought in a team to evaluate where we were and to give guidance," Campbell said. "They recommended a merger of the DDA (Downtown Development Authority). We completely restructured the DDA to follow a Main Street format."

Campbell became a board member of the new Main Street program, and then the chair. It was a nice fit.

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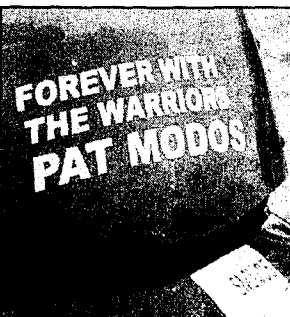
### Jake's Place

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cator of how much confidence people have in the program.  
 Rotermund doesn't want too much credit himself. This is a community effort, he said, and often the effort is made by people whose hearts are bigger than their bank accounts. Rotermund recalls one such donor.  
 "He was a huge NASCAR fan, and he had a belt buckle that belonged to Dale Sr.," Rotermund said. "He gave it to me for the auction. It was a huge sacrifice."  
 "I just provide a place for people to come and give back," he said.  
 Rotermund said that if he tried to list the people who help, it would be a disservice to all the folks he would forget to mention, and they are too numerous to name.  
 "It just gets bigger and bigger," he said. "But the food



Wertz Warriors stop at Jake's Place in Boyne Falls as part of an annual ride that covers 900 miles and includes stops at local businesses all across northern Michigan, raising money for Special Olympics Winter Games. With the support crew, travel for the Warriors is a big production.



This year's ride was dedicated to Pat Modos II, who was killed last year.

dollar and give it to them, that is one dollar they didn't have. It just happens to be \$21,000."  
 Well, make that \$21,281, and that's net. The fundraiser is so buoyed by local support that its total

is outrageously good. Musicians donate time, the Polish Festival committee help. Freddy Lehto stays up all night roasting the pig — for nothing — Jake's place is part of it, but the community makes it happen."

Rotermund said that he approaches fundraising this way. "If we get one

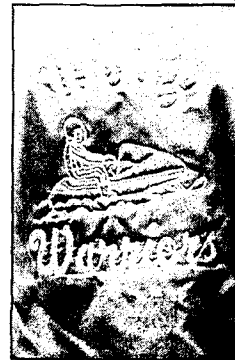
expenses were under \$6,000. Rotermund figures some areas may be able to give more, but probably not on a tighter budget.

"We try to give it all. So many people put in their heart and soul," he said. "They sacrifice so much time, but to them it's not a sacrifice."

"We have a 50/50 raffle. The guy who won it donated half of it back," Rotermund said. "Where does it end? It's a really great thing."

This year, the Wertz Warriors ride was dedicated to the memory of Pat Modos II of Bear Lake Township, an enthusiastic Warrior who was killed last year while on the grueling 900-mile trek. It was the first serious accident in the Warriors' history.

Modos' parents, owners of Dingman's Bar in Bear Lake Township, pledged to continue their fund-raising efforts in Pat's memory, and the Wertz Warriors rode in his honor this year.



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Dr. John Kempton uses an unusual tool of the trade to check second-grader Samuel Browning's teeth during last week's dental health screenings.

## Promoting dental health

### Dentists come to school to give students a checkup

February is National Children's Dental Health Month, and Maple Ridge dentists, Dr. Kempton, Dr. Sladics and Dr. Swartz, with Dr. Klinker's office and the East Jordan Family Health Center, take some time to visit the kids at the East Jordan Elementary School.

According to oral hygienist Angie Sutton of Maple Ridge, the students from kindergarten through fifth grade are given a screening.

"We use a flashlight and a tongue depressor," Sutton said. "This isn't a complete exam, it is just a screening to check for neglect and decay."

Each student is sent home with a new toothbrush, a coloring pamphlet with some educational information about oral hygiene, and a completed report to the parents.

The report shows three areas that the dental experts are looking at: oral hygiene, decay and orthodontics.

Each child's teeth and gums are examined and rated based on the findings. For instance, oral hygiene findings include gum tissue scores ranging from "healthy, pink and firm" to "tissues are inflamed with easy tendency to bleed." These descriptions can alert parents to potential dental needs and/or insufficient oral hygiene practices.

Sutton said that in addition, the hygienists like to visit morning kindergarten classes, since these students are not able to be there for the afternoon screenings.

"We can spend more time with the smaller group," Sutton said, adding that they also like to specifically attend a fifth-grade class.

"They will be going into middle school, and we may not get a chance to see them again," Sutton said.

Boyer City will hold its dental health screening at the elementary school on Feb. 18.

Parents who may have difficulty getting dental care for their children under Medicaid insurance can call the District Health Department #3 at (231) 547-0295, or 800-432-4121.

## Friends of the Boyne River receive grant

The environment in Boyne City recently received a boost when the Friends of the Boyne River was awarded a grant from the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network and Fund for \$3,500.

The grant is to help the Friends keep waste water effluent out of the Boyne River, and will specifically be used to pay attorney fees for two suits the group filed against the city.

The GLAHNF is coordinated by the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council located in Petoskey. GLAHNF is designed to provide financial and informational support to citizen efforts to protect wetlands, lakes and rivers across the Great Lakes Basin.

"Of the 33 applications GLAHNF received, the Friends of the Boyne River was one of just 16 that received funding this fall," said Jill Ryan, director of GLAHNF.

"We are thrilled to award a grant to the FOBR to support their excellent proposal to protect local resources, which in addition will ultimately benefit the health of the Great Lakes Basin as a whole."

The mission of the FOBR is "To improve and conserve the environmental health and recreational quality of the Boyne River and its watershed," according to a statement by the Friends of the Boyne River.

"The grant from GLAHNF will help accomplish this mission," the statement said.

According to Nancy Cunningham, who is a member of the FOBR and wrote the grant, "We would just as soon use it for something other than attorney's fees, but right now, that what it is."

Cunningham further said that the city is compliant with current environmental laws.

"We currently meet all the standards," she said, "but those standards are old. Michigan is behind in its environmental laws compared to other areas."

"The waste-water treatment plant will be compliant with the laws, but the laws are inadequate."

Cunningham said that treatment plants were designed to effectively treat for bacteria from waste products, but that they are unable to treat for chemicals and hormones often present in those wastes. She cited news reports on studies that suggest that effluent containing estrogens (found in everyday products such as certain detergents) are "feminizing" male fish downstream, which are, in some cases, producing eggs.

Cunningham said that there are various solutions on the table, but adds that land-based systems keep chemicals and hormones out of the river and lake, and seem to provide adequate filtration to protect groundwater.

If you would like more information on the project, contact Shirley Howie, Friends of the Boyne River president, at (231) 582-7087 or Larry Maltby, Save Our River coordinator, at (231) 549-3305.

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### Alliance leaders

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance elected 2005 officers at the annual meeting held Jan. 20 in Boyer City. Pictured from left are: Brian Braddock, vice president; Joan Blanchard, treasurer; Randy Frykberg, secretary; Gene Dawson, parliamentarian; Rick Diebold, president. Not pictured is Dan Hoggard, ex-officio.



### WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



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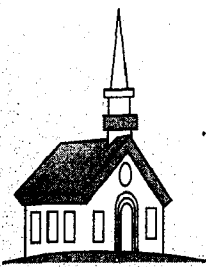
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## Keep kids safe by using car seats properly

By Ernie Harwell



It wasn't all that long ago when a lot of our young kids freely roamed the car or sat in the front seat while we drove them from place to place. While more people now recognize how important it is to use child safety seats, we still have some work to do educating folks on the proper use of child safety devices.

Last year, the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 73 percent of child safety restraints are misused. The most common errors were loose harness straps around the child and loose seatbelts attached to the child restraint. They also determined that four out of five kids who've outgrown safety seats aren't in booster seats as they should be.

We all want our kids and grandkids to be safe while they're riding in the car. So let's all make a special effort to ensure we're doing everything possible to protect them. And after you secure your little angel in a car or booster seat, make sure to strap yourself in with a seatbelt. You're setting a good example and, once you make it a habit, you won't even realize you're doing it.

Take care of your health before it's lonnngggg 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.

## LETTERS

### Lights of Love shine comfort

#### TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc.) Board of Directors, I would like to thank the Boyne City Eta Nu Women's Club for again sponsoring the moving Lights of Love event.

The lights and red hearts give great comfort to all of us grieving for loved ones during the holiday season.

This year your donation for \$4,500 brings your total contribution to Hospice of more than \$55,500. Your sponsorship for 17 years and your caring have helped us better serve the terminally ill and their families and also helped to provide bereavement services to anyone in need. Your ability as a group to help so many is to be commended.

This wonderful event only happens because of the work of a large group of dedicated people. First I want to thank the Lights of Love Committee: Pat Nakoneczny, Evelyn Howell, Kathy Henricks, Mary Ann Newman, and Ginny Kochans, all of whom did such a great job of pulling things together; to Delayne and Rita Johncheck for donating the beautiful tree; to Betty and Dave Korthase of The Dairy Queen for allowing us to have the tree on their property; to Ray and Karen Guzniczak for keeping it lighted during the holiday season; to NMH for printing the flyers; to Andy and Pat Poineau for making the festive red hearts; to Pastor Carl Litchfield who dedicated the tree at the ceremony; to Bob Munn who led us in singing, and the Jordan Valley Community Band for providing the accompaniment to the singing; to The Dilworth for a wonderful repast after the dedication and displaying the memory board; and to Karen and Roger Reynolds for making the new Light of Love sign and finally to Rob Johnson for placing the tree.

It takes a great number of people to make this event a success. A very special thank you to all who bought lights and hearts in memory or honor of loved ones. I pray it helped you get through the holiday season.

Patricia A. Johnson, Hospice of Northwest Michigan administrator/volunteer coordinator

### Community joins to spread holiday cheer

#### TO THE EDITOR:

We want to say that we hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and hope you all have a very Happy New Year.

A large thank you goes out from us at Boyne Area Community Christmas to one and all. Thank you just doesn't seem sufficient this year. All the churches, businesses, schools, individuals, factories, organizations went way out of their way to make Christmas a real success for everyone concerned.

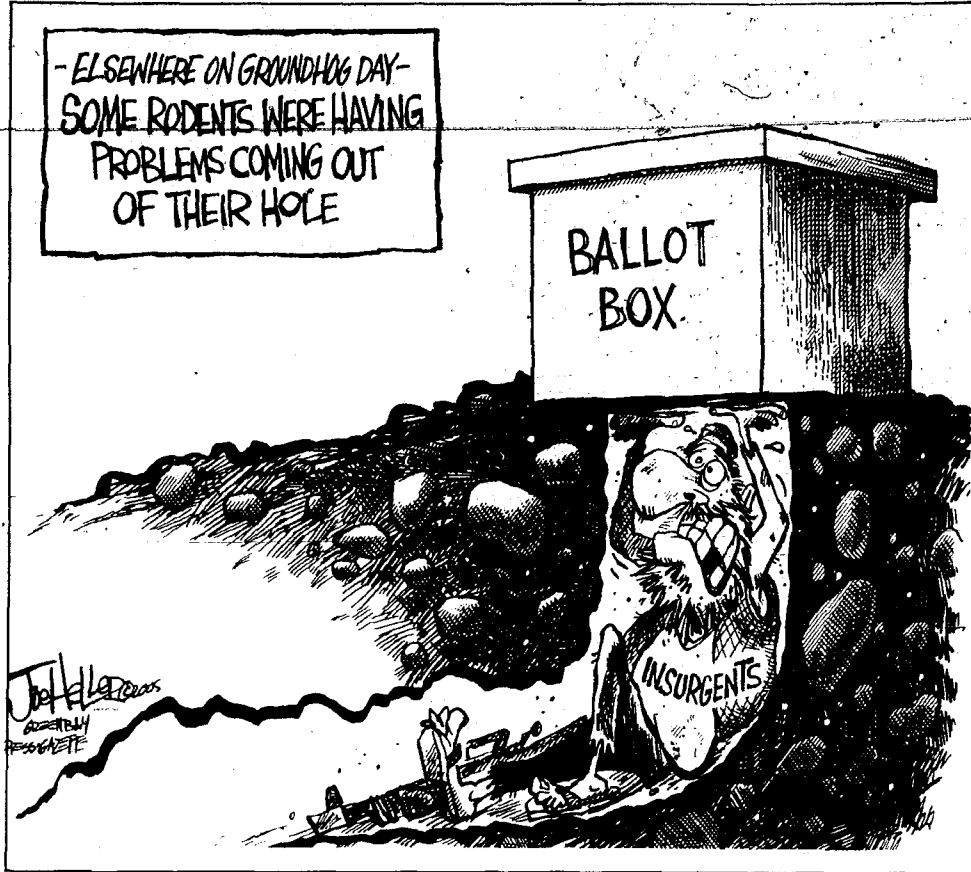
We wish we could name everyone personally who gave, but we might miss just one person, and that we don't want to do because it isn't our intention to leave anyone out, so all we can say is thank you one and all.

We hope this doesn't upset anyone, but we do need to say a special thank you to our students in the Boyne City School system. Great job. You really outdid yourselves this year. With so much negativity in the news about problem teens, they need to come to Boyne and do a special article on our kids. Also to Ace Hardware, thanks for the special need fulfilled for us. We found a real special need and you did not hesitate to meet it, the family thanks you.

Thanks again, because without all of you out there with big hearts we on the Christmas Committee couldn't have done Christmas presents for the 600 children and food boxes for 325 families. We hope everyone knows how deeply we appreciate all you did for us.

Boyne City - and the surrounding areas - is a great place to live, because it's more like a big family when the need is there.

Boyne Area Community Christmas  
Ruth Witek, chairman  
Ardith Hawley, secretary



### K of C hall now known as Ed Matelski, Sr. Hall

Ed Matelski, Sr. died unexpectedly one evening last October. It was a sad loss for his family, his community and the Boyne City Knights of Columbus.

So it was no surprise that more than 150 people gathered for breakfast at the Knights of Columbus hall on Sunday, Jan. 30, to honor his memory.

Matelski was a founding member of Boyne Valley Council #6314 when it was formed in 1971. He was not new to Knights of Columbus membership even then.

"Because of his unselfish dedication to the Knights and to the community, K of C members voted to dedicate the Boyne City hall to Ed," said

Ed Hennessey.

A plaque presented to Matelski's wife of 53 years, Marjorie, and their son, Edward Matelski, Jr. read, "For his dedication to the Knights of Columbus and the community, it is with great honor and respect that this Knights of Columbus hall be dedicated to the lasting memory of Edward J. Matelski, Sr. (1925 - 2004) Our dearest friend and Brother Knight will be in our hearts and minds for eternity."

The Boyne City Knights of Columbus hall is now known, in honor of a beloved former Grand Knight, as Edward J. Matelski, Sr. Hall.



Gary Snoeck, deputy Grand Knight of K of C Council #6314, presents a plaque to Marjorie Matelski and Edward Matelski, Jr. in honor of Edward Matelski, Sr. The Knights of Columbus has re-named their hall in his memory.

## 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

### Is Hate Crimes bill an assault on free speech?

#### TO THE EDITOR:

All across America, important public policy issues such as whether Bible passages on homosexuality should be outlawed as "hate speech," and other issues such as "gay marriage" and partial-birth abortion, and the role faith should play in guiding the decisions and votes of America's elected and appointed leaders need to be addressed by all the people of America.

We need to be especially concerned about the war on God in American public life that has been waged by the ACLU and the secularist Left over the past 40 years - a war on God, the family and traditional moral norms that has done serious harm to our nation. We need to help energize and mobilize Christian leaders and activists in every community and neighborhood to fight back against the ACLU's and secular Left's crusade to eliminate Christianity as an influence in American public life.

The more Christians who participate fully in the political process, the better the chances to pass laws that will strengthen the family, respect the role of faith in American public life, and support the moral values that built this great nation ... and the better the chances to reverse the ACLU's and anti-Christian Left's 40-year war on God in American public life.

We can show each member of Congress that their Christian constituents are paying close attention to how their elected representatives are voting in Congress on issues of most concern to Christians and pro-family Americans. If Senator Ted Kennedy's dangerous "Hate Crimes Bill" passes, it could become illegal for pastors to deliver sermons calling homosexuality a sin and even the Bible's passages against homosexuality could be classified as illegal "hate speech." Passing Kennedy's "Hate Crimes Bill" into law is a top priority for the Homosexual Lobby and the secularist Left, because it could effectively outlaw public opposition to same-sex "gay marriage" and other items of the Homosexual Agenda.

Canada has passed a "Hate Crimes Law" that is almost identical to Kennedy's "Hate Crimes Bill." In Canada, it's now a crime to publicly criticize homosexuality and broadcasters are forbidden to air any critical discussion of homosexuality. A court in Canada has already ruled that the Bible is hate literature, as the court upheld a fine against a Canadian newspaper publisher and a man who placed an ad that listed verses from the Bible calling homosexuality a sin.

In Sweden, which also has a similar "Hate Crimes Law," a pastor was arrested at his church after he read Bible verses about homosexuality. Here in America, the Homosexual Lobby is open about its plan to use the "Hate Crimes" law to prosecute pastors, churches and Christians for speaking out against the gay agenda. Under this law, the Boy Scouts could have to allow homosexual Scout Leaders. And churches might not be permitted to exclude homosexual activists from church leadership positions.

In summary, passing this so-called "Hate Crimes Bill" could be another giant step toward outlawing Christianity in our nation. Last year, the U.S. Senate passed Kennedy's "Hate Crimes Bill" overwhelmingly, with Republican support, but the House did not get around to voting on it before the 2004 election and now the process must start over - which means that the Senate must vote again on Kennedy's "Hate Crimes Bill." The sad truth is, most representatives in the Senate do not really understand the dire consequences of passing Kennedy's "Hate Crimes Bill" and it's just easier for them to vote for punishing so-called "Hate Crimes" than to explain why they voted against the bill.

Please do what you can to help defeat this boldest attempt ever by the anti-Christian Left to silence Christians and to eliminate the influence of Christianity in American public life. Write or call your representatives now because should this Bill pass, your right to speak out freely may be gone forever.

Jerry Evans  
Ellsworth

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## NEIGHBORS

**TRUDY (KIRBY) WELCH**, who passed away at her Litzzenburger Place Apartment on Feb. 1, was truly honored with many loving memories, as nearly 200 friends, neighbors and family members gathered in the community room, lined up the hallways, and all the way out the door on Saturday afternoon for her memorial service. Scott Ward, devoted friend of Trudy and her late husband Joe, led the service, sharing stories of their friendship and reading her favorite scriptures. Her favorite poems were read by Phyllis Tison. A joyous time it was. It was very moving, too, in the sunroom, seeing the many beautiful flowers, the tribute of the tripod arrangement by her daughters, Brenda Smith and Trudy Harbaum, with a picture of Jesus the focal point of their mother's life, in the center, and framed cross-stitched messages of hope and assurance on each side, done by them. There were also darling pictures of their mother throughout her life, as well as a photo album of meaningful moments. All enjoyed an abundance of food and a great time of visiting with "Yesteryear" folks of Boyne, as Trudy's parents, Donna and the late John Kirby Sr. family have been here forever!

**MICHELLE, KEITH AND DUSTIN** Ellison of Clio spent the weekend with the Dan Wilsons on Stanek Road.

**NELS AND LOUISA NORTHUP** spent Friday afternoon with her daughter, Kim Martin and Madeline and Ben in Grand Rapids, then went to Lansing for a Lions Forum, returning to their Boyne Falls home Satur-

day afternoon.

**NICOLE O'NEILL HELLEBUYCK** was baptized by the Rev. Frances Partridge on Jan. 30 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City. Her godparents are two of her uncles, Jim Hellebuyck and Jim Gee. After the baptism, a party, co-hosted by her grandmothers, was held at the home of Ruth and Carl Gee.

**MIKE AND CATHY HAYNES** of East Jordan celebrated their 6-month wedding anniversary on Jan. 17.

**SANDY CLAUSEN** and Jennie Bartlett celebrated birthdays on Jan. 27 - 90 years young for Jennie. Also Christy Reinhardt celebrated her birthday on Feb. 4.

**THE ETA NU SORORITY** met with Litzzenburger Place residents on Tuesday afternoon. The group has "adopted" Litzzenburger Place as its project for the year and wanted to find ways they could meet their needs in entertainment or other services. Results were: maybe a breakfast, offers to transport them to doctor appointments and provide computer instruction to beginners and advanced users. Sign-up sheets and time schedules will be posted or you can call Nancy at 582-7940 for more information. All enjoyed visiting and refreshments at the closure of the meeting.

**THE BEAUTIFUL DINING** area in back of the Horton Bay General Store was the

scene of the birthday dinner party honoring Betty Kelts on Friday night. She was there with good friends Betty Bradley, Georganna Monk of Horton Bay, Betty Spencer of Boyne City, and Lois Dexter of Traverse City.

**AN "AWARENESS PLUG-IN"** goes out to those in the area that Strain A, an airborne type of flu, not covered by this year's flu shots, is on the ramp. It is strongly advised, especially those out and about or even if someone sick comes into your home, to consider frequent washing of hands, wiping off doorknobs, etc. Strain A makes you very sick.

**GOOD AT PICKING OUT** names? Well, word has it that the new Boyne City Senior Center needs an appropriate name. If you think you have it, write it down and drop it off at the center at 319 N. Lake in Boyne City or call it in to Terri Powers at 582-6682

**THE BOYNE FALLS** Loggers cheerleading squad of juniors and seniors did a great job of entertaining Litzzenburger Place residents on Thursday. Their enthusiasm, politeness in sharing their goals at refreshment time was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. On Saturday night, residents of Deer Meadows joined Litzzenburger Place residents in the community room for the pleasurable music of The Crooked River Gospel Singers and more delicious refreshments.

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

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### Boyne Falls Public School

**NAME:** Rebecca Featherly  
**PARENTS:** Gail Lueb  
**GRADE:** Freshman  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** I like all my classes  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Outdoor activities  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** Among the Betrayed  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Rebecca Featherly is an outstanding student," said Ms. Baker. "She has a strong will power, and is well respected among her peers. Becca challenges herself. I know she will continue to create goals for herself that she will fulfill in a successful future. I enjoy working with her in my ninth grade English class and seeing her individual personality shine through in the work she does."



Rebecca Featherly

### East Jordan High School

**NAME:** Kayla Windish  
**PARENTS:** Karen and Jesse Watkin, and Rodney and Stephanie Windish  
**GRADE:** Sophomore  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Volleyball  
**FUTURE PLANS:** Attend college  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** Advanced BMT  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Kayla is doing a great job in Communication Arts," said Mrs. McPherson. "Although she is quiet in class, she's had some very insightful comments about the novel we are currently reading. Keep up the good work."  
 "I have Kayla in MST I Honors Chemistry she is a great student," said Mrs. Moeke. "She has great attention to detail and takes a lot of pride in the work she does."  
 "Kayla has done an outstanding job in Advanced Algebra this year," said Mr. Essenberg. "She is a hard worker who gives every assignment her best effort. Way to go."



Kayla Windish

### East Jordan Middle School

**NAME:** Jerry Hosler  
**PARENTS:** Jerrold and Masha Hosler  
**GRADE:** Eighth  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Jerry is a very responsible individual," said Paul Nachazel, Kay Holley, Barb Noiro, and Matt Hamilton. "He comes to class prepared and always completes his work. He takes pride in his work by finishing it to the best of his ability. He has a voracious appetite for books. Jerry is a joy to have in class."



Jerry Hosler

### Boyne City High School

**NAME:** Allison Brong  
**PARENTS:** Arthur and Marilyn Brong  
**GRADE:** Senior  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Music, literature, history and math  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Drama (tech crew), concert band and jazz band  
**FUTURE PLANS:** To attend Alma College in the fall and study accounting, math, and history.  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Allison is an extremely bright, hard working, detail oriented student," said Mike Mansfield. "She only missed one point out of over 1,500 possible points in the first semester of Accounting I. Allison is also very active in Concert and Jazz Bands. These attributes contribute to her being an excellent role model."



Allison Brong

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 16**  
 The Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will hold a six week grief and loss support group at the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. To register or for more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 231-487-4825.

**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. The Messiah Misfits will perform on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 7:30-9:30 p.m.; 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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**GRANDVUE AUXILIARY**  
**Second Thursday**  
 The Grandvue Auxiliary

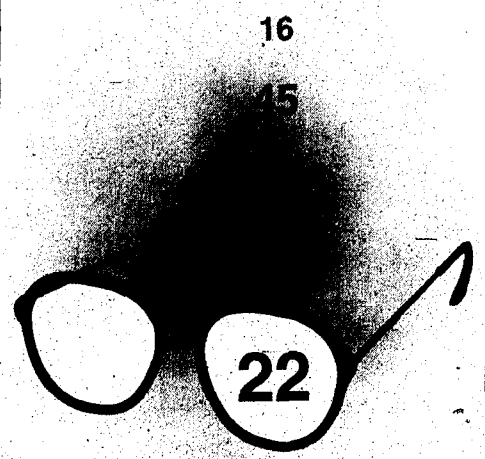
meets the second Thursday of each month, except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. For more information, call 582-6278.

**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, 6:30 p.m. (Step Study), 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.

**AL-ANON**  
**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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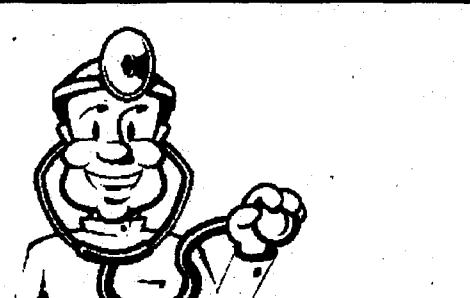


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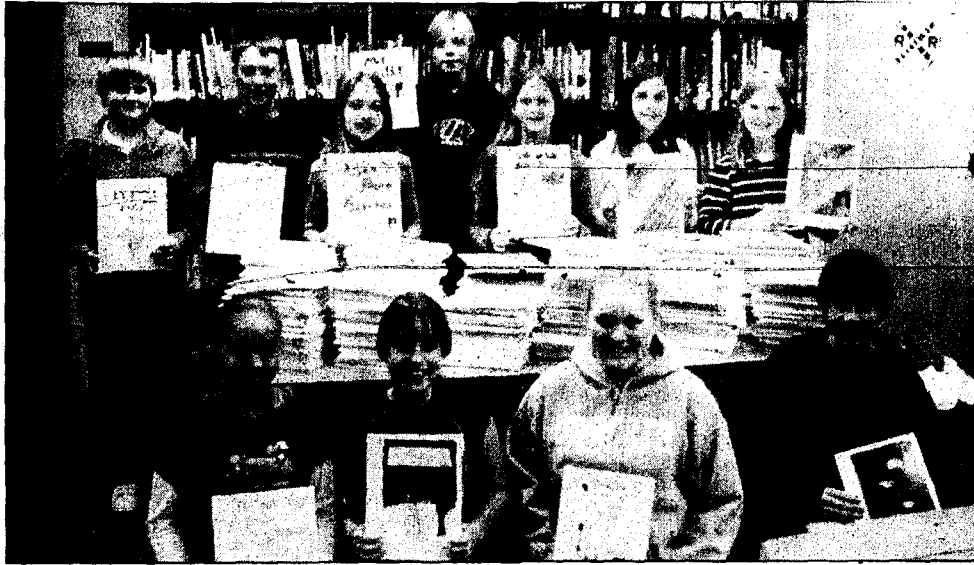


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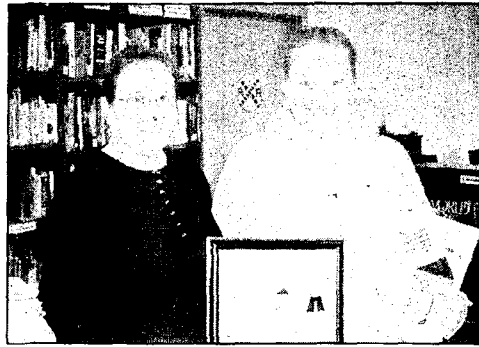
Students from Boyne City Middle School are pictured surrounded by the hard cover books they wrote and illustrated. Below, eighth grade student Rachel Stevens, with social studies teacher Peg Wilcox, displays her book, "Sarah's Ride," which was chosen for a nationwide award.

## Writing to publishing, students do it all

Boyne City Middle School students participated in an authorship project in which students in the fifth, sixth, and eighth grades wrote and illustrated books that were then published in hard cover. Each student received a copy of their book to keep.

Fifth graders created short stories, sixth-grade students published poetry books and the eighth grade social studies classes wrote and illustrated short stories about the American Revolution.

One eighth-grade student, Rachel Stevens, was chosen as a finalist in the Nationwide Learning National Book Challenge for her book entitled "Sarah's Ride."



## Spanning the generations

The Place/Mills/Nagel family recently was together for a five-generation photograph. Pictured are, front row from left: great-grandmother Nancy Mills, baby Ty Jacob Klopff, great-great-grandmother Sammy Nagel. Back row: grandmother Cindi Place, and mother Amy Klopff.

## 'Song of the Lakes' performing in EJ

As part of its "Poets Say" tour, Song of the Lakes will perform at the Community Auditorium in East Jordan on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m., with part of the East Jordan High School choir joining them for a couple of songs.

"Poets Say," the fifth release from Song of the Lakes, is a mix of ballads, jigs, reels, almost country, and south American rhythms.

Group members Michael Sullivan, Lisa Johansson, Ingemar Johansson and Rick Jones first joined together as "Song of the Lakes" in 1983 and have toured the United States and Europe. During the summer months, the group goes to sea, performing every Wednesday night on the Tall Ship The Manitou in West Traverse Bay.

Tickets for Song of the Lakes are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and students under 18. They are available at any East Jordan school office, the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, Busy Bridge Antiques & Gifts and Café Casa, all located in East Jordan. Tickets can



also be purchased at the door or by calling the School District Office at 536-3131.

## OBITUARIES

### Martha Ella Taylor

Martha Ella Taylor, 87, of Traverse City died Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Munson Medical Center. Formerly of Boyne City and Petoskey, she had been a resident of Traverse City since 1941.

She was a member of St. Johannes Lutheran Church of Kingsley, and attended Redgemoor Lutheran Church. Martha was office manager for Parker Motor Freight and worked for the company for 45 years. She enjoyed dogs and horses, and until recently had cared for her horses daily.

Born Oct. 12, 1917 in Boyne City, she was the daughter of Frederick and Laura (Baehling) Benser. On Jan. 23, 1943, in Boyne City, she married Robert Taylor, who died in 2000.

Survivors include several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her brother William Benser.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 7, at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Pastor C. Jay Koehler officiated. Burial will take place at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to either the Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686 or A.C. Paw, P.O. Box 130, Mancelona, MI 49659.

### Stanley Antoine

Chief of Bear Clan and Pipe Carrier for the Odawa, Stanley Antoine, 71, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, at his home in East Jordan.

A Pipe Ceremony will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 11 a.m. at his home at 06185 Behling Rd., East Jordan. Arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

## COLLEGE NEWS

JESSICA E. RABER of Boyne City was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall 2004 semester at Albion College.

Raber is the daughter of James Raber and Joy Raber of Boyne City and a graduate of Boyne City High School.

REBECCA SUE HOESLI of Boyne City was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall 2004 semester at Cornerstone University.

SARAH FERREE and KELLY SPANIAK of Boyne City; AMANDA JAREMA, SARAH SKOP and ADAM UTLY, all of Boyne Falls; MARTHA ANDERSON, RYAN DERENZY, JAMES GEE, KATHERINE GOEBEL and ANNA OLSON, all of East Jordan; and LEONARD HERSHBERGER of Walloon Lake, were all named to Central Michigan University's 2004 fall semester honors list.

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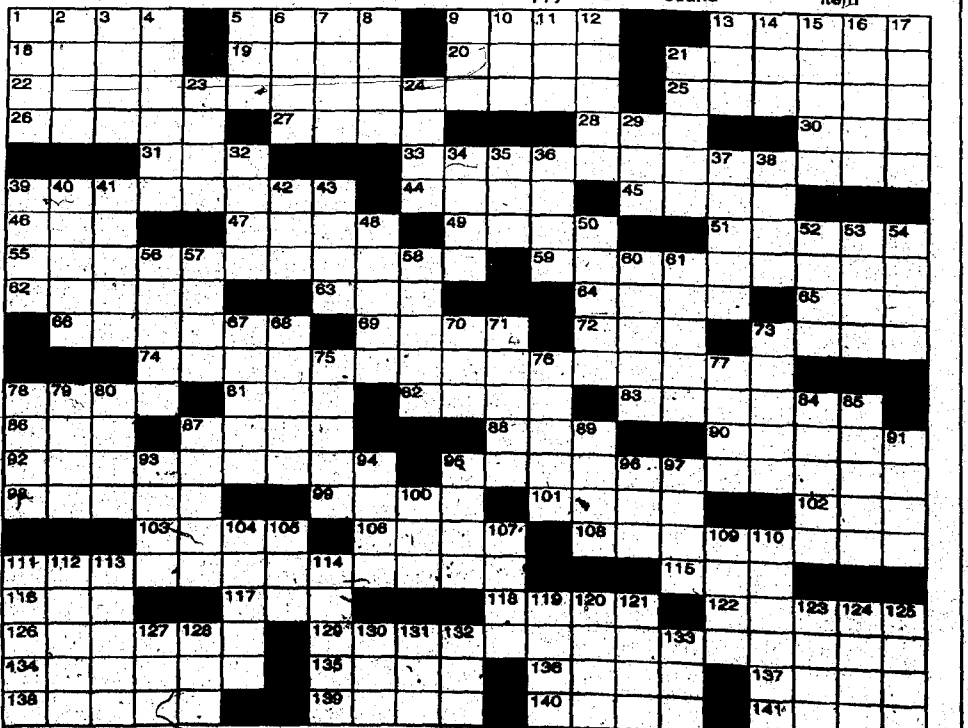
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# SPORTS

## Grayling halts Ramblers streak

By Phil Trombley  
Sports Writer

Grayling took advantage of a 6-0 run at the end of the first half and a 7-0 surge at the end of the third quarter to defeat the Boyne City varsity basketball team 61-41 on Friday, Feb. 4. Boyne City was up by seven with

coach Tim Smith. "It was the best three quarters we've played this year." "We gave up 13 points in two key stretches and that really hurt. I was extremely proud of my team. They played with tremendous energy against one of the best teams in the league, in my opinion. Unfortunately the score did not indicate how well we played."

Grayling's Gibson Tobin led all scorers in the game with 27 points, while Dillon Olmstead scored 13 points and Grant Ameel added ten points to pace the Boyne City offense.

**Boyne City 54, Cheboygan 47**

The Ramblers picked up a 54-47 non-conference victory on the road at Cheboygan on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Olmstead paced the Rambler offense with 20 points, Caleb Helsley scored 12 points and had six rebounds and Ameel had 11 points, four rebounds and three assists.

Drew Mittig chipped in with seven points, five boards and a nice defensive game.

"We played our second consecutive strong game. Cheboygan made a run at us,



Dillon Olmstead goes up and over as he finds on open teammate on the baseline. Olmstead led Boyne City with 13 points against Grayling.

one and one half minutes remaining in the first half before Grayling came back to trail just 25-24 going into the intermission.

The Vikings outscored the Ramblers 19-11 in the third quarter and 18-5 in the fourth to pull away for the win.

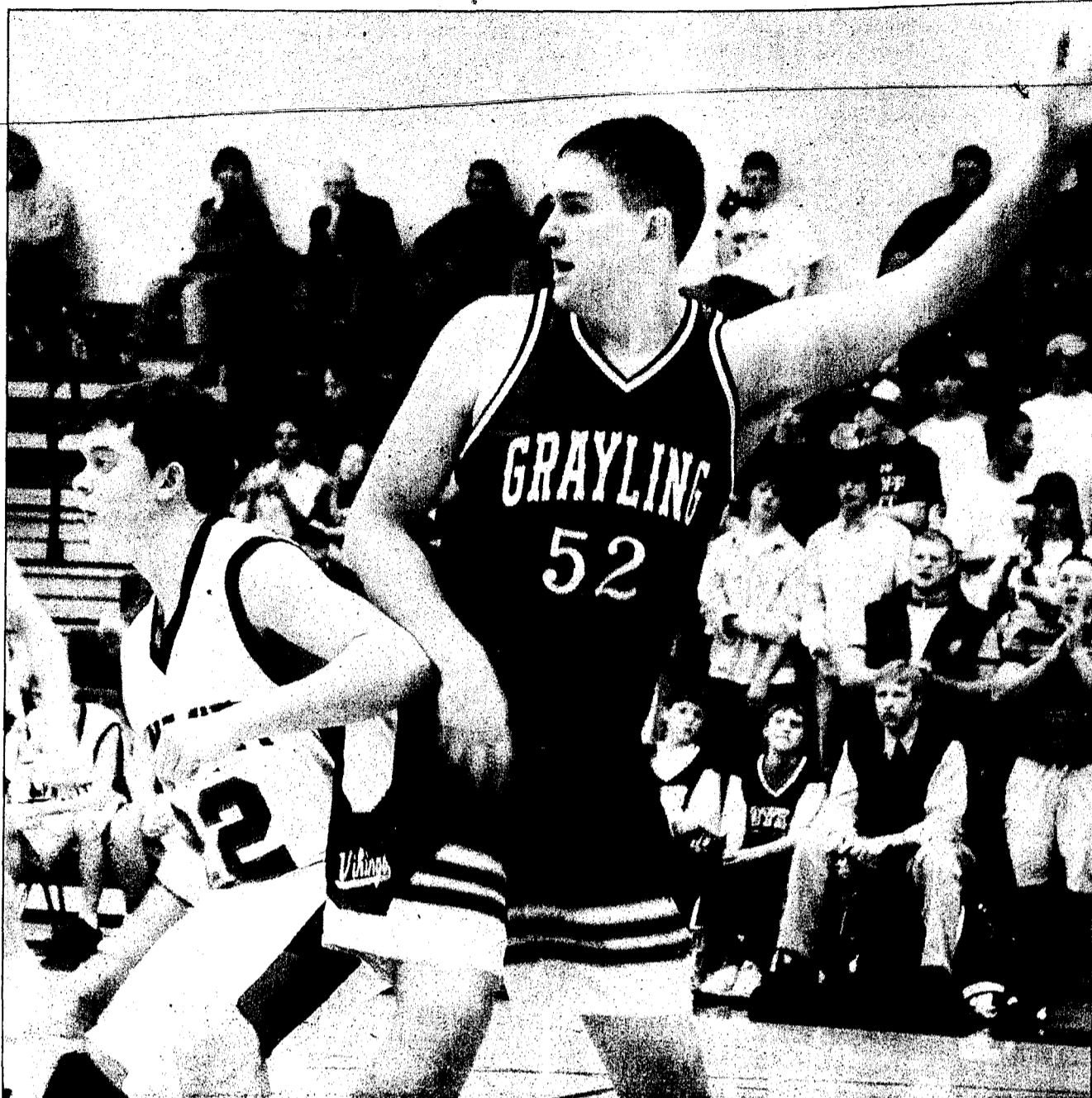
"I thought we played them evenly for three quarters," said Boyne City

but we executed and made our plays but we executed and made our plays

Boyne City held leads of 19-17, 34-29 and 44-41 at the end of the first three quarters.

Jake DesArno led the Chiefs with 16 points.

Boyne City (3-11 overall) will host Kalkaska this Friday and travels to Charlevoix next Tuesday.



It may have looked like David vs. Goliath, but Boyne City's Drew Mittig held his own against 6-8 Mike Boylan, Grayling's sophomore starting center. The problem for Mittig and the rest of the Ramblers: when Mike tired his twin brother, Jim, took over. Between the two, the Ramblers held them to nine points.

## A tale of two halves for Red Devils

By Phil Trombley  
Sports Writer

In a game of two halves, one close and one a blowout, Traverse City St. Francis led East Jordan 28-24 at half time and then poured in 46 points after the break to defeat East Jordan 74-43 in Traverse City on Friday, Feb. 4.

Tough defense by the Red Devils kept them in the contest as the Gladiators led by five, 20-15 after one quarter, and just four 28-24 at the intermission.

"In the first half we played our best

defense all year," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey. "We came out in the third quarter and seemed to lose our intensity. In the fourth quarter the wheels fell off."

St. Francis (9-4 overall, 6-3 Lake Michigan Conference) pulled away with an 18-10 run in the third quarter and then slammed the door with a 28-9 surge in the final eight minutes.

"We just couldn't seem to find the hot hand and they played some strong defense," Bailey said.

Ben Wheelock led four Gladiators in double digits with 13 points, while

Hunter Norstrant, Austin Greiner and Kyle O'Brien all contributed with 10 points.

Kyle Daneff paced the Red Devils with 14 points and seven rebounds.

**East Jordan 92, Mancelona 52**  
The Red Devils had everything go their way on Tuesday, Feb. 1, when they earned a 92-52 non-conference win on the road over Mancelona.

"We just took care of business. We just went after it and we jumped on them from the start," Bailey said.

East Jordan held leads of 32-12 after one quarter, 46-23 at the half and

72-39 at the end of three quarters. Daneff led all scorers in the game getting a double-double with 28 points and 10 rebounds.

Tyler Spence added 10 points for the Red Devils, who got points from all 12 players on the squad.

For Mancelona, Bobby Flake led with 15 points, Josh Vaningan had 12 points and Jeremy Howard chipped in with 10.

East Jordan (5-8 overall, 1-7 LMC) will be home for its next three games against Ellsworth tomorrow, Grayling on Friday and Elk Rapids on Tuesday.

## EJ/CHARLEVOIX WIN BOYS MEET

### Nick Simeri takes two firsts at invite

By Phil Trombley  
Sports Writer

The Charlevoix/East Jordan boys ski team posted three top 10 finishes in the slalom event as well as three top 10 finishes in the giant slalom to capture the team title with 71 points at the Boyne Invitational ski meet held at Boyne Mountain on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Lake Orion grabbed seven top spots in the girls competition to take first place with 47 points.

The competitors had to deal with some changing conditions starting with good snow at the beginning and then turning icy as the racing progressed. "The courses were fine when we started, but they hardened up as the day went on," said Boyne City coach Bob Simpson.

Boyne City finished second in the standings with 74 points followed by Okemos (82), Lake Orion (91), Inland Lakes (148) and Detroit Country Day (173).

"I was very, very pleased with how the kids performed. Both teams skied very well and we had some tough competition. The kids are looking forward to the regionals coming up in a week and a half," Simpson said.

Boyne City's Nick Simeri turned in the standout performance of the boys competition winning the slalom with a time of 57.62 as well as winning the GS in a clocking of 42.35.

Other results for the Ramblers included Josh Grove (3rd S, 1:02.23 and 13th GS, 45.93), Ryan Kasper (9th S, 1:10.59), Ryan Witten (15th S, 1:15.13 and 17th GS, 47.71), Cory Mills (15th GS, 46.76 and 20th S, 1:20.68), Jared Wilmot (18th GS, 48.00) and Garrett Shepard (23rd S, 1:27.70).

Mac Bréenan led the way for Char/EJ placing third in GS with a time of 43.03 and adding a fifth in slalom with a clocking of 1:04.36.

Also contributing to the winning effort were Andrew Mallory (4th GS, 43.36), Geoff Baier (8th S, 1:10.21), Cameron Attee (8th GS, 43.92), Nic Williams (10th S, 1:11.70 and 22nd GS, 49.15), Logan Priess (13th S, 1:13.61 and 20th GS, 1:13.61).

Charlevoix/East Jordan's Michelle Fritsch won the girls GS and Boyne City's Kyle Barden won the girls slalom to lead their teams to the two spots behind Lake Orion.

Barden won in a time of 58.03 as Boyne City finished second with 49 points, while Fritsch won in a time of 45.26 as Char/EJ placed third with 82 points.

Other results for Charlevoix/East Jordan were Katherine Rowley (2nd S, 1:01.76), Fritsch (7th S, 1:04.93), Kelsey Poineau (7th GS, 47.47 and 10th S, 1:07.32), Kristin Dupuis (16th GS, 51.17 and 31st S, 1:50.14), Elizabeth Hazzeld (18th GS, 51.45), Stephanie Poindexter (21st S, 1:22.36 and 24th GS, 54.47) and Sarah Lorne (23rd S, 1:24.15).

Other results for Boyne City included Allison Wright (5th S, 1:03.78 and 6th GS, 47.43), Jessica Grice (5th S, 46.86 and 17th S, 1:13.24), Kayla Potter (6th S, 1:04.60 and 8th GS, 47.51), Alex Welborn (9th S, 1:06.31 and 9th GS, 47.74), Astrid Greafe (20th GS, 52.99), Barden (25th GS, 55.12) and Rocio Ruiz (26th S, 1:26.67).

Both teams will compete at the state regional meet to be held at Boyne Highlands on Thursday, Feb. 17.

## Mackinaw spoils Loggers' night

By Phil Trombley  
Sports Writer

Mackinaw City's Morgan Paquett scored 22 points to lead all scorers as the Comets defeated Boyne Falls 58-52 in a Northern Lakes Conference battle in Boyne Falls on Friday, Feb. 4.

The loss spoiled an otherwise festive Homecoming night for Boyne Falls.

In a see-saw battle the Loggers led the Comets 11-10 after one quarter, but Mackinaw bounced back to take a 27-20 lead at the half.

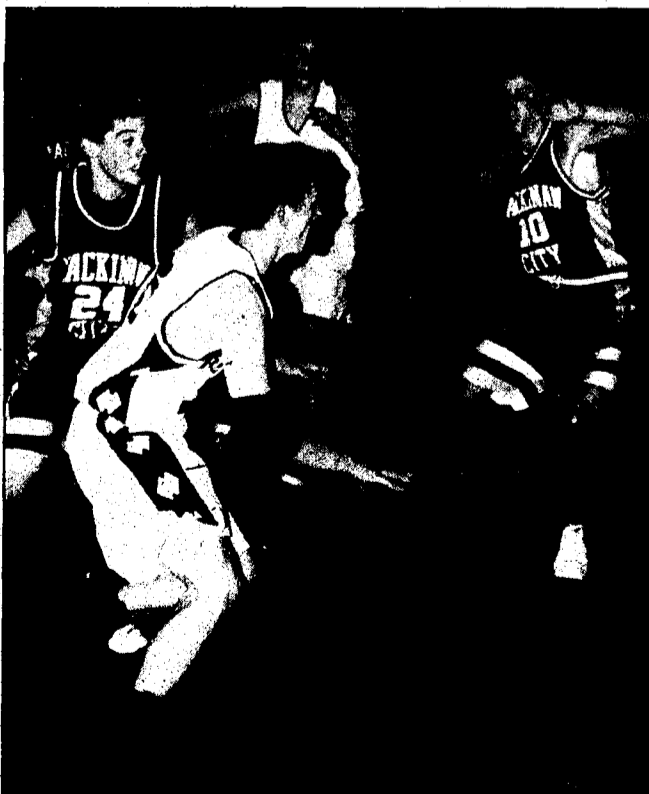
Boyne Falls countered with an 18-8 run in the third period, to retake a 38-35 lead before Mackinaw City pulled out the win outscoring Boyne Falls 23-14 in the final eight minutes.

"We talked about establishing the inside game and we got the ball to Trevor Matelski for some good looks at the basket," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla.

Matelski tallied 15 points to lead the Logger offense.

The loss dropped Boyne Falls to 5-3 in the conference with an overall record of 8-5.

The Boyne Falls junior varsity trailed Mackinaw City 30-26 at half-time, but the Loggers outscored the Comets 12-7 in the third quarter and



With a step on his opponent, Josh Jarema drives the baseline while his teammate, Trevor Matelski, looks for a pass during the Loggers' disappointing homecoming loss to Mackinaw City last Friday.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

13-10 in the fourth to gain a 51-47 victory.

The win moved the Loggers to 8-4 overall with a 7-1 record in Northern Lakes Conference play.

**Cadillac Heritage Christian 68, Boyne Falls 61**

The Loggers took an early 18-14 lead after one quarter and the contest was tied at 47-47 at the half, but Cadillac Heritage Christian outscored Boyne Falls 41-34 in the second half to earn a 68-61 non-conference victory on Monday, Jan. 31.

The Loggers showed a well balanced offensive effort that saw four players reach double figures.

Demetrius Burks led the Loggers with 15 points, Matelski added 14 points, Josh Jarema contributed with 13 points and Ben Kondrat chipped in with 10.

Heritage Christian was led by Mike Schut with 22 points and Ben Herien with 16.

"Unforced turnovers are catching up with us," Hamilla said. "We're starting to push a little too much. It's something we just have to work through."

The Loggers will be on the road against Vanderbilt this Friday and travel to Brimley next Tuesday.









# Friends, family holding fundraiser for Barb Sterly

Barb Sterly is waiting to hear news from Mayo Clinic about a possible liver transplant — waiting inside, not daring to risk exposure to the flu that is affecting schools this week.

But her husband, Jim, will be at Sunday's "golumpki" dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Boyne City, where friends and church members are holding a charity event complete with live music to help with medical expenses.

Sterly had been at Mayo Clinic

since Oct. 6, with a couple of week-ends home. She finally came home last week. She is on a feeding tube, but is gaining enough strength that she is beginning to be able to get around without a walker.

A golumpki is a kind of cabbage roll, according to Barb, and the ladies of St. Augustine's Ladies Guild will be making them.

"The outpatient has been unbelievable. When I was at Mayo, I got three or four calls every day. Cards,

too. Prayer chains have got us through," she said. "We are Catholic, but I think I am on every prayer chain around here. The compassion has been unbelievable."

There is still a hill to climb. Because livers must be matched by bloodtype and size (that is, the donated liver must be an adult's), and Sterly is O-positive, finding a cadaver match will take a projected year and a half. Sterly's doctors, both here and at Mayo, say that she does not have

that long.

"We are just buying time," Sterly said. She is suffering from Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis, and if she is to survive, she must find a living donor.

After her brother and her daughter had both been ruled out, testing began on Sterly's son, who is also O-positive. The word from Mayo is that, so far, there are "no red flags."

The liver, according to Sterly, has two lobes. One is 60 percent and the

other 40 percent of the whole. If the operation goes through, Sterly will receive the 60 percent lobe of her son's liver, leaving him with the 40 percent lobe. However, both livers will regenerate to up to 90 percent of the original, provided that Sterly's body does not reject the donated lobe.

"It is the only organ, besides the skin, that regenerates," Sterly said. Her case is complicated.

"People can live 10, 15 years before transplantation," she said. "But

they found cancer. It is at bay now, due to chemotherapy and radiation — but for how long?"

"We count the good days that we have — and we have some good days," Sterly said.

The benefit golumpki dinner will be Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Knights of Columbus on M-75 South in Boyne City. It will be from noon to 4 p.m. The cost is by donation, and the money raised will go to help with Sterly's medical expenses.



## Logger royalty

After their official crowning as Boyne Falls Homecoming King and Queen, seniors Demetrius Burks and Ashley Mauchmar joined members of their court. Pictured from left are: Jessica Massey, senior; Kellie Kondrat, sophomore; Maggie Knight, freshman; Annie Perricano, junior; King Demetrius Burks; Queen Ashley Mauchmar; Kari Jepsen, senior; and Brittany Matelski, senior.



## Main Street

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The Main Street model is four parts: design, organization, economic restructuring and promotion. These four elements form the basis for subcommittees, with the idea that in order to be successful, the program has to be balanced.

According to Campbell, it has been a very successful model, nation-wide.

"I have an interest in small towns, and specifically downtowns," she said. "Downtowns are vital to all of us in terms of vitality. They're a gathering place, a point of pride. And they enable us to compete with surrounding areas."

Boyne City, Campbell said, has tremendous historic resources. The Main Street project is working with business owners to see what they are able to contribute in the way of restoration. In some cases, there are tax breaks or grants available to assist property owners. Main Street brings easy access to resources that might be hard for owners to find on their own.

"Kelly Larson, the Main Street manager-coordinator, works with the board and its committees and is a resource for people interested in the program," Campbell said, adding that. "This is a grassroots, volunteer-driven thing."

"It's bringing a lot of people together to pursue interest in the project, and to make things happen," she said. "There has been interest all along. But it was taking the 'back-shot' approach; Main Street has given it more focus."

Campbell cites the recent "Buy into Boyne" promotion, as well as last summer's first (but not last) "Boyne Thunder" event, hosted in conjunction with Camp Quality.

"It was incredible, the excitement that generated," Campbell said. She also said that last summer there was a "Stroll the Streets" event, with live music, every Friday night.

"The key is getting a volunteer core in any town excited about getting things moving — getting the groundswell of interest and support," she said. "There has been an accelerated pace over the last couple years, but it was wise to spend the time in advance getting knowledgeable and prepared."

"We are not trying to compete with the city or the chamber of commerce — we wanted to work cooperatively. We have a great partnership with the city, with (city manager) Mike Cain on the board, and with the chamber, with (executive director) Scott MacKenzie on the board."

She said that many future projects can be coordinated with other entities. "If the city is tearing up the street to put in a new sewer line, we can piggy-back with that and do the streetscape when they are finished."

Campbell said she will still be on the board, now that she is no longer chair, and will likely be involved in some committee work.

"Time-wise, I needed to step back and take some time with my own business," she said. "I will work with Kelly in pursuit of grants to be able to leverage our project further, with a goal to do some longer term projects, like a streetscape."

Campbell expects this year will be spent looking at priorities, costs, engineering, scheduling and additional funding opportunities.

Stepping back for Campbell is far from stepping out. She still has a passion for the old buildings, of which she said, "Once they're gone, they're gone. It's important that we do this now."

But she feels that now she can concentrate on her own business.

"I feel like we've gotten our foundation in place and now it's moving forward," she said. "I want to encourage people to get involved. It's not just one person, or two people. It's not just the board. It's a real grassroots program."

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