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Devils take on Elks
Harbor Springs was victorious on its home court as the Rams defeated the East Jordan boys varsity basketball team 80-64 on Friday, Jan. 12. See page 10.



EJ teen center
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WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17
Hi: 28 Lo: 26
Condition: Mostly Sunny

THURSDAY, JAN. 18
Hi: 31 Lo: 25
Condition: Snow Showers/Wind

FRIDAY, JAN. 19
Hi: 28 Lo: 16
Condition: Snow Showers/Wind

SATURDAY, JAN. 20
Hi: 22 Lo: 21
Condition: Snow Showers

SUNDAY, JAN. 21
Hi: 27 Lo: 22
Condition: Mostly Cloudy

MONDAY, JAN. 22
Hi: 31 Lo: 26
Condition: Snow Shower

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High tech geography to assist county operations

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — Geographic Information Systems, or GIS, is the ultimate to a geography enthusiast. For professionals who work in the zoning, equalization, surveying and development fields, it provides valuable tools.

Brian Kelly is the coordinator of the high-tech county department known as GIS. He reported on the department and technology to the new county commis-

sioners at their meeting on Jan. 10.

GIS combines the visual elements and features on a map with the ability to link characteristics about the features in databases.

The system takes database information and displays it, providing the opportunity to visualize information. For instance, a realtor may request the location of properties within the Boyne City School District for a client, and the information will be displayed on a map.

GIS maps are beneficial

for emergency service responders who are able to locate residents quickly by viewing neighborhoods. Law enforcement use GIS in various ways. For instance, if a sex offender must live no closer than 1,000-feet from a school, GIS can produce all of the house addresses and residents' names within 1,000-feet and crosscheck for violators.

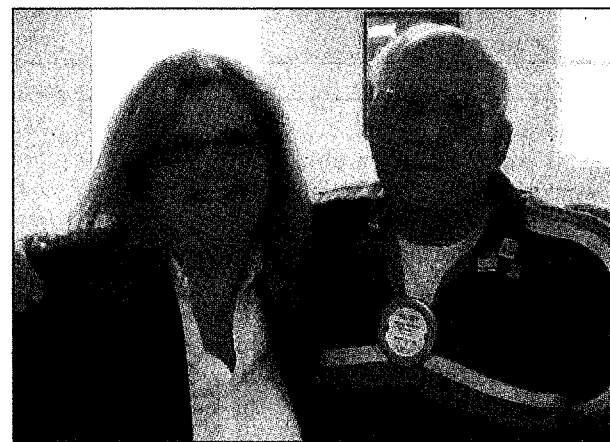
Cities and townships may use GIS to track development in order to plan for expansion of public resources, Kelly said.

The county planning de-

partment has pursued aerial imagery to produce an existing land use profile of the county. This feature will assist the county as it prepares its new land use plan.

The county road commission may use GIS, together with the Global Positioning System, to locate new driveways throughout the county. Collecting the positions of the driveways will assist the road commission in assigning new address numbers. It will also aid in evaluating future travel demands on the county road system.

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Courtesy Photo
Tammy Jackson, Rotary president, said Harry Watson's commitment sets a good example.

EJ Rotarian achieves milestone

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan Rotary Club, at their weekly meeting held on Jan. 9, recognized Harry Watson for 61 consecutive years of perfect attendance.

"Harry's commitment to Rotary and to serving his community serve as an example for all Rotarians to follow," said Rotary President Tammy Jackson.

Watson joined Rotary in 1945, after fulfilling his commitment to the United States Navy. At that time he worked on electrical projects, while building his own home. His building skills were noticed by others, and soon he was in charge of his own construction company, which grew to employ 68 people.

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Snowfall a relief for Boyne Mountain

By LOUISE NELLE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE FALLS — Despite the warm weather and lack of snowfall during the holiday season, Boyne Mountain's ski resort has been doing well.

"We didn't have the terrain open we wanted to," said Ed Grice, the general manager of Boyne Mountain. "But we still had a pretty successful season thanks to the water park."

During December when ski resorts were aching for cooler weather, Boyne Mountain had an advantage of being able to rely on the other services it offers to bring in business. Avalanche Bay, Solace Spa and the restaurants at Boyne Mountain provide the resort with alternative entertainment to make up for a slower ski season.

Surprisingly — even though only 14 runs and five ski lifts were open in December and early January — the number of seasonal ski passes sold increased by 10 percent in part due to the Student Free Ride Program. The program rewards students who have good grades with reduced pass prices to the point that a student with a GPA of 3.5 to 4.0 can receive a free season pass.

Although the cold weather has finally kicked



Winter returns as skiers flock to Boyne Mountain to take advantage of the recent snowfall.

in, there is still plenty of work left for Boyne Mountain. Snow machines have been running regularly throughout the week in order to build up a good base of snow.

"Our goal is to get as much terrain open as possible. We expect to have an-

other 30 runs," Grice said.

Considering the fluctuating weather, Grice said as long as they can make snow for another week he expects the ski conditions will be fine even if Michigan experiences another warm spell. Manmade snow is denser and coarser than natural

snow and therefore more durable to warm weather.

In fact, Boyne Mountain has gradually been investing more in snow making. Grice describes snow machines as an insurance policy to ensure business remains successful in future years.

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Photo by B. J. Hetler
Charlevoix County Sheriffs Office Det. Cpl. Chuck Vondra (right) of Boyne City was recognized by Sheriff George T. Lasater and Charlevoix County Commissioners at the Jan. 10 county commission meeting.

BC investigator recognized for his work

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — Chuck Vondra of Boyne City received a letter of commendation from the Cheboygan County Sheriff for his investigative work. Vondra assisted the Sheriff's Office in the investigation of a drug dealer whose dealings had resulted in drug related deaths.

Det. Cpl. Vondra, who is with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, is also a Boyne City city commissioner.

The announcement was made by Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater at the Charlevoix County Commission meeting Jan. 10.

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Boyne City school receives grant

By LOUISE NELLE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Boyne City elementary school was one of four area schools to receive a three-year grant to improve reading and behavior among students. Schools in Petoskey, Central Lake and Littlefield Township also received the grant.

Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi) grant provides tools to assist elementary and middle school students in the areas of reading proficiency and positive behavior. It also provides financial support to cover costs for all assessment materials and training for teachers.

"It's a three year grant that helps us develop a behavior and learning support system," said Fred Sitkins, elementary school principal.

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Efforts on to raise funds for Maple Lawn

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — A fund raising effort will help to cover the cost of a new fence for Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Estimates for a new fence and entryway are between \$30,000 to \$80,000, depending on the extent of materials. Some of the cost will come from the city budget, but a committee of citizens is raising supplemental funds. About \$2,500 has been raised so far. Collector

managers will be considered, however.

The construction standards will include guides for the designs of driveways, streets, sidewalks, site grading and storm sewers.

Commissioners also discussed options for cable franchises other than Charter Communications. City Manager Michael Cain reported the city has a non-exclusive agreement to use Charter in exchange for use of city roadways. Cain said there is nothing pro-

hibiting AT&T or others from entering the market area, but so far they haven't done so.

Commissioners also approved several appointments. Tom Neidhamer and George Ellwanger were appointed to the city planning commission. Ray Guzniczak and Robert Alger were appointed to the Main Street Board.

The next regular commission meeting is at noon, Tuesday, Jan. 23, at city hall.

Geography

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The projects lined up for GIS include road sign upgrade, tax map upgrade, land use map, fire and water source sign publication, and plat book development. Geographic databases include parcel ownership, digital aerial photography, zoning, and environmental features, such as soils.

Charlevoix County initiated GIS during the early 1990s. In 1998, the county received a grant to develop a GIS strategic plan throughout the county's operations. In August 2001, Kelly was hired as coordinator.

Boyne

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"If we hadn't been able to make snow we wouldn't have had any skiing," he said. "This has happened before and it will happen again. I've been through three of these [warm spells] but never this severe."

Though manmade snow proves longer lasting, in order to make it the temperature must still be, 28 degrees. Preferably lower, however, since the lower the temperature the more efficient the snow machines are at making snow.

One significant impact the warm weather did have on the resort was on employment. Currently, there are 150 fewer employees working at Boyne Mountain compared to last year. Grice explained if the resort can continue to make snow and open more lifts the number will increase to assist customers who come to enjoy the food, lodging and activities.

For now, Grice said the resort will concentrate on advertising the fact they have snow. Boyne Mountain plans to send out e-mail blasts to their downstate and nationwide guests to let them know the ski season has finally arrived.

Grant

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With this grant, Sitkins said the school's 30 teachers will be able to intervene to help students who struggle with their reading as a result of behavioral issues.

"Some of the bigger issues with students and their reading is their behavior," Sitkins said.

If teachers can address students' behavioral performances and eliminate classroom interruption, they can help students improve their reading abilities to make sure that academically they are at the appropriate reading level.

In this type of behavioral support system exists two data bases: one for reading assessment and one for behavior. Staff can input data regarding students into these data systems to monitor the students' progress. As a result, staff can more easily identify the common areas students struggle

with so that they can build a system of learning to provide students with the type of support they need.

Sitkins said the advantage of these data bases is they allow the faculty to maintain student information in a way that can be quickly accessed so that they can respond quickly when a student requires assistance.

The elementary school will not waste any time putting the program into effect. A team of five individuals from the elementary school will attend training sessions Jan. 23-24 in Lansing and as needed over the three year period. In turn, these individuals will train the rest of the staff.

Dedicated nurses bid farewell

CHARLEVOIX — Two longtime members of Charlevoix Area Hospital's nursing staff are retiring this month, leaving jobs they've loved and a profession both say has changed dramatically since they began their careers.

Josie Young, RN, Emergency Department Manager, and Nancy Walker, RN, surgical nurse, were recently honored at a hospital reception for colleagues and friends.

Although the pair launched nursing careers in 1963, they took different routes to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Young, a Central Lake native who earned her nursing degree from Northwest Michigan College in Traverse City, spent 13 years working at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor before returning to her home community.

She has served as CAH's ER manager for 20 years, watching the emergency department grow from four beds to a state-of-the-art, 10-room facility.

Walker began her career in Kentucky, where she graduated from nursing school, and worked in several states before

arriving at Charlevoix Area Hospital 26 years ago. Like Young, she has witnessed many changes in her profession—most notably the role today's nurses play.

"Nurses provide more treatment now and technicians handle many of the tasks we used to do," she explains. "I think nurses have earned the respect of physicians. Our input is valued and we have a greater voice in patient care."

Both retirees plan to remain in the area, and they may continue filling in at the hospital from time to time.

"We'll miss our co-



Josie Young, RN, Emergency Department Manager and Nancy Walker, RN, surgical nurse, were recently honored by colleagues and friends. Both are retiring this month.

workers here, and the direct patient care," says Young. But for now, they have new agendas. Young is putting to-

gether an around-the-world cruise and enjoying more leisure time with family and friends. Walkers an avid golfer,

fisher, and crafter looks forward to pursuing her interests and "just sitting down to relax with a good book."

Vondra

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The commendation recognized Vondra for his "diligent and dedicated investigation into Robert King and the drug related deaths that he caused." The investigation and arrest resulted in a federal conviction and prison sentence for King.

The letter further stated Vondra's "assiduous attention to detail has removed a callous drug dealer from our streets and made our community a safer place to live." Cheboygan County Sheriff Dale V. Clarmont signed the letter.

Vondra said he was happy to be a part of the arrest and conviction of the drug dealer, but practical about his role.

"It's nice to be recognized, but this is my job, I'm just doing my job," Vondra said.

Rotarian

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Watson operated the construction company until 1972, when he switched careers, helping his father at East Jordan's Watson Funeral Home, which he sold in 1979.

"I've enjoyed our club immensely," Watson said of his recent recognition. "It's the people of the club that have kept me coming back; it's been a great group." On his 61 years of perfect attendance, Watson said, "I always figured that I could spare two hours a week for a Rotary meeting, and for the opportunities to serve others that Rotary presents to its members."

"Harry Watson has answered the call," Jackson said, noting his involvement in other community activities. "He's served as the Mayor of East Jordan, and as a member of the city commission and Jordan Valley Library Board, and is also a past-president of Rotary. He's done it all."

Hospice volunteer training planned

HARBOR SPRINGS — Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, which serves Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties is looking for caring and compassionate individuals who would like to join its family of hospice volunteers.

A volunteer training program will be conducted starting on Monday, Jan. 29.

The sessions will run for four weeks, meeting

Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The classes will be held at the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay offices located at 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs.

Training sessions include an orientation to hospice and discussion of the role of volunteers. Each class deals with a different aspect of training — grief and bereavement, death and dying, communication skills,

understanding the family, spiritual care of the family, care and comfort measures, ethical issues and personal stress management.

Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services, including respite care to the terminally ill and their family. Anyone who has been a care-giver knows how important it is to have some time for themselves, and our hospice volunteers provide

this very needed help by staying at the home so the care giver can get away or just rest. Volunteers provide much help, whether it is with patients, in the office or helping with fundraising — they are truly an important part of the hospice program and make it unique.

Please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 231-487-4825 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

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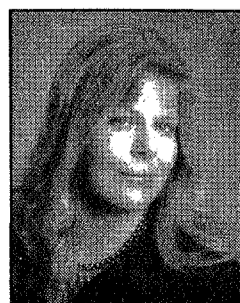
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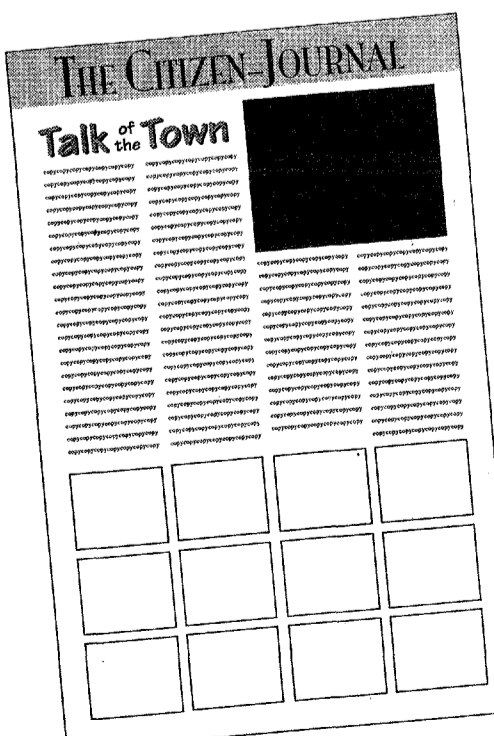
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LIFESTYLES

Stallone has the last laugh in Rocky film

Rocky Balboa isn't much different than Santa Claus. The jolly old man in red may not be as physically confrontational as the 60-year-old *Italian Stallion*, but it's the spirit inside that the world needs — whether it's one night a year, or six installments of a heroic film series.

When Sylvester Stallone announced he would be reviving the classic underdog character for a sixth and supposedly final film, many folks laughed, raised eyebrows or cracked jokes using the words "geriatric," "dinosaur," or a combination of the two.

But when the final bell rings, guess who's standing in the middle of the ring having the last laugh — Rocky himself.

What "Rocky Balboa" — the movie — did was rejuvenate the downfallen all over again. Not the *downfallen* as a sorry subdivision of society but the very mentality Stallone's character has at the beginning of the original film. He was the underdog. He was the never-in-a-million-years. He was the in-your-dreams. And then he was the champion.

And 30 years later, Rocky's final round is a victory for us all — the 20-year-old Baby Boomers or the 95-year-old seniors who still want to climb into the ring of life.

Sounds corny but regardless of if this was to be an award-winning script with beautiful character development and a heart-wrenching ending, it is the story that can touch anyone and send them running back up the Philly Art Museum's steps — at any pace age would allow.

"I look around at people my age, and I can see it in their eyes — a kind of bittersweet reflection," Stallone told *Newsweek* magazine last month. "People say 'I didn't live the life that I wanted, and now I've got all this stuff I want to say, but nobody wants to hear it.' I was feeling that, and if you don't get it out, it can become a beast that tears you apart."

And that's what the aged fighter did — got back in the ring unsure if he *could* win. Well, he *knew* he could win but it wasn't about that. It was just about the fight. That's the *Rocky* inside us all.

That fight was what lacked in the *other final Rocky* movie — number five. "V" featured a bankrupt and depressed Balboa — and that was before the flopped film brought in only \$41 million. So this latest installment was a necessity and Stallone knew it, regardless of the constant ribbing he received for it.

"I don't understand aging gracefully," he told *Newsweek*. "I'd rather age ungracefully, kicking and screaming. Don't hand me down my top hat and walking cane."

If Stallone preaches it, who are we to question? This is the purpose, goal, moral and meaning behind "Rocky Balboa" — the movie *and* the character. It's a movie about dealing with age. Not so much conquering or denouncing your age, but riding along with it as a companion. If you're 30, you're 30. If you're approaching 80, you're approaching 80. Why fight it?

Get in the ring and see if, as Balboa (the character) says, there's *anything left in the basement*.

Critics — both professional and amateur — rang in on the sixth Rocky film. Some praised Stallone's vigor while others dubbed it a joke and meaningless sequel in a world of meaningless sequels. None of the reviews really matter because it's that *Rocky Balboa* inside us all that speaks volumes.

Stallone's message back in the original was that of the pure underdog story. The noname pushed through to the top. His moral comes full circle in number six.

Rocky has no age. No face. No gender. No color. Creed, size or language.

Rocky's the same magic that lives inside us each Christmas Eve night when the jolly old man in red gets credit for the gifts you paid for and place under the tree. It's a never-ending legend.

We can stare at the Art Museum's steps and hear the theme song begin. Doesn't matter if you're 10 years old or clutching to a walker at 101. You'll make it to the top, turn around, and raise your fists in the air.

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Teen center welcomes students in EJ

EAST JORDAN — With great excitement, the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan announces the creation of a teen center for middle and high school students.

Beginning Jan. 15, this program will run Monday through Thursday each week, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the library's community room. The program will follow the same calendar as the East Jordan Public Schools. Zach Nicholson, woodworking teacher at East Jordan High School, has been hired as Teen Program Director. This program will provide students a place to "hang out" after school to chat with friends, play cards and do homework. Inter-



Looking over the Jordan Valley District Library's community room wall mural as it is being designed is Zach Nicholson, teen program director. From Left: Taylor Rinkle, Sara Robinson, David Karlskin, Ashley Gilland, and Pat Tinney, art teacher. Not pictured: Travis Nachazel, Julia Werhner, and Joe Thorp.

ested students will be offered tutoring and resource assistance with school projects.

Improvements are currently underway to create a more appropriate atmosphere for the

teen center. With the assistance of Pat Tinney, East Jordan High School art teacher, and

a group of students, a mural will be painted on one of the walls prior to opening day. Comfort-

able chairs, tables, an assortment of games and a CD player have been ordered.

This project is partially funded by a \$2,500 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which will be used for the purchase of supplies and resource materials.

Any adults interested in volunteering as tutors, mentors, snack providers, or instructors of a one time activity, contact Teen Program Director Zach Nicholson at 231-536-0053, ext. 5322, or Jordan Valley Library Board members Sara Schroeder, 231-536-1400, or Linda Robinson, 231-536-9550.

Jordan Valley Library friends awarded film series grant

EAST JORDAN — The Jordan Valley Library Friends have been awarded a grant by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to implement a film series for youth and adults. The Friends, whose mission is to promote literacy, culture and education by enhancing library services and programs through financial and volunteer support, had established sponsorship of a film series as a top goal in 2005.

The award funded the purchase of an annual umbrella movie license, video and audio equipment housed at the Jordan Valley District Library. It



Alana Haley, president and the Jordan Valley Library Friends Board receive a check from Maureen Radke of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

also allows for the purchase of featured films on DVD. Once shown, the DVD's will be donated to the library to help build its circulation.

Youth and adult film series will be developed in collaboration with the Wagbo Peace Center, Jordan River Arts Council members and area

youth. Films will be screened in the community room of the Jordan Valley District Library and will be free of charge, however dona-

tions are appreciated. Funds raised will be put toward the continuation of the program into 2008 and beyond. The Friends recently

hosted three films at the East Jordan Community Auditorium based on books in honor of Children's Book Week; "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," "Charlotte's Web" and "The Polar Express." The new film series will build on the success of these events.

The movie "Eight Below" will be shown Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the East Jordan Community Auditorium.

Volunteers are needed to serve on advisory committees and to learn how to run the equipment. If interested, or for information call 231-588-6391.

Vacationing?

Great looks for that state of mind unveiled

BELLAIRE — Bare feet in the sand, wind-blown hair and soft, easy-to-wear clothes evoke a kicked-back vacation state of mind. Most people believe this way of thinking is reserved for escapes to a tropical island. Not so say the folks at Caribbean Joe, creators of casual clothing for men and women. It's possible to adopt this attitude every day, whether vacationing at a beach, relaxing at home or heading out for a night on the town.

How to pack
Tom Westman, winner of CBS's "Survivor: Palau" and New York City firefighter, personifies this easy attitude. Westman drew national attention when he not only survived Palau in

style, but was also named one of TV Guide's "Sexiest Men." With classic rugged looks he's most comfortable in a T-shirt and shorts, but he also knows how to dress for style without sacrificing comfort. When vacationing, he wants a simple way to look and feel great. His secret? It's all in the packing.

- Most people pack too much. Avoid checking a bag if you can — that removes a lot of variables from your trip. If you need to check baggage, make sure you bring essential items for each family member in a carry-on. If your bags get lost, you don't want to be without a change of clothes, medicines or bathing suits.
- Take less than you

think you need. Lay out everything you plan to pack on a bed, then eliminate redundancies. Take only one pair of jeans. Make sure they're nice enough to go with a jacket, yet comfortable enough to dress down. Have a blazer or sport coat you can wear on the plane. If you usually end up buying a T-shirt from the dive shop, or a polo from the golf shop, pack two fewer items in your bag.

- Do your research. Dress like the locals. In most countries, shorts are only worn by boys under 10 or men on a soccer field. Try to blend in.
- Leave the beret, sombrero, kafia and fez in the country in which you found them. There is always one piece of for-

eign clothing that you think will transition well into your everyday wardrobe. Resist the urge.

What to wear
Whether lounging at the shore, sipping drinks at a barbecue or stepping up your style while maintaining comfort at home, the key to looking great is in the details:

- Opt for timeless, classic shapes and the relaxed, roomy cut of camp shirts, drawstring pants, full skirts and tank tops.
- Pick soft, sensual fabrics in all linen or cotton or in one of the easy-care blends that are soft and maintain color over

time. These fabrics usually improve their look and feel with wearing and washing.

- Select deeply saturated, natural colors that are easy on the eyes or clean, bright whites.
- Look for great details such as etched, authentic shell buttons and finely finished seaming.
- Choose clothes that can be laundered — not dry cleaned — such as Caribbean Joe fashions for both men and women.

How to wear it back
There is nothing like that feeling you have during your first few days back from vacation — your mind is clear and

your mood is elevated. One way to keep the vacation attitude going, advises Caribbean Joe, is by mixing vacation wear with everyday clothes.

- Use a great pair of khaki-colored micro-fiber golf or drawstring linen pants to dress up a camp shirt in a silky material or dress down a collared polo shirt.
- Layer lighter-weight pieces with vests and sweaters. A solid polo adds a splash of color when it peeks out from under a crew-neck top.
- Pair whites with darker shades such as browns and grays for a toned-down, citified feeling.

Snow search seeks local candidates

BOYNE FALLS - The Sports Illustrated KIDS Next Snow SEARCH qualifier series returns to northern Michigan with stops at Boyne Highlands on Saturday, Jan. 20, and Boyne Mountain and Crystal Mountain on Sunday, Jan. 21. Registration at Boyne for skiers and snowboarders takes place from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

on Jan. 20 in the day lodge at Boyne Highlands and Sunday, Jan. 21, in the cafeteria at Boyne Mountain. Competition starts promptly at 9:30 a.m., with awards to follow. Registration at Crystal Mountain for skiers and snowboarders begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, with the competition beginning around 10 a.m. This is a national tal-

ent search to find young athletes who best represent the next generation of extreme skiers and snowboarders. Boys and girls between the ages of 9 to 13, compete head-to-head in a combined division of skiing and snowboarding. In addition to ability, athletes are judged on style, attitude and sportsmanship. Now in its fourth sea-

son, the event consists of 70 qualifying freeride competitions at resorts in the United States and Canada scheduled between December 2006 and February 2007. The competition seeks out skiers and riders who are skilled in a variety of terrain including moguls, jumps, rails and race courses. The top finisher at each ski area advances to the national champion-

ship in Killington, Vermont, scheduled for March 2-4. During the past two years as a host for the Sports Illustrated KIDS Next Snow SEARCH, Boyne has proudly advanced competitors from Boyne City, to the national championship. For information, visit online at www.Boyne.com or www.NextSnow.com

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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

WORD ON THE STREET

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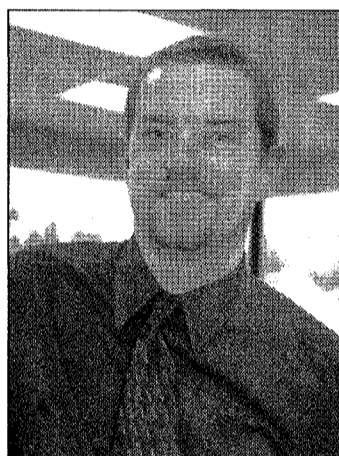
"What do you think of your county's recycling program (if there is one)? Do you think the county should expand it or cut it back?"



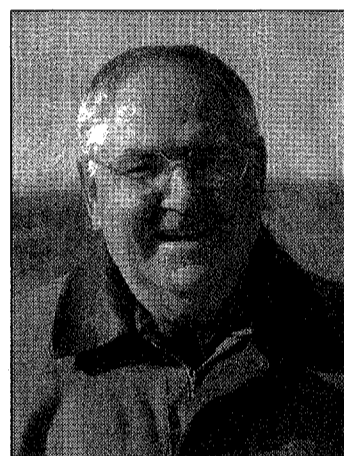
"I THINK it should be expanded. It's fantastic. Anything to help recycle more."
— Ben Malmquist, Traverse City



"I'M ALL for it. It should be expanded."
— Mike Ellis, Kalkaska



"I THINK it should be expanded. They should go curbside."
— Torr Williams, Blair Twp.



"I THINK it's good just the way it is. I look around at the other counties, and I don't like the way they do it with multiple drop spots."
— Fred Zander, Kewadin



"IT WORKS for me. I don't have an incredibly large amount to bring in. If anything, I'd like to see them extend their hours."
— Jill Beaudry, Elk Rapids



"I THINK that it's okay. I don't know about expanding it. I teach in Mancelona, and I haven't found a place near there to recycle."
— Barb Costello, Elk Rapids



YOUR VOICE

Community Christmas a great success

To the editor:
Once again this year, the efforts of the Boyne Area Community Christmas committee to fulfill their motto, "That no child or family in the Boyne Area be without a Christmas," has been a great success.

In truth, this success is owing to all of the volunteers, donors and organizations. It really is everyone working together to make this charity the great success that it is.

This 2006 season, the charity serviced over 1,000 citizens of

the area. The directors and committees love doing the work and the planning, but we are forced to depend upon the generosity, care and interest of many in order to finance such a large project.

Once again, as early as Janu-

ary 2, members are busily gathering toys, clothing and commitments from our area for Christmas 2007. We need you and appreciate you.

Boyne Area Community Christmas Committee
Boyne City

NEIGHBORS

Christopher Grice and A.J. Spaay flew out to Phoenix, Ariz., on Tuesday, Jan. 9, to see their friend Cole Andrews and his fiancée, Emily. Christopher will be living out there with a new job at a spa resort. He will be working in the gym training people. A.J. will be back next week to Boyne, but will be moving to Phoenix soon with a new job also. The boys will also be able to spend time with Anthony, Sadie and Mason DeNike, who live out there, where Anthony is in the Air Force. Family and friends will miss them but wish them all good luck in their new ventures.



By Nancy Northup

Kenneth Jr, weighing in at 9 pounds and 1 ounce, measured 22 inches in length at his birth, has sisters Darian, 17, Kendra, 11, and Kami, 5. Grandparents are Debby and Jim Alport of Boyne City, and Carl and Janet Massey and Barb Balch of East Jordan, and great grandparents are Betty Massey of Boyne Falls and the late Leo Massey, and the late Phyllis and George Hutzler.

Jim and Linda Felton of Boyne City and Carl and DiAnn Rothenburger of Charlevoix have returned from a late December trip to Las Vegas. It was the Rothenburger's first visit in thirty years and they were amazed at the many awesome changes. The couples enjoyed

three days of sunshine, fun and sightseeing.

Trenna Nees, husband Bryan, and sons Lucas and Elijah of Chesapeake, VA, were here this past week visiting her dad, Bruce and Nancy Lawson. The older boy wanted to go snowboarding, but alas — no snow. They should have come this week.

Deer Meadows residents enjoyed their first potluck dinner of the New Year on Thursday. Snowflake and red ball decorations on the walls and beautiful table decorations, a congenial atmosphere among those attending and lots of good food made it a really nice evening.

TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, is starting a New Year at the Nazarene Church at 225 W. Morgan in Boyne City.

Meetings are each Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Their motto is "You can do it. We believe it. Let's all try it. We can achieve it!" Anyone is welcome to join this enthusiastic group.

Pam Schmidt of Ohio is here visiting her mother, Virginia Hegerberg and other friends and relatives.

The BCHS class of 1947 is looking for a good turn-out in starting another year of monthly lunch gatherings. They will be meeting for lunch on Jan. 18 at the Water Street Café at 11:30 a.m.

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

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The Citizen-Journal encourages and welcomes its readers to submit letters or emails expressing their opinions.

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Program recycles old skis and snowboards

BOYNE FALLS — Challenge Mountain is announcing a new program that will benefit both Char-Em ISD Orion High School students and the organization.

Beginning in mid-January the two will pair up to begin an enterprise that allows this group of students to learn many new business management tools and techniques and provide some funding for both groups. The students will make furniture and household décor from obsolete skis and snowboards.

Challenge Mountain is

offering this opportunity to the students due to the constant influx of used equipment the organization receives that may not be able to be sold or used for programs. Challenge Mountain is constantly looking for new ways to earn funds for programming and ways to use items that are donated to the organization that cannot be used for the intended purpose.

The Orion High School students will learn marketing, Web page design, teamwork, work place ethic, and furniture making to name a few of

the benefits of the program. Profits will be shared to help the Orion class support outings and other class room needs.

According to Sue Moody, Executive Director, "We see this as another opportunity we can give to our clients. We are proud to offer this program to these students, we have a long standing relationship with Char-Em ISD and the Orion program and we feel this will give both groups an opportunity like no other. All monies earned through this program on Challenge Mountain's

end will be utilized toward programming, making it stronger as well. The possibilities of this program are limitless."

The Orion School is located in Boyne Falls at the Char-Em ISD building.

Carol Melvin, Orion High School Teacher said, "Our students are really excited about being involved in this program. They will have the opportunity to learn business techniques and put them into practice. This program will give our students the chance to have

input into every aspect of the program from making the furniture to selling it. It will be their ideas and creative works that will be the foundation of what happens."

Those who have old ski or snowboard equipment to donate to this program, may drop them off at either Challenge Mountain Resale Store, at 01158 M-75 South in Boyne City or 2429 US-31 North in Petoskey or at the Challenge Mountain Adaptive Recreational Facility at 2205 Springbrook Rd., Boyne Falls.

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SENIOR MENU

Wednesday, Jan. 17, line dancing will begin at 10:30 a.m. Lunch, to be served at noon, is meatballs and cheesy potatoes.

Thursday, Jan. 18, the Boyne Area Senior Center will serve soup, salad and sandwiches

for lunch at noon. To start the day, Sit & Be Fit Exercise will begin at 10:30 a.m. Following lunch bingo will begin about 12:45 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 19, macaroni and cheese is planned for lunch. At 11

a.m., enjoy the music of the Boyne River Boys.

Monday, Jan. 22; chop suey will be served. Monday is also bingo day. Come enjoy the fun. Everyone wins.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, Sit & Be Fit Exercise will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch, at noon, will include chicken and sweet potatoes.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, line dancing begins the day at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is an all time favorite, crunchy drumsticks.

Call 231-582-6682 for information regard-

ing activities at the senior center.

The Boyne Area Senior Center is operated by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. For other services offered by the Commission on Aging call 231-237-0103.

COURT REPORT

District Court

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

Jeremiah Randall Bergman, 25, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$260 in fines and costs.

Travis William Batten, 27, Central Lake. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$750 in fines and costs and \$230 in other costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 31 days, 60 days held in abeyance; one year on probation.

Amelia Lois Nicholson, 29, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$850 in fines and costs and \$180 in other costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days on work release, 30 days on electronic monitor, 35 days held in abeyance, perform 15 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Connie Jean Nelson, 48, Ellsworth. Driving while intoxicated, 1st offense. Sentenced to pay \$1,000 in fines and costs and \$230 in other costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days on work release, 60 days on electronic monitor, two days held in abeyance; 24 months on probation.

Sheehan David Bier, 38, Charlevoix. Disorderly. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Christopher Ezra Crowell, 32, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs. Sen-

tenced to 19 days in jail with credit for 19 days.

Bruce Edwin Persons, 53, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$850 in fines and costs and \$130 in other costs. Sentenced to serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform three days of community service work; six months on probation.

Stephanie Rae Ericksen, 44, Charlevoix. Entry without permission. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 344 days held in abeyance, perform 20 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Shelia Marie Roberts, 25, Munising. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$800 in fines and costs and \$180 in other costs. Sentenced to serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days on work release, 69 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Lori Kathleen Bullock, 33, Central Lake. Insufficient funds under \$100. Sentenced to pay \$350 in fines and costs and \$353.09 in restitution.

Karen Anne Robert, 39, Boyne City. Driving without license on person. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Loretta R. Hawley, 64, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$650 in fines and costs and \$180 in other costs. Sentenced to 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform three days of community service work; six months on probation.

Jeffrey Peter Foltz, 36, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$850 in fines and costs and \$80 in other costs. Sentenced to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; nine months on probation.

Abigail Lee VanHorn, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, 2nd offense. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Sentenced to perform five days of community service work; six months on probation.

Assumed Names:
 The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:

Paws & Claws, 2780 Mountain Road, East Jordan, by Linda Leigh.

Connaghan Construction, 32800 Kings Hwy., Beaver Island, by Anthony H. Connaghan.

Divas Designs, 8235 Trillium Court, Charlevoix, by Janice Miller.

Don's Logging & Construction, P.O. Box 534, East Jordan, by Donald R. Bergmann.

Wallace Custom Tile, 2834 Boyne City Road, Boyne City, by John David Wallace.

Goodburn Drywall, 402 Main St., East Jordan, by Mike Goodburn.

Charlevoix Collision, 06395 U.S. 31, South, Charlevoix, by Brian L. VanMeter.

The Accessory Shack Truck, 06395 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Brian L. Van Meter.

MGD Carpentry, 08011 Upper Bayshore Road, Charlevoix, by Mark Gordon Danker.

R & J Cleaning, 920 Edmund St., Boyne City, by Roger Cicotte and Joanne Cicotte.

North Bay Horse Company, 05675 Church Road, Boyne City, by

Wade Allan Leist and Frank Edward Leist.

Interiors by Kristyn, 00130 Advance Road, South, East Jordan, by Kristyn A. Lent.

Marriage Licenses
 The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Benjamin Samuel Orloff, 23, Pensacola, Fla. and JoEllen Elizabeth Rose, 22, Kaneohe, Hawaii.


Michael Jay Smith, 24, Boyne City and Michele Lyn Howard, 25, Boyne City.

Tyson Lee Potter, 24, Boyne City and Jessica Lynn Brooks, 23, East Jordan.

Richard Todd Hudson, 45, Charlevoix and Vena Marie Johnson, 43, Charlevoix.

Robert Gordon Hammontree Jr., 54, Boyne City and Karen Louise Wilson, 42, Boyne City.

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DEATH NOTICE

Lyle J. Walker, 85, of Petoskey, and formerly of East Jordan, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10 a.m. until service time at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes, Pharmacist

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Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, toxic gas produced by burning fuel. The most common sources are furnaces, wood stoves, gas appliances and engine exhaust fumes. Never warm up your car in an attached garage, even with the door open, because concentrated CO fumes can enter the house through doors or windows. CO poisoning has flu-like symptoms including headache, fever, dizziness, weakness, nausea and shortness of breath. It's a good idea to have a heating professional inspect your equipment for proper ventilation or possible leaks.

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HAPPENINGS

Bread basket program set

The Boyne City United Methodist Church will hold the Bread Basket, a free dinner, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., followed by a brief devotion and activities for children, youth and adults. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 324 South Park Street in Boyne City.

Recovery group meets

Troubled by panic attacks, temper, fears, helpless or hopeless feelings? Try Recovery, Inc. We meet to help ourselves and each other Tuesdays, at 7 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, 1250 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, and Thursdays, at 7 p.m., at the Pregnancy Resource center, 418 Waukazoo, Petoskey. To inquire call 231-582-2699 or 231-347-6474.

Chamber annual meeting planned

The Boyne Area Chamber's annual meeting is Thursday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel, sponsored by the Boyne City All School Boosters, Korthase Flinn Insurance and Financial Services, Great Lakes Energy, and the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel. Admission is \$10 for chamber members and \$15 for non members. There will be auction items, hors d'oeuvres, and awards. A sneak peak of the auction items will be available

Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m., with dinner and drink specials at the Dilworth.

Tea party planned

Circle of Strength and the Port of Cahl (Charlevoix Area Hospital's Gift Shop) are celebrating the new year with a special tea party on Thursday, Jan. 18, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. The tea party is open to volunteers and friends.

Please join us for a good time at Charlevoix Area Hospital, lower level in the large classroom, for a social gathering. Tea treats will be served. Many interesting and exciting things will be shared and the upcoming year. Call Circle of Strength for RSVP or questions, 231-547-8950, or e-mail CircleStrength@CAH.org.

Red Wings to play in fund raiser

The Detroit Red Wings alumni will be in town Jan. 20, at the Griffin Arena, for a benefit game and reception raising funds for the Bay Harbor Foundation, Petoskey Area Hockey Association, Boyne Area Hockey Association and the Detroit Red Wings scholarship fund.

There will be a complimentary kids skate with the alumni after the game. Enter for a chance to skate in one period against the alumni by purchasing raffle tickets at \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Following the game the public can enjoy an evening mingling with the alumni at a reception and

live auction at Bay Harbor Conference Center where hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available during auctioning of numerous items. Tickets are available at Griffin Arena. For information call 231-487-1843.

Bean pot party set

Larry's Seven-Ski Inn will hold its 40th anniversary "Bean Pot Party" Saturday, Jan. 20, from 2 p.m. at the corner of M-32 and US-131, Elmira. All are welcome. For information, call 231-546-3342, or visit online at www.sevenskienterprises.com.

Winter 2007 classes are open

Crooked Tree Arts Center is now registering for their winter 2000 classes. Classes range from culinary arts, music, dance, visual arts and more. Returning to CTAC is the popular cooking series held every Tuesday night from 6 to 8 p.m. during February and March. Ukrainian Egg Decorating, jewelry, painting, ceramics and birthday parties are being offered as well. Call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 231-347-4337 for information or register on line at: www.crookedtree.org.

"Horse Tale" for Kids

In collaboration with the Jordan Valley District Library, Cathe Hahn, author of a children's book, "Step Up! A Mackinac Island Tale" will present a program, Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 4 p.m., at the Jordan River Arts Cen-

ter. This book tells the story of a team of three Belgian horses that work and live on Mackinac Island. JRAC will provide a tour of the exhibit with a hands-on experience for youth. For information call 231-536-7131.

Financial aid topic of talk

Financial aid for college will be the topic of a free program at North Central Michigan College on Wednesday, Jan. 24. North Central's financial aid office is hosting the program as a community service for parents and students attending or planning to attend any college or university.

The program will take place from 7 until 8:30 p.m. in the college library on the Petoskey campus.

The program includes an explanation of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, scholarship searches, and resources for students offered by the State of Michigan. Guest speaker will be Bobbie Bates, scholarship coordinator for the State of Michigan. For information, contact Virginia Panoff, 231-348-6698.

Winter snowshoe hike set

Join the Friends of the Jordan for a winter snowshoe hike Saturday, Jan. 27, at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting). "Animal Signs: recognizing who's out and about in the winter" will be lead by Bruce Barber in the Cosner Preserve and will look for signs of

animal activity. All ages are welcome but the hike is limited to 10 to 12. Meet at the preserve on M-66 across from the Wagbo Peace Center. Updates and additional information will be posted on the Web site www.friendsofthejordan.org. For information e-mail members@friendsofthejordan.org.

Card tourneys set

Texas Hold'em tournaments will be played at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn, Boyne City, on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan. For information and registration, call 231-582-8800.

Cherry recipe contest seeks entries

Friske's Farm Market announces their 4th annual cherry recipe contest. The recipe categories this year will be soups, and cakes or tortes.

Anyone may enter, except professional chefs, Friske employees and their families. Entries must be in by Monday, Feb. 12. Six finalists will be named in each category, and final judging will take place on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m., at Friske's Farm Market, 10 miles south of Charlevoix, on US-31.

Registration forms are available for request at Friske's Farm Market, by calling 231-599-2604, or online at info@friske.com.

Ramblers suffer defeats in basketball to Glads, Rayders

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

TRAVERSE CITY — Traverse City St. Francis utilized a balanced scoring attack, which saw three Gladiators hit for double digits, and held off a late Rambler rush to hand the Boyne City boys varsity basketball team a 63-51 Lake Michigan Conference loss in Traverse City on Friday, Jan. 12.

Ben Wheelock led the league leading St. Francis squad with 14 points, Corey Williams had 13 points and Jacob Schell netted ten.

The Ramblers were within five points of the lead with less than four minutes remaining, but the Gladiators (9-1 overall, 5-0 LMC) rebounded to make it an eight point margin at the end. St. Francis led 13-10, 28-18 and 44-38 at the end of the first three quarters.

"We played pretty well for about three

quarters of this game, but we had a let down on the defensive boards, mostly in the second quarter, that hurt us," said Boyne City coach John Hertel. "We played maybe our best basketball of the season in the second half as we took a ten point deficit down to five."

Taylor Voice and Robby Jensen led the Boyne City scoring with 11 points each, while Cody Mittig chipped in with ten points and Jeff Moore netted eight.

"Our kids really made positive strides in the execution of our offense to share the ball and look at all of the options. That was a major factor in cutting the St. Francis lead down late in the game," Hertel said.

Charlevoix 72, Boyne City 58

Charlevoix jumped out to a 33-27 half time lead and out pointed Boyne City 39-31 in second half to take a 72-58 conference win over

the Ramblers on Tuesday, Jan 9.

Voice paced the Boyne City offense with 16 points, Jensen added 11 points and Mittig contributed with eight points.

Mitchell Crandall (19 points), Corey Gotshall (11 points) and Justin Friske (ten points) led the Red Rayders.

"We didn't play the way we were suppose to for 32 minutes and that hurt us," said Hertel. "In the third quarter and early in the fourth quarter were playing very well to take the lead back, but we were unable to sustain it."

"We will continue to work on all the little things, including consistency and free throws. We only hit 18 of 36 at the line. We had our chances, but we just need to keep working at it," Hertel said.

Boyne City (3-5 overall, 2-3 LMC) will travel to Elk Rapids on Friday, Jan. 19.

BC netters fall to Charlevoix

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

CHARLEVOIX — The Boyne City girls varsity volleyball team won the third game 25-18, to pull within one game on Thursday, Jan. 11, but Charlevoix closed out the match winning game four by a 25-22 score.

"Charlevoix came

mentally ready to play and we did not. We had opportunities to win and we did not capitalize on them. Hopefully we'll get things changed around," said Boyne City coach Casie Parker.

Jessica Nichols (12 digs, nine kills, 100 percent serving, two aces) and Lindsay Baic (14 digs, seven kills, two aces) led the Lady

Rambler effort. Lindsay Clemens added 28 assists, Stacey Spaniak added 11 digs and Caitlyn Wonski chipped in with six kills.

Nichols, Trisha Tomkins and Malory Sate were all 100% serving.

Boyne City (13-7-1) will travel to Elk Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 18.

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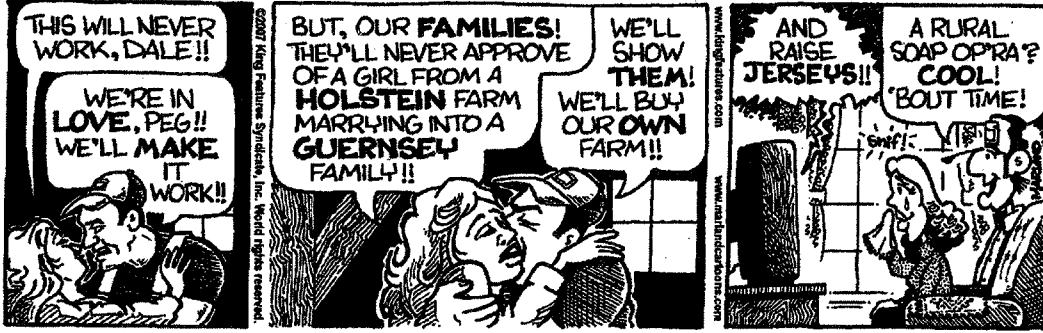
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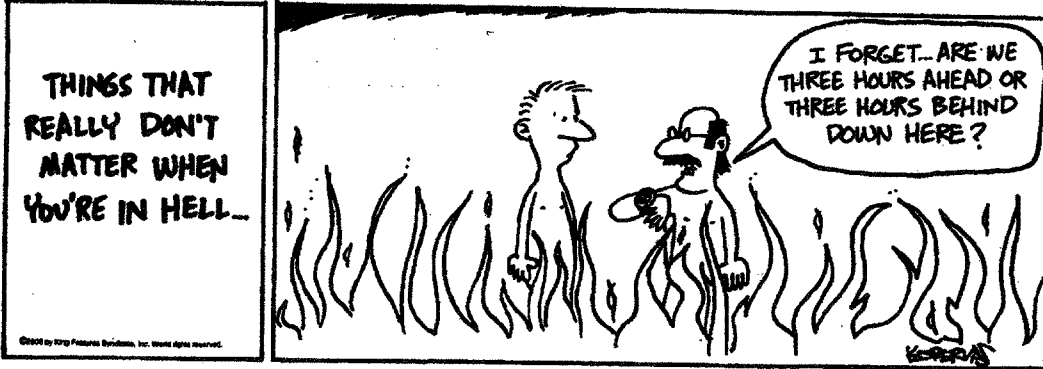
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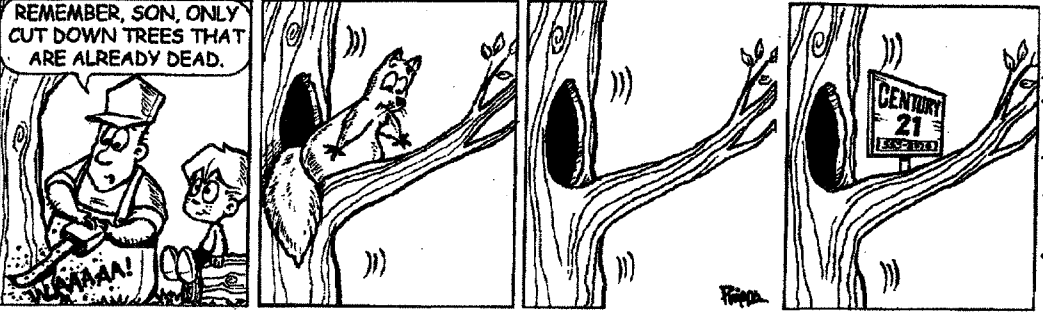
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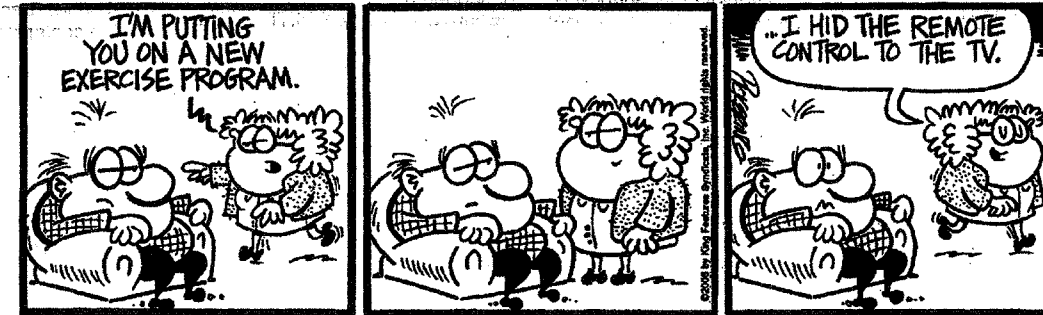
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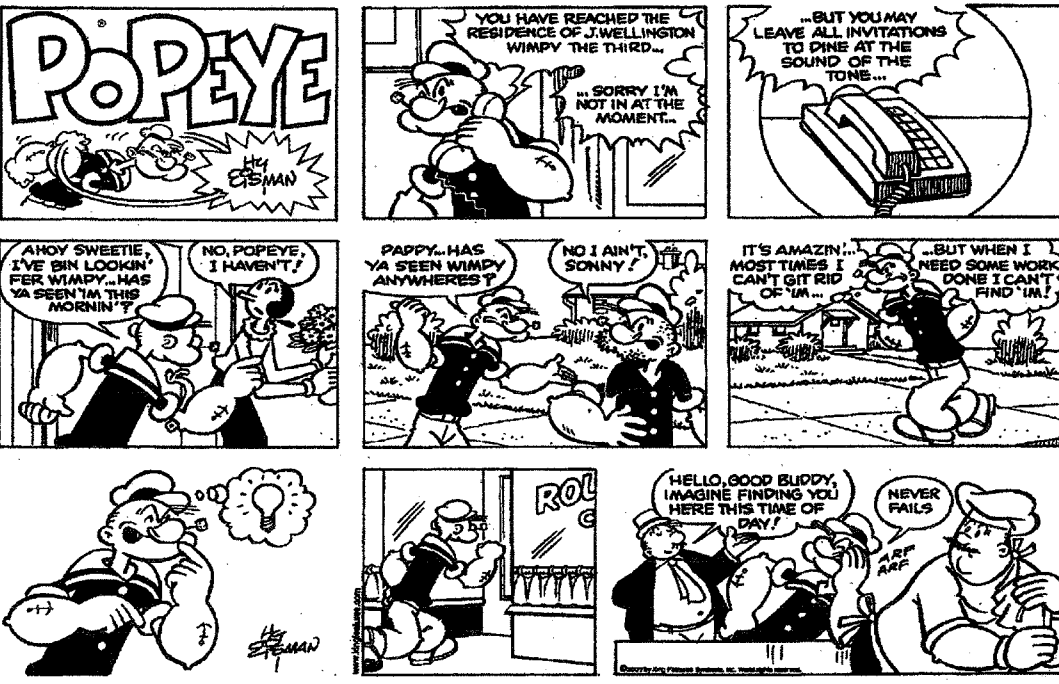


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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• If you're like the average American eating an average meal, that bite on your fork traveled between 1,500 and 2,500 miles before getting to your dinner plate.

• Some people claim to be able to spot when someone is lying by how much they blink. What does it tell you, then, that women blink nearly twice as much as men do?

• In 2004, Al Eaton, a Canadian farmer, grew a pumpkin that weighed 1,446 pounds.

• It was noted humorist Bill Vaughan who made the following sage observation: "Economists report that a college education adds many thousands of dollars to a man's lifetime income — which he then spends sending his son to college."

• The real name of John le Carré, the famed author of suspense novels, is David Cornwell. When he was a young man, he worked as a spy for the British secret service. He didn't really like his job, though — he said that life as a spy was "spectacularly undramatic" — so he started writing novels in his spare time. Since he was still working for the secret service, he had to keep his name a secret, which is why he had to choose a pen name. Finally, in 1963, his novel "The Spy

Who Came in From the Cold" was successful enough that he could quit the unsatisfying day job that had, nonetheless, provided fodder for his writing.

• The plant that produces marijuana is useful for many things, including making rope and paper goods. In fact, a single acre of hemp can produce as much paper as four acres of trees.

Thought for the Day: "The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness and kindness, can be trained to do most things." — Jilly Cooper

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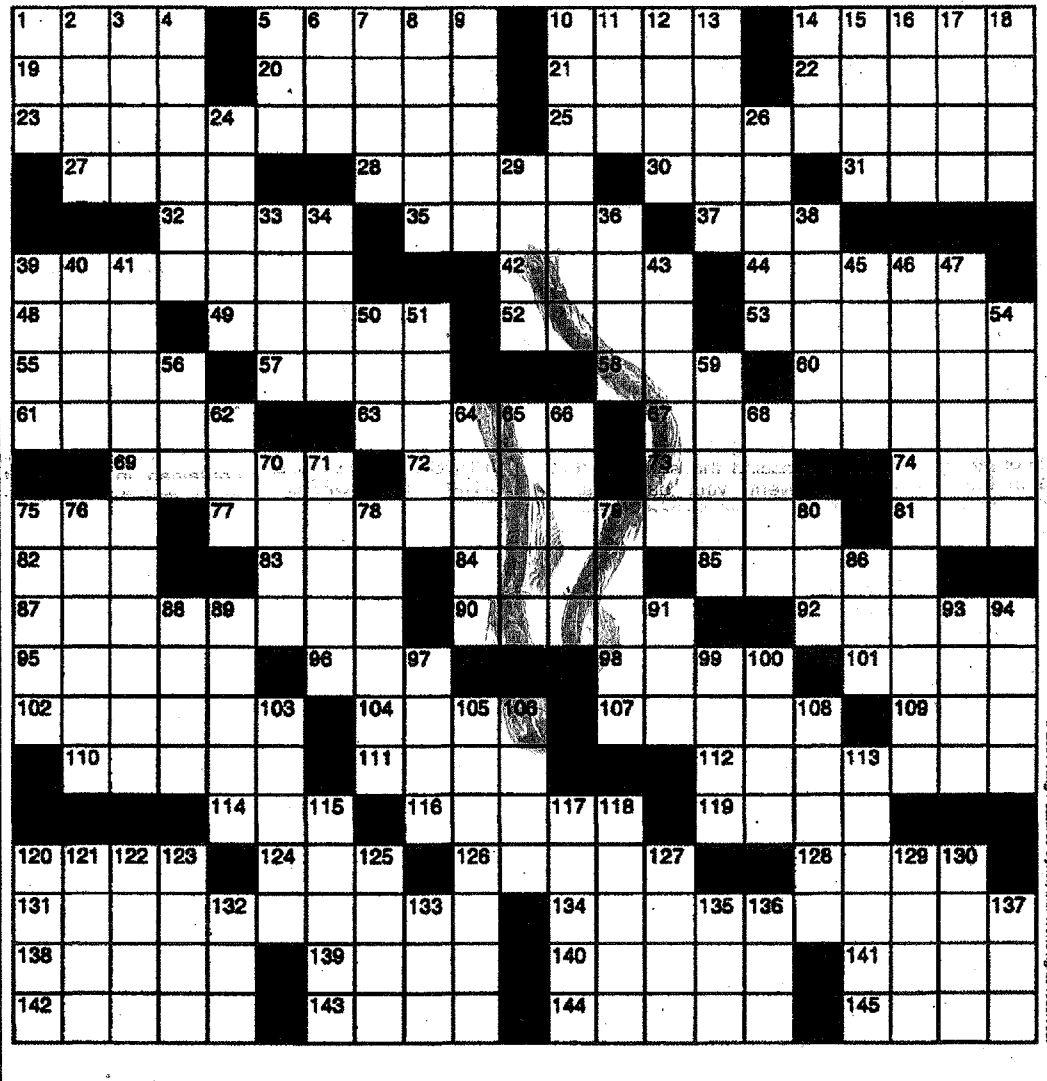
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Super Crossword RHYME TIME

- ACROSS**
- 1 Covenant
 - 5 Come out of one's shell
 - 10 King or queen
 - 14 Tracking tool
 - 19 "— patriae"
 - 20 Moscow's locale
 - 21 Clarinet kin
 - 22 Cover story?
 - 23 Deception
 - 25 Gibberish
 - 27 Delergent target
 - 28 Roman fountain
 - 30 British bar
 - 31 Nut part
 - 32 Achy
 - 35 Civil Rights org.
 - 37 Baseball's Kluzewski
 - 39 "Moby-Dick" narrator
 - 42 Canvas cover
 - 44 Some are deviated
 - 48 —Locka, FL
 - 49 Equine exclamation
 - 52 — gin fizz
 - 53 Sufficient
 - 55 Actress Reid
 - 57 Misplace
 - 58 Vane letters
 - 60 Ring championship
 - 61 Caribbean isle
 - 63 Songs-writers' org.
 - 67 Idol's perch
 - 69 Stiller's partner
 - 72 Medocre
 - 73 Mohammed — Jinnah
 - 74 Rage
 - 75 Firms: abbr.
 - 77 Disorderly
 - 81 Marsh
 - 82 Circle section
 - 83 Damage
 - 84 Ibsen's "— Gyn"
 - 85 Flight segment
 - 87 Migration
 - 90 Remove varnish
 - 92 — stop
 - 95 Less available
 - 96 Pie ingredient?
 - 98 Holler
 - 101 Kenton or Getz
 - 102 Hardened
 - 104 "— Indigo"
 - 107 Sign of spring
 - 109 Golfer's gadget
 - 110 Islamic ruler
 - 111 Singer Guthrie
 - 112 Climb a trellis
 - 114 "Uh-uh!"
 - 116 Extra
 - 119 Jim Morrison, for one
 - 120 Lost
 - 124 Tiny
 - 126 Peter of "Casa-blanca"
 - 128 Arizona city
 - 131 Disorganized
 - 134 Weak
 - 138 Spout like Cicero
 - 139 Close noisily
 - 140 Richard's veep
 - 141 Austin or Garr
 - 142 "The — Drop Kid" (51 film)
 - 143 Use the VCR
 - 144 Rocky Mountain range
 - 145 Pile
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- 3 Fashion's Chanel
 - 4 Platitude
 - 6 Fuss and feathers
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 - 8 Make butter
 - 9 Biblical book
 - 10 Amusing
 - 11 — Dhabi
 - 12 Frolic
 - 13 Premiere
 - 14 Scott's "The — Quartet"
 - 15 Grad
 - 16 — novel
 - 17 Eban of Israel
 - 18 Disturbance
 - 24 Ashcan artist John
 - 26 Too heavy
 - 29 Punchoons
 - 33 Rod's companion
 - 34 Designer
 - 36 Florucci
 - 37 Freightier front
 - 38 Al — (cooking term)
 - 39 It comes before kappa
 - 40 Practice punching
 - 41 Reckless
 - 43 Foreign correspondent?
 - 45 "Petits —"
 - 46 Kind of confection
 - 47 Blazing
 - 50 Youth org.
 - 51 "Siddhartha" author
 - 54 Soprano Traubel
 - 58 Presidential nickname
 - 59 Ridges
 - 62 Ooh's partner
 - 64 Military unit
 - 65 Selling point
 - 66 Hearth hardware
 - 68 Forgo the fudge
 - 70 San —, Italy
 - 71 Consternation
 - 75 Inner circle
 - 76 Journalist Fallaci
 - 78 Shock
 - 79 Author Jong
 - 80 Prison pariah
 - 86 Taxing org.
 - 88 Withered
 - 89 Act like an egret
 - 91 Norm
 - 93 D-Day site
 - 94 "... my banjo on my —"
 - 97 Mount —, FL
 - 99 Schubert song
 - 100 Carson's successor
 - 103 Haggard
 - 105 Connecticut town
 - 106 Extinct bird
 - 108 "The Bristol —" ('61 hit)
 - 113 Christmas decoration
 - 115 Criminal caper
 - 117 Director Lubitsch
 - 118 Dais covering
 - 120 Way off base?
 - 121 Lassie's father
 - 122 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
 - 123 Choir member
 - 125 Poet Wilcox
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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Lights shot out

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

HARBOR SPRINGS — Harbor Springs was victorious on its home court as the Rams defeated the East Jordan boys varsity basketball team 80-64 on Friday, Jan. 12.

Adam Daneff led the Red Devil scoring with 27 points.

"Jeff Keyser got into foul trouble and that hurt us. We don't typically give up 80 points in a game, but they just shot the lights out," said East Jordan coach Darrin Weber.

East Jordan 61, Elk Rapids 54

Keyser hit for 20 points, while Daneff tossed in 12 to lead East Jordan to a 61-54 win over Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Jan. 9.

The Red Devils out scored the Elks 8-2 in the closing minutes to secure the victory.

East Jordan (4-4 overall, 2-3 LMC) will host Charlevoix on Friday, Jan. 19.

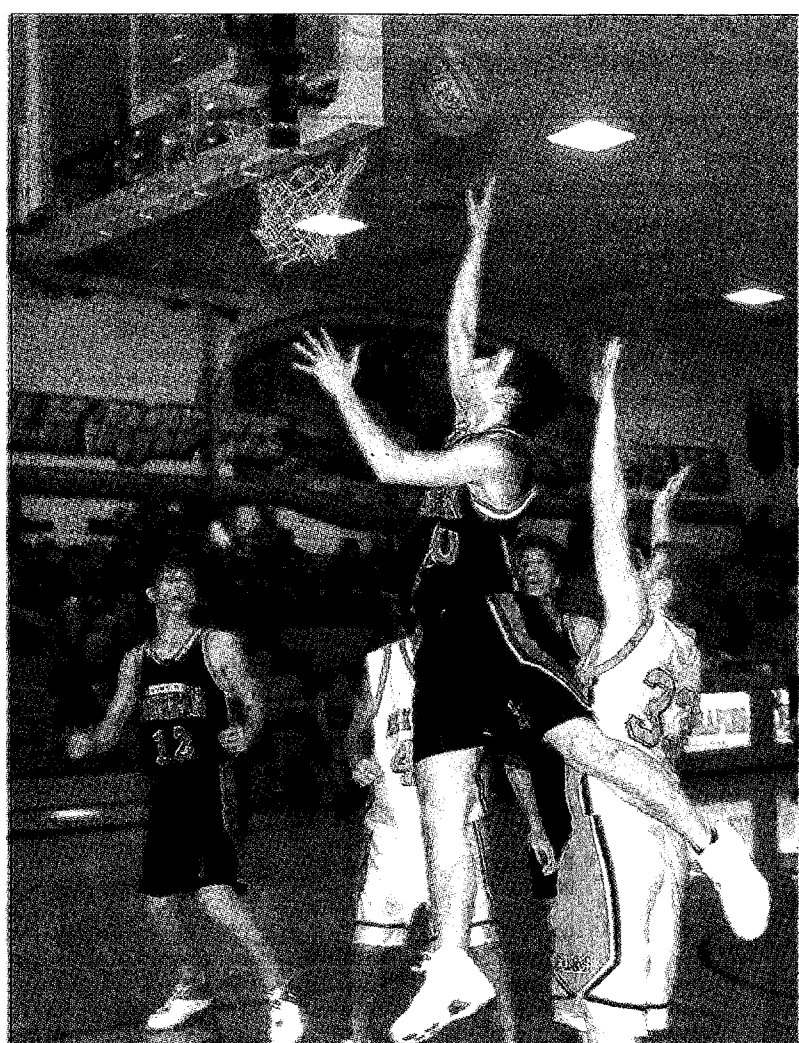


Photo by Megan Taylor

East Jordan High School senior Jeff Keyser (#20) drives the ball to the basket as players from Elk Rapids attempt to shut him down, during an away game held Jan. 9. East Jordan won to Elk Rapids 51-44.

Loggers defeat Wolverine

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

WOLVERINE — The Boyne Falls boys varsity basketball team moved its Northern Lakes Conference record to 3-1 and its overall record to 4-3 with a 41-23 win on the road over Wolverine on Friday, Jan. 12.

Cody Sisson led the Logger offense with 12 points, Chad Deming added eight points, David Gross chipped in with seven points and Josh Haskin and Isaac Erber contributed with six points each. Sisson led the rebounders with six boards, Erber

hauled down five rebounds and Gross grabbed three.

"We made defensive adjustments at half time and we changed the tempo of the game," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla. "We made it a full court game instead of a half court game. Our defensive intensity in the second half was the difference."

Boyne Falls led by scores of 10-6, 20-10 and 31-16 at the end of the first three quarters.

Boyne Falls will host Mackinaw City on Friday, Jan. 19, and travel to Northport on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Boyne grapplers top Vikings

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

GRAYLING — Three wrestlers posted perfect records for the day when Boyne City sent a group of sophomore and freshman grapplers to the Grayling Junior Varsity Tournament on Friday, Jan. 12.

Drew Nohel (152 pounds), Marc Calo (160 pounds) and Steve Robinson (171 pounds) all went 3-0 in their weight classes to bring home the gold for the Ramblers.

Trevor Price (1-1, 112 pounds) earned a second place medal, while Cody Wilmont (3-1, 145 pounds) captured third place.

Also wrestling well and finishing just out of medal contention were Adam Brown and Greg Bruneel, said Boyne City coach Don Nohel.

"Our underclassmen continue to improve and lay a solid foundation for the future of Boyne wrestling," said Nohel.

Boyne City will travel to Charlevoix on Thursday, Jan. 18, and travel to Onaway on Saturday, Jan. 20.

Skiers perform well at meet

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The Harbor Springs boys varsity ski team was first with 41 points and the Harbor Springs girls took first with 69 points in the second Lake Michigan Conference meet held at Boyne Mountain on Thursday, Jan. 11.

Local finishers in the boys competition included:

Boyne City — Kaleb

McNamara (3rd S, 4th GS), Joe Shear (11th S, 13 GS), Nick Simiri (12th S, 3rd GS), Tom Hague (15th S, 16th GS), Ryan Witten (18th, S) and Ryan Kasper (21st S), Mike Cortwright (9th GS), Sterling Adgate (10 GS).

Charlevoix/East Jordan — Nic Williams (6th S, 21st GS), Mac Brennan (7th, S 5th GS), Tanner Fisher (10th S, 23rd GS), Zack Smith (23rd S), Geoff Baier

(25th S, 20 GS), Michael Cardwell (27th S, 19th GS).

Local finishers in the girls competition included:

Boyne City — Alex Welborn (3rd S, 3rd GS), Christina Roland (4th, GS), Jessica Grice (8th S, 11th GS), Natalie Lindsay (14th S, 13th GS) Allison Wright (23rd S), Morgan Harding (15th GS).

Charlevoix/East Jordan — Katherine Rowley (6th S, 1st GS),

Liz Hasseld (8th GS), Steffy Poindexter (16th S, 17th GS), Haley Crick (18th S, 18th GS), Amanda Fritsch (22nd GS), Mary Gocha (24th GS).

Boyne City's Cortwright and Char/EJ's Emily Baijko won the boys and girls B slalom race, while Witten and Baijko won the boys and girls B GS.

Nubs Nob will be the site for the next conference meet on Thursday, Jan. 25.

Boyne City's Senglaub in Dayton moto

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Boyne City High School sophomore Steven Senglaub will make a trip to Dayton, Ohio, on Sunday to compete against some of the best riders in the country in the sport of off-road motocross racing.

VanAndel Arena is the site for this indoor version of motocross racing, which has the riders run fast and furi-

ous on a dirt track laid down just for racing.

The Toyota Amateur Motocross Association, the nation's #1 indoor arena-based off road motorcycle series, is sponsoring the event, which is the second of four races around the country leading up to the United States Open finals in Las Vegas on Sunday, Oct. 14.

"I am looking forward to finishing in the top ten in all the races and keeping consistent

to accumulate points," Senglaub said.

Senglaub ran at the first race in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Jan. 7, and there he finished tenth in a field of 26 riders. Senglaub had to work to get his top spot when was forced to qualify for the main event by placing second in the last chance qualifying race.

"My bike stalled out on the line and I was dead last coming into the first corner. I block passed eight bikes and

finished second," said Senglaub.

Senglaub needs to finish among the top five riders after the four preliminary races in order to qualify for the finals in Las Vegas.

"Arenacross," as it is known, is a wildly exciting form of motocross racing run indoor on a track which features jumps, tight turns and high speeds guaranteed to test the skill of all who attempt to navigate the twisty terrain.

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VISIT JORDAN VALLEY GLASSWORKS - Featured in Detroit Home Magazine in their 2006 Design Awards - J.V. Glassworks took first place in Decorative Glass and Mirror Division. Open 7 days from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon. - Sat. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Pick up a Visitors Guide at the Chamber and follow the map to other galleries and art businesses in East Jordan.

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KIDS FISHING CONTEST - (HELD AT A LATER DATE)

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