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COMING EVENTS

School asks for public input

Boyne City Public Schools will be hosting a community forum on Thursday, March 2, to allow all citizens the opportunity to give input on the qualities they would like to see in a new superintendent.

The forum will be held in the High School Auditorium from 7-8 p.m.

We invite all parents to drop by for a few minutes and participate. The program will be facilitated so that it will not be necessary to attend the entire forum in order to be involved in the decision-making process.

BC parent-teacher conferences

Boyne City Public Schools will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences in the evening on Thursday, March 2, and in the afternoon on Tuesday, March 7.

There will be a half day of school on Tuesday, March 7, and all students will be dismissed at 11:13 a.m. Breakfast will be available for all students.

Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday's service at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 1. "Imposition of Ashes" will be conducted by Rev. Peggy Natterman.

Jordan Valley Chorale

Singers are invited to join the Jordan Valley chorale as it begins rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the East Jordan United Methodist Church. For further information, call Ellen Addington, 231-536-7018.

EJ parent-teacher conferences

East Jordan Public Schools will be holding parent-teacher conferences on the following schedule:

- Elementary School - Thursday, March 2, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Middle School - Wednesday, March 1, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 2, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- High School - Wednesday, March 1, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 2, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

BACPAC Meeting

The Boyne Area Concerned Parents for Alternative Choices group will have a planning meeting Wednesday, March 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.

Middle School P/TIG

The Boyne City Middle School Parent/Teacher Involvement Group, formerly known as PTO, will be meeting Wednesday, March 8, at 6 p.m., in Room 142. Please contact president Kelly Looze 231-582-0269 or teacher liaison Amelia Ryan 231-439-8209 for more information.

Boyne City gets \$1 million boost

BY B. J. HETLER
Contributing Writer

BOYNE CITY - Boyne City's improvement plans are looking brighter due to a \$1 million federal grant for better streets, sewers, water lines, and other infrastructure improvements.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office sent a notice of the funding to the city on Wednesday, Feb. 22, and both state Sen. Jason Allen and Rep. Kevin

Elsenheimer telephoned city manager Michael Cain with the news, and also sent letters of support. Mayor Eleanor Stackus said she was thankful to the state and federal governments and to everyone locally who worked on the grant request.

"I'm elated that the city of Boyne City was accepted to receive this grant," Stackus said. "It was the effort of many people that came to-

gether in a team effort to make this happen."

The city's \$2 million infrastructure improvement plans involve the streets, sewers, water lines and storm sewers. No grant money will be used for the city marina, Cain said.

The \$1 million is a matching grant - that is, the city must provide another \$1 million. Cain does not see that as a problem, saying funds will come

from the Main Street, water, sewer and roads' budgets. The Main Street Program is part of the city. Its mission is to maintain an economically viable downtown while preserving the historical character.

The first projects will begin this spring and continue following the summer season. Boyne City is one of 19 communities in Michigan to receive funds from this round of Com-

munity Development Block Grants. The 19 communities were chosen out of 76 applicants statewide.

Boyne City is the recipient with the highest level of funding out of a total of \$6.2 million in grants. The next highest grant of \$934,000 was awarded to the city of Belding in Ionia county.

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State champ



As in a cold weather ballet, Katherine Rowley, skiing for the East Jordan/Charlevoix ski team, bends gracefully into a curve during her first run on the giant slalom course at the state ski meet on Monday. Rowley claimed the state title in the girls giant slalom during the meet at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs. For more state and regional results, see page 6.

PHOTO BY ZACK LOEPRICH

Back to the state

■ Corrected lists expected by March 31

BY B. J. HETLER
Contributing Writer

EAST JORDAN - Schools statewide await corrected employee criminal conviction lists from the Michigan Department of Education, after the first lists distributed to the schools were found to contain errors.

Locally, the superintendent of East Jordan Public Schools hopes the list he receives is correct this time and contains more information.

"The criteria wasn't broad enough," superintendent Chip Hansen said. "Besides the common name, the person's birth date, social security number and driver's license number should be checked."

"If the state would have spent a little time weeding this out, it could have saved some people a lot of pain," he said.

Three employees from East Jordan schools were misidentified on the first convicted criminal list. Two had no convictions and the third had a misdemeanor not included in the law passed by the state Legislature.

The school safety law, Public Act 129-131 and 138 (2005), is to protect children from sex offenders, and offenses listed in the law require registration as a sex offender. It became effective on Jan. 1.

Concord Academy Boyne is already conducts employee criminal background checks that include fingerprinting. The approximate \$65 cost per individual is borne by the school and parents.

"Most people think that charter schools have no one checking on them, but we're double-checked," said Larry Kubovchick, Concord Academy Boyne's principal and superintendent. "We're checked by the state and by our authorizing agent, which in our case is Lake Superior State University."

The education department expects to issue corrected lists to the schools by the end of March.

Horton Creek debuts CD in Boyne

BOYNE CITY - Horton Creek is a local band with an unexpectedly large following, and they will bring their bluegrass and old-time gospel sound to the stage at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center on Saturday, March 4.

The group is made up of two father-son combinations, a couple of cousins, a husband and wife team, and a rhythm guitarist - with a little overlap - to add up to seven members. It started out as a "one-gig get-together" when cousins Tom Eggers and Mike Harmeling pulled in a couple more musical folks and created an impromptu band to open for a bluegrass group in Charlevoix two Octobers ago.

They opened as the No Name Band, but it quickly became evident that they were going to need a name, because the one-gig get-together was going to expand to a few more gigs at least.

All the members, father and son

Bob and Mike Harmeling; father and son Tom and Bryan Eggers; husband and wife, Cindy and Scott Boss; and Rob Dunne, have ties to Boyne Bay. So Horton Bay became a source for possible band names, and they all liked the sound of Horton Creek.

They were one step ahead of their fans, who also liked the sound of Horton Creek - and it wasn't just the name.

"We play bluegrass and gospel - old-time gospel songs - and we take some random songs and play with them - make them bluegrass or do funny renditions," Harmeling said. "But fundamentally we are bluegrass and gospel."

Horton Creek is playing now more than it ever expected to, with Saturday night's venue being a stop in their 2006 tour that will take in performances in Ellsworth, East Jordan, Boyne City and Charlevoix.

"We just have fun with it, and

people appreciate that, I guess," said Mike Harmeling modestly, and added, "We have a strong group across the board. It's entertaining, and people seem to enjoy that."

"I think people like the old-time music. It kind of fell together - we've had a lot of fun. As long as we're having fun, we'll keep doing it."

Harmeling said that all the group members have full-time "day jobs," which they are keeping, but not for lack of talent or fans.

Those fans are in for a special treat Saturday night, when Horton Creek makes its self-titled maiden CD available to concert-goers for the first time at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center.

The show starts at 8 p.m., and tickets are available at Boyne Country Books, Water Street Cafe, Country Now and Then, and the Chamber of Commerce, at \$15 for adults, and \$8 for students.

Jamboree on Saturday

EAST JORDAN - If you're hankering for an old-fashioned square dance or just in the mood for some good music, the Harvest Barn church (formerly the Jordan Valley Express, next to Glen's on M-66) is the place to be Saturday, March 4.

The Fiddler's Jamboree is celebrating their 25th year of music-making and dance. For some, the annual event has come to be a rite of passage into spring. For young fiddlers, it is a chance to perform for an audience, and for old-timers, a chance to pass on tradition, skill and a love of music to another generation.

The Jamboree's doors open at 11 a.m., when musicians and callers can register to perform. Young groups of fiddlers will perform at 11:30 a.m., and again at 3 p.m.

The show begins at 11:30 a.m., and goes to 5 p.m., with each fiddler performing three of his or her favorite tunes. At 5 p.m., there will be an intermission, with dancing lessons from 6:30 to 7 p.m.; and from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., there will be square and circle dancing. Between the Jamboree and dancing, there will be open mike. Everyone is welcome.

The East Jordan Senior Center will be serving food and refreshments all day. Admission for the events is by donation at the door. Patrons should be aware that the proceeds from the show go to scholarships for McCune Art Center, Interlochen Music Camp and private lessons, as well as violin loans from the Jordan Valley Fiddler's Committee.

For more information call any committee member: Ed and Mary Jo Holm, 231-547-9820; Dan and Sherry Johnston, 231-526-5145; Jack and Catherine Stebe, 231-547-9066; Dudley and Paula Stevens, 231-547-5471; and Bill and Donna Stevens, 231-457-9153.

What's happening this week

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 231-536-7155.

Every Monday

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 231-582-0089.

Al-Anon meetings are held every Monday at noon at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix.

First Monday

The OES Chapter Evangeline 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 231-582-6819 or 231-582-0506.

First and third Monday

Boyne Food Pantry pick-up hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon and the 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.

Mothers of Preschoolers meet the first and third Mondays of each month at the East Jordan Light House Missionary Church in East Jordan. The meeting are open to all mothers of preschoolers. Child care is available. Meetings will feature educational, spiritual or fun topics, as well as refreshments and crafts. For more information, call Julie Laferty at 231-536-0353, or Charlene Roberts at 231-536-7859.

Every Tuesday

Bingo games are conducted each Tuesday at the American Legion Post #228. Doors open at 3 p.m., with Bingo beginning at 6 p.m. and concluding at approximately 10 p.m. Must be 18 to play. A service officer will be available from 4 - 6 p.m. preceding Bingo. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets, or call 231-582-7811 at that time.

Second Tuesday

A meeting of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 is held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For information, call 231-544-5312.

Third Tuesday

A potluck dinner at the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 and Auxiliary is held at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For more information, call 231-544-5312.

The Jordan River National Fish Hatchery holds a "Fish are Fun!" March 21: Exotic Invaders. For more information call biologist Tim Smigielski at 231-584-2461.

Every Wednesday

The Boyne Valley Lions Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday from noon until 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library.

First Wednesday

The Alzheimer's Association support group meets the first Wednesday of every month from 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Adult Day Center (Senior Center) located at H16 Main St. in East Jordan. For information, call Barb Shooks at 231-536-5300.

Fourth Wednesday

Grief support seminars for working through death,

divorce, heartbreak and other losses are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Healing Circle at 505 Third St., in East Jordan. Sessions are facilitated by Theresa Prymuszewski, MA, MTS, LPC. All are welcome to attend these nondenominational and free seminars sponsored by The Healing Circle and the St. Joseph and St. John parishes. For more information contact Theresa at 231-499-4476.

Thursdays

The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the health center. Pick up or donation hours are held Thursday between 9 a.m. and noon.

Interested people are invited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie and community service every Thursday morning at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City.

Al-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City.

First Thursday

The American Legion Ernest Peterson Post #228, Legion Auxiliary Unit #228, and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #228 meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Home on the corner of S. Lake and Main Streets in Boyne City. The meeting is preceded by the Veteran of the Month ceremonies at 6:15 p.m., and is followed by a potluck supper in their honor. All veterans are welcome and encouraged to come. For God and country, we are veterans helping veterans.

Second Thursday

The Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. For more information, call 231-582-6278.

Third Thursday

Women's Auxiliary of VFW Post #7850 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the VFW post. For information call Cindy Bennett at 231-536-2905.

First Friday

A new support group is forming for women who have placed a child for adoption (recently or in the past), offering emotional support to those who are grieving. Meetings are the first Friday of every month starting Dec. 2. Meetings will take place at the Pregnancy and Resource Center located at 418 Waukazoo St., Petoskey. For further information contact Leah Hart at 231-838-3873.

First and Third Saturday

Open Door Christian Coffee House meets at the East Jordan Senior Center on Main Street on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

This is a non-denominational coffee house. Donations are accepted for special musical guests, and refreshments are available. For more information, call Ruth Crain at 231-547-4152.

Daily

The Boyne Valley Group of AA meets at the VFW Hall on Boyne Avenue, 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); Friday: noon, 8 p.m. (Grapevine study); Saturday: 10 a.m. Meetings are closed and non-smoking. The first Friday of each month is an open talk and potluck at 7 p.m., with a meeting at 8 p.m.

To have an item included in or removed from the calendar, call (231) 582-6761.

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

Monday, Feb. 20 - Sunday, Feb. 26:

Monday, Feb. 20: Larceny complaint on N. Lake Street, gun inspection done; 9-1-1 hang-up at W. Michigan Avenue; malicious destruction of property reported in parking lot on Lincoln Street.

Tuesday, Feb. 21: Hit and run on Hemlock

Street; burn permit on Lewis Street; gun permit given; speed citation issued.

Wednesday, Feb. 22: Private property accident at Parkview Apartments; parking complaint at Boyne Hills; unlock at S & K Foods; speed citation issued.

Thursday, Feb. 23: Per-

son arrested for driving while license is suspended; disturbance reported at Parkview Apartments; citation issued for expired plate, unlock at Litzenger Place.

Friday, Feb. 24: Burn permit issued on Lewis Street; non-sufficient funds check turned in from Boyne Country Provi-

sions; four arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Saturday, Feb. 25: Property damage at Glen's parking lot; assisted Emergency Medical Service at Parkview Apartments.

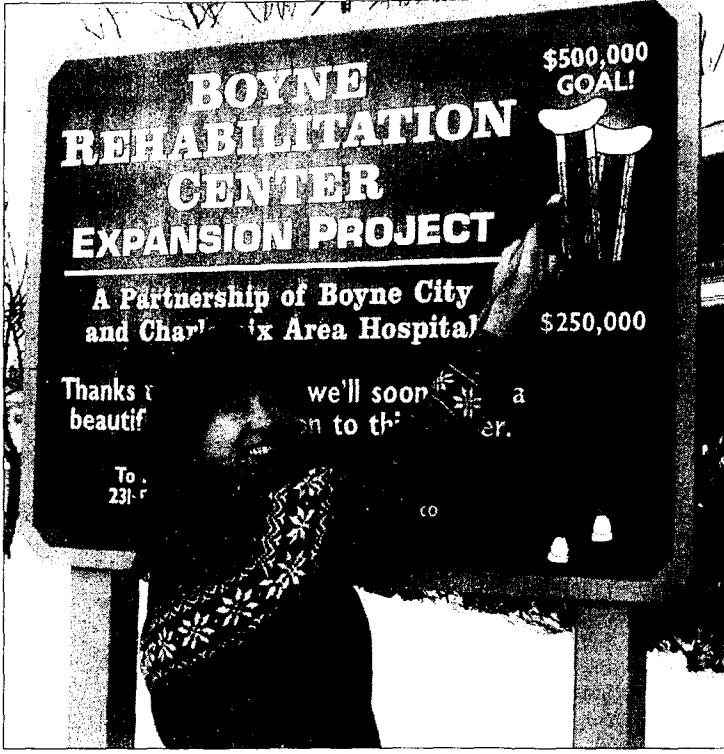
Sunday, Feb. 26: Speed citation issued; complaint for driving outside restrictions.

Boyne Rehab project nearing goal

BOYNE CITY - Floyd and Nancy Wright, head of the Committee to raise funds for the Boyne Rehabilitation Center, a subsidiary of Charlevoix Area Hospital, announced recently that the campaign is nearing its goal.

"We are delighted to be able to be this close to the goal and are pleased that we are now just \$50,000 short of the \$500,000 goal we set at the beginning of this campaign," said Floyd. "This committee, and the people of the Boyne City area, have responded remarkably to the challenge and the end result will be a facility that can accommodate more patients who have rehabilitation and physical therapy needs."

Floyd and Nancy have been working with a local committee that includes: Ed and Glory Barden, Bill and Linda Christensen, Dick Fish, Randy and Denise Flinn, Doug and Susan Hoesli, Dave and Betty Korhase, Greg Krueger, Larry and Laurie Marrs, Bob and Heidi Mathers, Scott and Jane MacKenzie, Paul and Ann Menke, Tom and Barbara Miller, Howard and Marcia Newkirk, Pat and Jane O'Brien, Roger and Karen Reynolds, Hank and Carol Ross, Bud and Nancy Shear, Jim and Eleanor Stackus, Mike and "Ralph" Stowe, Jeff and Julie



Boyne Rehabilitation Center employee, Donna Leavesley, is shown here updating the campaign total.

Wellman, Kurt and Phoebe Wietzke, and Arch and Trish Wright.

"We are so very pleased with the community response thus far and are hopeful that more people will help to push this campaign over the top," said hospital president, Bill Jackson.

The expansion will double the size of the existing facility and will add

important modalities not before offered on site, including a warm water therapeutic pool and expanded gym areas. The number of treatment rooms will be doubled, allowing ten rooms for individualized care in a private setting. Industrial medicine patients will see improved and expanded space for evaluations and treatment and the pediatric treatment

area will be greatly improved with additional space as well. The project is expected to be complete (both the expansion are renovations to the current building) later this spring.

Individuals or businesses interested in contributing to this project are encouraged to call the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation at 231-547-8502 during normal business hours.

Boost

Continued from front

Cain said the city received the high level of funds because so many people did an outstanding job in presenting the grant request.

"We involved neighboring townships, city departments, the planning director, the Main Street program and others," Cain said.

The grant request was prepared within approximately six to eight weeks, not much time to gather all of the required information, but Cain said it was certainly worth the effort.

"I think we're going to see the biggest single makeover in downtown since the original streetscape in the late 1970s. We'll see a rebirth of Water and Lake

streets," he said.

The grant was made available through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Recipients were selected on overall eligibility and the impact the project would have on the community. Priority was given to projects that are ready to begin construction, have sufficient local

matching funding and have completed preliminary cost estimates. The block grants are provided to communities with populations less than 50,000 and with low-to-moderate income levels. The goal is to improve infrastructure and create an atmosphere conducive to job creation and private investment.

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Cancers Crusaders dance for Lisa Stevens

BOYNE CITY - The Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders are a new incarnation of the "Friends for Life" American Cancer Society relay team, who have long enjoyed working in Charlevoix and Emmet counties to help raise money for cancer research, and to provide funding for cancer victims in this area.

In 2005, the team discovered that of the nearly \$500,000 they have raised over seven years, only seven percent of it found its way back to the local communities. While the team believes strongly in the American Cancer Society, and is glad that their communities have had such a share in the financial burden of cancer research, they felt it was time to organize differently, with a goal of keeping locally raised money local.

In October of 2005, the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders took up arms against cancer in northern Michigan.

It sounds serious, but these Crusaders are only serious about helping people, fighting cancer, and having a good time doing it. To that end, they are hosting a dance in memory of Lisa Stevens, a beloved Boyne City native who succumbed to cancer this past year.

The "rock around the clock for cancer" 50's party will be Saturday, March 7, starting at 7 p.m., with dancing, silent auction and music, music until 11 p.m. Experience Electronica, DJ services by Roger Colts and Jack Belcher was donated for the event, but there will be special guest stars including the Blues Brothers, Patsy Cline and Elvis - and a special surprise guest whose identity we can not reveal - but it is not the Supremes.

There will be a \$5 donation for the evening, along with a cash bar. All proceeds will go to the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders. Expect to win prizes, and enter the hula hoop and twist contests. And don't forget to bid at the silent auction.

Gail Farley, a long-time crusader, and the wife of Gene, a cancer victim, said there will be a special event at the dance, involving her nephew, Timothy, age 7. When he learned that his uncle Gene had cancer, he made the decision to grow his hair for Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for cancer patients whose hair has been lost to chemotherapy.

When Gene was cured, Gail said, Timothy said, "Maybe some other little kid can use it." Timothy's hair will be cut at the dance.

Auction items will include an autographed picture of Red Wing Pavel Datsyuck; a "Trail's End" wall-hanging by RBI Mechanical; a bowling package, and much more. The money raised is used locally, though Farley said the group does not give cash away, but will provide assistance in other ways, such as with gas cards for pa-



Timothy Farley decided to grow his hair for Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs available to cancer patients. The hair will be ceremoniously cut at the 50's dance.

tients who drive long distances for treatment. For more information, call Gail Farley at 231-582-2424, or Lisa Roback at 231-536-9881.

NCMC hires East Jordan program assistant

North Central Michigan College has hired Susan McKinnon of East Jordan as program assistant to help develop and promote credit and non-credit college course offerings in East Jordan. McKinnon is an East Jordan native and earned her associate's degree from North Central. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Spring Arbor University in 2005.



Susan McKinnon

academic offerings in East Jordan. The scholarships reduce the cost of tuition for East Jordan students who enroll in courses in East Jordan. The first scholarship checks were presented to students on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

North Central's East Jordan office and classroom are located at 115 South Lake Street in the Lake Street Center, formerly the

Dura building. Office hours are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday; 1 to 3 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; and 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The telephone number is 231-536-9702.

EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

East Jordan Elementary School Fourth Grade

Superintendent's List

(All A's): Ellen Brandell, Tess McNitt, Elena Musser, Paige Podskalny, Paige Poindexter, Taylor Raymond, Oscar Scheier.

Honor Roll:

Amanda Allsteadt, Kaitlynn Alward, Paige Baker, Asa Blatt, Callie Berish, Arthur Brown, Donvee Burks, Brandon Cardwell, Aaron Clark, Madalaine Clark, Dallas Downing, Collin Farmer, Victoria Fehren, Caitlyn Force, Autumn Ford, Lindsey Graham, Felecia Habel, William Harris, Dustin Hejka, Jordan Hock, Mariah Holm, Kirsten Hoover, Nathaniel Houghton, Nicole Jackman, Leah Jordan, William Kibler, Seth Lashuay, Nicholas Lewin, Joel Liesenberg, Montana Moblo, Jacqueline Noirot, Tommie Outman, Dillon Pinney, Tiffany Pollaski, Saydie Poole, Jacob Prins, Joel Rachwitz, Chandler Roberts, Melinda Sarasin, Jacob Swanson, Weston Swanson, Benjamin Walton, Brittany Wisner, Stephanie Wixson, Kayli Zimmer.

Fifth Grade

Superintendent's List

(All A's): Maddison Cesaro, Crystal Clavier, Kiersten Clavier, Katelyn Holm, Joshua Johnson, Chelsea Joki, Casey Keane, Parker McNitt, Donald Miller, Brianna Nise, Liane Olson, Macie Olstrom, Valerie Peters, Jacqueline Radtke, Ryan Schroeder, Grant Walker, Joseph Watson.

Honor Roll:

Alexis Adams, Heather Andor, Tiffany Arsenault, Stevie Bartig, Jeffery Bellant, Rachel Bernier, Matthew Bolser, Samantha Burkle, Jacob Conklin, Jordan Edmonds, Brittany Hastert, Matthew Herbon, Tyler Hines, Caitlin Himebaugh, Destiny Honeysette, Kasandra Knapp, Joseph Manville, Alexander Moses, Mitchell Mousseau, Brianna Newberry, Caleb Norton, Danielle Pawelski, Jessica Peck, Dakota Sarasin, Rachel Sarasin, Heather Schultz, Marissa Scott, Daniel Shepard, Zachary Sheridan, Kenneth Sloboda, Zachary Shepard, Mckenna

Steltzner, Devon Vincent, Brandi Voss, Angela Watkins, Christian Wiser, Emily Wright.

East Jordan Middle School Sixth Grade

Superintendent's List

(All A's): Spencer Bajko, Heather Bellant, Steven Boris, Ellen Boyer, Emily Crick, Sarah Dehaan, Mariah Kelly, Calli Kujat, Tammi McKenzie, Kelsey Moore, Rachel Neal, Robert Nemecek, Hannah Page, Cassandra Rebec, Frederick Segraves, Lissa Vincent, Dusti Voss, Marcus Wingate.

Honor Roll:

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Seventh Grade

Superintendent's List

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Honor Roll:

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Kortenay Force, Stephanie Holm, Alissa Huckle, Jessica Kinner, Michael Leposky, Samantha Morris, Kara Moses, Shealene Oliver, Dillion Olstrom, Natasha Peters, Wesley Petrie, Michael Price-McDonald, Seth Rachwitz, Hunter Sarasin, David Sargent, Justin Smith, James Stanfield, Morgan Tinney, Shannon Tyree, Matthew Wixson.

East Jordan High School Ninth Grade

Superintendent's List

(All A's): Emily Bajko, Gloria Barnum, Alyssa Bellant, James Brown, Thomas Brown, Michael Cardwell, Jordan Hagen, Abigail Hawley, Joe Hidakatsu, Samantha Higdon, Brittani McCully, Dustin Miller, Kayla Mousseau, Courtney Prins.

Honor Roll:

Darryl Bingham, Andrew Boyer, Andrea Chew, Jacob Crawford, Hailey Crick, Jebbediah Doebel, Kimberly Elzinga, Ashley Evans-Mosley, Joshua Force, Chelsea Gee, Meagan Germaine, Alex Hagen, Jerroie Hosler, Mason Hunt, Whitney Kraemer, Chelsie Kritz, Kayla Nierman, Zachary Pater, Nicole Peck, Nathan Perrault, Allyssa Piechocki, Neil Schneider, Nicole Sharrow, Ashley Skrocki, Ehren Sladick, Alexandra Snowden, Levi Warnos, James Wheeler.

Tenth Grade

Superintendent's List

(All A's): Mackenzie Brennan, Clancey Garland, Courtney Jackson, Amber Johnson, Taya Karki, Kristen Kovel, Alicia Kraemer, Alisha Oleniacz, Alicia Oliver, Stephanie Poindexter, Tonya Robtoy, Danielle Wisner.

Honor Roll:

Breanna Combest, Cassandra Crick, Jenny Ernst, Paige

Sumner, Kenneth Thornton, Haylee Tieber, April Wakeham, Hannah Weisler, Matthew Werner.

Eleventh Grade

Superintendent's List

(All A's): Jenaye Chew, Jill Drenth, Brittany Kritz, Jessica Roberts, Ashley Skop, Kristi Werner.

Honor Roll:

Katherine Anderson, Jamilla Baier, Alex Bajko, Marcus Gee, Melanie Hillaker, Karina Hosler, Jeffrey Keyser, Nelson Ogden, Laura Schihl, Paul Schneider, Jeanne Schultz, Kayla Windish.

Twelfth Grade

Superintendent's List

(All A's): Jaleesa Baier, Victoria Bingham, Mazen Gharzeddine, Eric Hansen, Amberlee Lifer, Jessica Morris, Emily Pierdinock-Hagen, Chelsey Poindexter, Sierra Roberts, Ashley Robison, Nastassia Sweeney, Megan Warnos.

Honor Roll:

Christopher Becker, Amanda Ehnis, Rebecca Gardner, Shane Gardner, Amber Gettel, Bridget Knight, Katherine Kovel, Chad Kraemer, Misti Massey, Michael Meads, Rusty Miller, Justin Neirman, Andrea Postma, Sienna Richards, Montana Saganeck, Peter Sladick, Paula Stanfield, Odessa Sulkowski.

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OPINION

Fun with angels

How about this scenario: a total stranger tells you he is probably going to puke in a minute. You say, okay, I will help you, and grab a Zip-Loc bag to catch the liquid remains of this guy's last oral intake. And this is your idea of a Saturday night out. You must be an EMT - an emergency medical technician.

I am an EMT. I am a rusty EMT, I will confess, but I can still catch vomit if I need to. I will need a little practice to get comfortable with some elements of the trade, but some are like riding a bike, I guess. I am back after a two-year hiatus, and I have a lot to learn and re-learn, but also some wonderful people to emulate.

LAST CALL



Jane Booze

Your life belongs to that radio. You wear clothes with reflective lettering on them. You jump when the phone rings - on TV.

Even Neil, who's been at it full-time for a long time now, gets jumpy occasionally. I have seen him leap up at 2:30 a.m. and start throwing clothes on when he's not even on duty - evidence of Pavlovian conditioning to the Station 54 tones. But Pavlov's dog at least got a bite to eat at the ringing of the bell, whereas EMTs are running the risk of hanging out with a Zip-Loc bag in the back of a moving ambulance. Negative reinforcement works, too, huh?

Only that's the funny thing. It isn't negative reinforcement. It is positive.

There is no word in the English language - or any other, probably - for the experience of being an EMT. The closest I can come - and it is grossly inadequate, and probably inappropriate - is "fun." I remember when I was a student, riding along as a fourth on the back of the ambulance, and we had a patient who had "coded." While the experts did CPR (and another expert drove the rig like the proverbial break-out bat), I was given a plastic contraption that was attached to a football-shaped bladder, which I squeezed in a breathing rhythm, forcing air into the patient's lungs, since they were no longer working on their own.

My job was to keep forcing gases to exchange at the cellular level, keep the brain oxygenated, so that if those two working hard on the chest were able to make the heart beat on its own again, our patient wouldn't be lost due to lack of oxygen. A pinkish foam creamed over the patient's lips, but that chest rose and fell, and I was glad for a job, an important job, that kept me from dwelling on the fact that life was trying to depart that weakened body.

The patient died later, after all, and we left the hospital with that knowledge. We didn't save our patient, but we gave it all we had. As we were pulling out of the parking lot, the paramedic said, "I bet you wish you hadn't been on this call." And I said, with all sincerity, "It was fun," and then fractions of a second later was stunned by the word I had chosen.

Fun? Someone died. Suppose their family knew I said the death of their loved one was "fun"?

I don't know a different word. I wanted with all my heart for that patient to live. I was glad I had a job that helped protect that possibility. I was devastated that there was no happy ending.

But I had done an amazing thing just then. I had participated in a mighty fight for life. I had heard the paramedic, while performing CPR, shout encouragement to our patient, "Stay with us! Stay strong! You can do this - you got to help us, Sweetheart! Stay strong!"

We didn't win that battle, but we did everything we could, and more, even, because besides the tools and equipment and knowledge back there by that cot, there was heart. There was a patient who was dying, and there were medical professionals who weren't just doing a job, but doing a job with their bodies, their hearts, their hands, their heads, and their love. It was all there that night - spirit as thick in the air as a revival meeting.

It was "fun" in a transcendent, pure, almost holy way.

Mostly it isn't like that. There is a greater chance of making a clean catch of vomitus than there is of wrestling angels. But the angels are there, nonetheless, making Zip-Loc duty worth it.



American Legion News

During the regular meeting of Ernest Post 228, held on Thursday, Feb. 2, the following communications, reports and actions were heard or acted upon: a letter and donation from member Cristy Davis in memory of Fred Gondzar; a thank-you letter from member Don Wilson for post assistance he received; a thank-you letter from the Salvation Army for a \$100 donation; a letter from member Lance Corporal Robert Pepin stating he would return home from Iraq in June and wants to be active in post events. The honor guard participated in the Melvin Leroy Moyer funeral by standing guard during the service, folding the flag, giving a military farewell address, presenting the flag and playing taps at the conclusion. Also, the honor guard conducted Veteran of the Month ceremonies for Harold Versal Ferris and Michael Alan Moore. Published announcements of bingo, service officer availability, monthly meeting and Veteran of the Month appeared in the Citizen-Journal newspapers.

Chaplain Cosier reported all that he visited were doing fine, including member Jim Wicker who is visited frequently by his son and brother. The adjutant reported 2006 membership stands at 152 and bingo is doing better due to a new payout schedule. Troop Support Officer Maxine Hough mailed Valentine's goodies to our overseas members and sends and receives E-mails that were read to the post. Although Maxine is wintering in Texas, she remains active in her office and is a productive asset to our post.

The post approved a \$100 donation to the Grandvue veterans activity fund. The commander said we are still accepting items to be sent to our troops and to drop them off at the post on Tuesdays before and during bingo. Also, Blue Star banners and troop support ribbons are available to the public. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the post home and will be preceded by the Veteran of the Month ceremonies at 6:15 p.m., to be followed by a potluck supper in their honor with guest speakers. Area veterans are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

LETTERS

Grassroots push one chamber

TO THE EDITOR: The people of Michigan have a unique opportunity. A group of concerned citizens in the Hastings area have banded together to form Unicameral Michigan (one chamber), and are circulating petitions aimed at putting a proposal on the November ballot to eliminate the state senate.

This is grassroots politics at its best: just ordinary folks working in a non-partisan way, trying to improve our state government.

Over the past years, several legislators have introduced bills into the legislature that would reduce the size of state government, but none have come out of their respective committees.

If these Unicameral petitions are successful, voters in Michigan will have the chance in November to do something the legislature refused to do - reduce the cost of state government.

Best estimates are that there would be a savings annually in excess of \$50 million. (What could your school district do with an additional \$50 million?)

Since both the House and Senate are elected on the basis of population, there would be no loss of representation - it would no longer be possible to

blame the other chamber for inaction - and it would be difficult to vote "no" to a pay raise and get it anyway.

As to an argument about "checks and balances," consider this: does your school district have two school boards, or does your county have two boards of commissioners, or does GM have two boards of directors? Of course not!

And since both the House and Senate are charged with nearly identical responsibilities according to the state constitution, what can we lose?

Growing up on a farm, I walked behind a team and plowed. I also handled a five-tooth cultivator pulled by "Old Pete" in the beanfield. The system worked for a century. So, if it was successful, why did we change? Efficiency and economics forced the change on us.

Maybe it's time for a change in the state government for the same reasons.

Any registered voter willing to help with this cause can do so by writing Box 117, Hastings, MI, 49058, and asking for petitions to circulate. We must be finished by the first week in July.

Harland Nye
Hastings, Mich.

Many thanks

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to thank all the St. Matthew's parishioners who donated food, volunteered to work, or who along with other members of the community, "battled" Mother Nature to make our spaghetti dinner and bake sale such a success.

We were able to donate \$1,225.50 to the Deacon's

Fund of the Ministerial Association to help those in need, especially with their heating bills, in our community.

We are definitely blessed to have such wonderful parishioners and community members!

Carol McGeorge, Guild president
Boyerne City

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis. Comments can be sent to Jane Booze at citizen@voyager.net or editor@voyager.net.

NEIGHBORS

This past Friday night, the Oral Sutliffs and Rex Judkins drove to Gladwin to share in honorable moments

as their good friend and Boyne City native, Carl Chyron, was inducted into the Gladwin Athletic Hall of Fame. Carl was surprised and delighted to see friends from Boyne. He was an educator and coach in a career that spanned more than 30 years. Congratulations, Carl!



Nancy Norton

Congratulations go out to Mike and Carrie Edson, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Traveler's Rest Village in Dade City, Fla. Each year the Village has a Sweetheart Ball for all of the couples celebrating their fiftieth anniversaries. This year there were 15 couples. For entertainment, they had their own band playing waltzes and a disco ball twirling in the lights as they all danced the night away. Daughter, Gail, had the privilege of being with them on this special night, and she and her sister, Carol, wish a happy anniversary to Mom and Dad on March 3.

Nicole Wallesverd, a junior at Alma College, made the dean's list for the fall semester. Parents Randy and Lisa Luebke are so proud! Nicole is in graduate education at Blue High School, and plans to major in elementary education. Her goal is to teach the little ones - because she says they don't talk back!

An unknown error (no fault of mine!) in last week's column, caused the "n" to be dropped from the name of Judy Owen, and an actual spelling change occurred in the name of her daughter, Cristy Churchill. Like people, computers are not perfect.

John and Jody Cosier honored their daughter, Adeline, on her first birthday party at their Barber Road home on Saturday, Feb. 18. Sweet Adeline enjoyed relatives and family friends, sharing ice cream and cake on her special day.

Barb Novotny, formerly of Litzzenburger Place, is now residing at Grandvue.

Bill Moore, formerly of Boyne City, now an English professor in Tokyo, and was in the states to visit his brother in Marquette, drove down to spend a few days here, visiting Jeffrey and Jerry Keltis. He also used to work with their mom, Betty, when she was in the restaurant business.

Kim Matelski and mom, Sue Hobbs, made the trip down to Ann Arbor's University of Michigan to pick up daughter and granddaughter, Brittany, and bring her home for spring break.

Eta Nu Sorority outdid themselves on Thursday morning, as they served the residents of Litzzenburger Place their first meal of the day. All attending thoroughly enjoyed a hot and savory, delicious combination of a breakfast brunch and fresh fruit, along with their fun and friendliness. All of which, of course, was greatly appreciated.

The fifth Charles Stanek baby was born to Charles and Carrie Stanek on Feb. 15, at Northern Michigan Hospital, weighing nine pounds, one ounce, and measuring 21 inches at his birth. He was named Charles Caleb. Ironically enough, each of the Stanek men has a different middle name. Grandparents of Charles Caleb are Chuck and Laurie Stanek, of rural East Jordan; Keith and Michelle Schwaben of Uniontown, Ohio; and Shelly and Bob Jones of Winchester, Calif. Great-grandparents are Charlie and Leona Stanek; Shirley and Leon Beal, both of rural East Jordan; and Marilyn and Jere Hall of Calif. The first Charles Stanek is deceased.

Join your friends at the Boyne Area Senior Center this week for lunch, which is served each weekday at noon. On Thursday, March 2, Butter Crumb Cod will be served with creamed potatoes. "Tai Chi for Arthritis" begins today at the Senior Center. This class is already booked. If you are interested in another class, call the Senior Center at 231-582-6682. Bingo will be on Monday and Wednesday during the month of March due to the Tai Chi classes. On March 3, Friday, Crunchy Drumsticks are on the menu. Friday is music day, and the Cousins will be playing from 11 a.m. to noon. Special guests will join everyone for lunch on Friday to enjoy the new building: March 6, Monday, Lemon Pepper Cod will be served. Monday will be Bingo day. Remember, everybody wins. Come join the fun. Tuesday, March 7, Goulash is on the menu. Wednesday, March 8, enjoy Chicken a la King for lunch. This will be Bingo day during the month of March. Line dancing is planned on Wednesday, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come and join in a game of cards any day at the Senior Center - you can find a game in progress before lunch.

Items of interest may be called in to Nancy at 231-582-9174, or Emailed to neighbors@glakes.com. Thank you.



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'Oliver!' cast assembled

BY SAMANTHA DUBY
Student Writer

Although the curtain won't rise for Concord Academy Boyne's musical "Oliver!" until the first weekend of May, students have already begun preparing for opening night. "Oliver!" is a musical based on the Dickens novel, "Oliver Twist." The story is about an orphan boy in 1851 finding his

place in life.

Student preparation for the show began with casting. Casting, however, was not an easy process. Every student interested in a part had to fill out audition forms. Auditions consisted of dancing, testing basic vocal skills, and reading lines. Even students interested in behind the scenes work had to be interviewed.

"We were asked questions about our capability and dedication to our backstage jobs," said junior Britani Crego. Getting prepared for the musical isn't just about memorizing lines and music; it's also about preparing the stage.

"The high school drama class has spent so much time and effort in building and learning about each act," said sophomore

Shauna Andersen. The class built models for each act and scene. These models help determine where the actors are able to move and also the props that not only fit the scene but also are easy to bring on and off the stage. Students have also been planning the backdrops. They have been drawing and constructing the background to add to their models.

The musical Oliver! will be on stage the first weekend of May at Concord Academy Boyne. For more information regarding the musical please contact Concord Academy Boyne at 231-582-0194.

Samantha Duby is a sophomore at Concord Academy Boyne. She enjoys writing and would like to further her education after high school.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School
NAME: Kassie McClellan

PARENTS:
Brenda McClellan and Jerry Matelski
GRADE: 10th
FAVORITE CLASS: Mr. Garver
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:



Snowboarding
FAVORITE SPORT: Softball
FAVORITE FOOD: Ice cream (mint chocolate chip)
FAVORITE BOOK: "That Was Then, This Is Now"
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Get Rich, Or Die Trying"
FUTURE PLANS: To go to Michigan Tech to be a conservation officer.
STAFF COMMENTS: "Kassie McClellan has really impressed me with her academic effort. It is always gratifying to see a student who sets high goals and achieves those goals. Students like Kassie make teaching truly enjoyable," Mr. Garver.

East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Ben Oliver
PARENTS: Larry and Gina Oliver
GRADE: 8th
STAFF COMMENTS: "Ben is a very nice, extremely polite young man. He continually demonstrates initiative in all of his classes and often works above and beyond teacher expectations. Ben pays attention, participates, and helps those around him. For all these reasons, Ben Oliver is an excellent choice for our student of the week," Barb Noirot, Paul Nachazel, Matt Hamilton and Carolyn Hardy, 8th grade teachers.



Boyne City High School

NAME: Ashley Lockery
PARENTS: Jim and Darlene Lockery
GRADE: 9th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Drama, band, marching band
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:



Basketball, helping/working with animals, spending time with friends and family.
FUTURE PLANS: To graduate and attend Michigan State University and become a veterinary assistant or veterinarian.
STAFF COMMENTS: "Ashley has an outgoing personality and she has been a pleasure to have in class. I enjoy her attitude and enthusiasm towards her education as she has been performing admirably in class. Ashley is courteous, hardworking, and reliable and works hard to make sure her assignments are of the highest quality. I appreciate Ashley's optimistic outlook and know she will be successful as she has a strong work ethic and great attitude. Ashley is very deserving of this recognition. Congratulations!" Mrs. Hemming, science teacher.

East Jordan High School

NAME: Amber Johnson
PARENTS: Tina Williams and Mike Johnson
GRADE: 10th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Chemistry
FUTURE PLANS: Attend college



STAFF COMMENTS: "I have Amber in honors chemistry she is a wonderful student with a great sense of humor. She has her work done and on time and is always willing to help someone if they need help with whatever they are working on," Sharon Moeke.

"Amber has a great combination of ability and work habits. She is indeed an outstanding student!" Mr. Essenberg.

"Although she's quiet in class, Amber offers great insight in our class discussions. She's always willing to try any task thrown her way, and she sticks with it until it is done and done well. Amber is a bright young woman with a great future ahead of her." Mrs. McPherson.

Antique Car Club Offers Scholarship

BOYNE CITY - The Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America has announced that two \$600 scholarships for the coming year are being offered to high school graduates and seniors entering school for any phase of practice within the automotive field.

Those interested in applying should contact either their school counselor, their automotive high school instructor or by writing to the Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America Scholarship Committee.

Completed applications for the BCRAACA scholarship must be received by March 31, and must include the high school principal's report (which may be obtained by BCRAACA) and a transcript of your high school grades. High school graduates who have entered the work field must complete the application and return it with two letters of reference.

Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America is for those interested in preservation and restoration of antique, classic and veteran motor cars. The club conducts several tours, meets, and events throughout each

year, the largest being the Antique Car Show, Swap Meet, Antique Show and Flea Market held the second weekend in August in Boyne City. Those interested in club activities or in becoming a member, may contact by writing to: P. O. Box 902, Boyne City, MI., 49712.

OBITUARIES

William Nelson Grimm

William Nelson Grimm was born on April 13, 1926, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Anthony and Clarinda Mable (Nelson) Grimm. He grew up in Milwaukee and graduated from Solomon Juneau High School in 1944. He was a World War II air force veteran. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1949, with a Bachelor of Science in Soils, and remains a member of the U.W. Alumni Association.

On February 18, 1950, he married Jean Watson in Blanchardville,

Wisconsin. He was employed for 31 years with the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, serving both Emmet and Charlevoix Soil and Water Conservation districts.

Grimm retired in 1981 and served as a Boyne City city commissioner and mayor pro tem until 1997. He was currently chairing the Boyne City airport board. He served a six-year term on the Char-Em Intermediate School Board. He was a current member of the American Legion Post #228, Boyne City, as well

as the Masonic Lodge #391, Boyne City. He was a past member of the Boyne Valley Lions Club, where he served as president in 1974-1975.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City, he served as an elder, Sunday School teacher and superintendent, and youth fellowship leader.

Bill is survived by his wife, Jean (Watson), and their three children: Garry Thomas (Ann) Grimm, of Lansing; David Bruce (Julia) Grimm, of Lansing; and Mary Jean (Scott) Bunker, of Mesa, Ariz.; 12

grandchildren: Caroline (Abraham) Hands, Andrea, Allison, Alexandra, Barbara, Jeffery, Meredith, Sarah, Ryan, Leslie, Maura, and Kyle; and one great-grandson, Abraham, Jr. He was preceded in death by one son, Gordon William Grimm.

Bill will be sorely missed, as husband, father, grandfather, friend, and true brother in Christ. His example of love, service, hard work and great good humor are unequalled in the experience of all who know him. May his memory be eternal.

Noreen Mae Nowicki

Noreen M. Nowicki, 55, of Houston, Texas passed away at home on February 14, 2006, after a year-long illness.

Noreen was born on September 25, 1950, to Victor and Amarilyis (Detcher) Howard. She grew

up in Boyne City and graduated in 1968 from Boyne City High School.

In 1977 Noreen married Greg Nowicki in Boyne City. They moved to Houston soon afterward where she worked in the insur-

ance business until her second daughter was born.

Noreen is survived by her husband Greg; daughters Kimberly and Andrea; granddaughter Elise; sisters; Carole (Ray) Adams of Boyne City, Marilyn (Bud) Beebe

of Boyne City, Karen (Ferd) Dielman of Petoskey, Lorraine Priest of Traverse City; and loving stepmother LaVetta Howard of Boyne City.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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SPORTS

STATE SKI MEET

Rowley takes GS title; Ramblers take fourth

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

HARBOR SPRINGS – Charlevoix-East Jordan skier Katherine Rowley capped a standout sophomore season with a giant slalom state championship run on Monday, Feb. 27, beating the best the rest of the state had to offer down the run at Nub's Nob.

Rowley took the GS title with a time of 51.45 and came close to double victory day as she placed second in the slalom with a time of 1:03.10, just 0.21 seconds behind Ironwood's Lauren Korpi.

The Boyne City girls team finished fourth in the final team standings. Notre Dame Prep and Iron Mountain stood tied with 119 points after the competition, with Notre Dame winning the title in a tiebreaker. Harbor Springs (125) finished third, Boyne City (129) was fourth and Traverse City St. Francis (140) was fifth.

REGIONAL MEET

BOYNE FALLS – On the strength of two first place finishes from Rowley, coupled with a pair of top five finishes from Kelsey Poineau, the Charlevoix-East Jordan girls ski team captured the team title at the Lake Michigan Conference meet at Boyne Mountain on Feb. 21.

Chx/EJ totaled 65 points, 17.5 points ahead of runner up Traverse City St. Francis. Harbor Springs (87.5) was third, Boyne City (98) fourth, Grayling (132) fifth, and Elk Rapids (202) sixth.

Rowley took the giant slalom with a time of 43.95 and she was followed in by teammates Poineau (2nd, 46.84), Emily Bajko (14th, 50.30), Elizabeth Hasseld (15th, 50.88), and Stephanie Poindexter (22nd, 54.39).

In the slalom Rowley won with a time of 1:02.48 followed by Poineau (4th, 1:06.46), Hasseld (12th, 1:10.47), Mary Gocha (16th, 1:12.33), Bajko (17th, 1:13.73), and Poindexter (25th,

1:22.26).

Rowley and Poineau made both of the year end seven member all conference teams, joined by Boyne City's Jessica Grice (slalom and GS) and Christina Roland (GS).

All-conference honorable mention spots went to Boyne City's Alex Welborn (slalom) and Roland (slalom).

The Lady Rambler finishers were: Grice (2nd S, 5th GS), Roland (7th S, 7th GS), Welborn (20th S, 12th GS), Natalie Lindsay (22nd S), and Amber Stone (28th S, 23rd GS).

Harbor Springs dominated the boys meet with five top ten finishes in both the slalom and GS to total 30 points. Boyne City (112.5) finished second followed by Elk Rapids (114), Chx/EJ (117.5), Traverse City St. Francis (121) and Grayling (172).

The Rams were led by John Ramer, who won the slalom with a time of 59.25, and Jeff Hofacker, who took the GS with a time of 45.62. Hofacker was second in the slalom (59.47) and Ramer was second in GS (45.68).

Boyne City's Nick Simeri finished third in GS (46.91) and fourth in the slalom (1:01.59). Simeri earned all conference honors in both slalom and GS, while teammate Kaleb McNamara made the GS team.

Named honorable mention were: Cameron Attee (slalom, GS), Mac Brennan (slalom, GS) and Nic Williams (slalom) of Chx/EJ; along with McNamara (slalom) of Boyne City.

Other local finishers were: Chx/East Jordan – Mac Brennan (7th, S 15th GS), Cameron Attee (10th S, 14th GS), Billy Brodin (17th S, tied 16th GS), Nic Williams (18th S, 25th GS), Geoff Baier (21st S), Tanner Fisher (27th S, 22nd GS), Michael Cardwell (20th GS).

Boyne City – Kaleb McNamara (6th GS), Lee Blossom (13th GS), Tom Hague (16th S, 32nd GS), Ryan Witten (19th S, 24th GS), Joe Shear (tied 16th GS).



Above, Allison Wright of Boyne City flies by a gate during her first giant slalom run at the state ski meet on Monday at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs. Far left, strong performances from Wright, Alex Wellborn, Jessica Grice (pictured), Christina Roland, Kayla Potter and Natalie Lindsay helped the Boyne City girls ski team take home fourth place. Left, Boyne City's Nick Simeri qualified as an individual for the state meet. Results unavailable at presstime.

BASKETBALL

Devils fall to Harbor Springs

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

HARBOR SPRINGS – Harbor Springs poured in 44 points in the second half of play to break open a nine point ball game and hand the East Jordan varsity basketball team an 80-63 conference loss on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The Rams had four players reach double figures as they started with a 25-11 lead after one quarter and held a 36-27 bulge at the end of the first half.

Josh Graybiel led the charge with 20 points, while Payne Schanski and Jesse Oldman added 14 points each and Taylor Frye chipped in with 11.

"We ran into a red hot Harbor Springs in the first quarter. They hit four threes and missed only a couple of shots in the quarter. We weathered the storm and came back and played them straight up the rest of the game," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey.

"They had their inside-out game going well and when we took away the threes Josh Graybiel stepped up his game inside. When Harbor is hitting their threes they are tough team to stop," Bailey added.

East Jordan's Andrew Streufert led all scorers in the game with 24 points and attacked the basket well playing a solid game on both ends of the court, said Bailey. Alex Lorne chipped in with 13 points, including a perfect six for six from the free throw line, while contributing with some excellent defensive play. Jeff Keyser contributed to the Red Devil effort with six assists.

BASKETBALL

Loggers earn conference win

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

WOLVERINE – The Boyne Falls varsity basketball team clinched the 2006 Northern Lakes Conference championship with a high powered, high scoring 85-65 victory at Wolverine on Friday, Feb. 24.

The Loggers topped the 20-point mark in all four quarters to overwhelm the Wildcats, while earning their 11th conference win with one game remaining against Mackinaw City.

"That was one of our goals," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla, about taking the NLC title, "and with losing our top three scorers from last year, it was exciting to come back and win the league this year."

The Loggers (13-4 overall) wasted no time

taking control of the contest, and kept the pressure on throughout, forging leads of 22-8, 45-29 and 65-46 at the end of the first three quarters.

Five players reached double figures and Jim Gross led the offensive onslaught with 19 points. Shawn Kilmer tossed in 16 points, Ben Kondrat netted 14, Jeff Miller contributed with 11 and Cliff Leazier added ten.

Gross added five assists, Miller had nine rebounds, Leazier grabbed eight boards and Kondrat had five steals.

"Trevor Matelski did not play with an ankle injury, but Jeff Miller started in his spot and did a nice job for us," said Hamilla.

For the Wildcats Dave Frulong led with 20 points and John Egas added 19 points.

BOYNE FALLS 98
ALBA 73

Gross led a quintet of Loggers in double digits with 28 points when Boyne Falls downed Alba 98-73 in a conference match up in Boyne Falls on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Matelski tossed in 15 points and Leazier had 14 points, while Miller and Kilmer had ten each to add to the offensive output. Matelski and Kilmer contributed with seven rebounds each and Kondrat added eight assists.

Boyne Falls led 30-18 after one quarter, 62-36 at the intermission and 83-49 at the end of the third quarter.

Trevor Schuch and Zack Milligan paced the Alba scoring with 24 points apiece and Marc Leblanc added 23 points.

X-COUNTRY
SKIING

Local skiers out front

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

HOUGHTON – Four local skiers finished among the top 30 to lead the Charlevoix/Emmet County cross country team at the Michigan High School State Championship meet held in Houghton on Feb. 18-19.

Brendan Baic, of Walloon Lake, placed seventh overall to pace the squad. Baic was followed in by Spencer Beatty (Harbor Springs, 13th), Phil Conklin (Boyne City, 27th) and Beau Kroondyk (Boyne City, 29th).

Char/Emmet placed fourth behind winner Houghton/Hancock, runner up Traverse City Central and third place Marquette. Traverse City West was fifth.

Over 50 skiers competed in the two day event, which featured a two race pursuit competition (five kilometer skate and five kilometer classic) on Saturday, along with a one kilometer sprint on Sunday.

Baic also added a fourth place in Sunday's one kilometer sprint.

Baic and Beatty, along with East Jordan's Mac Brennan, will represent the state of Michigan at the 2006 Junior Olympics to be held at the Michigan Technological University trails in Houghton on March 5-12.

Ramblers edge out Red Devils

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

EAST JORDAN – The Boyne City varsity basketball team held back their hard fighting rivals East Jordan during a high scoring fourth quarter scramble on Friday, Feb. 24, as the Ramblers edged out the Red Devils 57-54 in a Lake Michigan Conference showdown.

The two teams tossed in 21 points each in the final eight minutes, but it took a pair of successful free throws with six seconds to go from Boyne City's Robbie Jensen to seal the victory.

The Red Devils did not go down without a fight, while trailing by just four points, 36-32 head into the final quarter. Boyne City (7-11 overall, 5-8 LMC) increased the lead to eight points with two minutes to go when East Jordan put on the press to apply the pressure.

"The refs were letting the kids play and we were trying to break their press. I told the guys that we just had to make our free throws and they were able to do that," said Boyne City coach John Hertel.

The Ramblers came through sinking nine of 11 shots from the stripe in the final quarter.

"We challenged Boyne to beat us from the outside. The kids followed the game plan perfectly and we were exactly the position we wanted to be in the fourth quarter, except we missed some crucial free throws and turned the ball at some very crucial times," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey.

Three Ramblers hit double figures for the game as Grant Ameal netted 18 points, Taylor Voice hit for 17 points and Jensen contributed with 14.

Jeff Keyser led the Red Devils with 14 points and five assist, Chad Kraemer added 12 points and seven boards, while Alex Lorne contributed with some strong post position defensive play.

"This game will help us down the stretch and we know that if we could have finished a little bit better this game goes our way. You have to give Voice, Ameal, and Jensen credit as they stepped up and hit some key outside shots for their team," said Bailey.

TRAVERSE CITY ST. FRANCIS 66
BOYNE CITY 44

Traverse City St. Francis sharpshooter Ben Popp tossed in four shots from beyond the arc and hit for 22 points total to pace the league leading Gladiators to a 66-44 win over Boyne City on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Trevor Nostrant added 20 points as a balanced offensive effort saw the Gladiators improve to 10-1 in the conference.

"We did some good things, but it's tough to sustain that against a tough team like St. Francis. Every time we were getting close they would hit a shot on us," said Hertel.

St. Francis (15-2 overall) led the contest 19-15 after one quarter, made it a 33-24 game at the half and was on top 48-35 going into the fourth quarter.

The Ramblers were led by Ameal with 12 points, Kruzal with ten points, Voice with eight and Jensen with eight. Kruzal added six rebounds, Jensen had six steals and Voice had three assists.

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Second annual Everett Kircher Cup

BOYNE FALLS - Amateur ski racers from around the state gathered at Boyne Mountain on Sunday, Feb. 19, and 85 of them blazed slalom runs down the fabled Hemlock slope in pursuit of the 2nd Annual Everett Kircher Cup. Named after late Boyne USA Resorts' founder and ski industry innovator, Everett Kircher, the Cup is a Michigan Challenge Charity Ski Racing Series event. A portion of the proceeds from each event is donated to a fund to help ski racing programs in the local community.

Following two very competitive runs, Petoskey residents Ryan Shorter and Jennifer Crockett emerged as the 2006 male and female Everett Kircher Cup champions. Shorter and Crockett are active competitors on the USSA and FIS circuits. Shorter represented Michigan at the U.S. Alpine National Championships last season, and both racers are frequently atop the standings in the FIS Mid-America Series.

Fast skiing wasn't limited to the champions. Second place male and female finishers Ben Crockett, of Petoskey, and Katherine Rowley, of Boyne City, gave the champions a run for their money. Ben Crockett's brother and training partner, was only .49 seconds away from victory. And 15-year-old Katherine Rowley stormed down both courses, beating all but five of the male competitors.

The Michigan Challenge race series continues on Sunday, March 19, with a giant slalom race at Boyne Highlands, and finishes with the legendary Boyne Highlands Downhill on Sunday, March 26. Visit www.boyne.com for more information on upcoming events and check out the snowsports racing link for complete Everett Kircher Cup race results.

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- Men**
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 3. Steve Pirie 62.85
 4. Brian Shorter 63.08
 5. Larry Cappel 65.33
- Women**
1. Jennifer Crockett 65.06
 2. Katherine Rowley 66.69
 3. Lauren Rykert 70.89
 4. Jessica Grice 73.42
 5. Rebecca McMurray 73.95

Win some, lose some

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

BOYNE CITY - The Boyne City varsity volleyball team dropped a three game match to league leading Kalkaska on Wednesday, Feb. 22, falling by scores of 18-25, 13-25, 24-26 in a Lake Michigan Conference match up.

Emma Clemens had 18 assists for the Lady Ram-

blers, while Jessica Nichols, Lindsay Baic, Perry Fish and Mallory Slate all were 100 percent from the serving line.

Baic added 19 digs and 17 kills, Nichols also had 17 digs and six kills, Fish had 26 digs and Trisha Tomkins chipped in with five kills and four aces.

"We played them a lot tougher than the first time this year," said Boyne City

coach Casie Parker. "Kalkaska has only one loss all year and they are a good team."

Boyne City defeated Elk Rapids 25-18, 25-17, 17-25, 25-22 on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The Lady Ramblers will open play this Saturday at the Class C districts at Inland Lakes with a 10:00 a.m. match against Rogers City.

Devils fall in four games

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

TRAVERSE CITY - East Jordan's varsity volleyball team fell to Traverse City St. Francis in four games on Thursday, Feb. 23, losing out to the Lady Gladiators 16-25, 22-25, 25-21, 23-25.

"We had many chances to send this match into the fifth game, but didn't," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel. "We have had so many close matches go against us, but we keep fighting hard. This team has never stop fighting."

East Jordan (11-15 overall, 5-7 LMC) was led by Jessica Roberts (100 percent serving, 27 assists, two digs, two kills), Mary Shaw (13 digs, eight kills), Kayla Windish (six kills, four digs, one block, one ace) and Megan Warnos (100 percent serving, one ace, four digs, one kill).

"We played our best volleyball of the season," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel. "Our serving percentage was very high. Our defensive positioning was great. Everybody was moving the ball. It was nice to see the girls' effort levels step up."

Megan Warnos and Mary Shaw turned in the perfect serving games against Grayling, with Shaw putting down three aces and Warnos recording two. Shaw added ten digs and five kills, while Warnos also had eight digs and one kill.

EAST JORDAN 3 GRAYLING 1

East Jordan was on the front end of a four game conference victory on Wednesday, Feb. 22, when the Lady Devils defeated the Lady Vikings 25-16, 25-23, 14-25, 25-12.

"Except for the third

DISTRICT BASKETBALL East Jordan takes on Mancelona, Boyne Falls faces Wolverine

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

BOYNE CITY - "March Madness" hits Michigan starting next week as the prep state basketball tournament begins with the district tournaments getting underway for the ultimate prize in high school hoops.

Local teams will compete in two tournament draws. **Class C at Charlevoix** - East Jordan will face Mancelona on Monday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. with Inland Lakes getting a bye to face the survivor on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

In the other bracket Charlevoix faces Harbor Springs on Monday at 6 p.m. with Boyne City waiting to take on the winner on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The championship game is set for Friday, March 10, with the tip off scheduled for 7 p.m.

Class D at Boyne Falls - Gaylord St. Mary will face Vanderbilt in the opening game on Monday at 7 p.m., while Boyne Falls will square off against Wolverine in the second semi final game on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The Championship game is set for Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m.

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes
Pharmacist



Health and Forgiveness

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East Jordan High School students Jaleesa Balor, left, and Eric Hansen of Team Torino tweak their Rube Goldberg device into shape. Lake Superior State University's sixth annual Engineering Day in Sault Ste. Marie drew teams from all over the EUP and northern Lower Peninsula. Contest entries had nine minutes to shred five pieces of paper twice. East Jordan took top honors with their devices, with Team Torino garnering first place and a berth in national competition this April. Team Recycled Memories landed second place honors.

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Also Sat & Sun at 2, 4:15, 7 & 9:15

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