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COMING EVENTS

Language Arts festival at BCMS

Boyne City Middle School will present a Language Arts Festival on Wednesday, March 15, from 6 - 8 p.m. This night will be a celebration of reading and writing, as well as the debut of the Student Tales publishing projects. In December, every BCMS student wrote and illustrated an original story, which was then published in hard cover form. Festival attendees will find these books displayed throughout the school building.

The festival will also include several special presentations by people who have made writing and reading a part of their life's work.

Child care will be provided. For more information, contact Boyne City Middle School at 231-439-8200.

BC Business After Hours

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held on Thursday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Huntington Bank. There will be a free gift for the first 50 people, and hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided.

Jordan Inn hosting drama fund-raiser

The Jordan Inn will be hosting fundraising dinners for the East Jordan Thespians each night of the play (and after the Sunday matinee). Seating will be at 5 p.m. so that theater patrons can make the 7 p.m. musical, and dinners will include six courses with an a la carte dessert selection.

Ten percent of all proceeds will go to the East Jordan Thespians. Seating is limited.

St. Matthew's fish dinners

St. Matthews Church in Boyne City will be serving fish dinners Fridays during Lent. The menu will include lightly breaded baked cod, hash browns, cole slaw, and rolls. For the children, there will be macaroni and cheese and applesauce.

The cost is \$6.50 for fish dinner; \$3 for child's macaroni and cheese; 5 and under free. Dinners will be served Fridays, March 17, 24, 31, and April 7.

St. Matthew blood drive

A blood drive will be held Monday, March 27, from 1 - 6:45 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue, sponsored by St. Matthew Parish Guild. All presenting donors will be entered into a raffle for exciting MIS Pit Stop Boxes - some include race tickets. For more information, call 231-582-7718.

Yu-Gi-Oh competition

Yu-Gi-Oh competition will be held at the Boyne District Library on Friday, March 31, at 5 p.m. All duelists in the area are invited to attend. Bring your deck to find out if you are the champion duelist, or come to cheer on your favorite competitor.

Prizes will be awarded to the top two duelists and refreshments will be served. Sign-up is required to compete.

Congratulations to John Sanderson, our most recent first place winner.

Sign-up at the library and pick up a packet by March 30 to get all the details and information.

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Cooper contemplates life after school

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

BOYNE CITY - In the short term, retiring superintendent Jim Cooper isn't thinking about retirement. He has a job to complete at Boyne City Public Schools, and that is where his mind is, and will be for a few more months.

"We've started a number of things we need to finish," Cooper said. "It is important to me that anything we started we follow up on, and get as far as we can before I leave."

He cited school improvement initiatives and long-term staffing issues, as examples.

"Now all of a sudden things become a little more

immediate - July 1 is the deadline," he said. He admitted to being "a bit anxious. Even though I am supposed to be a change agent, it does cause anxiety at least." But he added that he doesn't have time to worry too much, because he has a lot to do and a short time to do it, and doesn't want to rush through anything without giving it thoughtful attention.

So for now, his summer plans are no different than they would have been if he were going to suit back up for the superintendent's job again this coming fall.

Suiting up has become one of Cooper's trademarks. He believes that in the classroom or the administrative offices, he has earned respect by

showing respect for the position - and one of the ways he has done that is by wearing a suit and tie on the job.

"There is a level of dignity that you need to give to the position yourself," he said. "You need to show respect yourself if you expect others to. As a teacher, I always wore a tie." As a superintendent, that dignity was extended to include a suit coat.

But come summer he'll swap tweeds for leather, and he and his wife, Mary, will straddle their Harley Davidson Ultra Glide and find the wide open road.

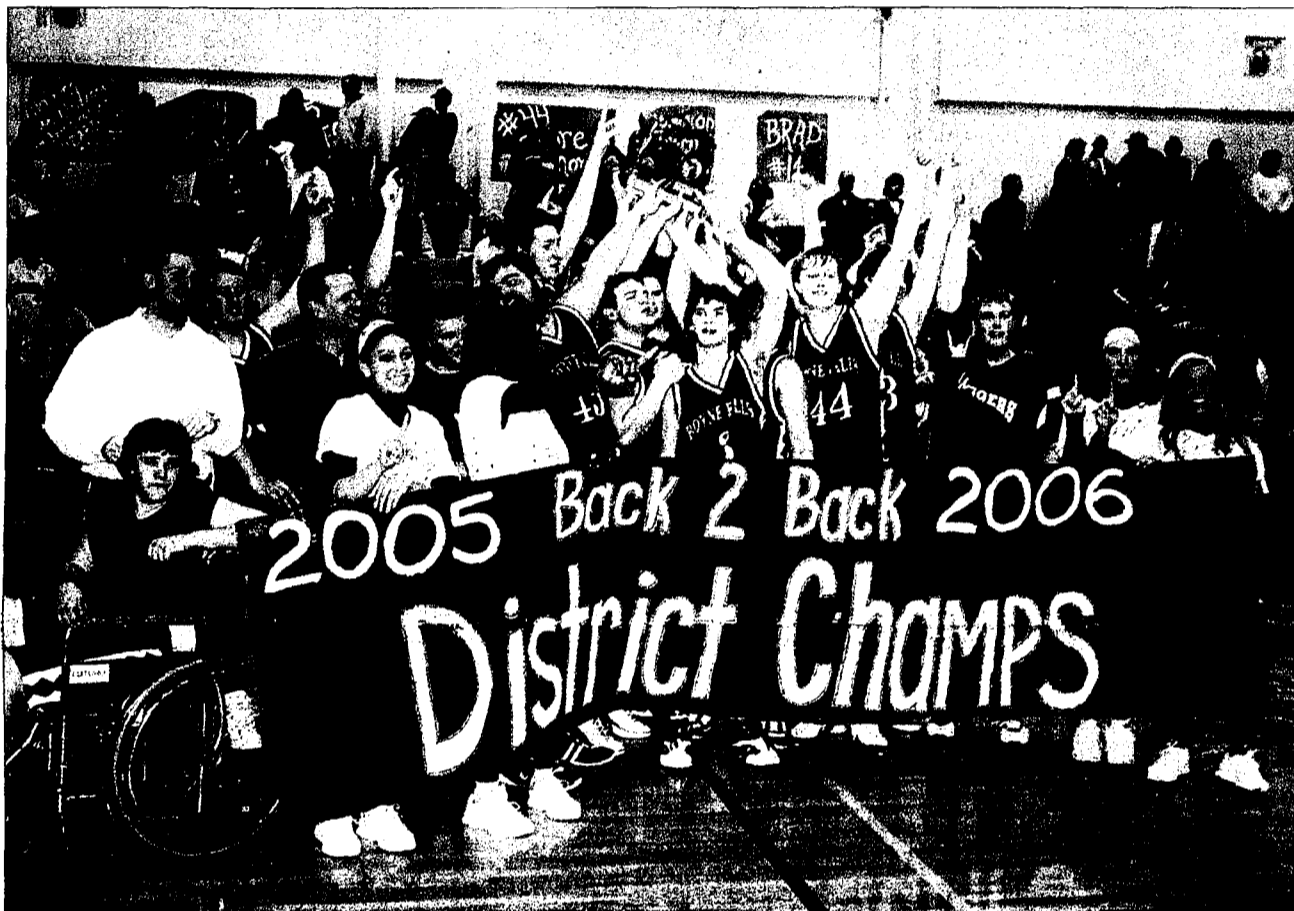
"I just like to ride. Always have. I've owned

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Jim Cooper

Back 2 Back



What the sign doesn't say, the players' faces do: The Boyne Falls Loggers won their second straight District Championship last week when they edged out Gaylord St. Mary's in a two-point game last week that went into overtime. See related story on page 6.

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Agency plans septage ordinance

By Stephen Kloosterman
 Staff Writer

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN - The Northwest Michigan Health Department is developing an ordinance to regulate the disposal of septage in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties.

The department's recommendation - which Department Health Officer Gerald Chase introduced to Antrim County Commissioners at their February 9 meeting - calls for an end to spreading septage on agricultural fields. It also suggests that the septage could be best handled by small, privately-owned treatment facilities, and calls for a single public health regulation for Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties that the Health Department would enforce.

In an interview after the meeting, Chase said that increasing population density in the area and technology breakthroughs in septage management have dated county ordinances.

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Boyne City Middle School "mathletes" Nolan Seelye, left, and Caleb Fair qualified to compete at the state math competition last weekend.

Middle school 'mathletes' compete

BOYNE CITY - "Math Counts," the slogan reads, and Boyne City Middle School students Nolan Seelye, seventh grade, and eighth-grader Caleb Fair are proving it right.

Math Counts is a math problem solving curriculum according to middle school math teacher, Rob Bergquist, and the students compete against other local schools as part of that curriculum.

Recently both Seelye and Fair placed at the regional competition - Fair placing sixth overall and Seelye placing second overall - qualifying them for the state competition last weekend.

"We start out with school competitions and go to regionals," Seelye said. "The regionals were a little bit more tense. The written rounds were

easier, because there wasn't much of a time limit, but the count down had a time limit. You had to go really fast or the next person would have it right before you."

The rounds were the sudden death variety, and Seelye was in second place overall at the regionals after only having to go one round. Fair was in tenth place starting out, so he went five rounds before someone answered before him, putting him in an impressive sixth place, as the calibre of math students is high, and the competition is intense, according to both students.

"It was really nerve-wracking. I was the first one called up for the count-down round," Fair said. "I lost in the first match-up, that's why I was sixth."

Seelye anticipated that the state would have harder questions, more

people, and would come with a lot more pressure, but both mathletes looked forward to the contest. So did their teacher.

"There will be stiffer competition - the best of the best," Bergquist said. "That'll be awesome."

Both boys agreed that they felt they were going to the state competition as a team, representing Boyne City Middle School.

"We're not really competitive with each other," Fair said. "We're pretty good friends."

Neither Boyne student placed in the top ten at the state competition last weekend, but finished "mid-pack," Bergquist said. Still, they represented BCMS with positive attitudes and genuine appreciation for the opportunity to compete.

'Gym Sox' provides youth support

BY JANE BOOZE
 Editor

EAST JORDAN - With bad news stories too commonplace among the youth of the community, it is nice to hear good news. East Jordan's ecumenical youth group, Gym Sox, has some good news to share.

Gym Sox is an acronym for "get your mind set on Christ." The "x" is an ancient Greek symbol for Christ, and the Gym Sox logo has the "x" turned to resemble a cross.

Five churches participate: The Catholic Church, the Lighthouse Missionary Church, the Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches in East Jordan. There is a middle school group, and a high school group.

Since its inception in Sept., 2004, Gym Sox has had about 50 young people participate, and has a solid regular membership of 35 or so youth - most of whom are middle school students. The adult advisors said that they knew going in that they would have to "grow" the senior high group, whose membership is lower. But with 14 active eighth-graders this year, that is beginning to happen.

The middle school group meets primarily at the Presbyterian Church, while the high school meets at the Methodist Church, with the shared goal of creating a "community of faith through which (the youth) will enjoy Christian fellowship and participate in mission outreach as (they) continue to grow spiritually."

Linda Robinson was one of the leadership that got Gym Sox off the ground - for partly selfish reasons, she said, as she wanted her own daughter to have a youth group.

"We partnered where we saw a need," she said, explaining that her church needed a youth group, but the congregation was too small to support its own. So adults from the five local churches joined together to create one community youth group.

How do they deal with doctrinal differences?
 "We have tried to focus on commonalities," Robinson said. "We all believe in God. We all believe in Jesus Christ as Savior. We do not focus on our differences."

As a result, they have established a dynamic youth group with a vibrant membership (29 youth recently went on a retreat to Camp Daggett), but also a strong ecumenical leadership, consisting of preachers, teachers, husband and wife teams, and parents.

Robinson said that in her experience getting adults to volunteer for things

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Events

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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY:

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 6

proximately 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 116 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 non-denominational and free

'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.

seminars sponsored by The Healing Circle and the St. Joseph and St. John parishes. For more information contact Theresa at 231-499-4476.

Every Thursday

• 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.

EJ art students finalists in NMC show

TRAVERSE CITY - Northwestern Michigan College's art department is displaying the work of area high school juniors and seniors who participated in the 20th Annual Regional High School Art Competition. The juried exhibit features 129 selected pieces in a variety of media, including painting, jewelry, ceramics/sculpture, photography, drawing/illustration/printmaking, and digital media. The show runs through March 19 and is open to the public Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. It is located in the Shirley S. Okerstrom Fine Arts Building on NMC's main campus.

Students from 18 regional high schools submitted 354 original works of art that were judged by NMC's visual communications and fine arts students. One hundred twenty nine of the original entries were juried into the show, and the finalists were selected by the art faculty. A reception for the artists and awards presentation was held on Friday March 10, where one finalist received a "Best of Show" award and a \$100 check.

Finalists from East Jordan High School are: Elizabeth David, honorable mention, painting; Emily Hagen, first place, photo; Andrea Postma, honorable mention, painting; Johnny Renkiewicz, honorable mention, drawing; and Amanda Watson.

The following schools participated in the competition: Brethren, Cadillac, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Ellsworth, Forest Area, Frankfort, Gaylord, Interlochen Arts Academy, Kalkaska, Kingsley, Lake City, Leland, Mancelona, Manistee, St. Francis, T.C. Central, and T.C. West.

For more information about the exhibit, or the NMC Art Department Regional High School Art Competition, please call 231-995-1325.

Board members receive awards

BOYNE CITY - Two Boyne City board members received awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards recently for their efforts to improve their leadership skills and become more effective school leaders, demonstrating their commitment to student achievement. Jerry Kelts received the Certified Board Member Award and the Award of Merit, while Ross McLane received the Certified Board Member Award.

Awards are earned for classes completed in MASB's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

Diabetes and Heart Disease Are Preventable

A recent report by the chairman of Harvard School of Public Health says that better lifestyle habits could prevent 90% of type 2 diabetes and 80% of heart disease. The changes needed to make a difference include quitting smoking; increasing intake of whole grains, fruits and vegetables; eating fish twice a week to boost omega-3 fatty acids; reducing intake of red meats and eliminating trans fat; moderate exercise - a half hour per day of brisk walking; maintaining a healthy weight with a body mass index of 25 or below; and taking a multivitamin to get enough folic acid.

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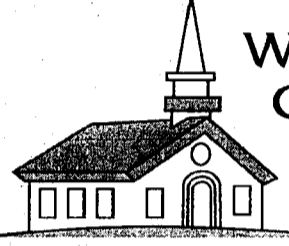
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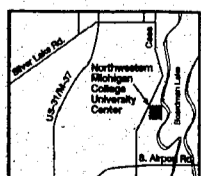

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Char-Em ISD celebrates \$90,000 grant

CHARLEVOIX - Recently the superintendent of the Charlevoix-Emmet ISD joined board members of the Early Childhood Investment Corporation and local legislators to celebrate a \$90,000 grant to support a local Great Start Collaborative that will strengthen early childhood development and care in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

Michigan Department of Human Services director Marianne Udow and ECIC chief operating officer Mike Foley presented a ceremonial check to Mark Eckhardt, Charlevoix-Emmet ISD Superintendent.

From the day she took office, Governor Jennifer Granholm has maintained that early childhood development and care is a critical investment in the economic viability of the state.

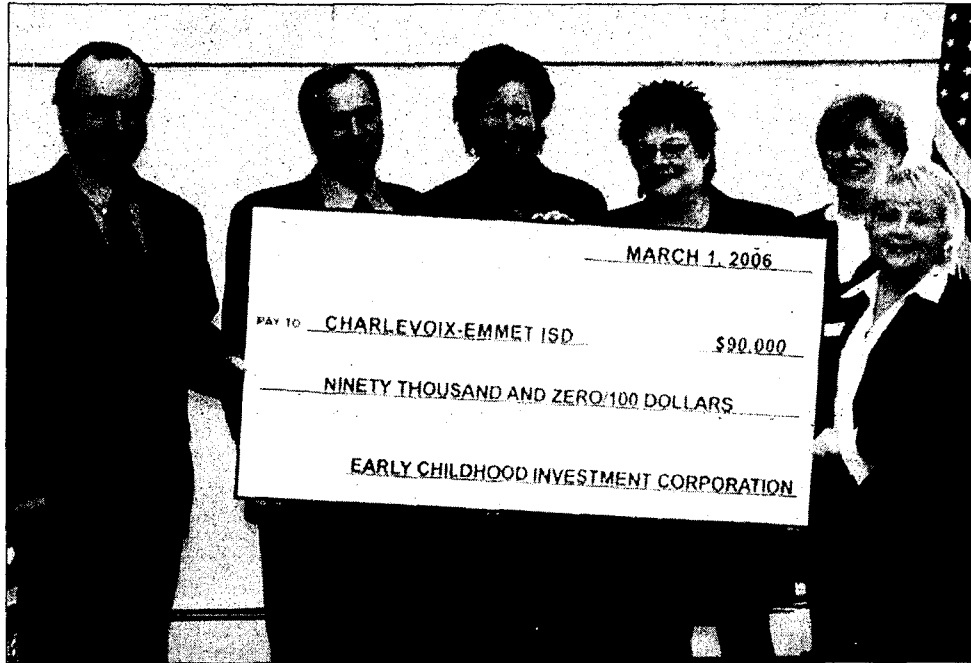
"Children learn more from birth to age three than at any other time, setting the stage for future success in school and in life," Granholm said. "High quality early childhood development and care is a wise investment in our children and our economy."

The Early Childhood Investment Corporation, which the governor announced in her 2005 State of the State address, is developing the framework for effective early childhood development and care programs through partnerships with local collaboratives around the state. The local Great Start Collaboratives will use the grant money from the ECIC to conduct a community assessment and develop a strategic plan for the development of a comprehensive system of early childhood services and supports, accessible to all children from birth to kindergarten and their families.

"These grants will help bring together the public and private sectors, including government, business, civic, faith, education, and community groups to develop a long-standing, sustained focus on early learning and childhood development," said Foley. "The board was able to award this first round of grants with the resources currently available, and is committed to funding Great Start Collaboratives throughout the state as new funding sources are identified."

Intermediate school districts will act as fiduciaries for the grants. In addition to Charlevoix-Emmet ISD, 13 other ISDs and RESAs around the state were also awarded funding for planning and/or implementation of Great Start Collaboratives.

"Children who participate in high-quality early child-



Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and its Stepping Stones to School initiative was awarded a \$90,000 grant. Shown presenting the check are Mike Foley, left, chief operating officer of the Early Childhood Investment Corporation; Mark Eckhardt, Char-Em ISD superintendent; Marianne Udow, director of the Michigan Department of Human Services; Jan Fowler, coordinator of the Char-Em ISD Early Education Department; Pat Fralick, director of Family Health Nursing for Northwest Community Health Agency; and Kathy Kundrat, Head Start/Early Head Start program director.

hood development programs are better prepared to enter elementary school, are more likely to pursue secondary education and have lower dropout rates and higher high school graduation rates," DHS Director Marianne Udow said. "By improving the skills of a large fraction of the workforce, these programs for poor children will reduce poverty and strengthen the state's ability to compete in the global market."

For more information about the ECIC and Great Start collaboratives, visit the Project Great Start Web site at www.michigan.gov/greatstart.

EJHS hosts prevention presentation

EAST JORDAN - Children who begin drinking before the age of 15 are 5 times more likely to develop alcohol problems than those who start after age 21.

East Jordan is one of hundreds of communities nationwide that will hold an Underage Drinking and Drug Use Prevention presentation on March 20, at 7 p.m. in the East Jordan High School auditorium, to discuss and raise awareness about the issue of underage drinking. BASES, in collaboration with the federal government's Interagency Coordinating Committee for the prevention of underage drinking, is sponsoring the event. Parents, teachers, school officials, and other community members will be educated about the impact that underage drinking has on the community, and they will develop possible ways to address this issue.

New data shows that approximately 29-percent of youth ages 12 to 20 have used alcohol illegally. By the time they reach eighth grade, 41-percent of adolescents have had at least one drink, and almost 20-percent report having been "drunk." 75-percent of high school seniors will have used alcohol by the time they graduate. Alcohol kills more young people than all other drugs combined.

Boyne practice welcomes new dentist

BOYNE CITY - Doctor Dennis Kirkby's office welcomes aboard a new associate dentist, Dr. Viviana Vagalau.

Dr. Vagalau moved to the area from downstate last fall together with her husband, Matthew Pawlick, also a dentist, and their 2-year-old daughter Laura.

After practicing for 3 years in the Royal Oak and Taylor area, Dr. Vagalau is

very excited to become part of the Boyne City community.

A native of Romania, Dr. Vagalau first received her dental degree from Timisoara, in Romania. She followed that by receiving her U.S. dental degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 2001. Committed to excellence, she then completed a residency in General Den-

tistry with emphasis in comprehensive and aesthetic dental care at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Vagalau intends to provide complete dental care for all ages and will offer some evening appointments. Dr. Vagalau would also like to contribute to continuously increasing the level of dental education and awareness.



Viviana Vagalau.

BCPS board members receive awards

BOYNE CITY - Two Boyne City board members received awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards recently for their efforts to improve their leadership skills and become more effective school leaders, demonstrating their commitment to student achievement. Jerry Kelts received the Certified Board Member Award and the Award of Merit, while Ross McLane received the Certified Board Member Award.

Awards are earned for classes completed in MASA's leadership training program, as well as for conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities.

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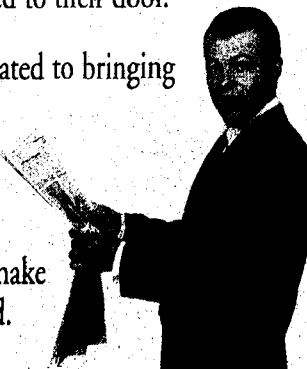
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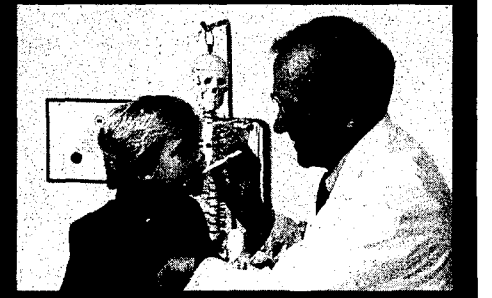
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OPINION

Jane's advice for the aging lovelorn

Full disclosure: I was married for 14 years, single for eight, and then happily remarried. This qualifies me for advising aging lovelorns like no amount of education or clinical practice. In my opinion.

The two things I wanted to know when I was single were: how do you meet other single people; and how do you know when it's "love"?

The answer to the first question is the fun one. The answer to the second you will hate. So we'll start with the Brussels sprouts and get to the dessert last. The answer to "how do you know" is - you just know. I know that's a horrid answer, like ending a story with, "...and then she woke up." But it is the truth. Infatuation is not the same as knowing.

LAST CALL



Jane Booze

Now, on to the fun part. I recommend the internet. I joined a couple different singles things - Match.com, briefly, but I didn't like that much. I didn't want anyone I knew knowing that I was on Match.com. Being on Match seemed a bit like advertising. "Desperate woman seeks - ANYBODY!" which, in fact, I was not.

The internet dating game that I liked was E-Harmony. You know the one, it is constantly advertising beautiful men and women that fell in love at first sight after having been matched in 40 different personality traits or something. They create a huge data base and match people with similar profiles. Makes sense, really, doesn't it? If what is most important to you in this world is a clean house, you aren't going to be matched with a ferret breeder - even if you both DO like piña colodas and walks in the rain. Very sensible.

My first two matches were an emergency medical services administrator for a five-county system in California (hey, it's the internet - you can stay local if you want to, but I was all about adventure). The second match was a paramedic who taught rappelling rescue techniques all over the United States. Note: I did that profile about a month before I started EMT classes, and until I did, I didn't know one thing about emergency medical services (I thought I was taking a First Aid class). Apparently, emergency medical services are in my genetic makeup, like a predisposition to gout - something that's there, whether or not you know about it.

Now, there are always going to be people who say meeting folks on the internet is dangerous, and that you should meet people, say, in church, or in the grocery store, or through friends. All fine suggestions, but in my experience, not particularly effective advice. I have never felt there was an appropriate moment in the cereal aisle to slip an attractive stranger my phone number. Or, in the dairy section, to say, "I couldn't help but notice you're a milk lover. Maybe I could buy you a 2% sometime?"

People in church tend to be married. I know that technically there are singles in church, but in my experience, most of the singles are young singles. There was not one single male my age in the church I attended those eight years.

As far as friends setting you up - they don't do it very often. This may be partly due to the increased potential for an awkward outcome.

So I resorted to the internet. Met some wonderful people, too. I went to Paris with a man I met on the internet. We didn't fall in love - except with the Champs Elyees lit up for Christmas, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Cathédral de Notre-Dame - even the Moulin Rouge. It was a great experience.

The internet didn't find my husband for me, as it turns out. I knew him slightly from town, and got to know him working on the ambulance. He was a paramedic (of course) and at first he became a dear and trusted friend.

And then one day, I knew. And it has been the best thing I ever did, marrying that friend of mine.

But I enjoyed computer dating. It's so cutting edge - technology + romance. You don't have to get dressed up for it. You'd be amazed at the number of men and women who are older, single, and just as interesting as they can be. You may not meet, fall in love, get married, and live happily ever after. But it is a reminder that you are not alone - and just not being alone is a big, big deal.

My advice: go for it. And have fun.



New York, New York!

BOYNE CITY - At the end of January, Boyne City High School's drama department took yet another successful trip to New York. This is the fourth year in a row that the students involved in drama have been able to take the exciting journey to the big city of Manhattan. There were 20 students along for the trip this year, and eight adults. The group flew out of Grand Rapids and flew into the LaGuardia airport in New York. Stacey McGeorge and Bob Wollenberg create a potential itinerary each year which they believe will allow the students to have an exciting and entertaining trip.

This year the students saw three plays. These plays were "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," "Rent," and "Phantom of the Opera." "Spelling Bee" was a new release on Broadway and it was most definitely a hit. All of the plays were very exciting and enjoyable for everyone to see. Each play was different though. "Rent" was a very upbeat play with more of a hip-hop vibe to it; "Phantom" was more contemporary, and "Spelling Bee" was filled with hilarity.

As well as being able to experience a new form of entertainment, those who were a part of this trip were also able to experience different cuisine. In New York the students had the chance to eat at various delis. The food at most of these delis is unbelievable. A famous deli called Roxy's, is one place that they ate at along this trip. Many famous celebrities visit this deli often and for no other reason than the fact that it has amazing food. The students realized this when they went in to eat. Ordering a simple sandwich at Roxy's could easily feed two or three

people at a time. Not only did they visit delis in Time's Square, they also had the chance to venture over to Little Italy and have a little Italian experience as well. They definitely got more than a tiny taste of Manhattan.

Students who were new-comers to the state of New York and who had not gone on previous trips, were given the opportunity to go see the famous Statue of Liberty. When visiting New York, the Statue of Liberty is most definitely a must-see. When people think of New York, what is one thing that comes to mind? A lot of times it is going to be either the Statue of Liberty that first pops into your head, or the Empire State Building. Along with this celebrated icon, the students also went to the famous Radio City Music Hall. Here they received a first-hand tour of the building. Radio City Music Hall is well-known because this is the place where the famous "Rockettes" perform. They were also able to meet a Rockette at the end of the tour.

Speaking of fame, this year for the very first time along any of these trips, the students were actually able to meet a famous actor. Henry Winkler. If you for some reason do not know him by this name, you most likely know him as "the Fonz" from the television show "Happy Days." He actually stood in front of all of the students and had a short conversation with all of them. This encounter was a very exciting experience for all the students along on this trip.

The New York City trip was extremely successful once again for this group of drama students and chaperons. The activities were fun and fulfilling, and by the time the students returned they were all worn out. To recap their experience, they were able to see wonderful plays, encounter famous places and people, expand their taste buds, experience life in the big city, and just enjoy their trip to the fullest. Each year the students come back with exciting memories which makes it all worth while.

Kristin is a junior at Boyne City High School, and a student in the drama department.

GUEST COLUMN

By Kristin Moody
Contributing Writer

MANY THANKS

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders, I would like to thank everyone who helped make our 50's dance at the Eagles Hall in Boyne City on March 4 a huge success. The donation of the hall, the music of "Experience Electronica," the donations of money and merchandise and assistance of many people helped us raise \$4,300 to aid cancer victims in Northern Michigan. We had a great time for a good cause! Thank you!

Gail Farley
Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders



Picture left to right: Gail Howie, Kathie Gerberding, Cathy Kessler, Yvonne Karlskin, Shella Wilson of the Eagles, presenting a check from the Eagles to Gail Farley of the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders, and Lisa Roback.

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

• **DR. HYLON HEATON III**, a BCHS graduate, who is now director of Genesee Veterinary Hospital in Flint, was recently appointed the first vice president of the Michigan Veterinary Association's board of directors. He is also noted for the active work with the Animal Emergency Clinic, as well as being the secretary treasurer of the Saginaw Valley Medical Association. The faithful son of Boyne City's 93-year-old "Doc" Heaton, (who still spends the winters in Florida, and summers at his Lake Charlevoix cottage) Hylon III alternates weekends with his sister, Wanda Warezak of Linwood, for visiting their mother, Vivian Heaton, at Grandvue - where she receives very good care.



Nancy Northup

• **A WARM "WELCOME, NEIGHBOR!"** goes out to Carolyn Roberts, who is now a resident of Litzenger Place.

• **ANDREW KIPAPA WAS HONORED** with a surprise 60th birthday party on Saturday. And a surprise it was - he thought he was going to the Boyne City Eagle's Hall to attend an anniversary party. His face lit right up - like only his can - hearing the more than 100 in attendance yell, "Surprise!" or "Happy birthday, Andrew!" There were lots of hugs, cards, and gifts: good Hawaiian food; fun and friendship among the friends and relatives who came from all points throughout Michigan to share in a wonderful time, hosted by Andrew's four children. Highlighting the event was the entertainment of six colorfully costumed hula dances, with headdresses and all, who arrived by bus from Grand Rapids. Too bad everybody couldn't have seen them as they performed about 10 dances.

• **AARON AND JESSICA HAMILTON** of Boyne City welcomed the arrival of their first child, a son, Connor Jady. Connor weighed in at 6.7 pounds and measured 18 inches in length at his birth at Northern Michigan Hospital on March 9. The grandparents are Deb Hardy, Les and Ruthann Hardy, and Sue and Randy Hamilton - all of Boyne City.

• **YVONNE DIXON WILLIAMSON** and daughter, Kelly Fisher of Jackson, were here on Saturday to attend the birthday party of their cousin Andrew.

• **JERRY KELTS** spent a week or two in Honolulu, Hawaii, visiting his niece and nephew Kai and Keoki.

• **BETTE AND LINDSIE BREWER** of Boyne City attended the funeral of Aili Lahti in L'Anse on Saturday, joining Bette's sister, Dixie Bricker Lahti, and her husband Bill and their children. Aili was Bill's mother.

• **HEARTFELT SYMPATHY** goes out to the family and friends of a special lady, Norma J. Steuer, who passed away unexpectedly this week.

• **THE ORAL SUTLIFFS WERE IN LANSING** this past week attending a biannual MCSA conference. No snow and warm temperatures. Maybe they brought some back!

• **JOIN THE BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER** for spring activities this week. They will be serving lunch every weekday at noon. On Thursday March 16, enjoy Cook's Choice for lunch - always and interesting meal. Tai Chi classes are held on Thursday at 1 p.m. Friday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day - on the menu for lunch is corned beef dinner with all of the trimmings. The Boyne River Boys will provide entertainment, and there is some Irish entertainment planned. You don't want to miss what two of the regular seniors have to say concerning how they feel about St. Patrick's Day! Monday, March 20, beef stew is on the menu, and following lunch - as always on Monday - is Bingo. March 21, enjoy Cod Amandine and scalloped potatoes for lunch. Wednesday, March 22, being the day with line dancing from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Afterwards, lunch will include meatloaf and baked potato. Bingo will follow lunch on Wednesday. Call 231-582-6682 for information.

Items of interest for the Neighbors column may be called to Nancy's home phone - 231-582-9174, or sent to neighbors@gtlakes.com. Thanks!



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Heather Cole
PARENTS: Lisa Cole
GRADE: 6th
FAVORITE CLASS: Science
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Singing
FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball
FAVORITE COLOR: Red
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
FAVORITE BOOK: "Sahara Special"
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Shiloh"
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "CSI (Las Vegas)"
STAFF COMMENTS: "Heather has been a welcome addition to the sixth grade this year. She is a conscientious student and works hard to improve herself in all areas. She is always willing to help and provide personal support for her classmates. Her outgoing personality and eagerness to learn have helped her to adjust to Boyne Falls. Having Heather in my classroom this year has been a rewarding opportunity for both of us!" Pamela Gregory.



Stangis.
 "Jordan continues to excel in biology and has responded well to his first year at EJHS. He asks great questions and does outstanding work in class. Jordan is a pleasure to have in both biology and EDP," Mr. Bailey.

East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Morgan Skop
PARENTS: Michael and Deanna Skop
GRADE: 7th
FAVORITE CLASS: Language Arts
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Basketball, volleyball, softball, computer games
STAFF COMMENTS: "Morgan is a wonderful student; she is very conscientious and takes pride in completing all of her work. Way to go, Morgan!" Michelle Bergquist.
 "Morgan is a great young lady. She always comes to class ready to work and share her enthusiastic personality. Great work Morgan," Jeff Komondy.
 "Morgan does an excellent job in science class," Matt Peterson.
 "Morgan's work is almost always of the highest quality. She is a dedicated student who excels in social studies," Sean Ferguson.



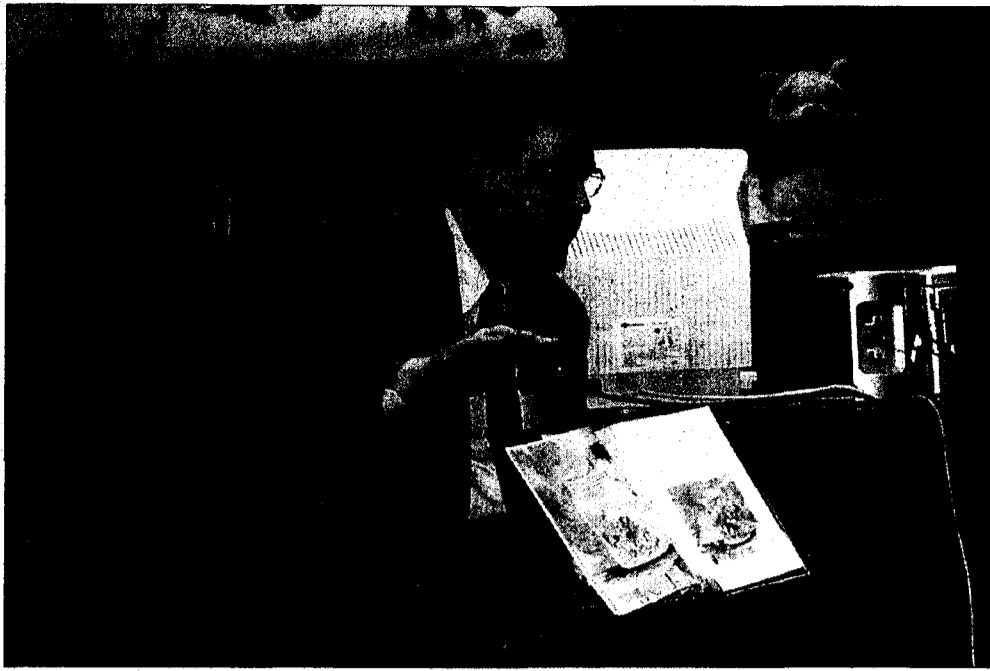
East Jordan High School

NAME: Jordan Hagen
PARENTS: John and Joyce Hagen
GRADE: 9th
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Technical drawing, drafting
FUTURE PLANS: Attend college for engineering
STAFF COMMENTS: "Jordan Hagen is a pleasure to have in class. He always comes to class with an upbeat attitude and is willing to work hard. He questions and strives to understand and has a strong yearning to learn. Jordan has a wonderful smile that just makes those around him feel great. He is a joy to teach and I am very glad that I have had that opportunity," Mrs. Tinney.
 "Jordan is a hard worker and a great problem solver. I hope to see him continue in drafting classes," Mr. Cross.
 "Jordan Hagen is a freshman in my advanced algebra class and is one of the top students. He asks questions when needed and is an excellent student. I appreciate all of his hard work in math class," Mrs. Russell.
 "Jordan wants to know 'why' and make connections. He likes to learn. He is creative and hard working. He is always in class with a smile and ready to get to work," Mrs.



Boyne City High School

NAME: Kurt Kleinschrodt
PARENTS: Kurt and Leah Kleinschrodt
GRADE: 12th
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Playing guitar, video games and being outdoors.
FUTURE PLANS: To become successful in the construction field.
STAFF COMMENTS: "Kurt has been an excellent student in building trades class. His attitude, willingness to learn, attendance and work ethic are outstanding. I can count on quality and quantity work from Kurt. He quietly takes a leadership role in class. I know that Kurt has displayed the attributes needed to be highly successful in whatever career or education path he chooses after high school," Mr. Neidhamer, Building Trades.



Reading bug

Sen. Jason Allen visited Boyne City Elementary School Friday, March 3 and read a story to all first graders. He read the book *Lighthouse Fireflies* by Anne Margaret Lewis. Students had a question and answer time afterwards and learned that he enjoys fishing, hunting, and has met several presidents.

Reading Month begins at EJES

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! In keeping with this year's theme, "Kingdom of Reading: Where Books Rule," the staff dressed in costume and performed a skit complete with a king, jester, fair maidens, brave knights, and pages. King Prins, played by principal Cal Prins, entered the courtyard (gymnasium) to announce the beginning of Reading Month.

While the festivities blossomed, the jester stole the all-important books behind the king's back. After the king discovered the missing books, a note left by the jester was found on the floor. The king read the note to the shocked

subjects of the kingdom. To get the books back, a challenge was issued to read a total of 15,000 books during the month. In the meantime, the king could search parts of his castle to find the hidden books. To do so, he would have to earn keys from the jester. It would take 2000 books for each key.

When the children were asked if they would and could help, the cry went up, "Yes!"

Thus, March is Reading Month began. The month is filled with daily reading activities using fairytales and fantasies. The students and staff are decorating the halls and doorways with various

story ideas from "The Three Little Pigs" to "The Tale of Despereaux," from "Jack in the Beanstalk" to "The Chronicles of Narnia," and more.

Each week the students will report their total number of books read at home and in school and the results will be posted on the castle display in the hallway. Reading month concludes with a grand celebration on March 30. Prizes will be awarded, treats will be given out, and King Prins will hopefully find his missing books.

A special evening of reading fun will take place on Monday, March 27, with literacy night. Families are encouraged to attend.

Community foundations welcome grant requests

Once again, it's time to put local charitable dollars to work on behalf of the community. The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are inviting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.

During the next few months, the community foundations and their Youth Advisory Committees will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts, and human service programs.

The YACs, which are made up of representatives from high schools throughout Char-

levoix and Emmet counties, will award grants to programs that serve children and teens.

Programs chosen for funding must serve residents of Emmet or Charlevoix County and have a non-profit tax status. The deadline for grant requests is April 3.

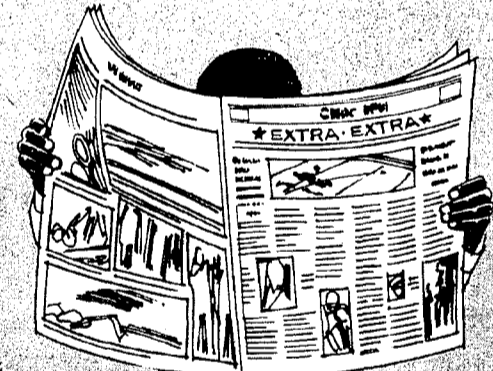
Applications are available by calling the county community foundation office. All applicants must call and discuss their proposals in advance. Foundation staff are available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in submitting a proposal for funding consideration.

Both community foundations are grassroots charitable organizations made up of various funds - all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and oth-

ers are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, now and for generations to come. Together, the community foundations grant-making total amounts to over \$11 million since 1992.

For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation by phone at 231-348-5820, or by website address at www.petoskey-harborspringsfoundation.org. Contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727, or by phone at 231-536-2440.

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SKIING



Charlevoix/East Jordan skier Katherine Rowley has been named to the Traverse City Record-Eagle 2006 All-Region Girls Dream Team.

Rowley makes all-region ski team

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

CHARLEVOIX — Charlevoix/East Jordan skier Katherine Rowley has been named to the Traverse City Record-Eagle 2006 All-Region Girls Dream Team to cap her stellar sophomore season on the slopes of Northern Michigan.

Rowley finished first in the state in giant slalom and second in the state in slalom, while adding firsts in both the slalom and GS at the regional level. She also placed first in slalom and GS at the Lake Michigan Conference meet.

Boyer City's Nick Simeri was named to the boys all-region first team. Simeri finished fourth in the regional and tenth in the state in the slalom, as well as third in GS and fourth in slalom at the conference meet.

Other local athletes earning honorable mention recognition were: Kaleb McNamara, Jessica Grice and Christina Roland of Boyne City, as well as Kelsey Poineau of Charlevoix/East Jordan.

BASKETBALL

Ramblers fall in triple overtime

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

CHARLEVOIX — Charlevoix ended the Boyne City varsity basketball season with a thrilling triple overtime 101-100 victory in the semi-final round of the Class C district tournament in Charlevoix on Wednesday, March 8.

The Ramblers hit the court showing that they were ready to take of business in their opening tourney appearance, forging leads of 16-11 at the end of one quarter, 32-31 at the half and 53-36 going into the fourth quarter.

"We were controlling the game. We came out strong in third quarter, which was something that we were unable to do in our earlier games against Charlevoix, and that was a big deal for us," said Boyne City coach John Hertel.

Charlevoix took the final eight minutes of regulation time out pointing the Ramblers 24-17, but Boyne City hit the tying bucket with under 30 seconds remaining in the game. The Red Rayders missed their final shot at the win and the two teams were forced to overtime to determine which one would advance.

Charlevoix held a four point lead

with a minute to go in the first five minute overtime and Boyne City led by two points with 5.8 seconds remaining in second extra session.

"The kids really fought hard in the first two overtimes. Neither team wanted to lose it and both teams had their chances to win," said Hertel.

The Red Rayders pushed ahead for the final time sinking a free throw with just seconds on the clock. Boyne City's final shot from just inside the three point arc stayed out as the buzzer sounded.

Hertel praised his players saying, "It was obviously disappointing to lose, but it was an exciting game to

be a part of. For the kids to play as hard as they did for as long as they did, it shows some real positive things for our program."

Charlevoix's Matt Kautz led all scorers with 36 points and added seven rebounds, four assists and seven steals. Mitch Crandall added 26 points and 16 rebounds, Tyler Haske had 14 points and nine boards and Dustin Dibble contributed with 12 points.

Taylor Voice led the Ramblers with 33 points, nine rebounds and four assists; Grant Ameel chipped in with 27 points, six boards and five assists and Tyler Kruzel added 27 points and

eight rebounds.

Hertel also cited Evan Conklin and Josh Konecki for playing significant roles in the two overtimes. Conklin hauled in seven rebounds, while Konecki pulled down three boards and stepped in to take two key charging fouls.

Robbie Jensen added a good defensive game to the Rambler effort, despite suffering with congestion and breathing problems throughout the contest.

Boyer City closed out the season with an 8-13 overall record and a 6-8 record (fifth place) in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Loggers win back-to-back district titles

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

BOYNE FALLS — A gritty Boyne Falls varsity basketball team overcame a five point deficit in overtime to capture a second straight Class D district title by edging out Gaylord St. Mary's 63-61 on March 9.

Jake Himmelspach scored on a lay up with two seconds remaining to get the game winner and send Boyne Falls (15-8) into Tuesday's Traverse City West regional semifinal match up with Bellaire (22-1). The championship game is set for this Saturday at 1 p.m.

"The kids really showed their mental toughness in this game, being down early in the overtime, and the crowd really gave us a home court advantage with their cheering," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla.

"We got some good help off the bench and I thought Cliff Lazier did well against their big men and Shawn Kilmer drove the basket with confidence," Hamilla added.

The Snowbirds jumped to their five point lead with one minute and 20 seconds left in the five minute overtime before Trevor Matelski hit his first three point basket of the year to cut the margin down to just two.

Boyer Falls proceeded to press St. Mary's following Matelski's bucket and Kilmer came up a steal and got the ball to Jim Gross, who hit another three pointer to put the Loggers ahead 60-59.

The Snowbirds missed their next shot and Kilmer was fouled on the play sending him to the line for two shots. Kilmer sank his first, but missed his second and Andy Borowiak hit a runner with eight seconds to go to tie the score at 61-61 and set

the stage for Himmelspach's winner.

Matelski tossed in 19 points to lead four Loggers in double figures and also grabbed five rebounds. Gross added 13 points and five assists. Leazier had 12 points and five boards, Kilmer had 12 points and Ben Kondrat dished out four assists.

Hamilla praised his squad saying, "It was a great team effort. Jake came in for Shawn and made a big basket. Isaac Erber gave us some big minutes and he scored a big basket off of a steal."

The Snowbirds were led by Alvin Sitkiewicz (21 points), Tom Weber (14 points) and Borowiak (nine points).

BOYNE FALLS 70 WOLVERINE 33

Himmelspach led the Loggers with 12 points and Nathan Wasylewski chipped in with ten points as Boyne Falls had no problem eliminating Wolverine 70-33 on Tuesday, March 7.

Boyer Falls launched a 22-3 first quarter lead and tacked on 25 points in the second quarter to build a 47-13 half time lead that allowed Hamilla to use his entire bench. Boyne Falls out scored Wolverine 33-20 after the break.

"It was over in the first quarter. We accomplished our goal of jumping out early and we put them away early," said Hamilla. "Everybody got a lot of playing time. Ten of our 12 players saw time in the first half."

Adding to the Boyne Falls offense were: Jeff Miller (nine points), Leazier (eight), Kilmer (eight), Gross (seven) and Kondrat (six).

David Furlong (15) and John Egas (11) led Wolverine.



An unidentified Logger drives past a St. Mary's opponent with his game face on. The Loggers won their second back-to-back district championship in a close game.

Youth

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is sometimes like pulling teeth - but not the adults who are doing Gym Sox. From the beginning people have wanted to be involved.

"It was the right thing at the right time - and we could do more. We are poised to do more," Robinson said, adding that they have more ideas than they have time for.

The Gym Sox group does more than play games and do retreats, though those are important elements. It also provides opportunities for kids to be involved in missions. Recently the Gym Sox kids raised \$600 for East Jordan's Care and Share pantry, and they have collected items for hurricane victims, participated in a Crop Walk, and visited Grandvue.

"The kids have enjoyed the missions outreach - helping them focus on other people in life. They are taught, 'You, you, you,' and they're having to think about others. It is a key component," said Bart Adams, youth minister at the Lighthouse Missionary Church, and a middle school Gym Sox advisor.

In addition, the group provides a real support network, both of students and adults. The advisors acknowledge that middle and high school students have significant concerns about homework, finances and other issues. Many students do not have adequate support at home - for reasons as varied as working parents, financial difficulties, or parents simply not being

able to help with high school math, for instance.

Gym Sox can help fill in those gaps, both by providing supplemental adult support, but also through members talking about their problems with each other, sharing ideas, and recognizing that they aren't alone.

Robinson argues that some of the problems in the youth community are not indicative of a need for more activities.

"It is not about adding other things; it's about realizing that many of our children don't have adequate support at home," she said. "We need to support those children."

There's a trickle-down effect, as well. According to Robinson, hosting the youth group has rejuvenated her church.

"It is not just the children. It is not just the adults (advisors). It is the whole community, and it crosses generations," she said.

Both Robinson and Adams point to the East Jordan community's other ecumenical efforts and achievements: the community Vacation Bible School, the Care and Share Pantry, and Crossroads resale shop, for instance. They cite the many ways in which East Jordan's churches, schools and city government work together to enrich and benefit the community at large.

"There is so much talk about what is going wrong with our youth," Robinson said, "but so much is right."



Gym Sox members recently had a retreat at Camp Daggett. Standing here in front of the climbing wall are, front row from left, Shannon Tyree and Kaitlin Keane; second row, Linda Robinson, Traneeshia Nachazel, Morgan Skop, Sarah Jordan, Amber Barnum, Trista Karlskin, Kalle Tyree, Wesley Petrie; third row, Mary Eshna, Kathy Keyser, Josh Rathner, Megan Keyser, Samantha Gardner, Michael Manville, Hannah David, Erin Poindexter, Sara Robinson, Katie Carter, Ellen Boyer, Renee Evans, Sarah DeHaan; fourth row, Lauri David, Sue Carter, Paul Keyser, Kurt Jensen, Maribeth Poindexter, Erik DeHaan, Katie Young, Andrew Nemecek, Logan Carson, Tony Pentecost, Matt Werner, Rich Brandell, Stacey Hamilton, and Matt Hamilton. Present but not pictured: Bart Adams, Brady Brennan, Brandt Bartlett.

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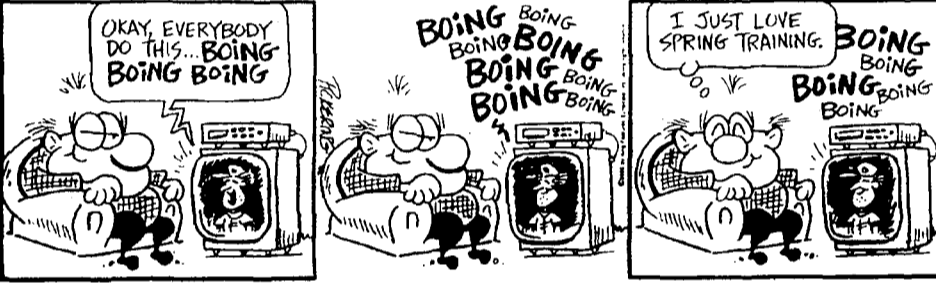
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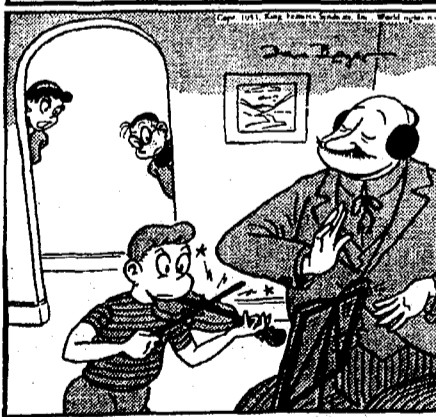


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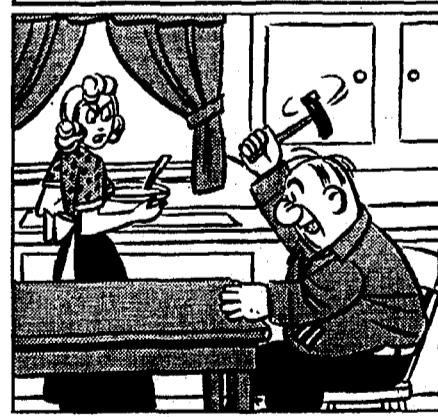
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OBITUARIES

George Griffin Jr.

George Griffin Jr., 86, died Friday, March 3, 2006, at his home in Boyne City.

He was born on July 9, 1919, on Mackinac Island, the son of George Sr. and Helen (Lapine) Griffin. On Nov. 27, 1943, he married Mildred Alene Scranton. She preceded him in death on May 24, 1984.

George grew up on Mackinac Island and drove carriage and worked on the "head boats," the ferries, and the golf course. He served six years in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. He was a past commander of the American Legion Post in Farmington. George worked 50 years as a brick mason. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, traveling to Florida and boating. George moved to Boyne City in 1985.

He is survived by two children, George (Roberta) Griffin V. of Cape Coral, Fla., and Lynda Jane (Victor) Specht of Alva, Fla.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his cousin, Pat Redmann of Boyne City. He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Pete, Ted, and John Griffin; and two sisters, Ann Kamradt and Pauline Griffin.

Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society. No services are scheduled at this time. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Vera Rebec

Vera Rebec, 90, of East Jordan died Friday, March 10, 2006, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 15, at 11 a.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. D. Michael Maurer of the East Jordan United Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

Vera was born on May 9, 1915, in East Jordan, the daughter of Earl and Aura (Keller) Batterbee. On Aug. 9, 1932, in East Jordan, she married William Rebec. He preceded her in death in 1971.

Vera had worked at the East Jordan Canning Company. Later, Vera and William rebuilt, then owned and operated, the Duck Inn Restaurant for many years, now known as the Lumber Jack Grill in East Jordan. She retired in the fall of 1971. She loved traveling with her family. She also loved attending all of her grandchildren's school, church and sports activities. She enjoyed country music shows and recently had the opportunity to meet Mel Tillis. She enjoyed working on her lawn that was her pride and joy. She was also very adventurous, jet-skiing and snowmobiling as young as 87 years old.

She is survived by three children, Patricia Marie Spence of East Jordan, Martin (Barbara) Rebec of East Jordan, and Shirley (Niles) Hill of Petoskey; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Batterbee of East Jordan; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by one son, William Rebec in 1970; one grandson, Eddie Hill in 1972; two brothers, Clair and Percy; and two sisters, Mildred and Lila.

The family received friends on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until service time at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to Grandvue Medical Care Facility's Horizonvue Alzheimer's Unit.

DEATH NOTICE

Dale Warren, 67, of Echo Township, Antrim County, died Thursday, March 09, 2006, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 18, at 11 a.m. at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Cooper

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torcycles since I was in my early 20s," Cooper explained. "I love the freedom of riding, it's relaxing, pleasurable - a warm evening with the breeze hitting you in the face."

He and Mary have been investigating good trip options - maybe a HOG rally, or some part of the country they haven't seen yet. They will take a week, as they have other summers, and find some new piece of road to travel down.

Both the Coopers have had their feet in education for a good many years. Mary retired from the Grand Rapids public schools in 1994, when Jim accepted a superintendentcy in Harbor Springs, and Grand Rapids was offering early retirement incentives. Jim joked that his answer to retirement now is to have Mary get a

job, but she is not amenable - thoroughly enjoying gardening, the arts, and other creative outlets.

"Realistically, there will probably be some involvement in education - I don't know anything else," Cooper said. At 56, he is not ready to leave the work force entirely. He has worked for 32 years in education. Even after he retired (the first time) from Harbor Springs, he was employed as a consultant and a sales representative - with schools as clients.

"Other than high school and college summer jobs, I have always worked in the field of education. Probably (future employment) will have something to do with that."

But he does not think his next job will be a superintendentcy.

"It has been rewarding - I love my job, and I have what's best for kids," Cooper said. "The only frustration has been that as

you leave coaching and the classroom, and get into administration, you do get further removed from the kids."

The Cooper's passion for children did not take the form of a family of their own, but they have been "unofficial foster parents" to several students over the years.

"I taught for 16 years in the inner city. We filled that niche with 'adopted' kids," he said.

Cooper said that as a coach and teacher, he learned that the best way to build relationships and trust was to be straightforward and honest with everyone he works with, and he tried to bring that same philosophy into administration.

"I don't want to be a politician. It's corny, but you have to have a grounded philosophy for what you do. Mine is what's best for kids," he said. "Decisions aren't always popular, but if I

truly believe it's in the best interest of the kids, I'm okay with that.

"As long as I'm satisfied I haven't compromised my values, I'm comfortable with some disagreement," Cooper said, adding, "It's how I want to be treated. Being honest with each other is the common thread we can hang on to."

He also said he tries to be a good listener and to treat people fairly.

"Probably the most important thing to me is that people feel that they were treated fairly and with respect," he said. "I think it's important that one feels they came in this office and weren't listened to - no matter what the outcome."

Whatever comes next, the Coopers intend to stay in Boyne.

"I am sure we will stay in the area, for the quality of life. When I need to escape, I can get on the bike in the summer," Jim said. "Detroit

(where I was raised), Grand Rapids - I love those cities. But there's something about crossing that line - wherever it is - and coming home."

Boyne City Public Schools will miss Cooper at the helm, and are committed to finding a replacement that will be as good a fit for the community and the schools. Cooper himself will help in that effort, and the school requested the input of the public at a community forum in the high school auditorium on Thursday, March 2.

"Fifteen years as a superintendent is a long time, but I don't feel old. I have really enjoyed myself here," Cooper said. "If I were going to step out, this would be a very positive note to step out on - with positive relationships in Boyne City."

"From a district standpoint, we are improving - and are perhaps stronger now than five years ago. I'm not suggesting that is because of something I've done, but a mentality throughout the district that we need to keep improving. And improving organizations are the only successful organizations there are."

So Cooper feels that he is leaving the district while it is strong. But every leader wants a legacy, and the one Cooper wants is straightforward - similar to his approach to the superintendentcy.

"Someone said, 'When it is over, I want to be admired by children, and respected by intelligent people,'" Cooper said. "That is the ideal way to be remembered."

Septage

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especially in Antrim and Otsego counties.

"The way septage is handled is the same way it was handled 100 years ago, except now we have a load of people here," said Chase. All four counties originally passed identical septage treatment ordinances in the early 1970s, but that Charlevoix amended their ordinance 10 years ago, and Emmet has updated their ordinance twice in recent years.

Chase said his organization has received complaints from people whose pets or children have wandered through fields where the owners have allowed septage to be spread, and from people who have had used toilet paper blow from the fields onto their property. All that the Northwest Michigan Community Health Department is currently li-

censed to do is inspect the equipment used to spread the septage, but Chase said that his organization had evidence that septage haulers weren't following county ordinances.

"We've found that the haulers don't follow the regulation as closely as they should," said Chase.

"I don't want to be critical of the haulers, because 99-percent of them are following the rules," he added later.

If the health department's recommendation is passed, all treatment facilities would be required to have an operating permit from the health department, and health department employees would be able to conduct regular inspections to make sure the septage is disposed of correctly. The Health Department would also send mailings to septage tank owners every five years reminding—not requiring—they to pump

their tanks.

Chase said that the need for new septage regulation was apparent when the United States Department of Environmental Quality visited northwest Michigan two years ago.

"When the DEQ visited our area - and again, I'm not talking about our state, but our country's DEQ - they found one distributor, who has since been prosecuted, who was pumping into a swamp," said Chase. Chase said that the DEQ used a videotape of the distributor pumping septage into a swamp to push for increased legislation.

Chase said that advanced treatment systems and new septage treatment techniques allow businesses to treat septage more effectively and at locations that were previously not available for use.

Chase said that after the health department finishes gathering input on the ordinance, there will be a se-

ries of public hearings, one in each of the counties. The recommendation will need to be approved by all the board of health and all of the affected counties before becoming law.

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