

COMING EVENTS

Girls Scouts offer babysitting

The Boyne Falls Junior Girl Scout Troop #275 invites you to drop off your child on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 5 - 11 p.m. We will babysit for donations only, which will be given to the Boyne City Preschool. Enjoy the Confederate Railroad concert, or an adult evening out while your children enjoy crafts, projects, games and snacks. Please call Amy at the Boyne City Preschool, (231) 582-7131, with any questions.

Parents for alternative choices meeting in BC

The Boyne Area Concerned Parents for Alternative Choices group will have a planning meeting Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in room 142 of the Boyne City Middle School. For further information, please call Amelia Ryan at (231) 582-1608 or Chris Adkison at (231) 582-2878.

BC Business After Hours

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce next Business After Hours will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Garrett's on Water Street, hosted by 5/3rd Bank, Char-Em Appraisal Service, and Garrett's.

Cherry recipe contest at Friske's

To commemorate National Cherry Month, Friske's Farm Market is sponsoring its third annual cherry recipe contest Saturday, Feb. 25. This year's categories are appetizers and cookies/bars. Everyone except professional chefs and Friske employees and their immediate families are invited to participate. Registration packets are available to pick up at Friske's Farm Market on U.S. 31 at Atwood, by calling (231) 599-2604 or by request online at info@friske.com.

BC Chamber looking for hosts, participants

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for host families and a project manager for this summer's Blue Lake Fine Arts program. This year we will have two groups: July 12 to 15, Boyne City will host Big Band Goethe-Gymnasium (a 24-member Swing Big Band all the way from Germany) and July 29 to 31, the Blue Lake International Jazz Band (a 20-member Jazz Band.) Please contact the Chamber at (231) 582-6222 if you would like to host or participate.

Tickets to luau available soon

Tickets went on sale Feb. 1 for the Charlevoix County Humane Society Hawaiian luau, which will be Sunday, March 5, from 5 - 9 p.m. at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The highlight of this event will be the hot sounds of Mojo and the Boogie Man. Tickets are \$30 per person and will include hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets can be purchased at the Humane Society at 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City. A limited number are available, so get yours early. If you need further information, please call the Humane Society at (231) 582-6774.

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Boyne City first to earn EPA 'Green Community'

BY B. J. HETLER
 Contributing Writer

BOYNE CITY - Boyne City is the first community in Michigan to receive designation as a "Green Community" from the federal Environmental Protection Agency, city planner Dan Reed said. It joins a select few such cities in

the country so far. The EPA's Green Communities Program honors communities that engage in environmentally sound practices in the areas of a healthy environment, a strong economy and a high quality of life for its citizens.

Reed compiled the information and materials necessary to apply for the designation from

the EPA. Some of Boyne City's programs that the agency considered are the Main Street Program, Tree City USA, Bicycle Friendly City and the 10 Percent Energy Reduction Challenge.

"It's great to receive the recognition," Reed said. "We're pretty happy about it."

The EPA notified the city in a letter dated

Jan. 3. Reed said a ceremony is planned in Boyne City with a representative from the EPA, as well as dignitaries from Washington, D.C., sometime in the spring.

"The people from Washington didn't want to come here in the winter," Reed joked.

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Welcoming the Warriors



Jake's Place in Boyne Falls has raised more than \$113,000 since it first started sponsoring a Wertz Warrior eight years ago. Fred Tate, left, is that rider. Center, Mark Fidrych accepts a \$20,187.93 check from Jake's Place owner Kim Rotermund.

Riding to Jake's for Special Olympics

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

BOYNEFALLS - Once again, Jake's Place in Boyne Falls welcomed the Wertz Warriors to its door in support of Special Olympics. The Warriors, and Jake's Place owners Kim and Sharon Rotermund, were undaunted by the lack of snow: the real goal is raising funds for the many northern Michigan athletes that participate in Special Olympics in Area 33.

"The day was good, even with the lack of snow, the riders all came in on their machines and left on them, and we gave them a check

for \$20,187.93," Rotermund said.

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 undertaken with the goal of raising money for Special Olympics of Michigan's winter games. The first year, the Warriors raised, \$35,000. Last year it raised two-thirds that amount at Jake's Place alone.

The fund-raising program is designed so that 25 percent of the money raised in an area is used for that area. While all the money is

run through Special Olympics of Michigan at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, 25 percent of what Jake's Place raises for Wertz Warriors comes back up north for the Area 33 Winter Games held annually at Challenge Mountain.

For the last eight years the Rotermunds have sponsored a rider and held fund-raisers to benefit the Winter Games, including an annual tailgate party during the Michigan/Michigan State football game, and a pig roast, always the third Saturday in August.

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Sew faithful

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

EAST JORDAN - Four St. John's church quilters, Judy Haney, Ruthanne Sheridan, Donna Theibert, and Charlotte Kuntz are the Quilt Mission workers at St. John's church. Their project is making prayer quilts, and it never ends, and they never grow weary.

Theibert said that while she and some others had heard of a similar type of project before, it wasn't until church deacon Tim Pilson brought it up with the church's service commission that the ladies started to really think about implementing a quilt mission.

"Tim said, 'Nobody else wants it, so you're stuck with it,'" laughed Theibert, and then admitted that Pilson had actually been much more tactful in his approach. But the ladies gladly took it on.

At first they were piecing as many as three or four quilts a week, and each quilt was the result of a prayer request. The person who needed prayer would get a quilt, but before he or she ever received it, it was pieced and assembled and the ties were put through it - but the quilt was not tied. Tying took place at the church, and every knot was tied while a prayer was being said.

"The person who gets it is cuddled up in prayers," said Theibert. Each quilt is personalized with their name embroidered on a special tag that also includes a bit of scripture or a religious saying. The quilts have found their way not only into many local homes (and hearts), but to New Mexico, Wisconsin and



Donna Theibert, left, and Charlotte Kuntz show the cheerfulness and fun that are sewn into each one of the prayer quilts they make and give away - cuddling their recipients in prayer, Theibert said.

Arizona.

One soldier currently stationed in Iraq got covered in quilted prayer, but the quilt is in the care of his mother, who wraps herself in it to feel close to her son.

All the fabric is donated - and mostly by the ladies who piece the quilts. They have robbed their own personal fabric collections, and also scour garage sales, second-hand stores and estate sales for fabric collections. As a result, the quilts often have a vintage, well-loved look, and no two are the same. Coats and Clarks donated a box of thread to the mission.

Since its inception last summer ("...we started the wrong time of year," said Charlotte. "We had all the windows and doors open. Why, I thought I was going to die without my Pepsi and chocolate.") the group has created 27 quilts. These days business is slightly slower than the first few weeks, so they try to keep a or two quilt ahead - pieced, but untied, of course.

The ladies who piece and assemble the quilts will sometimes have the finished project in their homes for a little while before they go to

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Raising drug-free children

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

EAST JORDAN - The East Jordan Public Schools have responded vigorously to the call for community action to address the issue of drug use among area youth. Last week all high school students attended an assembly to get informed about laws as they apply to teenage children, regarding minor in possession offenses, zero tolerance laws, criminal sexual conduct, and drinking and driving.

Earlier in the week, the school hosted a community presentation by Celia and Scott Kelly of BASES of Charlevoix on how to raise drug-free children. This is the first in a series of educational programs to be presented at by EJHS. About 50 concerned citizens were in attendance.

The Kellys have extensive experience with local drug problems, and do not take them lightly, and yet the tone of their message was positive.

The most important thing one parent said she took away from the community meeting was the message that a zero tolerance policy has a profound impact on children. Parents who present a zero tolerance message to alcohol, tobacco and drug use have children who are dramatically less likely to experiment than do parents whose policy is permissive of occasional use, such as a little alcohol at a wedding or a holiday meal.

Young people are influenced to try cigarettes, alcohol or drugs based in part on their availability, Celia said. The more readily available the substance, the more likely a person is to try it. Another factor is "perception of risk." As people are increasingly educated on the risks of cigarette smoking, for instance, young people perceive the health risk of smoking as high, and subsequently the number of young smokers drops.

Parents who abuse substances, no matter what their spoken policy is, are more likely to have children that use.

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Joe Behling, left, and Ryan Amesbury are now part of the volunteer Boyne City Fire Department. Not pictured is recently reinstated Chuck Witte.

Three firefighters join Boyne Fire Department

BY B. J. HETLER
 Contributing Writer

BOYNE CITY - Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury is pleased that two new firefighters have joined the city fire department, and likely has a bit of family pride for one of them - his son Ryan Amesbury. A third, Chuck Witte, was previously certified, but retired, has returned to the department.

Ryan, 22, and Joe Behling, 23, completed schooling in Charlevoix and recently joined the department. They both have families in the profession.

Some of Behling's aunts and uncles are

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Boyer City's manager Michael Cain (left) and planner Dan Reed recently shared a letter at City Hall from the Environmental Protection Agency that awarded the city designation as a "Green Community."

Green

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The voluntary program does not add new regulations or oversight by the EPA, but it honors only those communities that plan sustainable futures that strive to promote the environment, economic equity and active involvement of citizens from all sectors of the community, including local officials, business, industry and civic organizations.

Green Communities must reapply every two years and show significant progress

in achieving goals in order to keep the designation, the EPA guidelines state.

Boyer City will benefit from visibility because the EPA issues a press release and adds the city to the agency's website. The city will receive a highway-approved sign that reads: "Your Community, A Participating Green Community, in cooperation with U.S. EPA and other sponsors," and will receive information about grant funds that could help support the city's sustainability efforts.

VETERANS NEWS

SAN ANTONIO - Army Pvt. Seth P. Buitendorp has graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. The training included completion of basic military training and advanced individual training.

In basic training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During AIT, the soldier completed the field artillery fire support specialist advanced individual training course. The course is designed to train soldiers to es-

tablish, maintain, and operate radio and wire communications and speech security equipment, including encoding and decoding messages using specific line templates; prepare and maintain daily staff journal, fire support situation map, status charts, capability overlay, and other fire support and target processing records; and assist in initiating requests for field artillery, mortar, naval gunfire, and aerial delivered munitions.

Buitendorp is the son of Sam Buitendorp of Horton Bay Road, Boyne City. He is a 2005 graduate of Boyne City High School.

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

Jan. 30 - Feb. 5

Monday, Jan. 30: Unlock assistance on Grant Street; one arrested on warrant; assist on Boyne Avenue/Boyer City-East Jordan Road; one arrested on warrant for possession of marijuana.

Tuesday, Jan. 31: Unlock on First Street; three NSF checks turned in from Boyne Mobil; PDA at Lake and Water streets; suspicious smell at Parkview Apartments; unlock at Litzzenburger Place.

Wednesday, Feb. 1: Loud music complaint on Jersey Street; report of drive-off from Boyne Mobil; PDA in post office parking lot.

Thursday, Feb. 2: Citation issued for expired plate; citation issued for de-

fective equipment; 9-1-1 check at Litzzenburger Apartments; violation of controlled substance on Lakeview Drive - transported by Boyne City EMS.

Friday, Feb. 3: One arrested for DWLS; warrant arrest; drive-off at S & K Foods; one arrested for domestic violence.

Saturday, Feb. 4: Property check on E. Water Street; larceny report under

investigation; unlock from Broadway Street; citation issued for improper lane use.

Sunday, Feb. 5: Citation issued for POI; barking dog complaint on Adams Street; one arrested and transported for OWI; hit and run accident report from Glen's parking lot; drive-off from S & K Foods.

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Events

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Learn to manage money, buy home

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation of Boyne City will be offering free financial fitness/credit education classes starting in March. The classes will be offered through a five week workshop series starting Monday evening, March 6. The topics will include knowing and understanding your credit, predatory lending, a free personal credit report review, financial management and budgeting, as well as information on how to clean up bad credit. Participants will receive information on consumer rights, dealing with creditors, and how to become a homeowner. To register call Alice Yeoman toll-free at (866) 637-1834. Classes will be held each Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Health and Education Center, 360 Connable in Petoskey.

'Day Away' in Chicago

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will be sponsoring their 4th annual "Day Away" art trip on May 10, 11, 12. This year's theme, "Chicago's Contrasting Eras," will encompass three art-full days of enjoying the historical and contemporary aspects of Chicago.

Limited coach seats available. Please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 for details and opportunity to register with payment for the trip. Sign up can also be made on the website: crookedtree.org. Fee for trip: \$485 members; \$510 non-members, single supplement extra.

STUDENT NEWS

Lake Superior State Dean's List

SAULT STE. MARIE - Several area students have earned the distinction of being included on the Lake Superior State University Dean's List for the fall semester, achieving a 3.5 grade point average for the semester. They are: **Aaron Westrick**, Senior, Criminal Justice, and **Brittney Farrell**, Sophomore, Finance and Economics, both of Boyne City; **Nickolas Moes**, Junior, Business Administration - Management, and **Lori Olson**, Senior, Business Administration - Management, both of East Jordan.

Michigan Tech Dean's List

HOUGHTON - More than 1,400 students were placed on the fall 2005 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University, earning grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. The following students from our area were honored: **Brian A Kirby**, Senior, Computer Science, and **Mark C. McKenney**, Junior, Computer Network and System Administration, both of East Jordan.

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Confederate Railroad will be on state at the Boyne City Community Auditorium on Feb. 11, at 2 and 8 p.m.

Two local concerts for your Valentine

BY JANE BOOZE
Editor

BOYNE CITY/EAST JORDAN - The Boyne City Community Auditorium welcomes country music legend Confederate Railroad to its stage, Feb. 11, at 2 and 8 p.m.

The genre is country, but the styles vary with a little southern rock, contemporary and non-traditional country. Rachel Williams will open for Confederate Railroad.

Tickets for the show are now on sale at Boyne Country Books, Country Now and Then, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce and Water Street Café. Adult tickets are \$15, and students are \$8.

Then, just five days after Valentine's Day, John Berry will be bringing his Love Tour to the East Jordan area, with a Sunday performance at the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School.

Berry's Love Tour kicked off last spring, with the release of his album, "I Give My Heart," in which John puts his considerable talent into a collection of classic love songs - and East Jordan welcomes him just in time to present those love songs to your special Valentine.

The Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School is proud to be included in the Love Tour,



John Berry will be in concert on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Community Auditorium in East Jordan.

Sunday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Tickets are available at the following East Jordan locations: Busy Bridge, Cafe Casa, and the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, and can be purchased in person or over the phone at administration office, where they are accepting Visa or Mastercard. For tickets or information, contact Kim Brown at (231) 536-3131.

The Boyne City and East Jordan venues are enthusiastic about being able to bring northern Michigan the kind of talent that these two shows represent. The concerts will help establish northern Michigan as a supporter of music and the arts, and will provide welcome winter diversion for the next couple weekends.

Boyne Falls court



Boyne Falls Homecoming court, front, from left: Tiffany Matelski, Tiffany Burks, Annie Pernicano and Carissa Reynolds. Back, from left: Trevor Matelski, Jake Himmelspach, Jimmy Gross and Ben Kondrat.



Donation
Joyce Newville, secretary, and Nancy Fulkerson, president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #1583 Ladies Auxiliary, present a check to Gail Farley of Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders. The Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders is a grassroots group who are working hard to help those in Charlevoix-Emmet County area suffering with cancer.

Fire

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firefighters, and his father Bill Behling served on the Boyne City Fire Department. Joe and his wife Jasmine have a two-year-old son, Kanden. Witte is also a volunteer with the Boyne City emergency medical service, and is taking a paramedic course, which he will finish this year.

The department has responded to three fires within ten days. A house on Springwater Beach Road in

Evangeline Township was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, Jan. 18. It was unoccupied at the time.

Firefighters rescued a family from their burning North Park Street home on Friday, Jan. 20; and on Friday, Jan. 27, the department responded to a fire at Woodland Pre-Finishing Systems, a wood staining business on M-75. Chief Amesbury said there were no in-

juries in any of the three fires and none are considered suspicious.

Behling and Amesbury responded to the calls along with the other volunteer firefighters. They said that being on the scene and helping people was more satisfying than the six months of schooling.

"It was a lot of book work," Ryan Amesbury said.

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OPINION

The few, the proud

Neil has a nephew, Kyle, who is a Marine reservist. He spent the last weekend in an abandoned inner-city school building, learning to clear classrooms - a kind of simulation of urban warfare. They slept on uncarpeted classroom floors, and he said that he had to roll over in the night occasionally, just so the floor-side of him would stop hurting. It wasn't restful.

LAST CALL

Kyle's a nice kid, apolitical, middle class, college-oriented, a fraternity brother even before he joined the brotherhood of the Marines. He is, like the rest of the reservists he has trained with over the last year, anxious to go to Iraq. Even the Marines in his unit who have already done a tour of duty are "pumped" to get back over there, he said.



Jane Booze

The thing I like best about my job is getting to learn little scraps about so many different things: logging with horses, fire-fighting, the machinations of city politics, what's new at Grandvue, NCMC's satellite classes in East Jordan, Camp Quality, Boyne Thunder, Wertz Warriors. It's fascinating to talk to people, to listen to their passions and to soak in a few minutes worth of their expertise.

Nothing interests me more than talking to soldiers. Right off the bat they are doing their job in a foreign country, and in many cases getting pretty up-close and personal with the folks that live there. You might listen to a soldier who has little himself, coming back home to a trailer and a low-paying job, maybe, who has experienced first hand what it is like to live in a war-torn third world country. There might be a flag flying outside that trailer, because of a renewed appreciation for the lucky fact of being an American citizen. His (or her) stories of being in-country are full of the opportunity to share care packages with new Iraqi friends - the shampoo and soap that are coveted gifts for the nationals, and in abundance for the soldier. He might have gifts to show where his own generosity was rewarded with a widow's mite, and these are treasures. He is less likely to talk about combat.

Here is something Kyle shared with me: an MRE. Meal Ready to Eat - or, another acronym, he said, is Meals Reluctant to Exit. He said that they're made that way for battlefield convenience, but I don't know if that's true.

Have you ever eaten one? Or even seen one? I had not. They come in a useful heavy-duty plastic bag, openable by bayonet, Kyle said (they also pull open, but they're stubborn). Those MRE bags are multi-purpose - my nephew told of one person wearing them on his feet rather than go shower sans sandals.

The MREs themselves are also heavy-duty. They contain almost 3,000 calories per bag, and are designed to make not just a meal, but a day's worth of food, as needed. When he was in boot camp, Kyle said the MREs were 1985 vintage - they have an extraordinary shelf life.

We opened a vegetarian one - veggie burger, a couple of slices of wheat bread, some dried cranberries, a condiment package, a piece of pound cake, some cheesy goo to spread on the bread, some potato sticks, a bag for heating the burger, and another bag for making a hot beverage, as well as a packet of coffee or tea, and another of an orange cold drink.

The bread is heavy, like five slices of pale wheat bread smashed together. You remember smashing bread until it was small and dense? This bread is like that - only the size of a whole slice and weighty. It is chewy. I sort of liked it.

The heating bag is heavy plastic with some heating strips. You add an inch or so of water, and then your veggie burger, and a chemical reaction takes place that heats up the burger. Works, too. It stinks of chemicals while it cooks, but it does make your food hot (Marines have also been known to place a heating bag with water in it on their bodies at night, to fight off cold).

When you take out your MRE main dish, fill your plastic hot beverage bag with 12 ounces of water and drop that in your heating bag for a cup of hot java after the meal.

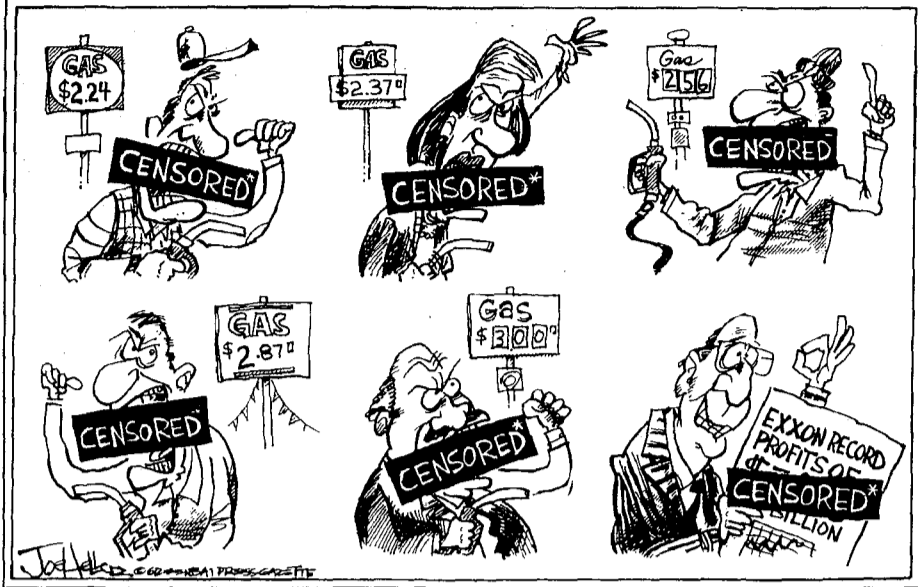
Every meal has a little bottle of Tabasco sauce in the condiment package - very cute. And some ultra-compressed toilet paper - which is a coveted item, I understand.

A novelty, I sort of liked my first MRE.

But I can't imagine eating them day in and day out, meal after meal after meal. Nor can I imagine sleeping with rocket blast, or driving with my eyes peeled for IEDs.

God, bless our volunteer troops. That eager young man, Neil's nephew, will face all that soon. For my sake, looking at it microcosmically. God bless him - and keep him safe.

* OBSCENITIES HAVE BEEN EDITED FOR THIS FAMILY NEWSPAPER.



THROUGH THE GRAY

The "gray area" is about finding connections where ones are not readily apparent and turning challenges into opportunities. It is about using the power we are all born with in order to harness our potential.

It is also about finding solutions to life's stresses so that we can have a profound effect on the quality and richness of our years.

Living a dual life

BY MICHAEL HAYNES
Guest writer

Recently, I was asked to deliver a motivational speech at a luncheon sponsored by the Northern Michigan Advertising Club. It was requested that I focus my attention on issues that face creative, high energy people. After a lot of reflection, and a lot of introspection, I found the words I was looking for. Ironically, the message I chose to deliver put into perspective something I have wondered about for years, but was never able to articulate. Let me explain.

A number of years ago, at a time when I was leaving the protective comforts of college and parents, I was ready to go - ready to make a reputation for myself. I was also ready to live life by my own rules.

It was an exciting time for me. And like a lot of people beginning a new chapter in their life, I rejoiced in the changes that would soon happen.

I was a music teacher, and in the classroom, I felt like I was on fire. I had a big dream - which included living up to the examples of all the great teachers in my own past. Every day was exciting and new and full of opportunities. And every day, I poured myself into being creative.

The need to exude creativity consumed me.

At the same time in my life that I describe above, I was trying to maintain a focus on long-term goals such as a graduate degree, getting married, paying off my college loans, and saving money to buy a house.

Add to that, my job required me to deal with a lot of difficult situations - students, parents, budgets, red tape, and so on.

Like a lot of people in the creative professions, I felt like I was living a dual life: One, a right-brained, "gray area" life that required all of my energy to think out of the box and be creative every day; another, a left-brained, "black and white" life. Trying to live both, simultaneously, was frustrating. There just wasn't enough of me to manage both worlds. So, after a while, I started feeling the signs of burn-out.

Eventually I realized that I couldn't change the people I encountered, and the "black and white" things in my life weren't going away. I did, however, start to search for ways to feed my creative side and minimize frustration with all the other stuff. And as time went by, I found ways to use my creative energy to deal with black and white situations.

The first opportunity to unleash my creative energy came in dealing with difficult people or situations. I learned that the way in which words are put together, difficult situations or people are diminished. This included looking for a variety of options or "right" answers. A willingness to see several possible solutions to problems increases the likelihood of finding a win-win scenario. Thinking of words as "connectors" and bridges, for example; using the word "and" instead of "but" to assert one's opinion or point of view, is also a way to choreograph the tougher situations.

A second way that I put my right-brained skills to work was to make a list. I started to notice how really successful people "planned" for their success by using goal-setting strategies to prepare themselves for a creative, exceptional life. Some would say that making a list was a left-brained activity and devoid of creativity. This would be true if the list to which I was referring was a grocery list or list of chores, but what if the list included things like running a marathon or riding in the space shuttle? Then this listing process becomes a source of motivation and inspiration.

My point in all of this is simple - there are a lot of right-brainers out there feeling stifled and frustrated by life's monotony, but there's hope. Whether we're feeling stuck in a rut, suffering from seasonal affective disorder, or just tired of giving up our creativity to deal with non-creative stuff, using our creative energy to tackle difficult situations and dream big can help us all avoid feeling burned out.

LETTERS

'DNR lacks tools to get accurate counts'

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Ms. Lee's letter last week, I agree that the DNR lacks the tools to get accurate counts on deer herds, hunting success, and many other issues. However, I do know they send out survey letters, set up check stations, and do overpass as well as Mackinaw Bridge counts. In this free society we live, exact counts are hard to come by.

That said, I also disagree with the DNR totals. I believe deer herds are much lower than estimated, though this is not the reason for this response. Ms. Lee's statements on bow hunting are unfortunate. I've been hunting for 30 years and my personal experiences have not been similar to hers, but the unfortunate part is that her feelings are just the thing the anti-hunters are trying to fuel. Any statement made against any form of legal hunting, adds to the ammo box of those trying to end all hunting. I would go along with some changes may need to be made in seasons due to the explosion in popularity of bow hunting, but to call for the end of all bow hunting is the wrong stance.

As hunters our energy would be much better spent

fighting those against us all. A call to order to fight organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States who puts up a front as caring for pet species, which they do, as well as other good ideas, but did you know the HSUS actually paid people to collect the signatures against dove hunting? These were not concerned volunteers standing in the doorway of K-Mart in Charlevoix, or anywhere else, but hired employees paid by HSUS through donations. The HSUS has publicly stated they are coming after Michigan bow hunting next. Calling for (as was Ms. Lee) the end of all bow hunting. Don't think they'll stop there. The HSUS are the largest financial supporter of all antihunting pushes and law suits nation wide, even more that P.E.T.A. Let's join together, Ms. Lee, and all hunters. Search out your favorite sportsman club, MUCC, NRA, NWF, SCI and countless others, join, and be active so we, our children, grandchildren and beyond can continue to enjoy the freedoms of our heritage of hunting.

Bruce Tyree
East Jordan

NEIGHBORS

• Even the blustery weather didn't keep the Boyne

Area Senior Center from bustling with activity on Sunday, Feb. 5, as more than 100 guests from the Boyne area and away attended the 80th birthday celebration honoring local resident, Caroline McCleary.



Nancy Northup

Born on Pearl Street in downtown Boyne City in 1926, Caroline has remained a Boyne City resident throughout her lifetime - currently residing at Deer Meadows apartments. Sunday's event celebrated Caroline's life with an open house and hors d'oeuvres reception, hosted by her son, Patrick McCleary - who received many accolades throughout the day for his special attention to detail. Guests enjoyed a wide variety of foods and beverages - including many local specialties and a fresh raspberry punch. Johann's Bakery of Petoskey prepared the beautiful, three-tiered birthday cake, and the lovely floral arrangements were the work of the Boyne Avenue Greenhouse. Several toasts were made in honor of Caroline, as well as some to acknowledge the special family and friends in attendance. Although the family had requested only warm handshakes, loving hugs and good wishes be brought, cards and many lovely gifts were presented to Caroline - all of which were well received and much appreciated. Those in attendance from out of town included both family members and friends, including: Chris and Erika McCleary and their daughter, Riley, of Holland; Shawn and Natalie McCleary and children, Alexis and Isaiah of Jenison; Mr. And Mrs. Raymond Burns of Grandville; Mrs. Edith Fuller of Westland; and Mr. And Mrs. Michael Stone of Milwaukee, Wisc. The McCleary family also wishes to thank their many dear friends who braved the winter weather to be part of this very special day for their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

• **Father Bill Jarema**, a Boyne City High School graduate, recently published a book called, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Alter!" Copies are available at Boyne Country Books. The book is a compilation of stories and jokes and a variety of prayers. If you want to visit Fr. Bill's website, the address is mercycenter.org. We can be proud of one of Boyne's own - congratulations, Father Jarema!

• **Jessie Baker of Boyne City** was honored with a lovely baby shower on Sunday, Jan. 29, by her parents, Park and Yvonne Hueber on Wildwood Harbor Road. A bubbly and excited first-time mother-to-be she was, as about 20 family members and friends - including grandparents-to-be, Tim and Carolyn Baker - shared in a fun time of games, very nice gift moments for mom and baby, and refreshments. Jessie and husband, Tim Baker, are expecting the arrival of their first child on Feb. 26. Cousins Rebecca Gardner and Jennie Hoffman were co-hostesses of this special event.

• **Boyne City High School's annual "Snow Ball"** was a huge success with the colorful gowns of the gals and handsomely suited guys on Saturday night, in spite of the beginning stage of the return of winter. The many high school students attending spent a great evening of entertainment and music by deejay Jack Belcher.

• **Phyllis Tison of Litzzenburger Place** is back over at Boulder Park in Charlevoix for rehab following her recent surgery.

• **Mick and Sharon Kane** went to Port Huron area to see his mother, Bonnie Kane, and spent the weekend with sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Bud Jolly. Mom is doing well there, and is waiting for an opening at Deer Meadows. Then she will be coming back to her beloved Boyne City and reside here with friends.

• **In spite of Sunday's winds and blowing snow**, several of the Free Methodist Church congregation gathered to enjoy the Super Bowl game together at the Parsonage home of pastor Mark and Cindy Bullock and son, Cody.

• **"At the East Jordan Senior Center"** - look for them to be serving delicious home-cooked lunches daily at noon. Mondays join them for Merry Musicals at 11 a.m., Tuesdays, Friday is Bingo day, with great prizes, and everyone wins. The second Tuesday of every month is Birthday Day, celebrating seniors' birthdays. Join them on

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Tiffany Burks
PARENTS: Reginald and Jackie Burks
GRADE: 12th
FAVORITE CLASS: British Literature
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hang out with friends
FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball
FAVORITE FOOD: Nachos
FAVORITE BOOK: "The Notebook" and "Don't Die My Love."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "The Notebook"
FUTURE PLANS: Go to college; Saginaw or Grand Valley.
STAFF COMMENTS: "I am pleased to nominate Tiffany Burks as student of the week. Tiffany has always worked hard and shown dedication to her studies. I enjoy her laughter and unique personality. She has the potential to be anything she desires. I am proud of her effort as a student and as a person." Mr. Tippett.



She also volunteers to come to the 7/8th grade choir during her lunch time and help in the alto section. I know that if Becca says she will do something for you, it is as good as done. This is very impressive in a young person."
CONCORD CARES: "I volunteer at the Humane Society. I also help out in the Middle school choir and drama classes."

East Jordan High School

NAME: Brittany Kritz
PARENTS: Rhonda and Kevin Zmiky
GRADE: 11th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, Student Council
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): English and Choir
FUTURE PLANS: Go to college and become a doctor
STAFF COMMENTS: "Brittany Kritz is a considerate and hard working young lady. She always puts forth her best effort." Mrs. Cardwell.
 "Brittany is a responsible, mature and pleasant student. She always has her work done and it is quality. What a joy!" Mrs. Zell.
 "Brittany is an honest, humble and outstanding person. Her example to everyone around her is a gift and I appreciate that." Mr. Tarsa.



Concord Academy Boyne

NAME: Rebecca Berns
PARENTS: Ray and Melissa Berns of Boyne City
GRADE: 10th
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: "Hang out with my friends;" "Sleep! I am so busy."
FAVORITE CLASSES: Math and science, advanced dance and ballet.
FAVORITE AUTHOR: Barbara Kingsolver.
FAVORITE BOOK: "The Poisonwood Bible," by my favorite author.
STAFF COMMENTS: for Character Education. Responsibility: "Becca's word can be trusted. She not only is responsible in her academic life, but she seems to have made responsible decisions in her personal life as well."
 "Becca volunteered to take on the responsibility to choreograph 2 dance numbers in the Middle School musical."



East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Lissa Vincent
PARENTS: John and Tami Vincent
GRADE: 6th
STAFF COMMENTS: "Lissa is one of the friendliest students in the 6th grade, always greeting her peers and teachers with a smile. Way to go Lissa," Paul Keyser.
 "Lissa is a very nice young lady who always strives for quality in all that she does." Anne Petric.



'Man with a Plastic Sandwich' dinner theatre

EAST JORDAN - The play "The Man with the Plastic Sandwich" is a very funny adult comedy with clever lines and bittersweet moments. Walter Price, played by Geoff Britt, is an "uptight, straight-laced person, who has never taken the time to smell the roses." He is phased out of his job after 20 years, and is afraid to admit it to his wife. Job hunting and readjustment leads Walter to attempt to find solace on a park bench. Here he encounters three engaging, provocative characters.



Geoff Britt, seated, is Walter Price, who finds his place in the world from a bench in the park in "The Man with the Plastic Sandwich" to be presented by the East Jordan Arts Council in February. Behind him are, from left, Terri Warnos, Susanne Dalton, and Howard Ellis - three people Price encounters in the park.

First, there is Ellie, played by Terri Warnos, a high-spirited ingenue who represents hope; then Haley (Howard Ellis), a distinguished hobo representing wisdom; and finally Lenore, played by Suzanne Dalton, a hooker representing reality. Each encounter is an enlightenment. "The Man with the Plastic Sandwich," written by Roger Karshner, is being presented as dinner and/or dessert theatre by the Jordan River Arts Council for three performances, Feb. 17, 18, 19, at the East Jordan High School cafeteria.

Feb. 17 and 18 will begin with dinner at 6 p.m., and Feb. 19 will begin with dessert at 2 p.m. Ticket price: Dinner theatre, \$20. Dessert theatre, \$12. Produced with special arrangements from Samuel French, Inc. Seating is limited for each performance. All tickets will be pre-sold. No tickets will be sold at the door, but can be purchased at Boyne Country Books, Boyne City; C2 Gallery, Charlevoix; Casa Galleria, East Jordan; Jordan River Art Center, East Jordan; the cast members; or by calling Jane Diller at (231) 582-6399.

Neighbors

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Sunday, Feb. 12, for our "Sweetheart Sunday Dinner," featuring home-cooked turkey and all the fixings, with entertainment provided by the Cousins Music Group. And don't miss the annual bake sale on Friday, Feb. 24 - your baked goods donations are very welcome.

• **Enjoy a fun game of Bingo** at the Boyne Area Senior Center on Thursday, Feb. 9. For lunch at noon. Lemon Chicken is on the menu. Potatoes, carrots and fruit will also be served. Also on Thursday, a speaker will be present from the Retired and Volunteer Senior Program. Friday, Feb. 10, macaroni and cheese will be served. Monday, Feb. 13, there will be Chop Suey served for lunch, as well as melon and vegetable. Monday is again Bingo Day - remember -

everyone wins! Come join the fun. Tuesday, Feb. 14, will be Birthday Day. If your birthday is in February, a free lunch will be served to you on Birthday Day. On the menu for the day is liver and onions, along with mashed potatoes. Feb. 15, Wednesday, will be Cook's Choice. Line dancing will be held at 10:30 a.m., there is no charge - just come and have fun. A special day to mark on your calendars is Sunday, Feb. 12, when the Sweetheart Dinner will be held at the East Jordan Senior Center. Music, food and fun - plan to enjoy your Sunday dinner with them.

Please give Nancy a call at her Litzgenburger Place apartment (231) 582-9174, or E-mail neighbors@glakes.com to share items of interest in the Neighbors column. Thank you!

Super Crossword
 Answers

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 1. BIRD
 2. FISH
 3. TREE
 4. FLOWER
 5. FRUIT
 6. VEGETABLE
 7. MEAT
 8. BEVERAGE
 9. SNACK
 10. SWEET
 11. SALT
 12. PEPPER
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 14. OIL
 15. EGGS
 16. MILK
 17. CHEESE
 18. YOGURT
 19. ICE CREAM
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WEEKLY Health Tips
 By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist
Stress Management

Severe stress can make you more susceptible to illness and possibly increase your risk of heart attack or stroke. Here are some helpful ways to manage stress.

- Exercise regularly - a brisk walk can reduce stress.
- Eat a healthy diet - it gives needed energy to handle stress.
- Get enough sleep - fatigue magnifies stress.
- Laugh more - a pleasant distraction can reduce anxiety.
- Learn relaxation strategies - deep breathing, meditation, music, prayer, etc.
- Think positively - turn negative self talk into positive affirmations.

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SPORTS

SKIING Rams take honors at LMC ski meet

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

BOYNE CITY – Harbor Springs captured all four top finishes in both the boys slalom and giant slalom races to dominate the third Lake Michigan Conference meet held Nubs Nob on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Harbor put up a perfect score of 20 points, 86 points ahead of runner up Boyne City. Charlevoix/East Jordan (109) was third followed by Elk Rapids (128.5), Traverse City St. Francis (148.5) and Grayling (186).

For the Rams Jeff Hofacker won the slalom (49.22) and the GS (47.45) and teammate John Ramer was second in slalom (50.17) and GS (48.43).

Traverse City St. Francis grabbed four top ten spots to win the girls meet with 72 points followed by Harbor Springs (77), Charlevoix/East Jordan (88), Boyne City (90), Grayling (154) and Elk Rapids (179).

St. Francis' Kelsey White won the slalom (53.43) and Charlevoix/East Jordan's Katherine Rowley won the GS (49.59).

Other local boys finishers included:

Boyne City – Nick Simeri (5th GS), Kaleb McNamara (5th S, 8th GS), Ryan Kasper (16th S), Jared Fredich (17th S), Lee Blossom (19th S, 29th GS), Joe Shear (20th S, 23rd GS), Tom Hague (16th GS), Ryan Witten (25th GS).

Char/EJ – Mac Brennan (7th S, 9th GS), Billy Broden (12th S), Nic Williams (13th S, 21st GS), Tanner Fisher (15th S, 22nd GS), Geoff Baier (22nd S), Cameron Attee (10th GS), Michael Cardwell (24th GS), James Palmrose (28th GS).

Other local girls finishers included:

Charlevoix/East Jordan – Rowley (9th S), Mary Gocha (13th S), Elizabeth Hasseld (14th S, 17th GS), Emily Bajko (15th S, 15th GS), Stephanie Poindexter (18th S, 22nd GS), Kelsey Poineau (4th GS), Hailey Crick (20th GS).

Boyne City – Allison Wright (2nd S, 16th GS), Alex Welborn (4th S, 11th GS), Jessica Grice (6th S, 8th GS), Natalie Lindsay (20th S, 23rd GS), Amber Stone (23rd S, 26th GS).

Both teams will ski at the LMC meet at Boyne Mountain today.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL East Jordan defeats Kalkaska

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

EAST JORDAN – The East Jordan Middle School volleyball team defeated Kalkaska 21-25, 25-10, 25-18 on Monday Jan. 30. For East Jordan Renee Evans led with a 100 percent serving game and ten aces. Malissa Morris and Kayla Cosier were credited with a great defensive games.

Kalkaska won the seventh grade match defeating the Red Devils 25-19, 19-25, 25-19. Great effort was credited to Katie Carter (six aces), and Monica Caplin.

East Jordan's eighth grade team took all three games to defeat the Blazers. Leading servers were Krisinda Newberry, Michelle Finley, Hannah Streufert, and Erika Bennet. Leading passers were Bennet, Stephanie Clavier, and Sheneya Artgetinger.

Ramblers complete comeback, down Rams

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

BOYNE CITY – The Boyne City varsity basketball team found itself in a 26-9 hole after one quarter on Friday, Feb. 3, but the Ramblers climbed their way out to capture a 61-55 Lake Michigan Conference win at home over Harbor Springs.

"They [Harbor Springs] shot five of six three pointers in the first quarter, they weren't missing," said Boyne City coach John Hertel. "Gradually we tightened up our defense and got it down to 12 by the half."

The Ramblers began the comeback in earnest in the third quarter out pointing the Rams 18-11 to make it a 47-42 game going into the final eight minutes.

"The kids stuck to our game plan, we got the ball inside and I saw the confidence in their eyes," said Hertel.

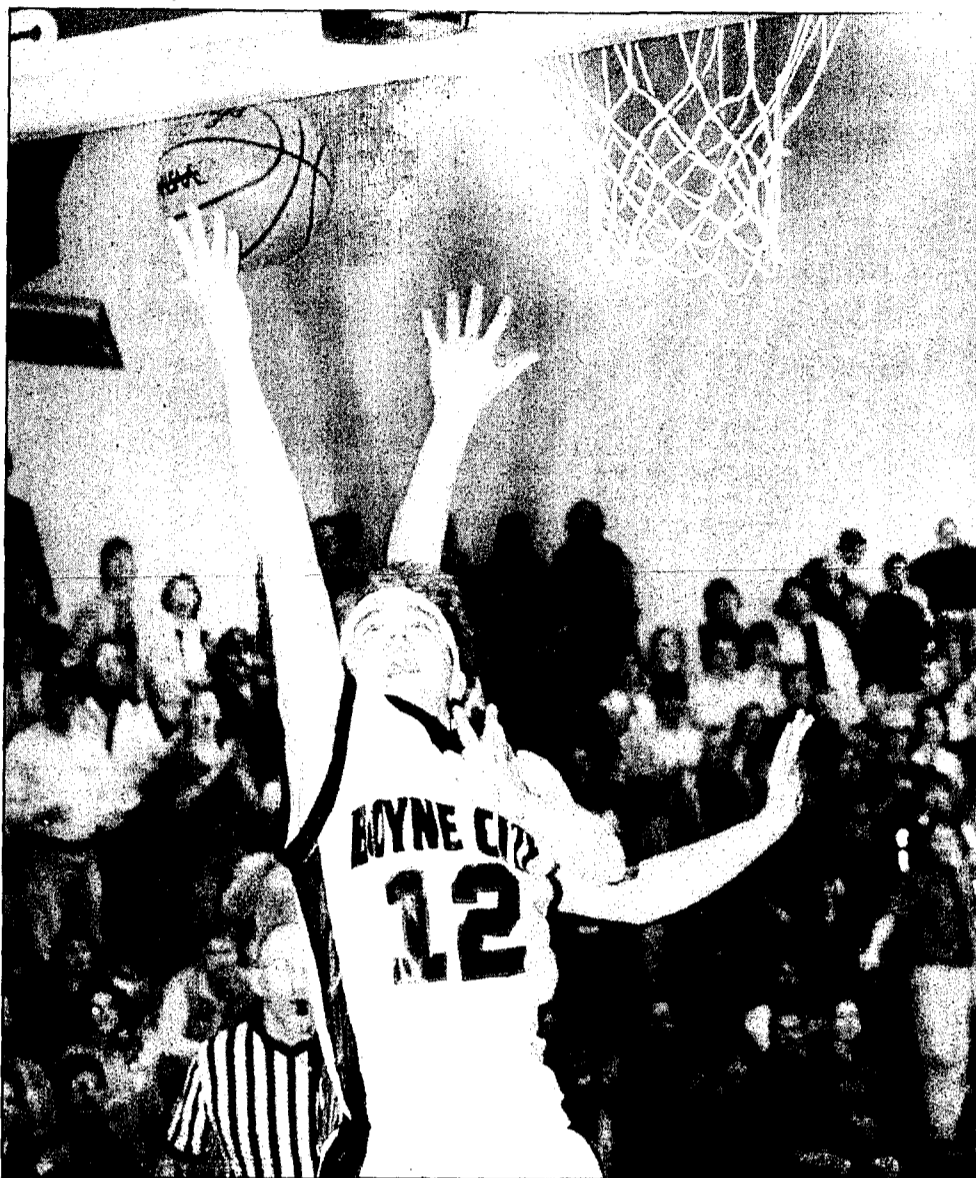
Some strong defensive play from guard Rob Jensen was also a key factor as he shut down the Rams' leading scorer Payne Schanski. Schanski scored nine points in the first half and just four points after the break.

The Ramblers took their first lead with two minutes left in the game and held on to earn their fourth league win of the year. Boyne City out scored Harbor Springs 19-8 in the final period.

"The great thing about this win was that it was a real team effort and a lot of our guys stepped up to contribute," said Hertel.

Tyler Krusel paced the Ramblers with 24 points, eight rebounds and three assists. Grant Ameel added 16 points, eight boards and three helpers; Taylor Voice chipped in with seven points and six assists and Jensen had eight rebounds and three assists.

Boyne City (6-7 overall, 4-5 LMC) will travel to Kalkaska tomorrow and host Gaylord next Tuesday.



Boyne City's Robby Jensen looks like he grew a second pair of arms for this shot during last week's comeback game against Harbor Springs.

VOLLEYBALL Devils fall at Grayling invite

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

GRAYLING – The East Jordan varsity volleyball team had a disappointing day on Saturday, Feb. 4, as the Lady Devils dropped all three matches at the Grayling Invitational Tournament.

East Jordan fell to Roscommon (15-25, 21-25) in the opening match, loss to Kingsley 7-25, 18-25) in the middle match and loss to Harbor Springs (24-25, 14-25) to end the day.

"We came out flat against both Roscommon and Kingsley," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel. "It seems that on Saturdays it takes us too long to get warmed up. We played well against Harbor, but we couldn't focus during the last game."

Jill Drenth led the day for East Jordan with 17 kills, two aces and one dig. Jessica Roberts chipped in with 23 assists and three kills, Sierra Roberts had nine digs, six kills, one assist and one ace and Jenaye Chew contributed with nine digs.

Kalkaska 3 – East Jordan 1
Kalkaska outlasted East Jordan 27-25 in hard fought closer to post a four game Lake Michigan Conference victory at East Jordan on Thursday, Feb. 2.

The Blazers took the opening two games 25-20, and 25-22 before East Jordan won the third game 25-22.

"Kalkaska came out on fire. Their serving was too much for us to handle," said Nachazel. "but after the first game we stepped it up. We have been in so many close matches this year, and this was another one. It seems that if we just scored one or two more points at the right time, we would be coming out with the victory."

Drenth paced the Red Devils with 100 percent serving, ten kills and four digs, while Kayla Windish

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VOLLEYBALL Nichols' 16 kills leads Ramblers at Invite

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

REED CITY – Boyne City outside hitter Jessica Nichols had 16 kills, 66 digs and served at a 97 percent clip to lead the Lady Ramblers at the Reed City Invitational Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Fe. 4.

Middle blocker Lindsay Baic chipped in with 43 digs, eight kills, seven blocks and 98-percent serving as Boyne City posted two wins against three losses for the tourney.

In pool play Boyne City lost to Harbor Light 10-25, 15-25; beat Pe-

toskey 25-15, 27-26; beat Inland Lakes 25-19, 25-15 and lost to Alpena 20-25, 16-25.

The Lady Ramblers advanced to the bracket round, but fell to Forest Area 13-25, 15-25 in their final match of the day.

"It was a long day, but it was nice

to beat Petoskey and Inland Lakes," said Boyne City coach Casie Parker.

Adding to the team's stats were: Emma Clenens (37 assists), Trisha Tomkins (eight kills, six aces), and Kaitlyn Wonski (eight kills).

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HOCKEY Panthers take the offensive against Cheboygan, win 6-1

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

PETOSKEY – Nik Kolodziej scored three goals, while Ben Schwartzfisher, Brandon Pomranke and Aaron Clark tallied one goal each to lead the BAHA Panthers squirt hockey team to a 6-1 victory over Cheboygan on Jan. 29.

Schwartzfisher and Clark had two assists each and Mitchell Smielewski was the winning goalie.

Strong Play Awards went to Coty Peavey and Michael Goetz.

The Panthers picked up a pair of wins over Kalkaska on Saturday, Jan. 28, winning the first game 8-1 and taking the second game 6-1.

Schwartzfisher just missed a double hat trick in the opener scoring five goals, while Clark added two goals and Kolodziej added one. Assists went to Nick Trombley (four), Clark (two), Will Snedden (one), and Pomranke (one).

Smielewski was the winning goalie and the Strong Play awards went to Pomranke and Kolodziej.

Reynolds was the winning goalie in the second game and Smielewski had two goals to lead the Panthers. Clark, Pomranke, Snedden and Trombley all scored one goal each.

Derek Smith chipped in with two helpers and Jamie Milks, Schwartzfisher, Trombley, Smielewski, and Peavey contributed with one assist

each. Milks and Clark earned the Strong Play awards.

Canton Avalanche Tournament

The BAHA Panthers made a long trip downstate on the weekend of Jan 21-22, but the team made the trek worthwhile when the Panthers brought home a gold medal from the Avalanche Tournament held in Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

Smielewski got the shutout in goal, while Schwartzfisher, Pomranke and Clark had one goal each, as the Panthers defeated the Royal Oak Panthers 3-0 in the championship game on Sunday, Jan 22.

Assists went to Pomranke and Clark with one each and the Strong Play awards went to Schwartzfisher, and Derek Smith. Clark was named the championship game Most Valuable Player as awarded by the tournament staff.

Smielewski and Reynolds got the Strong Player Awards in Saturday's opener, as the Panther tied Farmington Hills 1-1.

Schwartzfisher scored for the Panthers on assists from Reynolds and Kolodziej.

Clark got a hat trick, while Kolodziej and Pomranke got the awards when the Cats downed the Detroit Skating Thrashers 8-0 in the second game.

Trombley, Pomranke, Snedded, Peavey and Smith all tallied one



Boyne Area Hockey Association Panthers Squirt House B hockey team won the Avalanche Tournament championship. Pictured are, front row: Goalle Mitchell Smielewski; second row, kneeling, from left: Jamie Milks, Aaron Clark, assistant team captain Mitchell Reynolds, Will Snedden, assistant team captain Derek Smith, and Ben Schwartzfisher; third row: Nik Kolodziej, Brandon Pomranke, team captain Nick Trombley, Coty Peavey, and Michael Goetz; back row, coaches: assistant coach Don Smith, assistant coach James Smielewski, assistant coach Rob Trombley, and head coach Peter Schwartzfisher.

goal each and Schwartzfisher (two), Reynolds (one) and others advance to the finals with a 2-0 defeat over the Royal Oak Cardinals, Sunday's third game saw the Pan-

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Boyne hosts Nextsnow Search

The annual NextSnow Search took place at Boyne Highlands and Boyne Mountain last weekend, with 22 skiers and riders between the ages of 8 and 13 participating in a competition that could launch them into the national spotlight. It was Boyne's second year of NextSnow Search competition.

It was pouring rain on Sunday at Boyne Mountain, but that didn't stop 10 area young people from showing up and performing for the competition. Saturday's event at Boyne Highlands enjoyed sunny weather and warm temperatures, but Sunday's rain presented an even greater challenge to the kids, who are judged not only on performance, but personality.

In the NextSnow Search, athletes are selected - one per day - to participate in a national NextSnow Search event, which is held in Killington, Vt., March 3 - 5. The Vermont event, which brings together 160 kids from across the nation, spans three days, and is filmed by NBC's "Sports Illustrated for Kids." It will be aired a couple of weeks later, when the three days have been edited into one hour.

The Boyne Highlands event was taken by Kyle Mack of Bloomfield Hills, an 8-year-old snowboarder riding for Burton.

On Sunday, Boyne City skier Tyler Wellman, age 12, took the top spot at Boyne Mountain.

The event participants have to compete in four events: a race, a free ride, the half-pipe, and terrain park, slope-

style. The skier or rider with the best overall performance combined with a positive attitude and good personality take the day, and head for Vermont. But prior to competition, each athlete has had to submit an essay on why he or she loves their sport. The personality part of the competition is based on this essay as well as the judges' individual interaction with the kids.

Why is personality a part of the contest?

"A big part of it is getting away from the attitude that you have to be a jerk to be in the park," said event organizer Brian Main. "We want to increase positiveness on the Terrain, and also to represent the sport well."

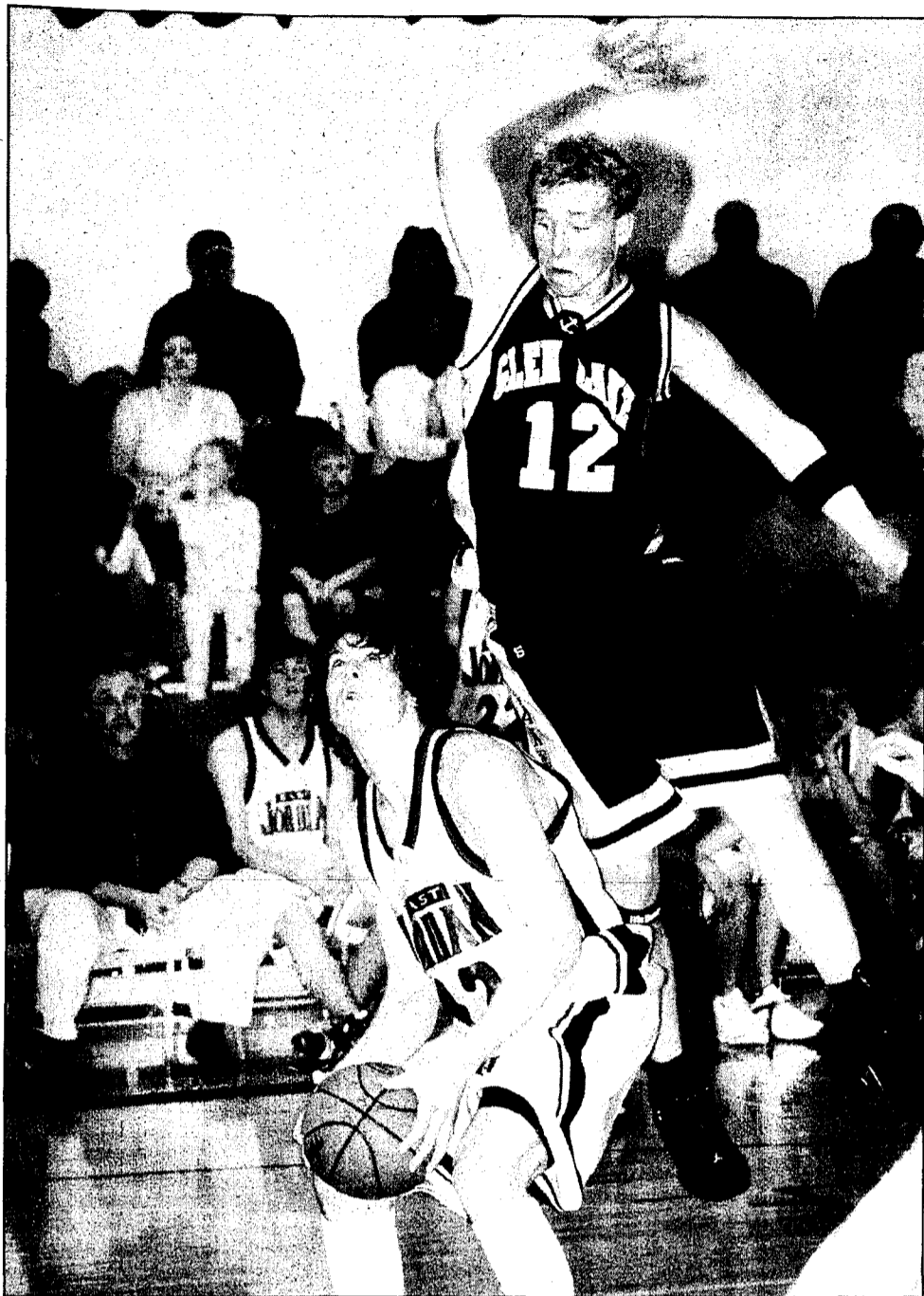
Main said that there have been events where kids who perform well are disqualified by a poor attitude.

"We lucked out here in that Kyle and Tyler were two of the best riders as well as having the best attitudes," he said. However, it was a tougher call: some bystanders said all the performers were projecting a positive attitude at the competitions.

Last year's NextSnow Search winner from Boyne Highlands, Corey Roberts, was invited back to the NextSnow All-Star event, which will be a lead-in to the Winter Olympics.

Main said that competition gets tougher every year, as young athletes get better earlier.

"Younger kids now are so much better," he said. "They are throwing huge tricks you would never have thought an 8 or 12-year-old would be throwing."



A Glen Lake defender goes up high to contest a Red Devil shot attempt under the basket. East Jordan prevailed in the game, 61-46.

Blazer pull away late to overtake Red Devils

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

fensive ends," said Bailey.

**EAST JORDAN 61
GLEN LAKE 46**

EAST JORDAN - Kalkaska out scored East Jordan 27-6 in the fourth quarter to pull away from a seven point lead at the end of the third quarter and power past the Red Devils for a 68-40 Lake Michigan Conference win at East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 3.

Aaron Swoverland led the Blazers (7-6 overall, 6-2 LMC) with 19 points, eight rebounds, five steals and three assists, while Ryan Leitow chipped in with 13 points and Chris Keller added ten points and seven rebounds.

Jeff Keyser paced the Red Devils with ten points, Chad Kraemer netted nine points, and David Marr chipped in with eight rebounds.

The Blazers held leads of 18-8, 32-25 and 41-34 at the end of the first three quarters.

"We scrapped and fought during this game and put ourselves in a position to win it, but the wheels came off in the fourth quarter and we couldn't put the ball in the basket," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey. "There just seemed to be a lid on the basket both from the field and from the free throw line."

"Turnovers really hurt us in this game and we just couldn't seem to control the tempo of this game like we attempted to. Kalkaska really pressured and tried to get us to play up tempo basketball and we couldn't slow them down in the fourth quarter on both the offensive and de-

East Jordan had some trouble early on, but the Red Devils powered past Glen Lake for a 61-46 non conference win at home on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

"We never could get into an offensive flow," said Bailey. "They were pretty big and physical and we just couldn't get develop any significant runs against them."

We finally wore them down in the fourth quarter and force some turnovers, which led to some easy baskets and trips to the free throw line. Defensive pressure and rebounding won us this game as we were able to finally capitalize in the fourth quarter.

"I was extremely happy with our free throw shooting as we shot 19-21 for 90% and Adam Daneff, one of our young sophomores, who was brought up from the junior varsity team was instrumental in helping us get this win," said Bailey.

Keyser paced the Red Devils with 15 points, five steals and nine of ten free throws, while Kraemer netted ten points, hauled in 11 rebounds, grabbed five steals and had six deflections. Adam Daneff chipped in with 14 points and five rebounds.

East Jordan (4-9 overall, 1-8 LMC) will travel to its next two games against Grayling tomorrow and Ellsworth next Tuesday.

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with the Strong Play awards going to Snedden and Trombley.

District Tournament

The BAHA Panthers traveled to the District VII district tournament over the weekend of Feb. 3-5 to determine which team would represent the district in the state finals next month.

The Panthers went undefeated in their three game round robin competition, but ended the day falling to the Cheboygan FOP team 2-0 in the semi final game.

Schwartzfisher scored three goals and Clark added a pair as the Panthers opened the tourney with a 5-4 victory over the Cheboygan Werner squad on Friday.

Milks and Schwartzfisher chipped in with one assist each, while Snedden and Reynolds grabbed the Strong Play awards.

Smielewski and Smith were the award winners as the Panthers tied the Cheboygan FOP team 2-2 in the second game of the day.

Clark scored two goals and Nick Trombley, Schwartzfisher and

Pomranke had one assist each.

On Saturday Pomranke struck for five goals to lead the Panthers to a 9-1 victory over Sault Ste. Marie Moose Lodge. Also adding goals were: Trombley, Kolodziej, Schwartzfisher and Clark.

Assists went to Pomranke, Trombley, Schwartzfisher and Smith with one helper each.

The Strong Play awards went to Pomranke and Clark.

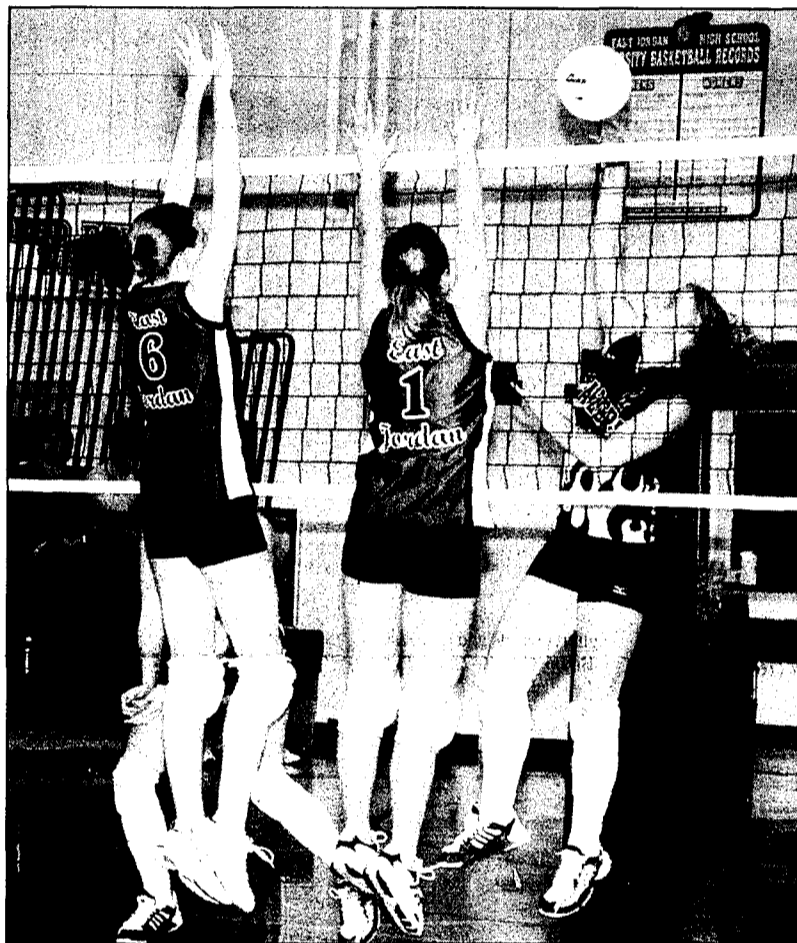
Schwartzfisher and Trombley earned the awards in the semi final game.

matches and have to win the next three, but my girls did not give up. Molly Hausler played another solid game on the right side. She may go unnoticed by some people, but she is a key part to this team. She seldom makes mistakes," said Parker.

Hausler, Nichols and Baic were all perfect serving for Boyne City, while

Nichols added 62 digs and seven kills and Baic added 31 digs, ten kills and ten aces. Tomkins chipped in with 19 kills and Clemens had 37 assists.

Boyne City (22-12-3 overall, 7-2 LMC) will travel to the Lake Superior State Tournament this Saturday and travel to Charlevoix next Monday.



Lady Devils Jill Drenth and Megan Warnos look like they have this ball stopped, but were not able to stop the Blazers.

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chipped in with nine kills, six digs and five blocks and Jessica Roberts contributed with 100 percent serving, 16 assists, five kills and two digs.

"Our conference has so many good teams and talentwise, we are all very evenly matched. Kayla had an awesome match. Her net play was great. Jill also had a great match. I feel that our middles are really coming on strong," said Nachazel.

**TCSF 3
EAST JORDAN 1**

The Lady Devils came out with a 25-23 win in the opening game on Monday, Jan. 30, but Traverse City St. Francis rallied to take three straight games for a 23-25, 25-16, 25-12, 25-15 victory.

For East Jordan Windish had three digs, two kills and two blocks; Kayla Hines had six digs and one kill and Jessica Roberts had 15 assists, three digs and three kills.

"We are still adjusting to some new rotations, and this is leaving us flat. We lack intensity. As a coach, I need to find a way to get my team fired up. We are going to

continue to work on positioning until we find a combination that works. They did not let any balls hit the ground," said Nachazel.

East Jordan (8-16 overall, 2-5 LMC) will host Harbor Springs for Parents Night today and host Elk Rapids and Grayling for a tri-meet next Monday.

Freshmen first Ellsworth tourney

The East Jordan freshman defeated Traverse City St. Francis 25-14, 25-21, 17-15 on Monday to move the Lady Devils to 7-0 for the season.

Mcagan Germaine paced the Lady Devils with ten points, four aces and one kill; Ashley Skrocki had five kills and Kayla Mousseau had three kills.

Randi McFall contributed with ten points and five aces as East Jordan downed Kalkaska 25-16, 25-15, 4-15 on Thursday.

Germaine chipped in with eight points, six kills and three aces; Skrocki had four points, five kills and one ace and Andrea Chew had seven assists and one kill.

Skrocki and Germaine were named to the all-tournament team to lead the East Jordan freshman team to a first place finish at the Ellsworth junior varsity tournament on Saturday, Jan. 28.

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and are described as: Commencing at Northwest corner of Lot 278, Block 16 of Nicholls and Morgan's 3rd Addition to South Boyne; thence along the North line of said Lot South 88 degrees 11 minutes 42 seconds East 116.40 feet; thence South 1 degree 30 minutes 26 seconds West 131.68 feet to the South line of Lot 279, Block 16 of said plat; thence along South line of said Lot 279, North 88 degrees 26 minutes 24 seconds West 116.44 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 279; thence along West line of said Lot 278 and 279 also being East line Park Street North 1 degree 33 minutes 27 seconds East 132.18 (recorded as 132 feet) to the point of beginning, being part of Lots 278 and 279, Block 16 of Nicholls and Morgan's Addition to South Boyne. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 1, 2006

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in regular session, January 17, 2006, at 7:30 p.m.; Mayor Postma presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amounts of \$708,716.91.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of Zoning Activity Reports; acknowledged receipt of EMS Monthly Reports, September-November, 2005; approve Elm Pointe rental requests; authorized pursuit of sewer extension north on M-68 into South Arm Township; adopted Resolution #101/2006; approved Civic Center rental requests; adopted Resolution #102/2006; authorized change order #1 and payment to Payne & Dolan; adopted Tourist Park discount camping rates and authorized City Administrator or City Attorney to accept service of litigation and authorized City Attorney to place stipulations on consent judgment.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

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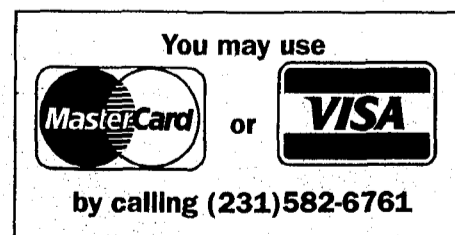
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Drug-free

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Onset of abuse often begins with a transitional experience, such as the change from elementary to middle school, or middle to high school. Celia said that schools are inadequately equipped to deal with abuse problems.

"Teachers are not trained to identify signs and symptoms," she said. "Their focus is on academics."

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She also said that young people need to learn to make a distinction between friendships and "drugships," which are centered around drug use. She encouraged parents to stay actively involved in their kids' lives, setting and enforcing boundaries.

Scott Kelly said that children currently in school are "stressed out," with involvement in far too many activities. He said that some of what was really important could be lost, and encouraged people to help their children identify priorities.

— Celia Kelly, BASES administrator

Scott was hopeful in his assessment of some of the current trends, and said that children "consistently overestimate the numbers of their peers that use alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs," stressing that "not everybody is using."

"There has been a significant decline (in the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs) since 1991," he said. "Why doesn't that come out (in the media)?"

- Nationally, Scott said that the news is good:
- 25-percent of high school seniors has never used alcohol;
 - 50-percent of high school seniors has never smoked a cigarette;
 - 55-percent of high school seniors has never used marijuana;
 - 73-percent of high school seniors has never used an illegal drug other than cigarettes, alcohol or tobacco.

But that isn't in Charlevoix County, Kelly said.

In fact, the Charlevoix County data was not vastly different, however. Alcohol use was less than the national average; cigarette use was also lower, although only slightly. Marijuana use was only slightly higher. And statistics from 1993 to 2005 show that alcohol use is going down, as the perceived risk of getting caught goes up; cigarette use is down, and, among seniors, marijuana use is down (among eighth- and tenth-graders use is slightly up).

In terms of drugs such as heroin, methadone, Ecstasy, sedatives (such as Oxycotin) and crack, the numbers in northern Michigan are as much as twice as high as the national average. However, county-wide this represents eight - 21 young people (of the 211 interviewed, four to 10-percent have used harder drugs than marijuana).

"The kids who are using are using lots," Kelly said. "More than likely it is the criminal justice system that will end up dealing with these kids."

While Kelly is encouraged by those numbers, he understands that for the eight to 21 families they represent, they are devastating.

"If one of those kids is yours, that's a whole different perspective. They need intervention - quickly," he said.

The Kellys both encourage parents to communicate with their children, to adhere to a zero tolerance policy, to encourage assertiveness in their children, and to help them identify their priorities and set personal goals.

BASES provides presentations to parent and community groups, skillbuilding and intervention groups and offers referral services free of charge. They also provide counseling, and other services for a fee. For more information on services and schedules, as well as resource links for parents, visit the BASES website at basesteencenter.org.



A tuckered out Warrior sleeps in the warm sun last Thursday when the Wertz Warriors made their annual stop at Jake'sPlace in Boyne Falls. They rode in and rode out, Jake's owner Kim Rotermund said, but the parking lot under the sleeping snowmobiler is snowless.

Wertz

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Working with only individual supporters, no corporate sponsors, the dedicated crew at Jake's Place has been able to garner a lot of local support and make a strong showing for the Special Olympics when the Wertz Warriors ride through.

Rotermund said that besides being the Warrior's 25th anniversary this year, the lack of snow was noteworthy. But the enthusiasm was still there, and there was a good turnout at Jake's.

"The giving of the community was wonderful - speaks highly of the area we live in," Rotermund said. He added that he would like to give the community thanks.

"Because when they come out and buy a ticket or come to the pig roast - this is where the money is going," he said. The Warriors celebrated not only their own 25 years, but also Jake's Place's eight years, during which time they have donated \$113,490 to Special Olympics.

For their anniversary ride, the Warriors have published a book, "Warriors and the Special Olympics." Jake's Place has earned a place in that book.

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their homes for a little while before they go to their intended recipients. Kuntz said she tosses them over a chair, and when she passes the quilt, she ties a quick knot and says a prayer. In this way, the ladies have become better prayers, as well.

"It has changed me because I always thought of prayer as intense - something I had to be very devout about," said Theibert. "But it's fun. We've giggled while we pray. I never knew about the joyous part of prayer."

Theibert has good reason to know about prayer. Her husband, Harvey, was a career fireman, and was badly injured in a fire. A son who is a contractor had a wall fall on him and was also badly injured. Another son suffered a head injury in a car accident last fall, and more recently was involved in a house fire in Boyne City.

When that happened, Theibert, who is a veteran quilter and generous with her time and talent, was amazed at the reaction. People who had been given quilts, or who had asked for prayers (and quilts) for others, or who had recognized the value of the prayer quilts, came out of the woodwork.

"The best thing that has come of this, is that this happened with Dave, people said, 'You have done so much - what can we give back?'" Theibert said, her eyes filling with tears. "The quilts have given us very much. More than the people who got them."

The quilts have given the whole church a mission, they have given the recipients warmth, hope and a lot of joy, and they have brought the core four closer than they'd ever been.

"We're like sisters," Kuntz said. "If a day doesn't go by - in fact, you didn't call me yesterday!" she interrupted herself, laughing. The laughter is easy, the friendships are relaxed, and the prayers are an integral part of the whole. They agree that they complement each other, and that their ministry has also made them more open to other people.

Best of all, people love getting the gift of a quilt - from a wheelchairbound soul with a gorgeous lap quilt, to a king-sized for a pair of newlyweds - the reaction is joyful.

"They grab them, they hang on to them - they're excited. It's so wonderful to be part of that. We have fun making them - but," said Theibert, adding that nothing compares to the joy of giving them away.

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