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Preserving land forever



Mary Faculak (fourth from left) stands with other local conservationists at the dedication of the protection of her 232-acre Lakeview Ranch along US-31 in Charlevoix County. A conservation easement permanently protects the scenic views and farmland heritage of her private land.

Concerned residents applauded for creation of Little Traverse Conservancy

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — Kitchen table discussions, family meetings, preparations for retirement — the business of protecting land touches the hearts and souls of individuals who care about the natural world and its future. Next to our family, our land is often what we value the most. We are fortunate in our region that more than 34 years ago, a group of concerned people created a vehicle for helping people protect their land by establishing the Little Traverse Conservancy, now one of the most successful and active land trusts in the country.

A year's worth of conservation work by the Little

Traverse Conservancy resulted in the completion of 24 land protection projects that placed 3,475 acres of land into permanent protection either as nature preserves or with conservation easements. The protected land includes nearly 91.2 miles of lake, river, or stream shoreline throughout the organization's five-county service area. In addition, the organization continued its year-round environmental education programs, managed its more than 175 nature preserves and monitored 153 conservation easements on privately owned properties.

Some of the Charlevoix County land protection

highlights from the past year included:

- The protection of 456 acres of Charlevoix County land along US-31 through the purchase of development rights and the donation of a conservation easement.
- The creation of the 40-acre Jordan River Nature Preserve thanks to a successful fundraising effort that included local businesses, led by East Jordan Iron Works, and a coalition of conservation organizations.
- The creation of a new 40-acre preserve on Horton Creek, thanks to funds donated for the purchase and a bargain sale by the landowners.

The acquisition of the former Coast Guard Life Saving Station on Beaver Island for the Central Michigan University Biological Station, a property which includes 400 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline.

Beyond new land protection, other 2006 organizational highlights included the following:

- New trails and parking areas were completed at the Goodhart Farms Nature Preserve in Emmet County. With more than 7 miles of trails, this property allows for hiking, biking, cross country skiing, and horseback riding.
- A new kiosk at the Conservancy office allows visi-

tors to view aerial images of every single Conservancy nature preserve through a program called "Google Earth." Files are now available on the Conservancy Web site for downloading to personal computers with appropriate capabilities.

Over 100 volunteers assisted the organization with a multitude of activities including mailings, preserve and trail monitoring and maintenance, and donated artistic talents.

Over 5,000 young people participated in an environmental education program. Theme programs are held seasonally for school-aged students and

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Three-car crash under investigation

HAYES TWP. — The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a three car crash on US-31 in Hayes Township on Saturday, Jan. 6, at 11:45 a.m. The crash took place on US-31, south of Villa Road.

Witnesses advise a southbound 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Donna L. White, 68, of Charlevoix, crossed the center line and struck a northbound 2002 Chrysler minivan driven by Kathryn J. Boss, 72, of Charlevoix, who was unable to avoid the crash. The Boss vehicle spun into a southbound 2003 Pontiac minivan driven by Lauren N. Brooks, 22, of Charlevoix. White and Boss were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix City EMS for evaluation and treatment.

Traffic on US-31 was rerouted for an hour.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Charlevoix Township Fire Dept, Allied EMS and Michigan State Police.

The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office.

Bay Harbor Foundation seeks 2007 grant applications

BAY HARBOR — The Bay Harbor Foundation is requesting letters of intent for 2008 projects of local non profit organizations. Organizations in northern, lower Michigan with 501c(3) non profit designations may request grant funds for programs that support the arts, education, the environment, and health and human services.

The deadline for letters of intent is Jan. 31. Letters of intent should include:

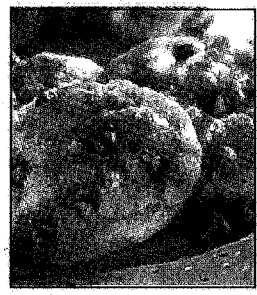
1. The purpose of the project for which funds are required.
2. The community/regional impact of the project
3. Preliminary budget and schedule of the project.
4. General information on the organization.

Preference will be given to proposals that will use Bay Harbor Foundation grant funds to match other charitable donations and for non-personnel related items.

The Foundation's Program and Grant Committee will review letters of intent and invite selected organizations by Feb. 16 to submit application forms. Organizations invited to submit application forms will have until March 16 to complete the process. Grant award winners will be announced in May.

Bay Harbor Foundation is a non profit organization that supports programs in the arts, education, the environment, and health and human services.

Further information on the foundation may be See FOUNDATION, page 2



Bake warmth into winter

Mix it up with Jenny Harper. See page 3.



JRAC to host invitational art show

An invitational exhibit, Equine Divine or Horsin' Around, will open Jan. 14, with a reception for artists and friends. The show features works in a variety of media. See page 5.

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

Hr: 39 Lo: 30
CONDITION:
FLURRIES

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

Hr: 39 Lo: 33
CONDITION:
RAIN/SNOW SHOWERS/WIND

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

Hr: 39 Lo: 25
CONDITION:
FEW SNOW SHOWERS

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

Hr: 27 Lo: 26
CONDITION:
FEW SNOW SHOWERS

SUNDAY, JAN. 14

Hr: 29 Lo: 18
CONDITION:
SNOW SHOWER

MONDAY, JAN. 15

Hr: 23 Lo: 17
CONDITION:
SNOW SHOWER

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

Hr: 21 Lo: 19
CONDITION:
PARTLY CLOUDY

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

Hr: 24 Lo: 20
CONDITION:

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Friend is remembered by his caring for others

BY B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Chuck Davis touched many lives and left a legacy of civility, volunteerism, love of family and friends, and living life to the fullest.

"Chuck was the epitome of a perfect gentleman," neighbor and friend Neil Ahrens said. "He was a great example for me and a great example for young men to live up to. Everybody was happy to have known him."

The 81-year-old Davis died in a single car accident on New Year's Day. He lived in Boyne City for about 18 years and spent summers here with his family for many years.

Edward (Eddie) May III

knew Davis well from their Mason activities.

"We traveled extensively together for the meetings," May said. "I've known Chuck for more than 12 years. He was a friend and a mentor, as well as a grandfather figure for me."

A Masonic memorial service was held on Saturday, Jan. 6, at Church of the Hills in Bellaire, following a church memorial service.

Thirty-three Masons participated in the Masonic service.

"Chuck was a gentleman of the old school and he lived life to the fullest," May said. "He was a wonderful man to travel with. He was a friend to all and had no prejudices. He was open to everybody and a wonderful conversationalist."

Patricia May, Ed's wife, spoke of her friendship with Davis.

"He always had a smile and a kind word, no matter what was going on in his life," May said. "Chuck always had a twinkle in his eye."

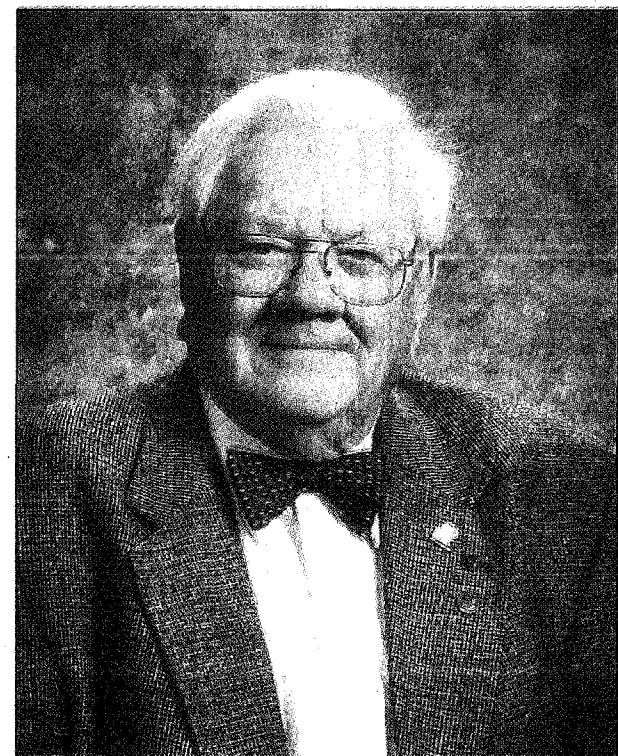
Music was a life-long passion for Davis. He was a leader in the Crooked Tree Arts Center's beginning atrings program and served on its advisory board.

Crooked Tree executive director Liz Ahrens spoke of her friendship with Davis.

"Chuck was truly an ambassador of the arts on every level," she said.

He had the same commitment to the center whether he was ushering at an event or introducing people to

See FRIEND, page 2



Chuck Davis

COURT REPORT

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:

Earl Arnold Ernstein, 72, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$260 in fines and costs.

David Jay Radle, 26, Charlevoix. Failure to report an accident. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs.

Randy Eugene Erno, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$100 in fines and costs. Sentenced to perform 60 hours of community service work.

Kevin Michael Wixson, 40, Frederick. Disorderly person. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Johnathon Joseph Bright, 29, Elmira. Reckless driving. Sentenced to pay \$1,000 in fines and costs and \$55 in other costs. Sentenced to serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days on work release, 30 days on electronic monitor, 39 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Joshua Allen Vallad, 22, Boyne City. Sex offender failed to comply with reporting. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs. Sentenced to serve 93 days in jail with credit for 12 days, serve 81 days.

Bryan Chad Simons, 22, Boyne City. Disturbing the peace. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and

costs.

Anne Marie Sierocki, 25, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$650 in fines and costs and \$500 in other costs. Sentenced to serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 52 days.

Nicholas Ryan Hersha, 24, Charlevoix. Contributed to delinquency of a minor. Sentenced to serve 34 days in jail with credit for 34 days.

Erica Davida Detro, 25, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$650 in fines and costs and \$130 in other costs. Sentenced to serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform five days of community service work; six months on probation.

Donald Ervin Massey, 42, East Jordan. Deer taken without permission. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and \$1,000 in restitution. Sentenced to perform five days of community service work.

Jon Michael Matuszczak, 29, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$650 in fines and costs and \$410 in other costs. Sentenced to serve 93 days in jail with credit for 23 days, 60 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; nine months on probation.

Johnathon Joseph Bright, 29 Elmira. Reckless driving. Sentenced to pay \$1,000 in

fines and costs and \$55 in other costs. Sentenced to serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days on work release, 30 days on electronic monitor, 39 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; one year on probation.

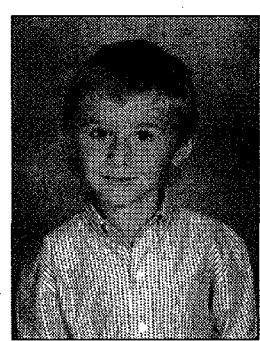
David Raymond Bourne, 56, Boyne Falls. No account. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and \$1009.89 in restitution. Sentenced to serve 40 days in jail with credit for 23 days.

Luke Wailand Smith, 26, Elmira. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$850 in fines and costs and \$180 in other costs. Sentenced to serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days on work release, 30 days on electronic monitor, 45 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; nine months on probation.

Joel Scott Christensen, 41, Dewitt. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,000 in fines and costs and \$230 in other costs. Sentenced to serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days, 30 days on electronic monitor, 45 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; one year on probation.

April Sue Cross, 30. Disorderly person. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs. Sentenced to serve six days in jail with credit for six days.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Boyer Falls Public School
NAME: Jordan Herman
PARENTS: Rob and Lori Herman
GRADE: 1st
FAVORITE CLASS: Math
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Ride his bike
FAVORITE SPORT: Soccer
FAVORITE COLOR: Red
FAVORITE FOOD: Cheeseburger
FAVORITE BOOK: Junie B. Jones Stupid Smelly Bus
FAVORITE MOVIE: Scooby Doo II
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Sponge Bob Square Pants
STAFF COMMENTS: "Jordan is a pleasure to have in class. He always displays a positive attitude and works hard to do his best. Jordan is respectful of others and has made many friends in his first year at Boyer Falls. Congratulations Jordan!" Ms. Disney



East Jordan High School
NAME: Nelson Ogden
PARENTS: Keith Ogden and Karen Walker
GRADE: 12th
ACTIVITIES: Computer Repair Business Owner
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): CAD
FUTURE PLANS: Attend NCMC for Computer Networking
STAFF COMMENTS: "Nelson is a very pleasant student. He always comes prepared, and is a joy to have in class." Mrs. Walker
"Nelson is very mature and professional. He has interesting ideas and always contributes to class discussion in a meaningful way. It's a pleasure to have him in class." Mrs. Richardson
"I have had Nelson in several classes during the past few years, and I can honestly say that he has been one of my best students. He is always hard working,

courteous and interesting." Mr. Cross



Boyer City High School
NAME: Marina Shatalova
PARENTS: Craig and Lori Cheadle
GRADE: 12th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Tennis team and drama.
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Aqua aerobics, foreign languages (English, French, and Spanish), traveling, and hanging out with my friends.
FUTURE PLANS: To go to a university, to get a good career of diplomat (politics) and travel around the world.
STAFF COMMENTS: "Marina exhibits dedication to academics. She is polite, thoughtful, helpful, and active in discussions and activities. Her willingness to get involved in a new school, community, and culture is remarkable." Aaron Fritzsche, English Teacher

Land

Continued from 1A
community field trips are also held every season at various nature preserves and natural areas. The popular preschool programs continue to grow.

The Land Trust Alliance recently reported from 2000-2005, the number of protected acres nationwide increased by 96percent. This trend proved true across Michigan as well, which reported a 48percent increase in acres conserved over the same time period. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates during the same years, the population of Emmet County alone grew by

more than 2,100 individuals.

"As more and more people understand the private land protection options that are available to them, land conservancies continue to make a bigger difference on our landscape," said Little Traverse Conservancy executive director, Tom Bailey. "And because growth and development continue at a pace much faster than land protection, every project we can complete is important."

For more information about the conservancy visit online at www.landtrust.org or call 231-347-0991.

Friend

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Crooked Tree.

"He had pet names for the staff, one was 'Sunshine,' one 'Moonlight' and so on. I'm really going to miss him."

Davis has two daughters from his marriage to Ruth, who died in 1987.

He later married Marian Liscum Harper who was Nancy Fulkerson's mother.

"He was very good to my mother," Fulkerson said. "He had a quirky sense of humor and loved to tell jokes."

Fulkerson, who works at the Boyer City Public Library, said Davis was a supporter of the library.

His two daughters, Wilhelmine Miller and Karlotta Davis, were amazed at their father's energy.

"My father did not take to retirement well," Wilhelmine said.

In addition to attending and volunteering at nearly every concert in the area, Davis was involved in more. His activities included Habitat for Humanity in East Jordan, volunteering at Charlevoix Area Hospital and reading with young students in reading promotion programs.

Liz Ahrens of Crooked Tree and her husband, Neil, live next door to Davis and knew about his energy.

"He did not sit and wait for life to happen to him," Liz said. "He was always on the go. We're half his age and we're taking a nap while he's driving off to an event or to visit with somebody."

Foundation

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found online at www.bayharbor

foundation.org. Letters of intent may be sent to the Bay Har-

bor Foundation, 750 Bay Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor, Mich., 49770.

BCPD NEWS

Jan 1 - Officers arrested two for operating while intoxicated and lodged them at Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; arrested two for minor in possession of alcohol; arrested one for disorderly; received a report of a fight at Sportsman's; issued citation for disobey traffic signal; larceny complaint under investigation from the Catholic Church; responded to a car/deer

accident on State Street near Cozy Nook Lane; Boyer City Ambulance on S. Lake Street.

Jan 2 - Officers assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on personal injury accident on Advance Road; investigated a suspicious person near E. Main Street; assisted ambulance on Poplar Street; unlocked a vehicle in Glen's parking lot; responded to a disorderly person at

Parkview Apartments; received a report of larceny from a vehicle on Pine Street.

Jan 3 - Police investigated suspicious people on E. Main Street; arrested one for minor in possession of alcohol; received a report of lost wallet on N. Lake Street.

Jan 4 - Officers conducted a property check on Lower Lake Drive; responded to a mali-

icious destruction of property to vehicle complaint in Glen's parking lot from cart; responded to a driving complaint at Parkview Apartments; responded to a property damage accident at N. East and Vogel Streets; responded to a property damage accident at Water and East Streets; received a report of an attempted breaking and entering on E. Main Street.

Jan 5 - Police arrested one for minor in possession of alcohol; received a report of an abandoned vehicle at Boyer Storage; are investigating an assault complaint; received a report of larceny from a vehicle at Parkview Apartments; unlocked a vehicle at Litzenerburg Place.

Jan 6 - Officers received a noise complaint at Parkview Apartments; investigated a suspicious

person on E. Main Street; received a civil complaint; issued a citation for expired plate; responded to malicious destruction of property to vehicle on N. Park

Street; responded to malicious destruction of property to home on E. Main Street.

Jan 7 - Officers assisted in Boyer Falls; unlocked a vehicle on

Anderson Road; assisted ambulance at Parkview Apartments; responded to a report of a hit and run on Pleasant Avenue near Timber Lane.

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The Boyer Valley Council #6314 of the Knights of Columbus deeply appreciates the work of the many volunteers, members, and non members, who helped cook and serve the delicious lunch at our annual Christmas party for the mentally challenged. Over 170 people were served, had a visit from Santa Claus and received gifts.

We are grateful to the following organizations for their support: The Boyer City Eagles Lodge #1583, U.A.W. Local #1403, The Polish Festival Committee, The K. of C. Truck Raffle Committee, Glen's Market, Jerry Huffman and the musicians.

Our thanks to all of you,

Bob & Della Sevenski, Event Chairpersons

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NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM PG (105)
Starring - Ben Stiller, Robin Williams

AT 7:00 NIGHTLY

Long-term exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can damage your eyes. This time of year many head south for warmer climate. Both sand and water act like mirrors and reflect sunlight. Eyes are then exposed to a double dose; UV coming down from the sky and up from the water and sand. Skiers are at an increased risk also because snow reflects sunlight too. Be sure to get sunglasses that block out both UVA and UVB rays. Children need sunglasses more than adults because their eyes are less effective at filtering out UV rays.

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HAPPYNESS PG-13 (120)
Starring - Will Smith & Jaden Smith

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WE ARE MARSHALL PG (127)
Starring - Daniel Craig, Eva Green

FRI. AT 6:45 & 9:15, SAT. & SUN. AT 1:45 & 4:15, MON., TUES., WED. AT 6:45, THURS. AT 6:45 & 9:15

ERAGON - PG (99)
Starring - Edward Speleers, Sienna Guillory

FRI., SAT. SUN., THURS. AT 7:00 & 9:00, MON., TUES. & WED. AT 7:00

CHARLOTTE'S WEB - G (96)
Starring - Dakota Fanning

SAT. & SUN. AT 2:00 & 4:00

FREEDOM WRITER PG-13 (123)
Starring - Hillary Swank & Imelda Staunton

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FOOD

Winter power outages and food safety go hand-in-hand

BELLAIRE — Winter storms can arrive quite unexpectedly. Being prepared before a storm hits is essential to how you and your family will weather the storm. One factor to consider during a power outage is food safety.

If you should experience a power outage, remember these important facts:

- An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cooled for at least a couple of hours, and

- A freezer that is half full will keep food safe for up to 24 hours and a full freezer will hold food for 48 hours.

Even though it is very cold in the winter, food should not be stored outside. The outside temperature can vary from hour to hour. Other factors in the elements such as sunshine and snow can also effect the temperature of your food. Unsanitary conditions may exist and there is always the potential of an animal getting into

your food. It is very important to throw away any food which has been contaminated by an animal.

The winter weather does, however, offer some help in power outages. You can make your own ice by filling buckets, empty milk cartons or cans with water and letting them freeze outside. When placed in a cooler or your refrigerator or freezer, this will help keep food cold.

Also, when there is an overflow of leftover food to be stored in the refrigerator and there is not enough room, consider freezing it for a meal later. It is unsafe to store leftovers outside on a winter day.

A good investment for food safety is a refrigerator thermometer which can be used to check the temperature in both the refrigerator and the freezer.

For information on food safety during and after power outages, contact your MSU Extension office.

Munson dietician to offer tips on roasting

TRAVERSE CITY — Roasting sometimes gets a bad reputation for drying out meat and ruining flavors.

The Health Education Institute, a partnership between Northwestern Michigan College and Munson Medical Center, offers a class on roasting foods to those interested in healthier meal choices.

Munson dietician Laura McCain will teach a class from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, that explores the essentials of roasting food. The goal is to maximize flavor while reducing the use of additional fats, McCain said.

Participants will work with a variety of meats, vegetables and starches to practice techniques.

McCain will discuss why roasting is healthy, which foods work best with roasting techniques, and how to avoid excessive drying of foods.

Lunch will involve a sampling of the creations. Cost for the class is \$55. The session will take place at NMC's Main Campus Oleson Center, Room 129. Participants will leave with new skills, a recipe packet and suggested cookbook list.

McCain is a graduate of NMC's Culinary Program, a registered dietician, and certified diabetes educator. She has worked as a clinical dietician at Munson since 1995 and does community cooking and nutrition education.

For information, or to register, call 231-995-1700.



This cherry-chocolate studded snickerdoodle is great for these "unique" winter months. The recipe is easy to use and is delicious in the process.

Bake warmth into winter

It's true — the kitchen is the heart of the home. Ever notice how people always gather there? Whether baking treats, fixing dinner or spending time with family and friends, the kitchen is my favorite place to be. Since my day job is Senior Culinary Specialist for the Nestlé Test Kitchens, you can bet I love to stir things up. This space lets me pass along to you some of my best recipes, tips and baking secrets.

www.VeryBestBaking.com.

CHERRY-CHOCOLATE STUDED SNICKERDOODLES

Makes 4 dozen cookies
 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
 1 1/2 cups plus 3 tablespoons granulated sugar, divided
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2 large eggs
 1 2/3 cups (10-ounce package) Swirled Real Semi-Sweet & White Chocolate Morsels, divided
 1 cup (6 ounces) dried cherries, coarsely chopped
 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

PREHEAT oven to 350°F.
COMBINE flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Beat butter, 1 1/2 cups sugar and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in 1 1/4 cups morsels and cherries.

COMBINE remaining sugar and cinnamon in small bowl. Roll dough into 1 1/4-inch balls and roll in cinnamon-sugar mixture until coated. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Top balls with remaining morsels.

BAKE 12 to 14 minutes or just until centers are set. Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Nutrition information per serving (1 cookie): 120 calories, 45 calories from fat; 5g total fat, 3g saturated fat; 15mg cholesterol; 50mg sodium; 19g carbohydrates; 0g fiber; 10g sugars; 1g protein, 4 percent Daily Value vitamin A; 2 percent Daily Value iron.

Jenny Harper is Senior Culinary Specialist for the Nestlé Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com.

MIX IT UP WITH JENNY

By
Jenny Harper

The post-holiday season has us putting away our holiday décor and making New Year's resolutions. One resolution I intend on keeping is to spend more time doing what I really enjoy ... baking. Nothing makes me feel quite as grounded and worthwhile as when I'm creating goodies.

The holiday season was a warm-up for my baking equipment, and the baking season keeps my kitchen warm all winter. When I can also spend kitchen time with my daughter and her friends — passing on baking tips and skills, and creating good memories with them — well, I guess that's multi-tasking of the best kind!

Warm hearts with some home-baked goodies:

- It's a new year: Try a cookie, bar, cake or pastry you've been interested in baking. During the holidays we focus on making our best, classic baked goods. Now's the time to try something new.
- Ask your teens or 'tweens for input on "something new." Kids tend to be less stuck in the "same old" routine as adults are.
- Plan to take trays of home-baked goodies to an appreciative audience: a group home in your community, a retirement complex, your local fire station. Call ahead to check on any restrictions.

Who doesn't love the classic cinnamon-scented snickerdoodle? Try this contemporary twist on this all-American favorite: Snickerdoodles studded with dried cherries and whimsical swirled chocolate morsels will impress everyone before they vanish. Better plan to make multiple batches!

Sweet inspiration for baking is always available online at

Handy tips for making food smells disappear

BELLAIRE — Americans' hectic lifestyles and their increasing preference for fresh food have made batch cooking — preparing several days' worth of meals in advance — a growing trend.

According to a study conducted by the Food Marketing Institute, people are storing more food in their refrigerators for longer periods and leaving shelves full of leftovers. The study also found 69 percent of households serve leftovers more than once a week, making proper food storage a high priority.

More fresh food in the fridge means more clutter — and more odors. What's the solution?

For many home chefs, one key to odor control is an old standby — baking soda. Ninety percent of U.S. households report they have a box in the refrigerator, but only about one-fifth of consumers remember to change the box annually. Plus, the box often gets lost at the back of the refrigerator away from the source of many odors.

Arm & Hammer has a new odor elimination solution — Arm & Hammer Fridge Fresh takes baking soda out of the box. Its vented, flow-thru design and super-stick suction cup rescues baking soda from the back of the refrigerator so it's closer to the food that needs odor protection. In fact, the unit exposes twice as much baking soda as a traditional box for maximum odor control. And there's even a replacement indicator so you'll know when to change it.

"With increasingly overcrowded refrigera-

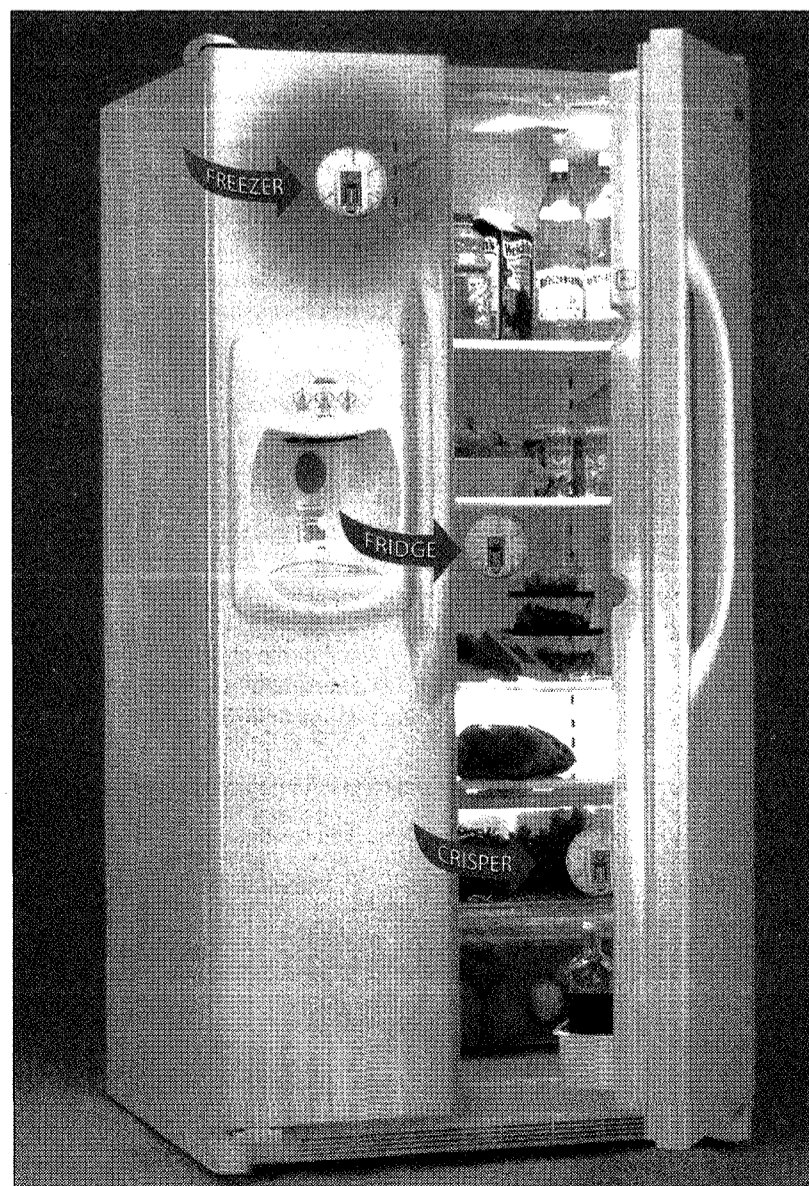
tors and less time each day to plan and shop for meals, the need to neutralize odor and preserve flavor is stronger than ever," said Dion Ross, senior product manager for Arm & Hammer.

When baking soda, also known as sodium bicarbonate, comes in contact with either an acidic or alkaline substance, its natural effect is to neutralize the pH level. The result is fewer odors.

Consider these additional food storage tips that can help ensure you always serve fresh leftovers:

- **Keep it cool:** Set the refrigerator temperature to 40° F (5° C). The freezer should be set to 0° F (-18° C).
- **Pack lightly:** To allow for proper air circulation in your fridge and freezer, don't overfill the compartments. Without good circulation, it's difficult to maintain proper temperatures.
- **Seal it up:** Store leftovers in tightly covered containers within two hours after cooking. For foods you plan to freeze, wrap them tightly to prevent freezer burn.
- **Check the label:** Look for use-by or sell-by dates on food packages and use these dates as guidelines.
- **Place it smart:** Store eggs and milk on refrigerator shelves instead of in the door, where the temperature is warmer.

For more food storage tips and other useful household hints, visit online at www.armhammer.com.



The different areas of a refrigerator are delineated in this photograph. With the new Arm & Hammer fridge fresh is placed inside it doesn't migrate to the back and assists you with neutralizing those obnoxious odors in your refrigerator.

Courtesy photo

SENIOR CENTER MENU

BOYNE CITY — Have you been to visit the new Boyne Area Senior Center? We have been in our wonderful building for one year now. Come join us for lunch with your friends, or make a new friend. The menu for the week is planned as follows: Jan. 10, Wednesday, line dancing will begin the day at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at noon will be stuffed cabbage.

Jan. 11, Thursday, Sit & Be Fit Exercise will start at 10 a.m. For lunch, soup, salad and sandwiches will be served.

Friday, Jan. 12, there will be special entertainment from 11 a.m. to noon. A fiddle player will join us for music. Veggie lasagna will be served for lunch.

Monday, Jan. 15, beef with gravy and au gratin potatoes will be served. Bingo will follow at 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, Sit & Be Fit Exercise will begin at 10:30 a.m. Buttercrumb cod and boiled red potatoes are planned for lunch.

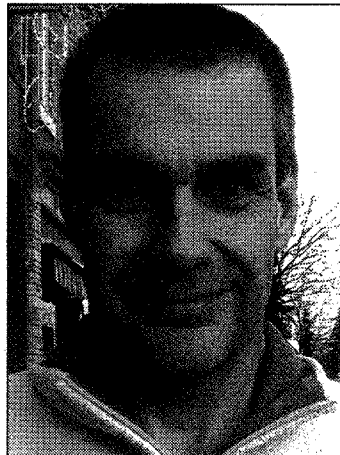
Wednesday, Jan. 17, line dancing will start at 10:30 a.m. Meatballs will be served for lunch, along with cheesy potatoes.

Suggested donation for lunch for those over 60 is \$2, under 60, \$4 per person.

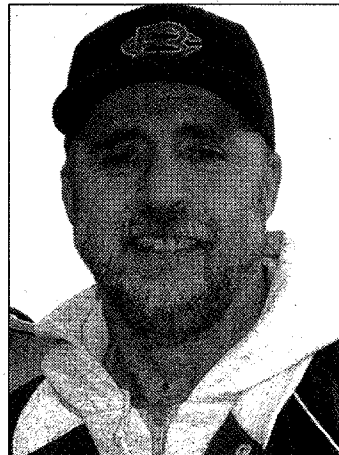
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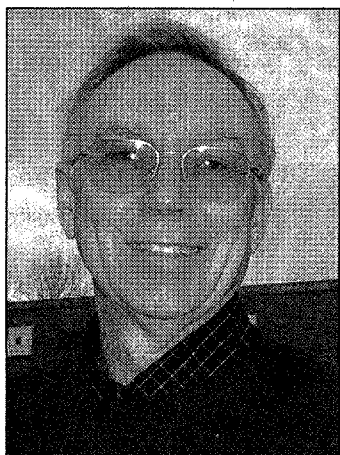
Question of the week:
"Did you miss the snow?"



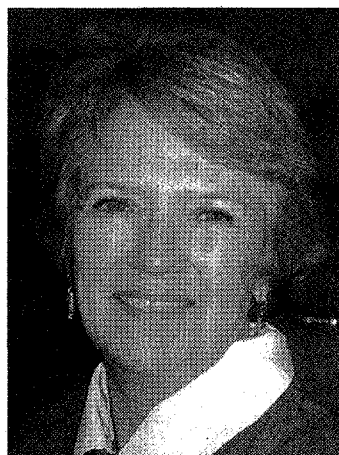
"YES, I do, because I love to skate-ski. But, I make up for it by exercising at Avalanche."
— Ed Woelfert, Boyne City



"I DO very much. It's been a long time since I've seen a winter like this."
— Don Richards, Boyne City



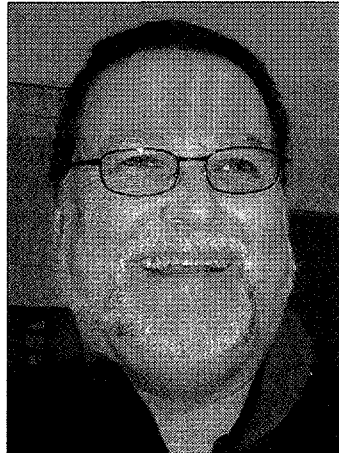
"YES, VERY much. It brings a lot of energy."
— Ron VanHorn, Boyne City



"YES, WE do. I miss looking at it and the atmosphere it creates."
— Gail VanHorn, Boyne City



"YES, I do. It's just natural. I've lived here all my life and it's very unusual and almost downright scary. Each of us has to do our part in curbing global warming."
— Eloise Cooper, Boyne City



"NO, I'M not an outdoor winter person. I prefer walking and summer activities."
— Charlie Bentley, Boyne City



"I'M SICK of it being an ugly brown color outside. I'm sure we'll get pounded with it later because northern Michigan without snow would be crazy."
— Cassie Grammer, Elk Rapids



"I HATED it. I like the snow. I like the colors and all the activities, like skiing and snowmobiling and playing hookie from work."
— Sally Brautigan, South Boardman

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EDITORIAL

Weird weather confuses body and mind

On Jan. 5 the word on the street was that folks had been missing the snow.

Indeed if I had been asked the "Question of the Week," appearing in this section, my response would also have been something like, "It didn't seem right to be without snow this time of year. I bet spring will be horrible."

Now please get that camera out of my face." An absence of snow on Christmas was odd, and it left me feeling like the whole celebration was held prematurely. I'm still not ready to let go of Christmas just yet. I continue to listen to Christmas carols in my car.

In fact I feel like we need a Christmas do-over with snow included. After Christmas sales mean better prices anyway. People could really stretch their gift cards. Also, considering Jesus probably wasn't "technically" born Dec. 25, I'm sure there wouldn't be a problem there. The new year's celebration seemed

really weird too. I mean how were people supposed to use the weather as an excuse for breaking their new year's resolution to exercise, when it was nearly 50 degrees outside with the sun shining?

THE GESTALT SHIFT

By Megan Taylor



The weather had really been throwing me off. My body was confused, asking me things like "Shouldn't you have seasonal affective disorder by now?" Without the snow, I had no excuse to be dark and crabby. My skin is as dry as it is every winter, but without snow and extreme cold, I had no explanation. Even the animals seemed to be unsure with what to do with themselves. One day last week, in the office, the sun was streaming in so that I had to slouch in my chair to see the computer monitor because of the glare. Outside the birds were chirping and squawking loudly like it was spring, and let's not forget the sight I had seen before work that

morning: some squirrels apparently practicing a move of the Kama Sutra in an old oak tree.

Despite the disadvantages snow presents for activities like driving, I can honestly say I missed the snow. I missed the white Christmas. As a child I loved the snow. I loved sledding, snowmobiling, ice fishing and rolling in it generally. I remember having to drag my sister out in it. She preferred to stay indoors reading. Sometimes my love for snow got me into trouble. On one occasion when my sister was inside reading I was mad that she wouldn't come out to play with me. I threw giant snow balls at her bedroom window. If she wasn't going to play with me then I wasn't going to let her enjoy doing the alternative, I had thought. I got in a lot of trouble because the snowballs were the hard-packed semi-icy variety.

When I was away at college I was fortunate enough to have a roommate who loved the snow as much as I did. My other roommates were surprised to come home one day and see us working on a giant snow fort outside. I hadn't had a pair of snow pants since the sixth grade, so I wore running pants over my jeans. We brought my roommate's dog out

with us and she loved it too. Our other roommates looked at us like we were crazy, but we had so much fun and ended our day with hot cocoa.

As I stepped outside this morning. I wasn't enthralled by the winter wonderland whirling about. I was irritated. It was like those Seinfeld episodes where Jerry greets his annoying neighbor by saying "Hello...Neuman" with disgust. The snow was my Neuman. "Hello...snow." In my longing for the frigid white substance, I had selectively forgotten the pains of scraping your car in the morning and driving in the snow. But one thing makes me happy about the return of the snow; things are as they should be this time of the year. I am cranky again, but alas, now with excuse, at least a realistic excuse anyway, with scientific backing. Hopefully there will be no more confused animals either.

For weeks northern Michigan minus snow felt like the Twilight Zone. As much as I hate being cold and getting colds and scraping and shoveling, it is something I'm used to. So I guess I would have to say "welcome back snow" it wouldn't have been the same without you.

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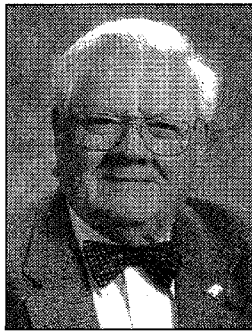


OBITUARY

Chuck Davis

Chuck Davis of Boyne City, Mich., died on New Year's Day in a single car crash near his home. He was 81 years old.

Chuck grew up in Carnegie, Penn., and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1948 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He began his 40-year career in industrial sales in the Detroit area. He married Ruth Walle in 1950 and they had two daughters. In 1958 Chuck and his family moved to Kalamazoo, where he lived for the next 30 years, retiring as District Manager of the Automatic Switch Company in 1986. Chuck's 37-year marriage to Ruth ended with her death soon thereafter. Chuck and Marian Liscum Harper were married in 1988, at which time Chuck became a full-time resident of Boyne City. Chuck was widowed again when Marian died in 1999.



Chuck was an active and caring member of the communities in which he lived.

While his daughters were young, he took on leadership roles in their schools' PTAs. He served as President of the Board of Directors of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra and supported its activities throughout his life. Chuck's volunteer work and support of arts and education grew following his retirement and move to northern Michigan. He regularly volunteered in the diabetic education program at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Chuck greatly enjoyed his one-on-one weekly reading hours with young students in Charlevoix County's STAR reading promotion program. Chuck also volunteered at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. He was instrumental in establishing and securing the future of the Center's beginning strings program as a member of the advisory board of the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra. Chuck had a wonderful time serving on the board of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and rarely missed a performance.

Chuck was an active Mason, a member of several lodges including those in Boyne City, Charlevoix and Traverse City. In 2003 he was named District Mason of the Year, in recognition of his participation in the organization's governance and charitable activities.

Chuck is survived by his daughters, Wilhelmine Miller of Washington, D.C., Karlotta Davis of Denver, Colo., three granddaughters, Emily Miller, Lydia Miller, and Sarah Menzel; and countless other family members and friends who will miss him.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Jan. 6, at Church In The Hills in Bellaire.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Chuck's memory be made to the following organizations: the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony, 7145 Westnedge Ave, Room 344, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49007; the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, 438 E Lake Street, Petoskey, Mich, 49770; Crooked Tree Arts Center, 461 E Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Mich. 49770; the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, 14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720; or Head Start, 321 South Park, Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

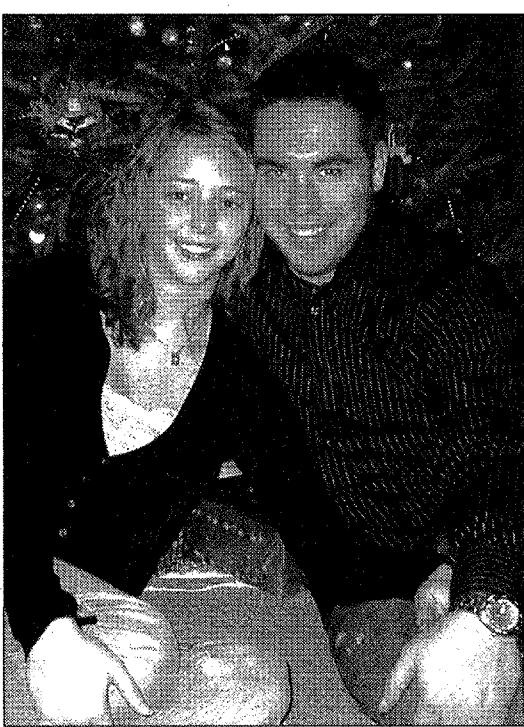
ENGAGEMENT

Bruce and Michelle Ferris of Levering, along with Roderic and Bonnie Grover of East Jordan, announce the engagement of their children, Ashley Irene Ferris and Robert Paul Grover.

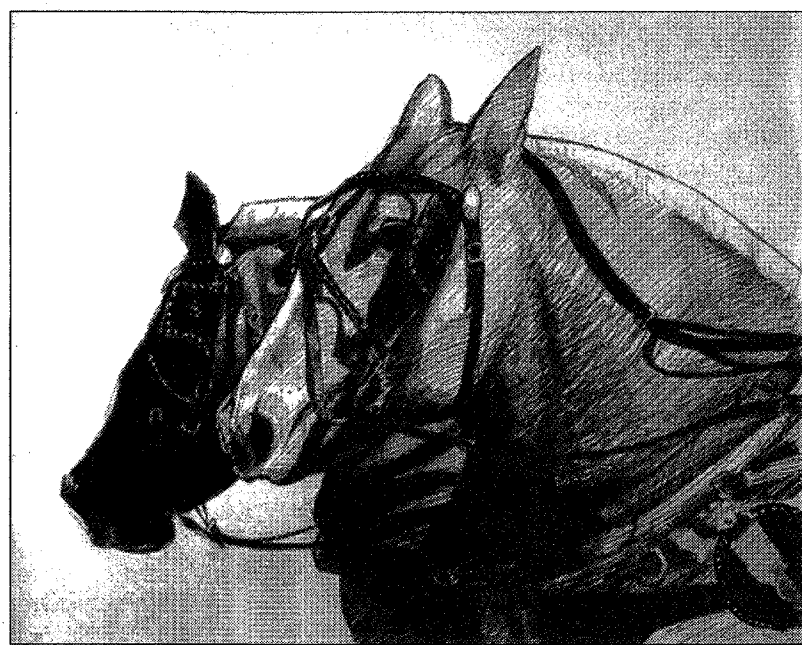
Ashley is a graduate of Pellston High School and is currently enrolled in the nursing program at North Central Michigan College. She is employed by Northern Michigan Hospital.

Robert is a graduate of East Jordan High School and is currently employed by DH Baker Dental Laboratory of Traverse City.

The wedding is planned for July 7.



Ferris-Grover



Drawing by Steve Toornman

JRAC to host invitational art show

An invitational exhibit, Equine Divine or Horsin' Around, will open Jan. 14, with a reception for artists and friends. The show features works in a variety of media.

Highlighted will be a ceramic sculpture, "Muse," by Catherine Shinnick. Her work was recently featured in the October issue of Ceramic Monthly. She is currently artist-in-residence at EMU's Jean

Noble Parsons Center for Advanced Study, a wildlife preserve in Lake Ann.

Also on loan from Susan Galbraith are photographs by Linda McCartney and Robin Galbraith. Other artists participating are: Kim Aikens, Joan Cromley, John Davies, Doug Delind, Liz Kantzer, Meredith Krell, Glen McCune, Peggy Midener, Ann Mohr, John Stevens, Sylvia

Walworth, Vivian Wanless, and Melissa Zelenak.

The exhibit runs through Feb. 18 and is open daily from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan.

For information contact curator, Sylvia Walworth, at 231-599-3065.

NEIGHBORS

Dr. Hylon Heaton, age 93, spent two weeks each with the families of his children Hylon, Wendel and Wanda before leaving for Holiday, Fla. He will escape the winter and return in April. His son, Hylon, had the honor of giving the keynote address in the Robbing Ceremony for the MSU veterinary class of 2008. In this ceremony the students obtain the title of doctor of Veterinary Medicine in their approach to a year of clinical work or internship. Hylon is President-elect of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

New Year's Eve, several Litzenburger Place residents made it a lively party. Beginning at 8 p.m., punch, pizza, noise blowers, hats, snacks, reminiscing and lots of shared laughter kept them up later than usual. Phyllis Sheehy assisted Resident Council Vice-President Joan Turnbull in making the annual event fun for all.

Bar Gasco, Jr., from Smyrna, Tenn., was in northern Michigan to visit family and friends over Christmas. Bart was disappointed there was no snow.

Bill and Linda Fry are on cloud 9. On New Year's Day, their daughter, Erin, and husband, Greg Mastin, became the parents of twin boys, William Frederick and Peter James. Bill and Linda have gone to Maine to

meet their new grandsons. Will weighed in at 4 lb. 12 oz. and Peter at 4 lb. 5 oz. All is well with the twins, and with Mom and Dad.

Jody and Bart Gasco Sr., from LaVergne, Tenn., were able to make it home to the north country for a few days. They were busy visiting family and friends and especially their friend, Tommy Matelski.

Those gathering at Bill and Mary Dunlop's for Christmas dinner were Gary Dunlop and daughter, Jessica; Dan and Julie Schmittiel; Marie Schmittiel; Andy Dunlop; Dan and Racann Dunlop and children, Hunter and Ashlee; as well as Mary's sister, Kaye Lorton from Midland.

Nancy Fulkerson of Boyne City spent Christmas with my sister, Mary Spiewak, who lives in Brown City. We got together Christmas Day in Livonia with her son, Derek Spiewak, and wife, Ari; daughter, Stacey, and husband, Karl Mueller; and grandson, Grant Mueller.

John Harper and Patricia Edson stopped in town Tuesday, Jan. 2.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Chuck Davis of Boyne City in a car accident, Monday, Jan. 1.

Gene Farley was honored with a surprise 70th birthday party on Saturday night. Dedi-

cated Gene thought he was going down to the Eagles to sell tickets for an upcoming benefit — not to attend his own party. Happy he was throughout the wonderful evening to see so many friends and relatives, about 150 of them, all enjoying themselves at a dinner and birthday cake and ice cream. There was lots of story telling fun going around and much laughter.

Highlighting the event was Sheriff George Lasater presenting Gene with an Honorary Sheriff Certificate.

Don and Darlene Persons of Boyne City celebrated a Bricker family Christmas on Saturday, with 69 children and grandchildren attending for lunch and dinner. Instead of a gift exchange this year, they had opted to adopt a community family to share gifts with. A good size group of them walked from the old farm, seven miles from Elmira, to what was known as Brickerville. From 1900 to 1905, Brickerville was a village, with its own post office.

Brickerville was named after Samuel Bricker, the grandfather and great grandfather of those enjoying their walk.

Items of interest for the Neighbors Column may be called into Nancy's home phone, 231-582-9174, or e-mailed to neighbors@gilakes.com before the noon deadline on Friday.

David Brennan, 41, of Flint died suddenly on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

A memorial visitation to celebrate David's life will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the home of Glenna and Joseph Haney Jr., 111 Esterly Street, East Jordan, from 2 until 6 p.m.

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Saturday, January 13 & 20, 10:00 AM-Noon
\$59 (includes art supplies)
Learn simple Faux Painting techniques to achieve great results on walls or furniture.
- **Introduction to Digital Photography**
Saturday, February 10, 9:00 AM-Noon
\$29 (no supplies needed)
What do you need in a digital camera and how do you use it? Learn about lenses, image resolution, memory, shutter speed, batteries, zooms and what it means to you.
- **Silk Painting with Joey Haderer**
Saturday, March 10, 9:00 AM-Noon
\$45 (includes scarf or tie and all art supplies)
Learn to paint on silk using fabric dye and different painting techniques.
- **Detailing a Business Plan**
Tuesday, February 20, 6:00-9:00 PM
\$30
Learn to write and sell a business plan building on your strengths: products & services, operational overview, finances — start up and projected budgets.
- **Raising Startup Capital**
Tuesday, March 20, 6:00-9:00 PM
\$30
Learn what it takes to obtain financing and prepare financing strategies for your business.

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BC wrestlers split recent meets

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

GAYLORD — Boyne City wrestlers Jared Wilmot, at 152 pounds and Drew Nohel, at 152 pounds both finished with perfect 4-0 records to win their brackets and lead the Boyne City varsity wrestling team at the Gaylord junior varsity tournament on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Tom Fiel (215), Avery Bennett (171) and Steve Robinson (189) all earned second place finishes with 3-1 records, while Cody Wilmot (145) and Adam Brown (103) picked up third place hardware to round out the team's medal winners



Courtesy photo

Medal winners from the Boyne City tourney display their winnings. In the back row, (l-r) are Avery Bennett, (second, 171 pounds), Tom Fiel, (second, 215 pounds) Cody Wilmot, (third, 145 pounds) Steve Robinson (second, 189 pounds) in the front row, (l-r) are: Drew Nohel, (first, 152 pounds) Adam Brown, (third, 103 pounds) Jared Wilmot (first, 152 pounds).

Frankfort 35, Boyne City 27
Elk Rapids 36, Boyne City 30

Nohel was a double winner at 145 lbs., with single wins being

picked up by Greg Bruneel (140), Cody Wilmot (145) Jared Wilmot (152), Eric Scott (152), Bennett (171) and Robinson (189) when the Ram-

blers took on Frankfort and Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Frankfort defeated Boyne City 35-27, while Elk Rapids prevailed by a 36-30

score.

Boyne City will travel to Kalkaska on Thursday, Jan. 11, and take on the Grayling junior varsity on Friday, Jan. 12.

Rambler hoopsters defeat Boyne Falls

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

KALKASKA — Jeff Moore scored 17 points with six rebounds and six steals to lead the Boyne City boys varsity basketball team to its second Lake Michigan Conference win of the season. Boyne City defeated Kalkaska 55-42 on Friday, Jan. 5.

"We knew it would be a tough one, like all conference games, especially on the road. We got down 8-2 early, but our kids showed a lot of resiliency and weathered the storm," said Boyne City coach John Hertel.

Kalkaska put Boyne City in a four point 15-11 hole after one quarter, but the Ramblers responded to take a 22-19 lead at the half time break.

"We had a heck of a

defensive effort in this one," said Hertel. "We have been working a ton on our defensive positioning and the kids are just doing the work," said Hertel.

Boyne City led the game 36-32 going into the final period and then out pointed the Blazers 19-10 down the stretch to seal the win.

Taylor Voice netted ten points and added six rebounds and five steals for the Ramblers, while Robby Jensen chipped in with nine points and Cody Mittig had six points and five boards.

Chris Keller scored 14 points to lead Kalkaska.

"They made a run at us in the third quarter, but we showed a lot of composure and handled the ball and were aggressive enough to take advantage of their pressure," said Hertel.

Hertel cited Stephen Redmer, T.J. Redman and Sam Jabara for their huge contributions off the bench.

Boyne City 63, Boyne Falls 36

Voice scored 18 points and Dan Remsburg scored 11 when Boyne City defeated Boyne Falls 63-36 in a non conference match up at Boyne City on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Josh Konecki (eight points), Moore (seven points) and Mittig (six points) added to the Rambler scoring. Voice added five boards and four steals, Moore had four rebounds and Mittig had three steals.

"Our starters came out and played very well early in the first quarter getting us out to a 12-0 lead and the defense and transition to offense set the tone for the rest of

the game," said Hertel. The Ramblers forged leads of 19-12 at the end of the first quarter, 33-16 at the half and 45-27 at the end of the third quarter.

"Our team defense continues to get better. We really took care of business in the second quarter, only allowing four points," said Hertel. Cody Sisson led Boyne Falls with ten points and Ty Reynolds netted seven.

"I just thought at times we played well, but against a good team you can't give up too many points. Boyne City is a good team," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla.

Boyne City (3-3 overall, 2-1 LMC) will travel for its next two games against Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, Jan. 12, and East Jordan on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

JV ROUNDUP

Red Devils defeat Vikings

GRAYLING — Three Red Devils hit for double figures and the East Jordan boys junior varsity basketball team overcame a 27-26 half time deficit to defeat Grayling 63-53 on Friday, Jan. 5.

Marshall Paige tossed in 26 points, Michael Hines added 16 points and Beau Fuller netted ten for East Jordan, as the Red Devils improved to 5-1 overall.

Page also had seven rebounds and three steals, Hines chipped in with four assists and

eight steals and Fuller added six rebounds.

East Jordan coach Ken Doty also noted Zak Pater and Jeb Doebel for "tremendous defense on Grayling's post players when our starters got into foul trouble."

Lady devils down Lady Rams

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan girls varsity volleyball team defeated Harbor Springs 25-22 in the third game on Thursday, Jan. 4, to post a 25-23, 24-26, 25-22 Lake Michigan Conference victory and remain undefeated at 4-0

overall. Ashley Skrocki had ten points, five aces and three kills for East Jordan.

Megan Germaine added nine points, six aces and three kills; Alex Snowden chipped in with seven points, six aces and four kills and Chelsea Gee contributed with seven assists. Whitney Kraemer was 100 percent serving with two aces and two kills.

"We struggled a bit with some mental errors in our first game back from Christmas break. The girls stuck with it and came away with a

narrow victory," said East Jordan coach Anne Crick.

Fresh win

The East Jordan girls freshman volleyball team beat Harbor Springs 25-17, 26-24, 25-21. Stephanie Clavier led the Lady Devils (3-0) with 11 aces, Melyssa Skrocki had five aces, while Hannah Struefert and Maribeth Poindexter contributed with two kills each. Treeneshia Nachazel served 100 percent.

— Stories compiled by sports writer Phil Trombley.

Red Devils fall to Vikings, 60-41

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

GRAYLING — The East Jordan boys varsity basketball team rallied from an 11 point deficit early on and the Red Devils led the contest 23-22 at the beginning of the second period, but Grayling survived at home to

hand East Jordan a 60-41 Lake Michigan Conference loss on Friday, Jan. 5.

"They had two big kids six foot ten and six foot eight, so we could not get anything going inside," said East Jordan coach Darrin Weber.

Richard Schreiber scored 13 points and

Steve Hodge had ten for Grayling, which led the game 36-30 at the end of the first half.

East Jordan was led by Jeff Keyser with 19 points and Adam Daneff with 11 points.

The Red Devils trailed by six points at the break despite 17 turnovers in the opening two quar-

ters. The Red Devils hit on seven three pointers to keep the game close, but then hit on only two of 18 shots from the floor in the second half.

East Jordan (3-3 overall, 1-2 LMC) will travel to Harbor Springs on Friday, Jan. 12 and host Boyne City on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

CORRECTION

In last week's feature story about Darrin Weber it was incorrectly reported that at one point Weber was ranked fifth on the state's list of all time free

throws in a season. At one time Weber was ranked second and he is currently ranked fifth in free throws made.

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