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Boyne chamber bestows community awards

BY B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel.

Fortified by a generous line-up of hors d'oeuvres, the crowd's enthusiasm ran high during the program. Wolverine Dilworth Hotel owners Buddy and Susan Christensen created a scrumptious display of oysters on the half shell, crab legs, fruit, veggies and desserts that included bananas foster. Spotted at the hors d'oeuvres table was Boyne Mountain chef, Monte Wilhelm, who said he enjoyed the buffet.

Each year the chamber recognizes people in the community in four categories: civic pride, business leadership, volunteerism and ambassadorship. Chamber Executive Director, Scott MacKenzie, announced the awards.

The Civic Pride Award was given to the Sesquicentennial Committee for the year-long events celebrating Boyne City's 150th



Awards were presented to (from left) Carole McGinty for Ambassador of the Year, Kathy Anderson for the Sally Roselli Business Leadership award, and Barb Bryant for Volunteer of the Year. Not pictured are the Sesquicentennial Committee members who were given the Civic Pride Award. The awards were presented at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on Jan. 18, held at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel.

birthday.

The Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award went to Kathy Anderson, owner of Boyne Country Books.

"She cares deeply about the community," MacKenzie said. "She is known as a local focal point of information and when you want to know you go to Kathy Anderson's store."

The crowd erupted into energetic and extended applause for Anderson who serves on various boards and is consistently active in the community.

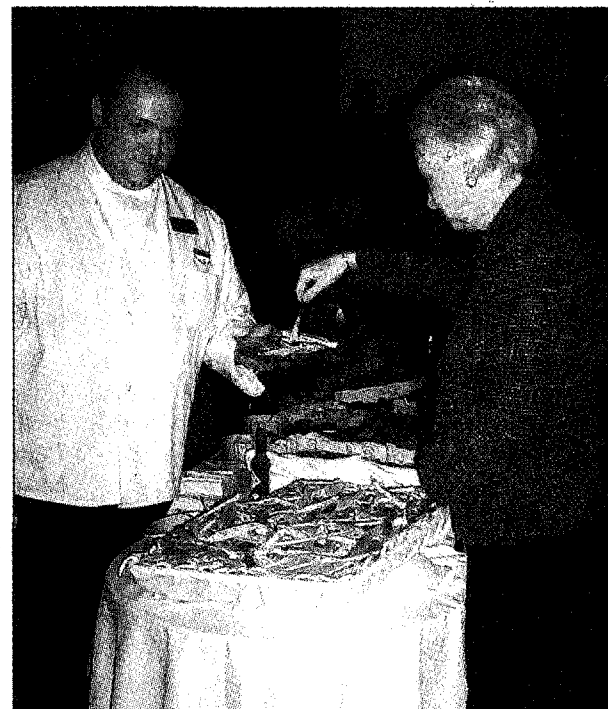
The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Barb Bryant.

"I first met her when she came into our office and asked, 'What can I do?'"

MacKenzie said in his introduction. Bryant was especially recognized for her work in helping to organize the annual meeting.

The Ambassador of the Year Award was given to former teacher Carole McGinty.

"Holy smoke, you find a former elementary school teacher and you get things



Photos by B.J. Hetler

Boyne Mountain chef Monte Wilhelm represented Boyne Mountain at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. Chamber Volunteer of the Year, Barb Bryant, serves Wilhelm crab legs from the bountiful hors d'oeuvres table. The event was held Jan. 18 at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel. Hotel owners Buddy and Susan Christensen created the hors d'oeuvres for the chamber's annual meeting.

done," MacKenzie said, prompting laughter from the audience.

Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer who represents the Boyne

area in Lansing attended the meeting. He presented plaques that expressed appreciation for community

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Devils down Ramblers

The Red Devils sank 14 of their 15 free throws in the fourth quarter to out last conference rival Boyne City 61-57 on Tuesday, Jan. 16. See page 10.



A betting person?

Hospice fund raises welcoming poker lovers. See page 3.

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 24

Hi: 23 Lo: 15

Condition: Few Snow Showers

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

Hi: 16 Lo: 12

Condition: Snow Showers/Wind

FRIDAY, JAN. 26

Hi: 26 Lo: 24

Condition: Flurries

SATURDAY, JAN. 27

Hi: 30 Lo: 19

Condition: Few Snow Showers

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

Hi: 22 Lo: 16

Condition: Snow Showers

MONDAY, JAN. 29

Hi: 22 Lo: 19

Condition: Snow Shower

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

Hi: 25 Lo: 20

Condition: Partly Cloudy

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

Hi: 25 Lo: 17

Condition: Mostly Cloudy

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Winter weekend

Ryan Joy of East Jordan enjoyed an afternoon at Wagbo Peace Center just outside of East Jordan. "It's my first time here and it's really good. I'll do it again," Ryan said. Guests sipped warm, fresh maple syrup and bundled up for a horse-drawn sleigh ride on Saturday, Jan. 20. Wagbo Peace Center offered free rides in celebration of "Winter Weekend."

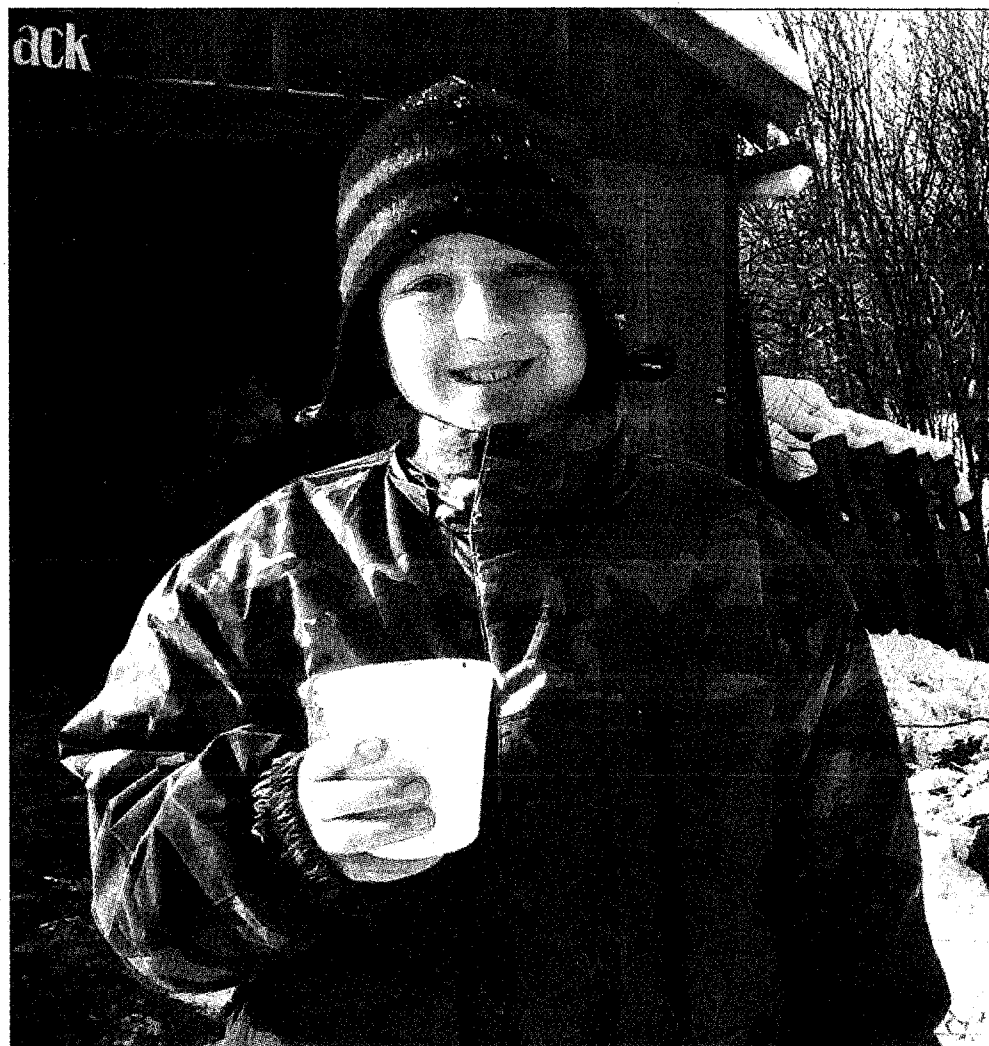


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Quilting leads one to positive focus

By DEBORAH HAWKES
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EAST JORDAN — Anyone who knows Laura Mason, knows that she loves to quilt. Laura was born in Wyandotte, MI. In 1974, her family moved to a forty-acre farm in East Jordan where she continues to reside. "When we moved from the city of Wyandotte to here, it was like living in a different world," she remembers. "We raised some farm animals (cows, pigs, and cattle) and had a very big garden. We all had our chores." Laura grew up in a home with six children. "Living in

a big family was fun," she recalls. "We always had someone to play with."

Born with a mild case of cerebral palsy, Laura, now forty-two, has faced challenges throughout her life; however, she has not allowed them to hold her back. She credits much of her accomplishments to the support that her parents gave her as a child. "The doctor told my parents to help me be as independent as possible. They let me try anything I wanted, and by the time I was four, I had mastered a two-wheel bike," she says.

Laura's positive outlook

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Courtesy photo

Laura Mason of East Jordan stands with one of her many quilting creations, Winter Wonderland. Laura's quilts are being displayed at the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan until the end of February. Some of the quilts are for sale.

Multiple drugs caused Boyne City woman's death

BY B. J. HETLER
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BOYNE CITY — Boyne City police found a woman who was formerly married to drug dealer Robert King dead on Jan. 14. In December 2006, King was convicted of contributing to the

drug related deaths of two people. He is now in federal prison.

Roberta Jane King, who was 44 years-old, died at her home at Park View Apartments. An autopsy was performed by Charlevoix County medical examiner

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East Jordan audit report reveals harbor fund problems

By LOUISE NELLE
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EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan City Commission received its audit report for year ending June 30, 2006, presented by Certified Public Accountant, Douglas Wohlberg.

Overall, the city experienced a slight 1.8 percent increase of total net assets with a total of just over \$9 million. The city also experienced an increase in its General Fund balance. This

year the general fund increased by 6.7 percent to reach a balance of \$236,139.

One fund that caused significant trouble for the city, and which has increasingly become a problem over the past five years, was the Harbor Marina Fund.

"This is a tough fund because the state sets the rate you can charge the boaters in your marina," said Wohlberg.

"In 2006, you had a substantial loss of \$101,000. A

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Petitions available for two BC school slots

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Public Schools has two openings for four year Board of Education terms which will expire on June 30, 2011. Nominating petitions may be picked up at the Charlevoix County Clerk's office (203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Mich., 231-547-7200). Candidates

have the option of paying a non-refundable filing fee of \$100 instead of a petition. All petitions or filing fees and an Affidavit of Identity must be received no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, in order to be placed on the ballot for the May 8 election.

Chamber

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service to the four award recipients. The plaques were signed by state Sen. Jason Allen and Elsenheimer.

Chamber members and friends participated in silent and live auctions.

Donated items included luxury spa passes from Boyne USA Solace Spa, a framed photo of Boyne City from SweetGrass Framing & Gallery, a gift certificate from Indo-China Gardens, and a gift basket from Red Brick Salon.

MacKenzie introduced the 2007 Board of Directors. They include Rob Swartz, President; Pam Greetis, Vice President; Kathy Anderson, Secretary; Zane Carter, Treasurer and Lynn Amato, Larry Glasgow, Mike Lange and Jack Laurent.

This year's event sponsors were Boyne City All School Boosters, Great Lakes Energy, Korthase Flinn Insurance and Financial Services and Wolverine Dilworth Hotel and Restaurant.

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce 2006 accomplishments include marketing promotion locally, down state, in the Chicago area and in Indiana. Other accomplishments were the arrival in Boyne of world class events, in part because of chamber efforts, and referral by the chamber of inquires to area businesses.

Chamber staff Lorraine Manary, Pam Chipman and Deb Jason assisted in organizing this year's event.

Drugs

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Dr. Reed Freidinger, who determined the cause of death was an overdose of multiple drugs. The death was stated as accidental on King's death certificate. Freidinger determined

that she died in the early morning on Jan. 14.

Police found a note in King's apartment that was signed with a nickname indicating a delivery of drugs to King. Investigators traced the note to Christopher

Hefty, 27, of East Jordan.

The Charlevoix County Prosecutor has brought a case against Hefty for delivery of a controlled substance. A preliminary examination is scheduled for Jan. 30.

Audit

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large chunk of that was in supplies and that includes gasoline; gasoline prices went up the past two summers.

gasoline rates are where they need to be," Wohlberg advised. Despite the bad year for the harbor marina fund, Wohlberg said the city has done a good job

budgeting the general fund and seems to have a clear understanding of the revenues it expects to receive over the course of a year.

Quilt

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on life has rewarded her with many experiences. She has had various jobs throughout the years including working as a secretary and as a nanny for five children. In 2001, she and three friends opened The Quilt Cottage in East Jordan. "I've made many friends while working there," she says. No longer at the shop, Laura now teaches the basics of quilting. She enjoys working with new quilters and seeing their skills improve.

finding out how much easier it was using these tools, there was no stopping me! I've since worn out several cutting mats," she says.

To date, Laura has made at least 100 quilts; from wall hangings to king size quilts. "My favorite quilts are the Log Cabin and Lone Star quilts. My first Log Cabin quilt won the People's Choice Award when it was displayed at the Jordan River Arts Council in May of 1992. I had made it for my oldest sister and brother-in-law as a wedding gift but they didn't get it until the week after because the quilt show took place the same weekend that they were married," explains Laura.

"I designed the quilt in the picture, Winter Wonderland, on graph paper while I was recuperating from back surgery last winter. I had lots of time to sit but was unable to quilt. I used

several different blocks from various patterns and books for the design of this quilt. The quilt was machine quilted by a friend, John Liddicoat, who is a retired heart surgeon. He and another friend, Judy Ettema, do most of the machine quilting on my bigger quilts.

"My favorite aspect of quilting is picking out the fabric for a new quilt. I have quite the fabric stash, but every now and then, I have to splurge on some new piece of fabric that catches my eye. All of my piecing is by machine because it is difficult for me to hand piece anything. In the past several years I have been commissioned to make many quilts, and I will still do that for anyone who may be interested," she says. For more information, you may contact Laura at 231-536-0613 or via email: lmtm38@wmis.net.

BUSINESS UP NORTH

Body maintenance offered at new salon

By LOUISE NELLE
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BOYNE CITY — Located on Maple Street a short distance from downtown lies the Nail Salon, owned and operated by Brenda Lamb. Lamb has been in the salon business for 18 years during which time she owned the Body Shop. After taking a break from the role of business owner and working in several area salons Lamb said that she is ready to run her own business again.

"I don't want to be another hair salon," Lamb said. "I want to specialize in the things that I like to do the most."

Lamb specializes in manicures, pedicures, facial and body waxing as well as ear candling, a procedure which rids the ear of debris.

As a businesswoman, Lamb insists that customer satisfaction remains the key to having a successful business. She wants her clients to feel welcome and comfortable and to feel they have been treated well no matter how large or small their request.

"I want people to come here and when they leave feeling good and that they got a good service for a fair price,"

she said.

By good service, Lamb not only means she will provide her clients with quality work at an affordable price but with the latest techniques and products. She keeps up to date on current trends so when a customer asks for a new product or a new look she can fulfill the client's needs.

Although women make up the majority of salon customers, Lamb looks forward to reaching out to men. She considers salon treatment simply a part of body maintenance and grooming and assures men that if they come into her salon to have their eyebrows done, for instance, they need not worry about leaving with the eyebrows of a woman.

Anyone seeking privacy — men especially who may feel self-conscious as a minority in a salon environment — will enjoy having their own personal space which the Nail Salon offers. Because Lamb is not located within the downtown district where shoppers have a tendency to wander in, her customers will have the advantage of one-on-one service without interruption.



Owner Brenda Lamb of the Nail Salon specializes in manicures, pedicures, facial and body waxing as well as ear candling.

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Customers will also enjoy purchasing salon products directly from Lamb. She orders products upon request so her clients will receive a fresh item which has not been sitting on a shelf for months. Lamb does, however, keep certain treatment products in stock — such as specialty lotions — that help maintain the appearance of any work received.

open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evening and weekend appointments are available. Walk-ins are welcome, though Lamb prefers one set up an appointment beforehand so as not to interrupt other appointments.

Lamb also arranges house calls for the elderly who cannot travel as easily and who may need assistance with body maintenance due to physical restrictions.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By **Steve Czerkes**
Pharmacist

Alcohol & Medications Don't Mix

Many prescription and over-the-counter drugs can cause serious interactions when taken with alcohol. People often think because a medication is available without a prescription that they don't have to be as careful about interactions. If you're taking any medications, check with your doctor or pharmacist before having a drink. Some of the medications that can cause dangerous interactions when combined with alcohol include pain relievers, sleeping pills, antihistamines, antidepressant drugs, anti-anxiety drugs and certain medications for diabetes, heart disease and hypertension.

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Children community forum planned

EAST JORDAN — Being a parent can be complicated with a wide variety of situations, challenges, and opportunities to face in your efforts to raise great kids. Parents, community members, school staff and others interested in helping youth are invited to learn from an expert on how to build solid relationships with children from infancy through the teen years.

An interactive workshop titled "Raising Respectful Children," will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in the East Jordan High School auditorium.



Dr. Larry Brendtro

Dr. Larry Brendtro, who has broad practical experience as a youth worker, teacher, psychologist, administrator, and researcher, will lead the presentation.

Dr. Brendtro is the author of several books about youth at risk and founded Reclaiming Youth, a training institute for professionals who work with children.

East Jordan superintendent Chip Hanse, said his school is pleased to host the forum.

"The forum is a good fit with our district's 'Raising Healthy Kids' seminar series which has been offered to East Jordan parents for the better part of a year," Hansen said. "With support from Char-Em ISD, we have been working with Dr. Brendtro and ISD staff to provide our staff with Response Ability Pathways (RAP) training. This RAP training is giving our teachers and assistants additional skills and strategies that have proven effective in building good relationships with students at risk...and all students," Hansen added.

The event is sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and hosted by East Jordan Public Schools. For information, call 231-547-9947.

New duties



Photo by B. J. Hettler

Boyer City city employee, Barb Brooks, has a new position at City Hall where she has worked since 2004. She is now the executive assistant to city manager Michael Cain. Previously she worked for the planning department and in the front office. Brooks graduated from Boyer City High School.

BCPD REPORT

Monday, Jan. 15 — Officer assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department in Boyer Falls; conducted a well-being check on S. Lake Street; arrested two for minor in possession of alcohol; received a report of larceny of a bike from Parkview Apartments.

Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Police arrested one for minor in possession of alcohol; received non-sufficient funds check issued to Par-T-Pac; conducted well being check on S. Lake Street; received parking complaint on E. Division Street; responded to a family dispute on N. Lake Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 — Officers received found property on Clark Street; responded to a property damage accident at Boyer City High School; assisted at Parkview Apartments.

Thursday, Jan. 18 — Officers received a report of a lost cell phone; received a non-sufficient funds check turned in from Medicaid; investigated a suspicious person in Glen's parking lot; issued a citation for expired license; assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on Old Horton Bay Road.

Friday, Jan. 19 — Police responded to a malicious destruction of property to vehicle in Glen's parking lot; assisted on E. Main Street; unlocked a vehicle at Litzenger's.

Saturday, Jan. 20 — Police issued two Citations for speed; issued citation for no seat belt; responded to a parking violation on E. Water Street.

Sunday, Jan. 21 — Officers assisted in Boyer Falls with Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; unlocked a vehicle on E. Water Street.

A betting person? Hospice fund raisers welcoming poker lovers

By JEFFRAY N. KESSLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Picture the scene: A turn of the century hotel is filled with the sights and sounds of a raucous night. The local townsfolk have filled the parlors and ballroom, and high-stakes poker is the name of the game. Horses are out front at the hitching posts, and there is a sign on the front porch that demands patrons "Check Your Guns at the Front Door." Bets are made. Bluffs are called. Pots are won and lost. Off in the corner an old timer bangs out tunes on the tottering upright piano. Kitty is serving dinner and drinks while sheriff Matt Dillon looks on. Fast forward to 2007, and the Hospice of Northwest Michigan is going to offer that same atmosphere as a fund raiser. The general public is invited to any or all of six nights, starting in January, to play "Texas Hold 'Em" tournament poker.

Jan. 26 and 27, Feb. 23 and 24, and March 30 and 31 are the dates. Boyer City's historic Wolverine Dilworth Inn



Photo by Jeffray Kessler

Hospice volunteers (around table): Sherri Vigneau, Dory Ferguson, Joanie Schumann, Pat Johnson, and Ralph Huston listen in as tournament director Gene Miles reviews the fine points of Texas Hold 'Em poker.

is the setting. Each night there is a \$500 prize offered and limited to the first 80 players to register. Doors swing open at 5:30 p.m., with play beginning at 6:30. There is a \$50 early-bird registration that can be made by calling 231-582-8800. All proceeds go to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Although this is a fund raiser, make no mistake about the seriousness of Hospice to

put on a professional, fun tournament. Veteran player Gene Miles is the tournament director, and he has been working with the dedicated volunteers for four weeks prior, teaching the ins and outs of dealing and "Hold 'Em" rules.

"My goal is to run a smooth and professional tournament. I want everyone to have a good time, and I hope the Hospice makes lots of

money. The volunteers have worked very hard. It's obvious they want to be good and professional. Training has gone very well," Miles said.

Hospice volunteer and dealer Sherri Vigneau of Petoskey expressed excitement when asked about the upcoming tournaments. "As a dealer, I want to help people have a good time with a smooth, long night of raising

money," she said. "I wish everyone good luck, and may the best woman win."

The event is co-chaired by Hospice administrator Pat Johnson and Roseanne Herrmann. Both ladies expressed this idea was born of a need they saw to do something different than an auction for a fund raiser.

"We have been looking for unusual offerings like these tournaments

and our Murder Mystery nights for the community," Johnson said.

The setting for all six nights was important and they chose the Dilworth for its eclectic and historic atmosphere, and because it really is one of the cornerstones of Boyer City heritage. In support of the tournament series, Dilworth management is offering dinner specials for participants and supporters.

"We couldn't be happier with the venue," Johnson said. "The Dilworth is a perfect size, and adds an historic flavor to the tournament. We are hoping to fill all 80 player slots for each night. Our volunteers and tournament director are very earnest in their efforts to make this series of nights fun and professional."

Hospice is betting northwest Michigan poker lovers will turn out in big numbers for all six nights. Beginners and veterans are welcome and will find the night filled with good times, good cards, good company, and hopefully very good pots that will all translate to enhanced Hospice services for their patients and their families.

COURT REPORT

District Court

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

Steven Ryan Dixon, 27, Boyer City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$260 in fines and costs.

Garrett James-Gordon Brandt, 21, Boyer City. Minor in possession of alcohol, 2nd offense. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

James Thomas Kondrat, 48, Boyer City. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$150 in fines and costs.

Malcolm Bruce Bowman, 45, East Jordan. Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$1,000 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 344 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Randall James Klomp, 40, Boyer City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$650 in fines and costs and \$180 in other costs. Sentenced to 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.

Kyle Leslie Sutton, 18, Boyer City. Minor in possession of alcohol, 3rd or subsequent offense. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and \$55 in other costs. Perform 10 days of community service work; six months on probation.

Joshua MacKenzie Jackson, 18, Boyer City. Retail fraud, 3rd degree. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs. Perform three days of community

service work.

Benjamin Jay Allen, 29, Boyer City. Malicious destruction of property under \$200, 2nd offense. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs and \$350 in other costs. Sentenced to 61 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 60 days.

Troy Lee Selissen, 23, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$650 in fines and costs and \$180 in other costs. Sentenced to 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.

Larry Edward Shaver, 42, Charlevoix. Driving without operator security. Sentenced to pay \$315 in fines and costs.

Eugene H. Randall, 54, East Jordan. No operator's permit on person. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names:

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

Muscle Menders, 12900 U.S. 31, North, Charlevoix, by Janet Stutzman.

Steve Senglaub Window Washing & Detailing, 2223 Cedar St., Boyer Falls.

Crockett, 06825 Horton Bay Road, Boyer City, by David Buitendorp.

GaGa for Kids, 12796 Pineridge, Charlevoix, by JJJ Retail, Inc. and Jay R. Bingham.

Magical Wand Creations, 106 Riviera, East Jordan, by Cynthia Russell.

Spark Some Fun, 05970 U.S. 131 South, Boyer Falls, by Lynn M. Seelye-Sparks.

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Twenty years ago, we started dreaming of the day we could purchase the lot next to our home and remove the abandoned trailer from the property. On Dec 22, 2006, that dream became our reality. We signed papers of ownership with Lynda's Real Estate late that Friday afternoon and then sang "Merry Christmas to Us" all the way to the airport on Saturday morning. While enjoying a week of R and R in Jamaica, we were busy planning the demolition process we'd waited so long to begin. Little did we know that while we were snorkeling and playing, some very dear friends and family were hard at work clearing the lot. We were absolutely blown away to pull in our driveway and see the whole mess next door GONE! We are so appreciative of each and every person who helped, and to the dozens of others who later said they wished they'd known so they could have helped too.

We'd like to give special thanks to:

Frank Shaler, for pulling it all together and getting our Building Permits approved so fast. It all makes sense now. You are amazing!

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And Jeff Streefman for encouraging the previous owners to sell.

Thank you all for the wonderful surprise!

Joe, Lisa, Jess and Lea Howie

Thanks!



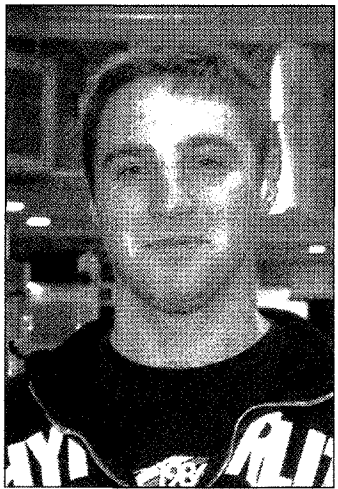
Back Row, left to right: Pat Weeks, Randy Kruzel, Cody Solgot, Myron Spaay, AJ Spaay and Bob Alger.

Front Row, left to right: Carlton Howie, Frank Shaler, Kevin Hocquard and Larry Patton.

WORD ON THE STREET

Question of the Week:

"If you won the Michigan lottery, what is the first thing you'd buy with the money?"



"I would move to another country for a couple of years — maybe Belize."
— Ben Tegal, Elk Rapids



"I would travel to China or Africa or somewhere like that."
— Tanea Soldea, A student from Moldova staying with Ron and Julie Smith of Kewadin



"A new car. Then I could give my old car to my daughter."
— Nancy Luca, Bear Lake Twp.



"Definitely a new house."
— Renee Hendry, Kalkaska



"Start scholarship fund for poor kids for the local college."
— Sue Variot, Mancelona



"I would help out my family members and those in need."
— Deborah Peters, East Jordan



"The first thing I'd buy is an education for my kids and myself."
— Margaret Skop, East Jordan



"I'd buy the property next door."
— Richard Quinton, East Jordan

Tempresses through the Ages



EDITORIAL

Trading places proves pointless

The famous, Internet search engine Google, has helped accelerate the transfer of information beyond what many would have imagined. To people like myself, Google also serves a purpose as a great source of entertainment.

Have you ever "Googled" yourself or someone you know? With a common last name like Taylor, I have to say I wasn't surprised to see there were several other women out there with my name, when I Googled it.

Learning what these women are about is fun for me. I wonder what their lives are like, and how they live them. I also wondered what it would be like to trade places with them.

I discovered Megan Taylor the college student from Florida, Megan Taylor the British figure skater, Megan Taylor the musician, Megan Taylor the equestrian coach and Megan Taylor the centerfold.

During the Christmas season, I saw the first good movie I had seen

in awhile, "The Holiday." It was entertaining and well-written. The movie was about two women, dissatisfied with their lives, who meet on the Internet and decide to trade

homes to get away from the strife of own lives. Now I know I have written about gamers and role-players who participate in escapism, in a previous column, and I know I said escapism through role-playing is unfavorable because

it produces a brood of people uninterested in the truth of real, every day life. But after a little thought I have decided that maybe escaping from life and trading places with someone else might present a better perspective about your own life.

After all, I'm not alone in thinking this. TV shows seem to support the concept. Consider the show "Wife Swap," for example. Two women swap husbands, children and jobs for a week, almost always returning to their real families a

week later grateful or enlightened. When times get tough I think I would love to switch lives with someone else. So I considered the other Megan Taylors.

I thought about propositioning the student Megan Taylor for a switch. I could envision myself back in school working toward a different degree to see where it would take me. But I found out the Megan Taylor from Florida studies journalism and linguistics. What a bummer. I've been there and studied some of that already. I don't know if her life would be a lot different than my own. Scratch that. At least when I e-mailed her she said that she kept in contact with two other Megan Taylors because they all have Hotmail e-mail accounts and frequently get each other's mail. Maybe she could direct me to them for a swap, I thought.

The problem with the Megan Taylor the figure skater was that she had died over 10 years ago. Needless to say, I was not in any hurry to trade places with her. Megan Taylor the musician was a possibility, but she had apparently been the victim of illegal music downloading on the Internet. Her forte' was in dance

music which I don't really like all that much anyway. I could never learn "The running man" dance move or "the moon walk." When I do the moon walk I look like I'm clumsily wiping gum off my shoes.

I already know I just couldn't switch lives with Megan Taylor the centerfold either. Unlike fellow columnist Rob Ford, I am not brave enough to bare my full Monty — whatever that means. Googling this Megan at work also proved to make my face turn red. Who knew Googling my name would display such tawdry images?

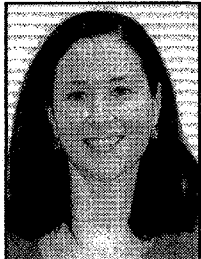
Finally, I considered Megan Taylor the equestrian coach. Too bad I am afraid of horses. I feel like horses know I am afraid of them so they test me and remain insolent when I try to get them to move.

All in all, I have concluded that for now I am stuck with my own boring life. I am still searching for Megan Taylor the chef, archeologist, or millionaire. Until then I guess I'll just have to find ways to make my life more interesting. Any suggestions?

Questions or comments about this column may be sent directly to Megan Taylor at tmwriter@elkrapidsnet.com

THE GESTALT SHIFT

By Megan Taylor



NEIGHBORS

Bruce and Carol Hubble of Boyne City spent some holiday time with good friends, John and Bonnie Buist, of Denver, Colo. The Buists are also part-time residents of Boyne City. The Hubble's stay was extended due to severe weather conditions in Colorado.

The visit was a surprise to help celebrate John's birthday. The families had a wonderful time in the beautiful Colorado mountains and surviving the huge snowstorm in Denver.

It was reported Helen Maves of Boyne Falls has returned to her home after having been a patient at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey for the past three months.

A "Forever Friend," Judy Hartlep Owen of Litzpenburger Place, hosted a marvelous combined farewell/birthday party for yours truly on Saturday.

After my having lived there for 23 years, it was greatly appreciated to be in the community room there

once again, with colorful balloons and lovely table decorations, amidst friends and some family. Judy, the excellent hostess, had planned this event perfectly, right down to making a delicious and creatively decorated cake, served with individual ice cream cups.

All attending enjoyed lots of laughs and picture taking of a most memorable occasion.

On Friday Jan. 5, members of the BCHS class of '58 gathered for dinner at Cody's in Tampa - the following were there to enjoy the time together:

Carl and Sue Charon, Jim and Cam Camburn, Danya (Bryan) and Doug Liverance, Nelda (Kindy) Stanley, Jack Manglos, Judy (Houck) and John Tanner, and Bill and Sandra Hart.

For the big event on Saturday, the following cruised for seven days in the Caribbean: Carl and Sue Charon, Bill and Sandra (Rose) Hart, Doug and Danya Liverance, Jim and Cam Camburn, and Bill and JoAnn Mohr.

On Saturday the 13th, those enjoying dinner together in Tampa, were Carl and Sue Charon, Rick and Kay Casper, Nelda Stanley, Jack Manglos, Judy and John Tanner, Dick and Joan Easton, Gary and Judy Coon, George and Judy Shiotelis,

Jim and Cam Camburn, and Leslie and Rosemary Smith. It was great to get together at all of these times and they look forward to the next time they can get together in Florida.

Back in Boyne, they had their monthly lunch for the class of 1958 on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Dilworth and the following were there to enjoy.

Carl and Sue Charon, Ray and Irene Speltz, Oral Sutliff (55), Sally and Ed Pasque, Bedella Brennan, and Don and Kitty Nessen. The February lunch is scheduled for Feb. 13 at the BRI. Hope to see you there.

Heartfelt sympathies go out to the rest of the family and friends of my wonderful Aunt Virginia Hegerberg of Boyne Ridge. She passed away at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey this week.

Betty Kelts is now a permanent resident at East Jordan's Grandvue. In celebration of her 80th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 3, there will be an open house held at the Boyne City Eagles from 2 until 5 p.m. It has been requested, no gifts please. Thank you.

Louisa Northup of Boyne Falls spent a few days in Grand Rapids visiting her daughter, Kim Martin, and children, Madeline and Ben. While there, they celebrated Madeline's 11th birthday.

Phyllis Tison returned to her apartment at Litzpenburger Place this past week after spending a few weeks for rehab at Grandvue.

New coordinator of the East Jordan Senior Center, Leigh Reiskurchinski, was warmly welcomed there on Monday, her first day on the job.

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



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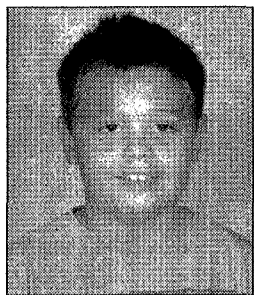
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyer Falls Public School



NAME: Brett Spaniak
PARENTS: Jason and Piccola Lightfoot
GRADE: 4th
FAVORITE CLASS: Science
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Video Games
FAVORITE SPORT: Tennis
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE FOOD: Tacos
FAVORITE BOOK: Will You Please Go Now!
FAVORITE MOVIE: Star Wars
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Fairly Odd Parents

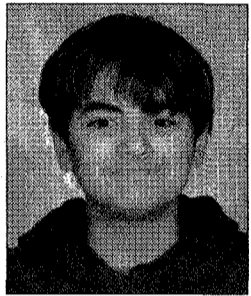
STAFF COMMENTS: "Brett Spaniak definitely deserves to be recognized as Student of the Week. Brett has an inquisitive mind and loves to read, especially informational books. Often he will look for additional reading material that is related to what he is studying in class. He is always ready with a raised hand to offer a comment or ask a great question. Brett sets a wonderful example as a respectful, friendly, motivated, and hardworking student." Mr. Book



NAME: Laura Smith
PARENTS: Wendell Smith

GRADE: 7th
FAVORITE CLASS: Science
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Draw
FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball
FAVORITE COLOR: Purple
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVORITE BOOK: Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince
FAVORITE MOVIE: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Degrassi
STAFF COMMENTS: "Laura is a kind and caring student. She works hard to improve herself. When working with others, she is a true collaborator. She is a creative writer who takes a great deal of time to improve her abilities. As I have gotten to know Laura better this year I have grown to enjoy reading her assignments where I continue to see her creativity grow. Laura is a welcome addition to this class." Mrs. Gregory



NAME: Austin Forman
PARENTS: Lorri Lester
GRADE: 9th
FAVORITE CLASS: Math with Mrs. Woodard
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Snowboarding
FAVORITE SPORT: Snowboarding
FAVORITE COLOR: Red
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVORITE BOOK: Game Informer
FAVORITE MOVIE: The Hulk
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Ed, Edd & Eddy
STAFF COMMENTS: "I really enjoy reading Austen's journals. He brings a lot of humor into his writing and has a fantastic imagination. Austen has exceeded my expectations all trimester and I am very proud of Austin's hard work and determination." Mr. Garver

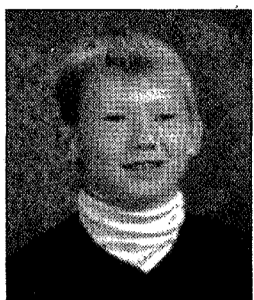
East Jordan High School

NAME: Heather McKinnon
PARENTS: Dan McKinnon and Michelle McKinnon
GRADE: 12th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Student Council, National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, DECA, Softball
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): English and marketing
FUTURE PLANS: Attend Ferris State University to become a pharmacist
STAFF COMMENTS: "Heather McKinnon has been a valuable asset to the marketing program this year. From the beginning of the year she has made sound managerial decisions to increase the sales of the school store. Her ideas and initiative will help to make this year a success. She will make a great employee or business owner." Mrs. Sitkins

"Heather always has a positive attitude. She works hard, does her best, and is a great role model for other students." Mrs. Richardson
 "Heather comes to class every day ready to learn. She is focused and willing to work for that "A." She is active in

school activities whether she is organizing the event or helping to work it. She is dependable and always willing to go the extra mile. Heather is kind to all students. She is a joy to have in class." Mrs. Stangis

East Jordan Middle School



NAME: Austen Mellios
PARENTS: Nick and Kim Mellios
FAVORITE CLASS: Science & Math
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Football, basketball & other sports
STAFF COMMENTS: "Austen has a positive attitude in and out of class. Mr. Peterson "Austen is a hard worker and participates consistently in English class." Mrs. Bergquist
 "Well done! Austen always is enthusiastic and eager to learn. Keep up the good work." Mr. Ferguson
 "Austen is a great role model for his peers, works hard on a daily basis, and is a great student. Keep up the fantastic work, Austen!" Mr. Komondy



NAME: Stevie Bartig
PARENTS: Scott and

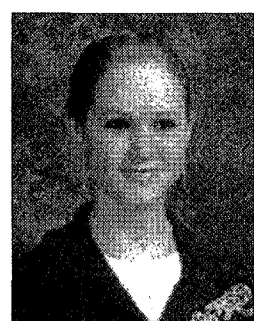
Michelle Bartig
GRADE: 6th
STAFF COMMENTS: Stevie is a very nice young lady with a strong work ethic. She is respectful to her students and peers and strives for excellence in class and in all that she does.

NAME: Kelsey Moore
PARENTS: Lori Dell and Bill Moore
GRADE: 7th
FAVORITE CLASS: Math
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Basketball and tennis
STAFF COMMENTS: "Kelsey demonstrates great work ethic in English class." Mrs. Bergquist

"Kelsey is a responsible student and has a good attitude." Mr. Peterson
 "Kelsey is a well deserving of this honor. Congratulation and keep up the wonderful effort." Mr. Ferguson.
 "I am always pleased by Kelsey's positive attitude, work ethic, and willingness to participate in class. Keep up the great work Kelsey!" Mr. Komondy.

Boyer City High School

NAME: Faith West
PARENTS: Mary West
GRADE: 10th



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: I am planning to play sports this spring and basketball next fall.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Caring for animals, playing sports, eating (just about every food but fruit), worshipping God, and making people laugh.

FUTURE PLANS: I'm planning to attend college to obtain a degree in zoology and pursue a career in animal rescue.
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Boyne City High School has been a great experience so far. I love the staff; they are so caring and willing to help. I have never like fruit, but other than that, Boyne City has a great lunch program.

Special thanks to Mrs. King and Mrs. Olstrom for being so supportive of me.

Great job staff for making Boyne City High a great place. I love you all.
STAFF COMMENTS: "Faith has done an incredible job so far this year. She comes to

school with a positive attitude, is organized and completes her homework. She is a pleasure to have in my classroom." Dorothy Olstrom, Academic Support.



NAME: Michelle Katz
PARENTS: Ronald Katz and Rene Marchinkewicz

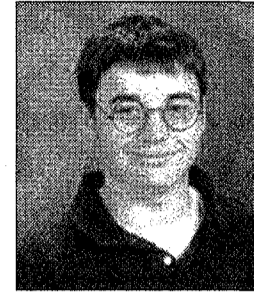
GRADE: 12th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Although I do not participate in any sports, I go and support the teams every chance I get.
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Photography, scrap booking, writing, and listening to music.

FUTURE PLANS: I am attending NCMC for my first year of college, then I am hopefully going to NMU.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: I just want to say thank you to my parents and friend for supporting me.

STAFF COMMENTS: "Michelle has done an awesome job as a student aide in the Athletic Department this semester. She is always

willing to help, and completes projects on time or ahead of time. It has been a pleasure having her in the athletic office. I wish her the best of luck at Northern Michigan University next year!" Tammy Ryder, Athletic Director's Secretary.



NAME: Jacob Fair
PARENTS: Chris Fair and Missy Casper
GRADE: 12th

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: I was on the varsity golf team.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hanging out with friends, snowmobiling and going to the beach in the summer.

FUTURE PLANS: I'm planning on attending Ferris State University and majoring in pharmacy.

STAFF COMMENTS: "Jacob worked diligently and was very instrumental in opening the school store this fall. He was also responsible for all of the money and has done an excellent job." Natalie Davis, Business Tchr.

OBITUARY

Mary Welbes

Mary A. Welbes, age 95, at rest Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home. Born Dec. 16, 1911, in Stronach, Mich., to the late Henry and Anna (Bufka) Welbes. A childhood resident of Boyne City, and long time summer resident of Ironton. She moved to Joliet, Ill. in 1924. Attended St. John Grade School in Joliet. Graduate of St. Francis Academy Class of 1930 and an alumni of Western Michigan University with graduate studies at the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University. A

former teacher and administrator for the Joliet Public Grade Schools, retiring in 1973 following 40 years of service. Member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for 82 years, CCW, Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center Auxiliary, American Federation of Teacher's Local #604, Illinois Teachers Association, Local and State Retired Teachers Association and a lifetime honorary member of Washington Jr. High School PTA.
 Beloved aunt of Jean (Grant III) Ohlson of Plainfield, Ill., and

Ironton; Susan (Robert) Hohlmann of Naperville, Ill.; John (Jacqueline) Mitchell of Millington, Tenn.; Barbara (John L.) Gretz of Fishers, Ind.; Diane Machun of San Diego, Calif.; and Elinor Gersten of Tempe, Ariz.; several great-nieces and nephews including, Gwen (Joseph) Smith, Brenna J. Ohlson, Grant M. Ohlson, Aidan Flahaven, Robbie Hohlmann, Scott (Dawn) Gretz, J. Jacob (Lindsay) Gretz and special great-great-aunt to many.
 Preceded in death by her siblings, Elizabeth

Welbes, George (Marian) Welbes, Rev. Crispin Welbes O.F.M., Nicholas (Mildred) Welbes, Anne (Lester) Mitchell and her dear godchild, Patricia A. Welbes.
 Funeral services for Mary A. Welbes were held on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Joliet. Interment St. John Cemetery.
 Memorials in her name may be sent to Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, Ill., 60431. Arrangements by Fred C. Dames Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICE

Lyle J. Walker, 85, of Petoskey, and formerly of East Jordan, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Penzance Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

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Spellers advance to county

BOYNE CITY — On Wednesday, Jan. 12, 14 middle school students representing all Boyne City Middle School language arts classes competed in the 2007 school wide spelling bee.

Representing 5th grade: Alex Stutzman, Alie Culver, and

Mitchell Gasco. Representing 6th grade: Shelby Vouboukis, Stephanie Lewis, Camden MacKenzie, and Quinn Ameel. 7th grade contestants: Ian Pritchard, Logan Jenkins, and Lexis Hornbeck. Representing the 8th grade: Jessica Webster, Nolan Seelye,

Allyssa Kasper, and Jalen Adams.

The 2007 spellingbee winner was Stutzman, and the runner up was Vouboukis. Both will advance to the Char-Emn County Spelling Bee finals on Feb. 1, at Shay Elementary in Harbor Springs.

Noted author to present seminar

PETOSKEY — As a business owner, if your goal is to grow your business in 2007, then get off to a good start by attending the next Chamber University seminar. The seminar titled "Capturing the Mind of Your Customers" features the return of Tony Rubleski to northern Michigan. The event is hosted by the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce but is open to chamber members from Harbor Springs, Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Indian River, Gaylord, Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan.

Rubleski will present a low-cost, high energy, half-day seminar designed to help business owners grow their cus-

tomers base through effective marketing strategies. The seminar will be held Tue. Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. until noon, at Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey. Members from any area chamber of commerce can attend the session for just \$39. Representatives of non-member businesses will pay \$59. Topics include improving your referral network, avoiding common marketing mistakes, networking strategies, marketing trends, customer retention strategies, and methods for creating dynamic marketing messages.

"Tony presented a Chamber U. seminar in 2005 that was very well received and we've been looking for a way to bring

him back ever since," said Carlin Smith, Executive Director of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce. He says ideal attendees are retailers, professional service providers, or anyone directly involved in sales. Rubleski is from Spring Lake Mich. and has presented hundreds of keynote presentations and seminars over the last few years to groups ranging from banking, insurance, and real estate to retail, and he has done programs for many of the largest chambers of commerce in the country.

Register by calling Jessica McGeorge at the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, 231-347-4150 or e-mail chamber@petoskey.com.

SENIOR MENU

BOYNE CITY — Join your friends at the Boyne Area Senior Center on Wednesday, Jan. 24, for an all time favorite, crunchy drumsticks. Line dancing will start at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, is soup, salad and sandwich day. Sit and Be Fit Exercise class will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Bingo is also on Thursday following lunch.

Friday, Jan. 26, Sarah's egg casserole with sausage gravy will be served along with parsley potatoes. Enjoy karaoke from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, cheeseburger meatballs with sweet potatoes is the planned

menu. Following lunch bingo will begin about 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, garlic chicken will be served. Sit and Be Fit Exercise will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, line dancing will begin the day at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at noon will include a beef pastie.

HAPPENINGS

Ice skating rink opens

The Avalanche ice skating rink will be open starting Friday, Jan. 19. Weather permitting, our regular hours of operation for the warming house are as follows: Monday thru Friday from 4 to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. For information, you may call City Hall at 231-582-6597, the warming house at 231-582-3641, or the city's after hours general information line at 231-582-0333.

Free dinner planned

The Boyne City United Methodist Church will hold a free dinner on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., followed by activities for children. Everyone is welcome. Come with friends, come with family, bring your neighbors and please bring your children. The church is located at 324 South Park Street in Boyne City.

Recovery group meets

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. For information call 231-582-2699 or 231-347-6474.

Winter 2007 classes open

Crooked Tree Arts Center is now registering for their winter 2007 classes. Classes range from culinary arts, mu-

sic, 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 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, Cathie 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 Center. 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 the library at 231-536-7131.

BACPAC Meeting

The Boyne Area Concerned Parents for Alternative Choices group will have a planning meeting Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m., in room 142 of the Boyne City Middle School. For information, call Amelia Ryan at 231-439-8209 or Chris Adkison at 231-582-2878.

Snowshoe hike

Join for a winter snowshoe hike Saturday, Jan. 27, at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting.) "Animal Signs: Recogn-

nizing 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 t12. Meet at the preserve on M-66 across from the Wagbo Peace Center. Updates and information will be posted on the Web site www.friendsofthejordan.org, or for further information you may email us at members@friendsofthejordan.org.

Home maintenance workshop set

Plumbing, a free home maintenance workshop offered by

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency, will be Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m., at their office located at 2202 Mitchell Park Dr. Unit #4, in Petoskey. The class is open to anyone wanting to learn how to maintain and make simple repairs to the plumbing system of their home. Call 231-347-9070 or 1-800-443-5518 for information or to sign up.

Benefit breakfast set

There will be a benefit breakfast for Steven R. Anthony on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Boyne City Eagles Hall. Cost will be by donations.

Friends to present film series

The Friends of the Boyne District Library are pleased to present a new film series, "Movies on Main," at the library. The series kicks off on Monday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., with a showing of "Little Miss Sunshine" and will continue on the last Monday of each month through April.

Admission is free. Popcorn will be available for \$1. The films being shown are rated "R," and the intended audience is adults. Donations are welcome, which will be used to support future library programs. For information check out www.boyne library.org, or call the library at 231-582-7861.

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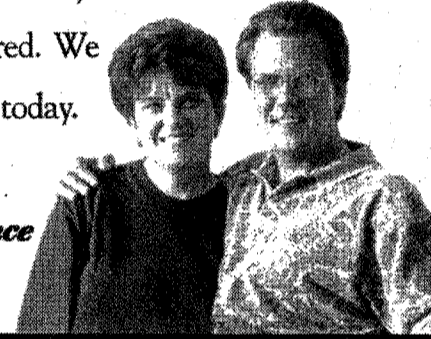
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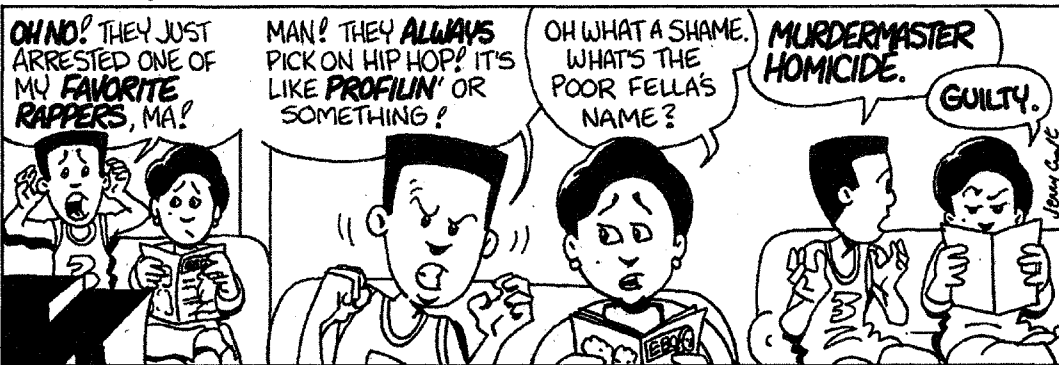
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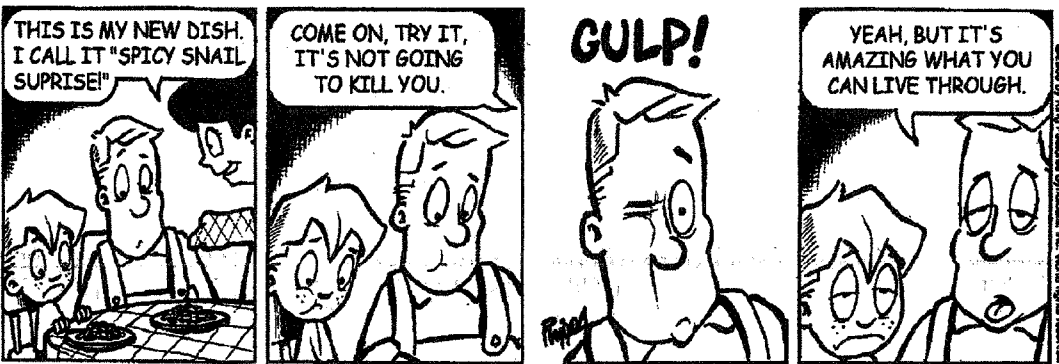
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It's been reported that it's impossible for a kangaroo to jump unless its tail is touching the ground.
- During his campaign for the presidency, John F. Kennedy was asked by a reporter what his favorite song might be. Ever the wit, the candidate replied, "Well, 'Hail to the Chief' has a nice ring to it."
- If you're a card player, you might have heard of the "Dead Man's Hand," which is a poker hand that

contains a pair of aces and a pair of eights. This hand got the macabre name in 1876, when James Butler Hickok — better known as "Wild Bill" — was playing poker at the No. 10 Saloon in Deadwood, S.D. Jack McCall, a young gunslinger trying to make a name for himself, walked in the saloon shortly after four in the afternoon and shot Wild Bill in the back of the head. His hand on that fateful day contained a pair of aces and a pair of eights.

- Peanuts are used to make dynamite. Those with peanut allergies are therefore advised to avoid dynamite.
- One of the first computers, the ENIAC, was built in 1949. It was a marvel of human engineering, taking up the space of an entire city block. Today, a single silicon chip a quarter

of an inch square has the same computing capacity as the ENIAC.

- It was humorist Spike Milligan who made the following observation: "Money can't buy you friends, but you get a better class of enemy."
- When the moon is directly over your head, the gravity it exerts causes you to weigh slightly (very slightly) less.
- If you're like the average person, you fall asleep in seven minutes.

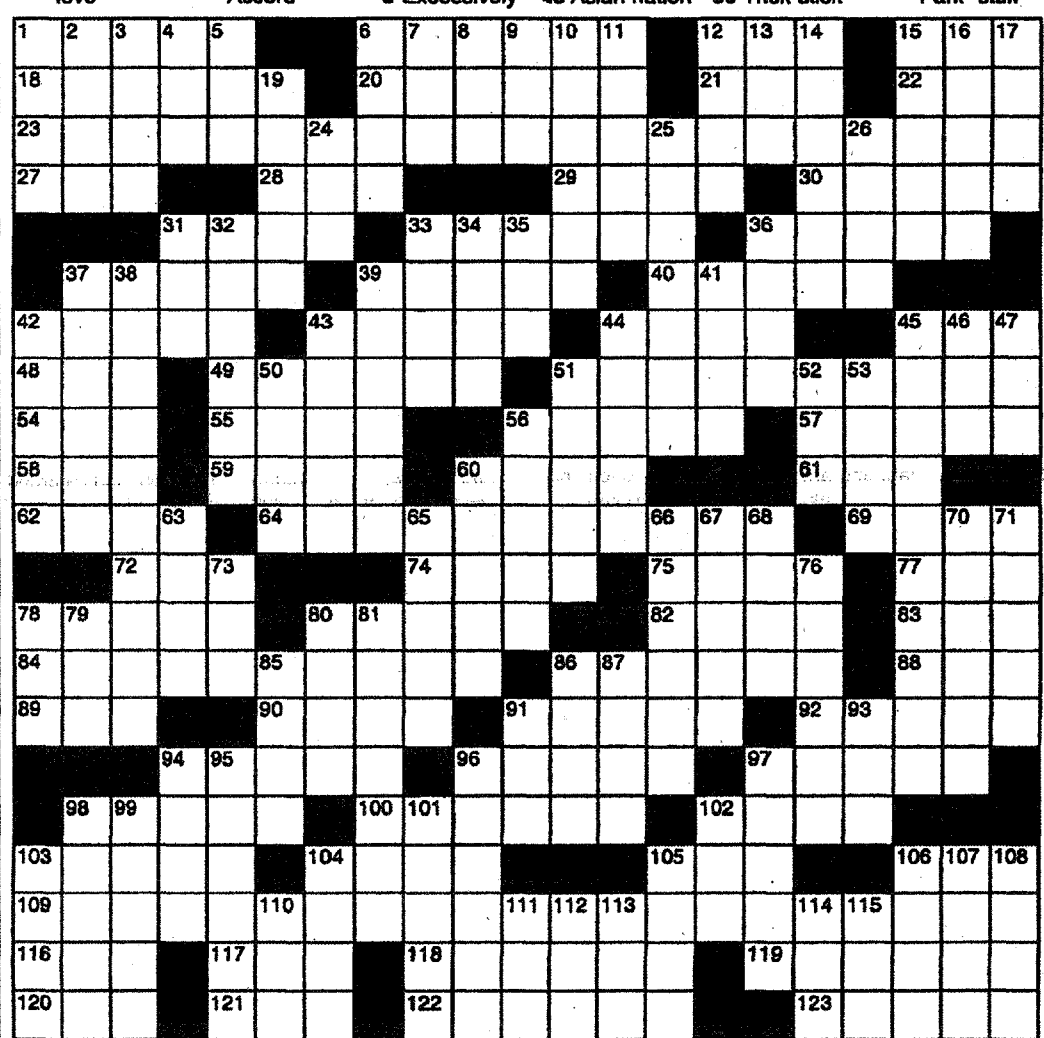
Thought for the Day: "If God did not intend for us to eat animals, then why did he make them out of meat?" — John Cleese

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Super Crossword

THE MOTHER LODE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Throbbled
 - 6 Space traveler
 - 12 They may be personal
 - 15 Greens org.
 - 18 Gumshoe
 - 20 Tristan's tootsie
 - 21 Trim the turf
 - 22 Moray, for one
 - 23 Start of a remark by Milton Berle
 - 27 Lamb's dam
 - 28 Unpopular picnicer
 - 29 WWII gun
 - 30 Dear book?
 - 31 Taj town
 - 33 Fir type
 - 36 Toast topping
 - 37 Eddy
 - 39 Apia's locale
 - 40 VCR button
 - 42 Baller's Shearer
 - 43 Black or Carpenter
 - 44 Rotate
 - 45 Ample abdomen
 - 48 "— Shook Up" (57 smash)
 - 49 Substantiated
 - 51 Part 2 of remark
 - 54 Bouncer
 - 55 Leander's love
 - 56 Revlon rival
 - 57 "M" man
 - 58 "Stroker —" (83 film)
 - 59 Prophet
 - 60 42 Across movement
 - 61 — au vin
 - 62 "Dragnet" star
 - 64 Part 3 of remark
 - 69 Tube
 - 72 Gobble up (daringly)
 - 74 Without —
 - 75 Spring flower
 - 77 Writer
 - 78 Jergens or Astaire
 - 80 Notre Dame's river
 - 82 Winstlet of "The Life of David Gale"
 - 83 Formed a lap
 - 84 Part 4 of remark
 - 86 Relinquishment
 - 88 TV's "— Got a Secret"
 - 89 Fitting
 - 90 Tiers
 - 91 John of Bad English
 - 92 Behind
 - 94 Conductor
 - 96 Seiji or Accord
 - 97 Risk a ticket
 - 98 "— Baby" (60 song)
 - 100 Angola's capital
 - 102 Runners carry it
 - 103 Decorate
 - 104 "Yo!" at the library
 - 105 Nav. rank
 - 106 TV-listing abbr.
 - 109 End of remark
 - 116 "The — Daba Honey-moon" ('14 song)
 - 117 Pewter base
 - 118 A Muse
 - 119 Verdi opera
 - 120 "The Burning —" (84 film)
 - 121 Crone
 - 122 Composer
 - 123 Merits
 - 9 Urban transport
 - 10 Forsyth's "The — File"
 - 11 Oscar de la —
 - 12 Exiled dictator
 - 13 Comic DeLuise
 - 14 Nobel and Garbo
 - 15 Phlox part
 - 16 Anthony of "General Hospital"
 - 17 Confederate
 - 19 Tangle
 - 24 Claire or Balin
 - 25 Japanese dish
 - 26 Khartoum's river
 - 31 Rock's — Supply
 - 32 Charts
 - 33 Stark
 - 34 Congrega-tional comeback
 - 35 Actor Chaney
 - 36 O'Casey's "— and the Paycock"
 - 37 Comfort
 - 38 Gnu
 - 39 Spice-rack item
 - 41 Bunch of battalions
 - 42 Brilliant bird
 - 43 Asian nation
 - 44 Actress Marisa
 - 45 Bonus
 - 46 Legendary Bruin
 - 47 Mao — lung
 - 50 Basketball's Willis
 - 51 Wishful winker?
 - 52 RN's specialty
 - 53 Parka
 - 56 Dramatist Edward
 - 60 Marshall or Singleton
 - 63 Cinderella's soiree
 - 65 They may be split
 - 66 Mr. Khrushchev
 - 67 Somber
 - 68 Location
 - 70 Yearned for yummys
 - 71 Spud
 - 73 Surrey snack
 - 76 Juan's wrap
 - 78 "Gotchal"
 - 79 Start to paint
 - 80 Buffalo forecast
 - 81 White Sox Hall of Famer
 - 85 Russian river
 - 86 Trick stick
 - 87 Turturro of "The Sopranos"
 - 91 Finished first
 - 93 Nourished
 - 94 Mytho-logical mearie
 - 95 Apex
 - 96 '62 John Wayne film
 - 97 Incline
 - 98 Hacienda
 - 99 Wanderer material
 - 101 Deplete
 - 102 Loser's locale
 - 103 Jezebel's husband
 - 104 Twinge
 - 105 Secretary of Labor
 - 106 Elaine
 - 108 Aspen apparatus
 - 107 Beethoven's birthplace
 - 108 Pivot
 - 110 Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
 - 111 "Norma —" (79 film)
 - 112 Explosive letters
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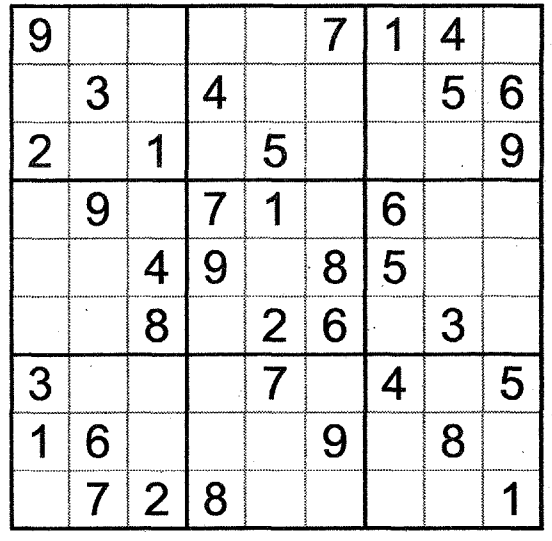


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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9, but only once in each. No number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com. For solutions check 'JRC Publications' on the solutions page of www.sudoku.com.



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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Go Figure! answers

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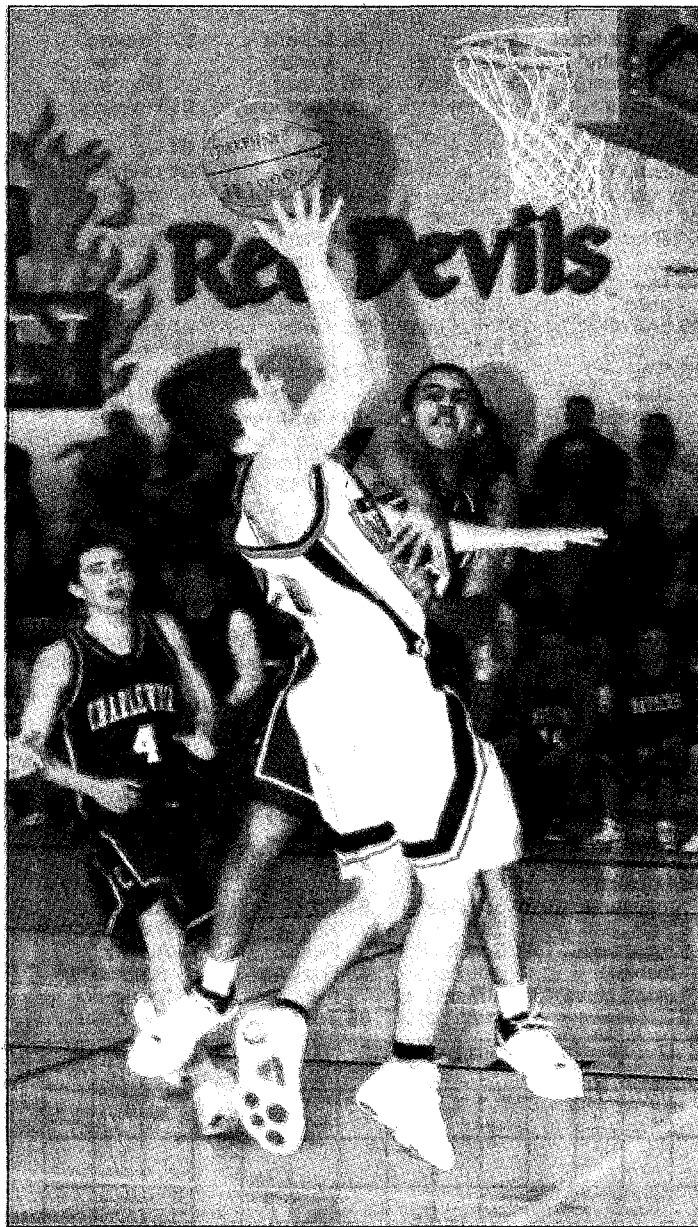
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MIRIA	KAREN	TUIN	POT
ALL	PROVEN	FOAMOTHERS	
CAD	HERO	ALWAYS	LORE
ACE	BER	PILUE	ODS
WEBB	DAY	HEIRMS	DUOT
EAT	ANET	IRIS	TIA
ADDLE	SEBING	KATER	SAB
HILARIOUS	WAYNE	LIVE	
APT	ROWS	WAITE	AFER
OSAWA	RONDA	SPEED	
ANGEL	LUANGLA	SLID	
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Jeff Keyser slashes in for a layup in Charlevoix.

Rayders defeat Red Devils

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The powerful Charlevoix Red Rayders remain tied with Traverse City St. Francis as co-leaders in the Lake Michigan Conference basketball standings as they kept pace with a dominating 87-45 victory over the East Jordan boys varsity basketball team on Friday, Jan. 19.

Charlevoix (9-1 overall) set the tone of the game early on forging leads of 22-12 after one quarter and 48-29 at the end of the first half. The lead stood at 75-39 going into the final quarter.

"Physically we don't match up well with them. Their interior play was good and their defensive pressure was good. They forced us into 23 turnovers," said East Jordan coach Darrin Weber.

Justin Friske, who scored 16 of his game high 23 points in the opening half, led the Charlevoix charge. Austin Wilhelm (16 points), Mitch Crandall (15 points) and Trevor Mays (ten points) added to the offensive barrage. East Jordan was led by Jeff

Keyser with 18 points and Adam Daneff with ten.

East Jordan 61 Boyne City 57

The Red Devils sank 14 of their 15 free throws in the fourth quarter to out last conference rival Boyne City 61-57 on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Keyser was 11/11 from the line in the stretch run and netted 27 points for the game. Daneff chipped in with 17 points.

Jeff Moore led the Ramblers with 20 points, while Robby Jensen scored 15 points and Dan Remsburg netted nine.

"It was a tight ballgame at the half. We were able to make our free throws in the end," said Weber.

"We got going a bit in the third quarter to take an eight point lead, but then our defense let us down. You have to give them credit because they made the shots, including the free throws, to put the game away," said Boyne City coach John Hertel.

East Jordan (5-5 overall, 3-4 LMC) will travel to Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, Jan. 26, and travel to Glen Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 30.



Boyne City's #20, Cody Mittig, powers toward the hoop for 2.

Devils drop match to Rayders

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan girls varsity volleyball team lost by just four points to Charlevoix in the opening game on Thurs-

day, Jan. 18, but the Lady Rayders won the match in straight games defeating the Lady Devils 25-21, 25-15, 25-15.

"It was a tough game. We had our ups and downs throughout the night, but overall it was

a good game," said East Jordan coach Jackie Haley.

Jessica Roberts led the East Jordan stats with 26 assists, six digs and four kills. Cassy Crick contributed with eight kills and four digs, Mary

Shaw added seven kills and four digs and Jill Drenth chipped in with four kills and one block.

East Jordan (5-3 overall, 4-3 Lake Michigan Conference) will travel to Kalkaska on Thursday, Jan. 25.

Lady Ramblers defeat Lady Elks

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

ELK RAPIDS — Amber Kotalik had 11 digs and Jessica Nichols had ten kills and eight digs when the Boyne City girls varsity volleyball team won in four games on Thursday, Jan. 18, defeating Lake Michigan Conference rival Elk Rapids 25-8, 25-14, 23-25, 25-2.

Trisha Tomkins, Lindsay Clemens and Mallory Slate led the Lady Ramblers at the

service line with 100% serving for the night.

"Trisha Tomkins and Heidi Olsen did a nice job of serving tonight. Heidi served for 30 of our points and Trisha served for twenty of our points," said Boyne City coach Casie Parker.

Olsen also chipped in with four aces and 14 setter assists, while Tomkins also had six aces.

**Boyne City 3
East Jordan 1**
Tomkins, Jessica Kynsz and Stacey

Spaniak were all 100% serving as Boyne City defeated East Jordan 25-13, 25-12, 21-25, 25-9 on Monday, Jan. 15.

Nichols had 12 kills, Kynsz had 11 kills, and Clemens had 29 assists to lead the Lady Rambler stat sheet. Tomkins also contributed with eight digs and seven kills.

East Jordan was led by Jessica Roberts (12 points, 27 assists), Sarah Kupovits (ten points, five kills, two blocks), Cassy Crick

(eight points, 100% serving, five kills, six digs) and Treasure Timmons (five kills).

"I thought we were going to walk on the floor ready, but in the first serve into the game we struggled with our passing. It threw off the team's momentum," said East Jordan coach Jackie Haley.

Boyne City (15-7-1) will travel to Harbor Springs on Thursday, Jan. 25 and travel to Onaway on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Boyne City grapplers earn fourth

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

ONAWAY — The Boyne City varsity wrestling team placed six grapplers among the top three finishers in their division when the Ramblers took fourth place as a team at the Dick Dunn Memorial Wrestling Tournament held in Onaway on Saturday, Jan. 20.

In the toughest test for the team so far Ramblers Steve Robinson went 4-

1 at 171 pounds and Greg Brunel went 2-1 at 140 pounds to lead the team and bring home second place medals.

Four Ramblers finished third at the eight team event as Marc Calo (160 lbs.), Drew Nohel (145 lbs.) and Eric Scott (152 lbs.) were all 3-2 for the day, while Tom Fiel (215 lbs.) was 1-2.

"I was very proud of how hard our kids worked in this varsity tournament. Many of them had to wrestle state

qualifiers, and they did themselves and our team proud in their efforts," said Boyne City coach Don Nohel.

Onaway topped the team standings, Traverse City St. Francis was second and Kalkaska placed third.

Charlevoix 36 Boyne City 23

Three Ramblers picked up wins on Thursday, Jan. 18, but the Ramblers came up on the short end of the

conference dual meet when Charlevoix downed Boyne City by a 36-23 score.

Scott posted a 15-0 technical decision at 152 pounds, Calo pinned his foe in three minutes and 48 seconds and Fiel pinned his opponent in one minute and 52 seconds to record the wins for Boyne City.

Boyne City will travel to Grayling on Thursday, Jan. 25 and compete at the Gaylord Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Ramblers top Elks in roundball game

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

ELK RAPIDS — The Boyne City boys varsity basketball team out scored Elk Rapids 35-20 in the second half to turn a six point deficit into a 57-53 victory in a Lake Michigan Conference match up on Friday, Jan. 19.

The Elks led the contest 10-7 after one quarter and

increased the advantage to 26-22 at the intermission before the Ramblers went on a 19-10 run in the third period. Boyne City led the game 41-36 going into the fourth quarter and sealed the win with a 16-10 margin in the final eight minutes.

"It was great to see our kids bounce back from a tough string of games to get this win on the road," said Boyne City coach

John Hertel.

Taylor Voice led the Boyne City offense with 24 points. Jeff Moore chipped in with eight points and Josh Konecki contributed with seven points. Moore pulled down eight rebounds, Voice grabbed seven boards and Konecki had six rebounds.

Elk Rapids was led by Garrett Gribi with 17 points and Skyler Hinds

with 16 points.

"Taylor Voice and Jeff Moore showed some good senior leadership bringing the team together and all of the boys stepped up," said Hertel. "It was great to see them huddle themselves together and handle the adversity in the fourth quarter."

Boyne City (4-6 overall, 3-4 LMC) will host Grayling on Friday, Jan. 26.

Boyne City takes conference cheer competition

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

CHARLEVOIX — The Boyne City varsity cheerleading team took home first place at the second Lake Michigan Conference competition held in Charlevoix on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Boyne City scored 466.5 points to lead a

field that had five teams finish within 20 points after three rounds of routines.

Grayling finished in the runner up spot with 464.8 points followed by Kalkaska (459.3), Charlevoix (448.3), Elk Rapids (446.4) and East Jordan (435.4).

"We are pleased with our first two rounds. We

improved on our skills and we are pleased with that. In our third round we had an off night and we know that that's the round we have to improve upon," said Boyne City coach Jill Towne-Patton.

After the required and compulsory rounds Boyne City led with 273.5, while Grayling

was second with 259.8 and Charlevoix stood third with 258.3.

Elk Rapids will host the next conference competition on Wednesday, Jan. 31.

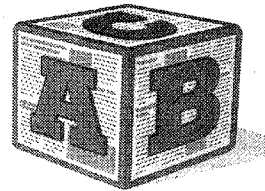
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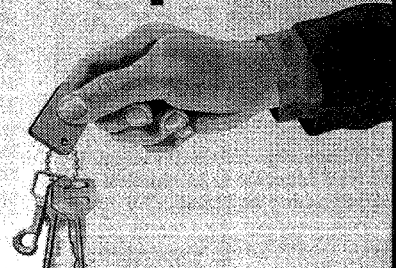
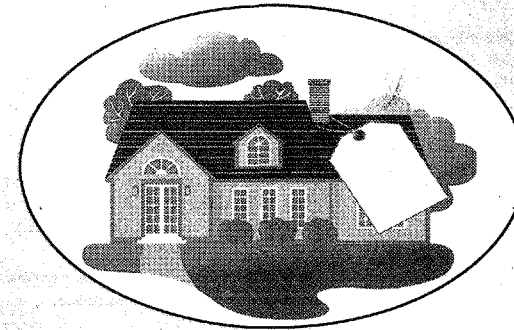
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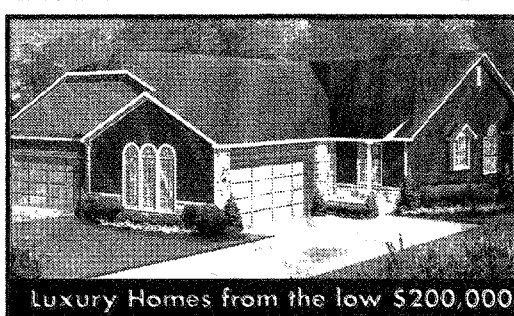
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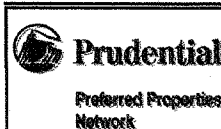
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