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Boyne board reviews positive test scores

BY B. J. HETLER
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BOYNE CITY - Students at Boyne City Public Schools show "positive growth" and "steady progression" in most subjects as shown by MEAP test scores.

The principals reported the results to the Board of Education on Feb. 12. Writing and reading are areas students should improve upon, but educators say the scores overall have improved.

The Michigan Education Association (MEA) has filed an unfair labor practice complaint against the district. The complaint relates to the two grievances previously filed against the district by paraprofessionals, but is a separate action. Supt. Bob Alger said the district and MEA attorneys will discuss the matter, but a date had not been set.

Three candidates, including the two incumbents, are vying for two four-year terms on the board. Seeking



Students from Boyne City Middle School were treated to lunch on Feb. 14 for achieving all "A" grades. The high school hospitality class created and served the luncheon at the administrative building cafeteria. Shown here are (left to right) Mary Myers, Margaret Durbin, principal Mindy Porter, business manager Lynda Bigelow, Devin Hickerteg and Sydney Bennett. A complete list of the "All A" students is available from the middle school office.

the slots are incumbents Marty Moody and Richard Mansfield and challenger Billie Reinhardt. The election is May 8.

Alger received a favorable evaluation from the

board. His contract was renewed through June 30, 2009. Alger's salary with a tax-sheltered annuity is \$105,000 per year.

The board accepted a donation from the Straits Area

Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) team of grow lights, power strips and electrical timers. The high school science and hospital-ity departments will use the equipment.

Eveline Township's Somerset development ready to move

BY B. J. HETLER
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EVELINE TWP. — Somerset Pointe developers appeared before the township planning commission Feb. 14, to seek approval to begin construction.

The 84-unit residential condominium project was to commence all at one time,

but owner and developer, Fred Taylor, decided to break the project into phases. Following a public hearing without comment, commissioners recommended approval for Taylor to begin phase one.

The developers must now seek township board approval. A date is yet to be set for a meeting.

"He (Taylor) wants to break ground within a few weeks," said Eveline Twp. planner Eric Beishlag. The site plan remains unchanged.

The first phase consists of the construction of three residential condominium buildings. The entire development is expected to take two years to complete.

Somerset Pointe will include recreation facilities and a fitness center, an inner harbor marina and a marina on Lake Charlevoix, with 136 slips. The docks will accommodate up to a 120-foot yacht.

The 23-acre site is the former Wolverine Power Plant. The land transfer was recently completed.

Drugs, alcohol suspected in death

EAST JORDAN — The death of a man from the East Jordan area is under investigation by the East Jordan Police Department.

Alan Michael Noiro, 32, was found dead on Feb. 16, at the East Jordan Mobile Home Park. Police and the East Jordan EMS responded to a 9-1-1 call and EMS began resuscitation procedures.

Noiro could not be revived and was pronounced

dead at 7:30 a.m. by the Charlevoix County Medical Examiner.

Drugs and alcohol are suspected as a factor in Noiro's death. His body was transported to Grand Rapids for an autopsy and those results are pending.

The East Jordan Police Department was assisted by investigators from the Drug Death Response Team, as well as EMS.

Drug charge dropped against EJ man

BY B. J. HETLER
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CHARLEVOIX — A criminal charge of delivery of a controlled substance was dismissed against an East Jordan man scheduled to appear in court Feb. 13.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, said that Christopher Hefty, 28, admitted he delivered a drug known as Klonopin to Roberta King of Boyne City on or about Jan. 12. King was found dead from a drug overdose at her home on

Jan. 14. But, because an investigation did not turn up any evidence of the drug at the site, nor in King's body, the prosecutor dropped the charge against Hefty.

It was determined the drug Methadone was the cause of King's death, Jarema said.

If the drug that Hefty alleged he delivered to King had been found in her body, Hefty may have been charged with contributing to her death under federal and state law.

Boyne City's State Street plans in place

BY B. J. HETLER
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BOYNE CITY - State Street will undergo extensive reconstruction in mid-April.

The project will run along State Street from North Lake Street to East Street (M-75). Two blocks of State Street, a span of 800 feet, will include installation of sanitary sewer, water main, some storm sewer, curbs and gutters and sidewalk. The project also includes construction on 256-feet of North Park Street and on-street parking.

The reconstruction cost is \$309,488. The city obtained a sizeable grant to cover most of the cost with the assistance of the engineering firm of Capital Consultants. The firm will monitor the work due to the requirements of the Michigan Department of Transportation. The commission approved Capital

Consultants' fee of \$33,500 at their Feb. 13 meeting.

A public hearing will be scheduled prior to the work commencement. The completion date is June 30.

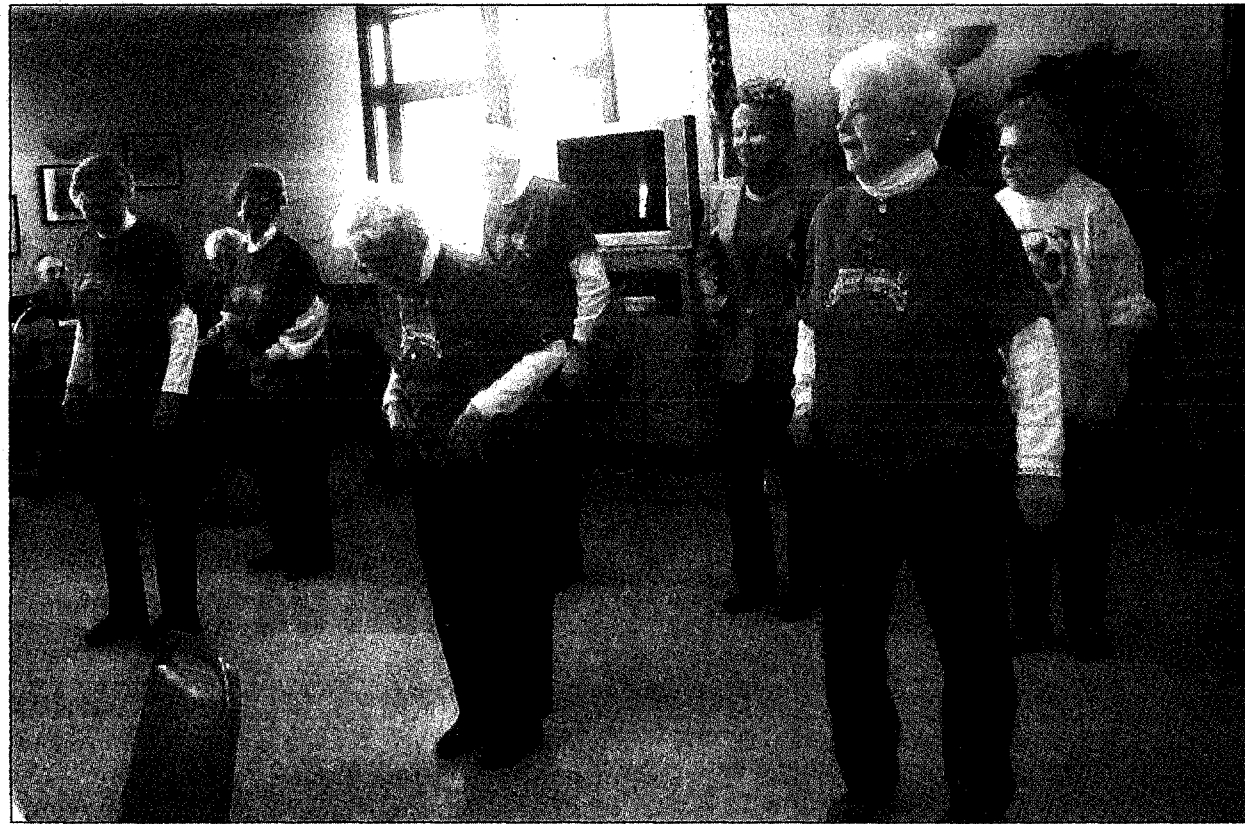
Also at the meeting, commissioners granted a request from Areté Industries for a five-year property tax break abatement.

The company made the request on the basis of its need to purchase new machinery and equipment. Areté Industries states the abatement will enable it to retain or create area employment.

The city commission held a public hearing on the request prior to approval. No public comments were made and a representative of Areté Industries did not attend the meeting.

The next meeting is at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 27, at City Hall.

Vivacious valentines



The Boyne Area Senior Center celebrated Valentine's Day with the music of The Cousins Group. Boyne Area Senior Steppers and an East Jordan Red Hatter were dancing happily with their music.

EJ school board wants change in forestland proceeds

BY B. J. HETLER
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EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan Public Schools' Board adopted a resolution urging the state Legislature to revise regulation of school forestland property.

School districts that own land with timber are regu-

lated by the state when selling any portion. Public Act 377 of 2004 states public agencies, including schools, receive 50 percent of the proceeds when they sell forestland, with the state's general fund receiving the other 50 percent.

The resolution adopted by the Board asks the Legislature to allow school

districts to retain all proceeds. Retaining 100 percent would be conditioned upon the districts depositing all proceeds in a permanent endowment fund.

Under the revision of the Act, the principal amount of the proceeds from the sale would be preserved in perpetuity. At the same time, interest on the prin-

cipal amount would provide yearly revenue for the school district.

In other matters, Supr. Chip Hansen reported on the East Jordan Public Schools' Endowment Fund shows a fund balance approaching \$50,000. The fund was established a year ago with the support of the

Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The school district's Strategic Planning Steering Committee recommended the creation of the fund as an alternative source of revenue for the district.

The board also finalized a resolution to place a one-year 2.25-mill proposal on

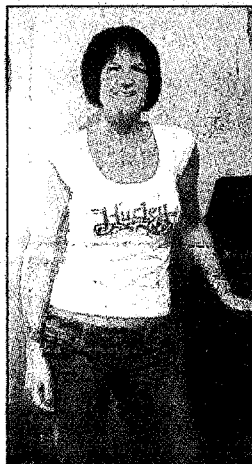
the May 8 ballot. The Headlee Restoration proposal would apply only to nonhomestead properties within the school district. If approved, the full 18-mills allowed would have been levied. The proposal would replace an existing Headlee

Restoration that expired on Dec. 31



Lady Devils lose two tough games

Traverse City St. Francis rallied from a 21-25 loss in the opening game to defeat the East Jordan girls varsity volleyball team Feb. 15. See page 6.



Business Up North
Boyne City welcomes The Nail Studio. See page 2.

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21
Hi: 37 Lo: 31
CONDITION: FEW SNOW SHOWERS

THURSDAY, FEB. 22
Hi: 33 Lo: 20
CONDITION: FEW SNOW SHOWERS

FRIDAY, FEB. 23
Hi: 33 Lo: 25
CONDITION: FEW SNOW SHOWERS

SATURDAY, FEB. 24
Hi: 31 Lo: 29
CONDITION: LIGHT WINTER MIX

SUNDAY, FEB. 25
Hi: 40 Lo: 28
CONDITION: SHOWERS

MONDAY, FEB. 26
Hi: 35 Lo: 20
CONDITION: CLOUDY

TUESDAY, FEB. 27
Hi: 30 Lo: 20
CONDITION: SNOW SHOWER

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28
Hi: 30 Lo: 21
CONDITION: SCATTERED SNOW SHOWERS

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BUSINESS UP NORTH

Boyer City welcomes The Nail Studio

BOYNE CITY — Located at 712 Maple Street — Suite One, 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 — Spa Salon here in Boyne. After taking a two year break from the role of business owner and working in several area salons Lamb decided that she was ready to run her own business again.

"I don't want to be another hair salon," Lamb said. "I want to set myself apart from them and specialize in what I do best."

Lamb specializes in facial and body waxing, manicuring, pedicuring and ear candling, a procedure which rids the ear of excess ear wax and other 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.

"When people come here, I want them to leave feeling good and that they got a wonderful 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 also with the latest techniques and products. She keeps up to date on current trends so when a client asks for a new product or a new look she can fulfill their needs.

Although women make up the majority of salon customers, Lamb hopes to reach out to more men. She considers the service she offers, 'good body maintenance.' "Good grooming habits are some important," Lamb said, and assures men that if they come into her salon to have their brows cleaned up, for instance, they need not worry about leaving with the eyebrows of a woman.

Anyone seeking privacy, especially men

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 immediate downtown district where shoppers have a tendency to wander in, her clients will have the advantage of one-on-one service without interruption.

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 on hand — such as specialty lotions, such as specialty lotions, that will help maintain the appearance of any work just received.

The Nail Salon takes reservations from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evening and weekend appointments are always available upon request. Walk-ins are welcome, though Lamb prefers one set up an appoint-



Owner Brenda Lamb of The Nail Studio stands beside her whirlpool pedicure tub. Lamb specializes in facial and body waxing, manicuring, pedicuring and ear candling.

ment beforehand so as not to interrupt other appointments.

Lamb also offers house calls for the eld-

erly who cannot travel as easily and who may need assistance with 'body maintenance' due to physical restrictions.

To reserve an appointment with Lamb at The Nail Studio call 231-582-6814 or 231-330-4469.

OBITUARY

Rosalia Ann Schwem

Rosalia Ann (Kiss) Schwem, age 93 years, of Petoskey, passed away on Feb. 17, 2007. Born June 6, 1913, in Indiana, Penn. Predeceased by her loving husband, Joe Schwem, and brother, Stephen Kiss. Survived by step-daughter, Libby (Jim) Gray of Gaylord; step-sons, Marvin (Marianne) Schwem of Boyne Falls, and Jack (Marti) Schwem of La Crescent, Minn.

Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great granddaughter.

Rose graduated in 1939 from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and taught art in Detroit and Rochester. She continued her education, earning three more degrees. She received her degree in occupational therapy at Eastern Michigan University in 1940. During World War II she worked at Percy Jones Army Hospital as an O.T. From 1947 to 1952 Rose worked at the Michigan Society of Crippled Children, where she traveled throughout Michigan serving home-bound patients. In 1952, Rose went on to earn a degree in counseling and guidance at Western Michigan University and eventually became dean of the College of Occupational Therapy at Western where she was instrumental in forming the College of Health and Human Services. In 1965, during her tenure at Western, she earned her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan.

Rose was also an accomplished artist and photographer whose work often reflected her love of nature. She was active in her church and many volunteer organizations, including the Crooked Tree Arts Council of Petoskey, Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, and local libraries and schools.

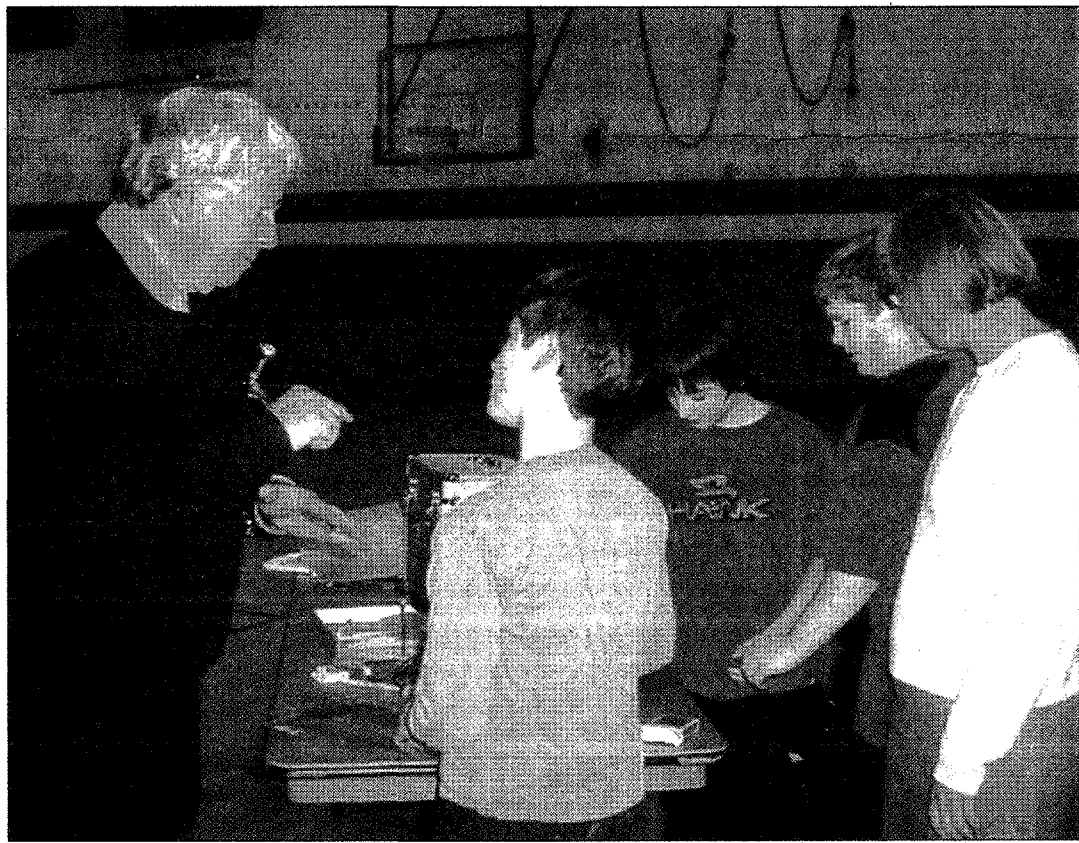
A memorial service will be held at the First Christian Church, 306 Monroe Street, Petoskey, on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. Family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service, which will be officiated by Reverend Rex Kibler. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution may be made to Western Michigan University's W.M.U. Foundation, 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008 for the 'ROSALIA KISS-SCHWEM O.T. ENDOWMENT FUND,' or the charity of your choice. Arrangements for the memorial were handled by Nelson Funeral Home, PO Box 1548, Gaylord, Mich. 49734.

DEATH NOTICE

Alan Michael Noirot, 32, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, in East Jordan. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Interment will be in St. John Nepomucene Praga Cemetery in Jordan Township, Antrim County.

Boyer City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing
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Making math fun



Courtesy photo
Students at Boyer City Middle School participated in a math assembly. Guest speaker, Bill Hart, (left) talks with students Camden MacKenzie, Spencer Wingo and William Dole, while principal Mindy Porter looks on. Hart is a math professor at Macomb Community College. His approach to math makes for a fun and interesting learning experience.

SERVICE NEWS

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. **Roni Harlan** has deployed to southwest Asia in the Persian Gulf region to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom as a member of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. The servicemember is normally assigned to the Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Wing members provide support for the U.S. Central Command's Air Forces mission, assisting in the full spectrum of fueling and aerial refueling operations to U.S. and coalition aircraft engaged in the war on terrorism in the region. Flight crews fly thousands of combat refuel-

ing sorties delivering aircraft fuel in the millions of pounds.

Harlan, a mission support group chief with 22 years of military service, is the daughter of Stanley Bennett and Carron Rogers of East Jordan.

Her husband, John, is the son of Vivian Harlan of Menlo Park, Calif.

The sergeant is a 1984 graduate of East Jordan High School.

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Starring - Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Connelly
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FOOD FOR THE MIND

First mud sledding then potato soup time

Hey ho, winter campers, its about time to start preparing some of our favorite winter foods and while I force my youngsters outside to do some sledding I will be dusting off the soup pot and conjuring up a bubbly brew of goodness to take away the chill when the boys come back in all rosy cheeked with terrible hat hair.

"What was that, boys? The temperature is 38 degrees and all of the snow has melted? You say the hill is just mud now?" What they're actually doing is trying to get back in and onto the video games but don't you worry; I'm wise to those 2007 maneuvers.

"Boy's when I was your age we didn't need sleds or snow to go sled riding. Why we would grab up an old garbage can lid and head to the hill at Farmer Fred's where he kept his Black Angus herd. There was one nice run that was just a muddy path and spots of cow manure that would get slicker than any old snow hill anyway. Why we would fly down that path."

Well whatever it takes for you and I to get those teenage couch potatoes off of the game controllers and into some cardiovascular activities on the weekends makes every bit of sense to me and we will have a nice hot treat waiting for them when they get back in. With a little luck we actually will get some snow at some point that will stay around long enough to provide some fun.

One of my family's favorite winter lunches is homemade potato soup and I've got a new recipe that's quite good courtesy of Laura Bush of the Washington DC/Texas Bush's. Our first lady is a charming and gracious individual, no matter what your politics, and as it turns out, a great source for some simple, down home and delicious recipes. Give this one a try.

Laura Bush's Baked Potato Soup

(4 to 6 large servings)

- 6 cups left over mashed potatoes
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 lb. bacon, diced, cooked and drained (freeze bacon for easy cutting)
- 1 large red bell pepper, diced
- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- cup chives, minced

4 tablespoons sour cream
2 to 3 cups whipping cream or half and half
Kosher salt & fresh ground black pepper to taste
In a large soup pot, sauté onions and red pepper over medium heat in 2 tablespoons of melted butter until the onions turn clear. Add bacon, potatoes and whipping cream to desired consistency. (Skim milk or chicken stock may be used to reduce calories, if you must.) Heat until just up to a simmer; salt and pepper to taste. You're ready to serve. When serving, garnish each bowl with a dollop of sour cream, some grated cheddar cheese and a sprinkle of chives.

There's a lot of great side dishes to compliment your soup such as hot, fresh sourdough bread, cornbread sticks, hot rolls and more, but my personal favorite is freshly baked, hot from the oven, buttermilk biscuits with butter. Here's a new take on this dish that even the most timid baker can prepare like a pro.

Scratch Buttermilk Biscuits

(Makes about 10 servings.)

- 2 cups all-purpose flour (Martha White is great!)
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/8th teaspoon baking soda
- teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- cup shortening
- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup or more flour, for rolling
- 2 tablespoons melted butter

Preheat oven to 425°F and butter an 8 or 9-inch cake pan. Place the dry ingredients in a mixing bowl and with a paddle attachment mix in the shortening until pea sized pieces remain. With a wooden spoon, stir in the cream, milk and buttermilk and let sit for 2 minutes. The dough should be very wet and look something like cottage cheese.

Place 1 cup of flour on a sheet pan with a wall and flour your hands. Using a small or medium ice cream scoop, dip into the batter and place scoops of batter onto the flour until the pan is full. Carefully toss the scoops of batter in the flour then lift

the coated pieces of batter out and place around the edge of the buttered cake pan, packing them lightly, then place more gradually to the center of the pan until the pan is full.

Bake in the center of your preheated oven for 15 to 20 minutes. As you remove them from the oven, brush them with melted butter and serve.

If a steaming bowl of hot soup and those warm buttermilk biscuits doesn't put a smile on everyone's face, then I'd say you might want to send them back over to Farmer Fred's for a bit for an attitude adjustment. I'm pretty sure that won't be necessary.

As the colder weather actually does begin to slip in there's more and more reason to stock hearty red wines on your wine rack as a perfect choice for the season. I'm continually amazed at how satisfying old vine Grenache (gruh nahsh) is and the amazing amount of quality you can purchase at bargain prices.

The Borsao Tres Picos Old Vine Grenache was awarded a coveted 90 point rating by Robert Parker Jr. and he had this to say about the wine: "This marvelous red is made from a hillside vineyard of old vine Grenache and boasts a deep ruby/purple tinged color as well as a sumptuous bouquet of loamy soil scents intermixed with aromas of garrique, kirsch liqueur, and plums. Medium-bodied, with terrific fruit, excellent purity, and a long finish, it is a super value to enjoy over the next 2 to 3 years."

I couldn't have said it better myself. I hope you have a wonderful week filled with great foods shared with good friends and family. Let me know if you have comments or questions. It's always great to hear from you. Cheers.

Jerry Allison, a native of Warren County in southwestern Ohio, has been in the fine wine and dining field for 29 years in the South Florida and Chicago markets. He writes a weekly syndicated column, manages a fine wine business and is the executive chef for Winedog Fine Wines and Catering Services. You can visit his column archive at www.winedog.com and take your comments and questions directly to him at 888-288-0668 or e-mail him at winedog@winedog.com. He has resided with his wife and two sons since 1999 in the country outside of Morrow, Ohio.



Photo by Heidi Berden

Lee Hill's Chililosh is proof of her hidden talent and evidence that her "retirement" career should be that of a caterer.

Chililosh warms the heart

KALKASKA — Lee Hill does the legals and some classified ads for several area Morning Star Publishing "sister" papers: The Leader and Kalkaskian, the Antrim County News, the Town Meeting, the Citizen Journal and Star Penny Stretcher.

Staff members at The Leader and Kalkaskian recently have been warmed by Lee's other talent that has been dormant for some time: cooking.

She is no ordinary cook. She's the stuff caterers are made of. Fellow staffers have started to encourage her to become a caterer when she retires from her current J.O.B.

The next time you visit The Leader office in Kalkaska, you may be lucky enough to get a whiff of her fixin's.

Usually the crock pot goes home more than half full, as there only are four staff members to make a dent in it. Odds are, you could have a big bowl of whatever is in it.

All of this is not news to those lucky enough to have attended one of the Hill's infamous holiday (or fill-in-the blank) parties.

She'll only let out a few secrets, so put this one in a safe spot for the next time you need to warm some hearts.

Lee Hill's Chililosh

- 2 Large cans of Stewed Tomatoes
- 1 Large can of Diced Tomatoes
- 1 and 1/2 lb of breakfast sausage, crumbled and browned
- 2 small cans of dark red kidney beans
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 2 Pkts. of Chili seasoning
- 1 box of Pasta Ruffles
- Add everything except the pasta. Save it until an hour before serving.
- Put it in raw or
- Cook the pasta separately and serve on the side. Folks can put as much of the pasta as they would like on the bottom of the bowls and top with chili.
- If you can stand it, sprinkle some shredded Colby & Monterey Jack cheese.
- Have some sour cream ready to dollop on top.
- The outer edges of bowls can be decorated with round tortilla chips standing on an edge. Oyster crackers also are a nice option.
- Lee advises that all of the above can be tweaked, depending on how many people are being served. She also has made the Chililosh with ground, browned turkey.
- Keep pillows handy. Everyone will need a nap.

Frigid fun at Klondike

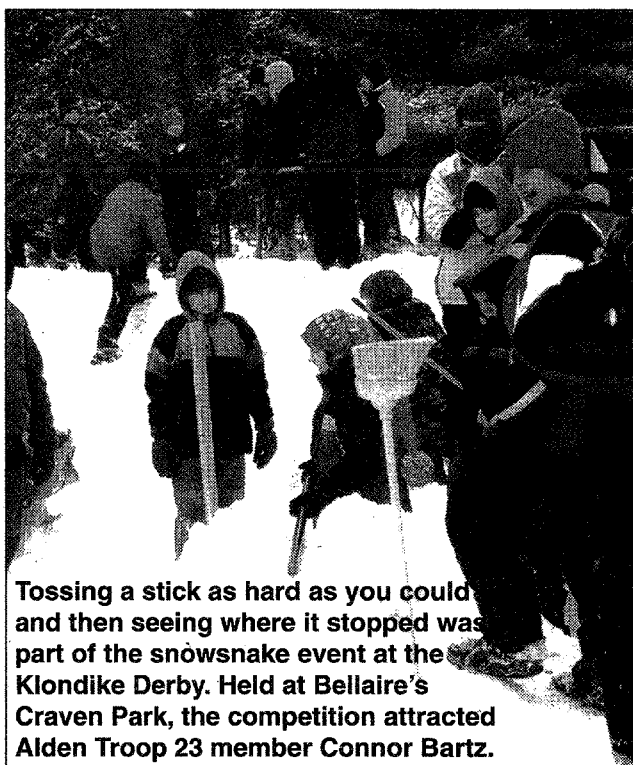


Huddled together to break the frigid wind, members of Troop 46 from Elk Rapids practice their firestarting skills at the Klondike Derby in Bellaire's Craven Park. Scouts also had opportunities to check out the large snow hills for some fun in between the different competitions.

Photos by Larry See Jr.



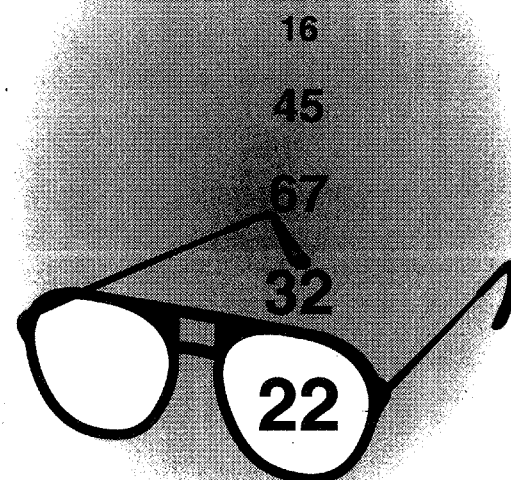
Josh Wachtel and Lucas Olson, both members of Troop 14 from Gaylord, stuff snow into a shirt to create their snowman during the Klondike event. The frigid cold weather Saturday was perfect for creating the snowy creations.



Tossing a stick as hard as you could and then seeing where it stopped was part of the snowsnake event at the Klondike Derby. Held at Bellaire's Craven Park, the competition attracted Alden Troop 23 member Connor Bartz.

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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

The facts behind our budget deficit

By KEVIN A. ELSENHEIMER
STATE REP., 105TH DISTRICT

Fact: Over the past decade, both the Engler and Granholm administrations have spent our tax dollars beyond inflation. If the Legislature and respective Republican and Democratic administrations had held state spending to inflationary increases during the last decade the state would have an extra \$4 billion right now, and would not be facing a deficit.

Lansing is engulfed in a debate as to whether the answer to the state's budget deficit is to increase taxes. The problem is not the amount of money coming into the state coffers. The budget has grown from \$39 billion to a proposed \$43 billion in the last four years. The problem is Lansing's addiction to spending.

I believe Lansing should get every ounce out of the tax dollars we pay before they ask us to pay more. In a \$42 billion dollar budget, there is room to cut! If there is one thing I have learned in Lansing already in my short two-year tenure it is that once government creates a revenue source (tax), it is almost impossible to stop it as the bureaucracy created by that tax becomes reliant upon it for its continuation, justification and existence.

Increasing revenues by means of taxation and fees only furthers the ever-growing overspending problem which plagues Michigan's budget. Let's face it, politicians love to bring home the bacon to their districts and it's easier to get votes by spreading the wealth then by cutting it.

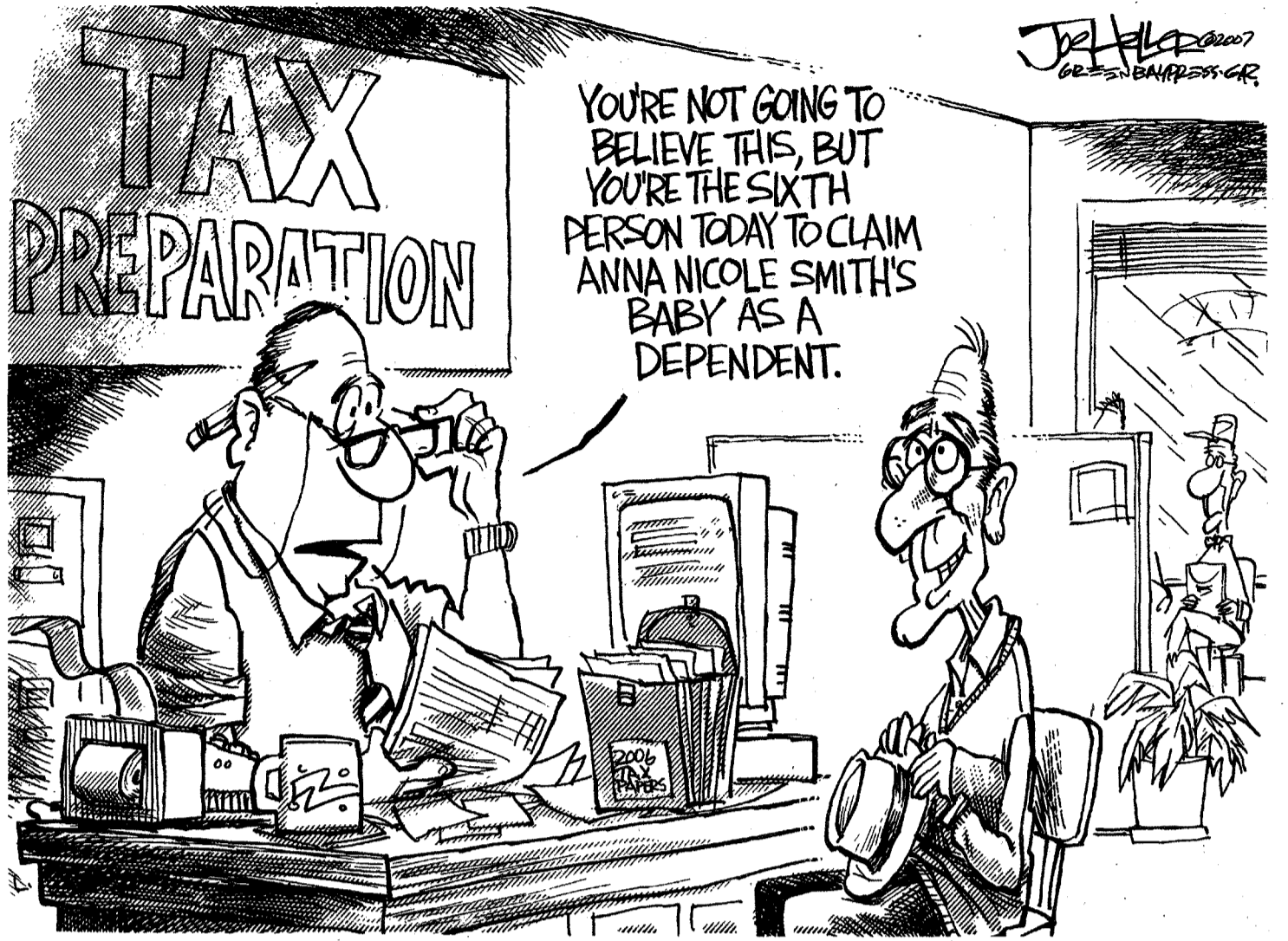
So where can we cut? Here are just a few suggestions to solve our current deficit, there are plenty more where these come from, just visit the follow web-sites that offer additional suggestions: <http://www.mackinac.org/> www.americansforprosperity.org.

• **Eliminate Prevailing Wages:** State prevailing wage laws require wages to be paid for all government construction projects. In one small community in my district, this law added \$800,000 to the cost of the marina improvements after they had been bid out at local market wages! This change for just school projects alone would save \$150 million.

• **Common Sense Reform in Medicaid & Welfare:** There is no reason that a 19 or 20 year old who is covered on a parent's policy should be also covered by Medicaid. Similarly, there is no reason that we should be paying for a parent's Medicaid coverage when that parent has his or her own private coverage. Yet we do, and it costs millions per year. Reforming these programs could save \$240 million according to an independent group that has studied the issue.

• **Reducing the Price of Government:** The Governor just negotiated a three-year, 10% pay increase for state employees. We have great employees, and they deserved a raise, but the private sector is not giving these kinds of raises now. If we negotiate a simple 1-3% reduction in these increases as well as similar salary cuts for legislators and the Governor, this would likely save between \$120-150 million per year.

Before you sign on to the proposed tax increases, ask yourself whether government is currently respecting the taxpayer dollars it receives. I think we can do a better job. If you agree, please feel free to forward me any ideas or suggestions for reducing state spending. I am a firm believer that best ideas don't always originate in Lansing.



YOUR VOICE

Be a part of the solution, not the problem

To the Editor:
With the new Congress in Washington, Americans United for Separation of Church and State is again striving to ban prayers in Jesus' name by military chaplains. Such a restriction on freedom of speech, freedom of worship, strikes at the very heart of our constitutional freedoms. We need to become engaged in a massive effort to restore, once and for all, our chaplains' freedom of speech. President George W. Bush needs to direct the Secretary of Defense to issue new regulations to protect the constitutional right of military chaplains to pray according to their faith. Also, the complexion of our federal courts could be on the verge of changing dramati-

cally, putting our constitutional freedoms and religious liberties at risk as never before - because the new Congress is so different from the previous one. With 52 vacancies on the federal bench right now, the courts could tilt sharply to the left, away from religious liberties and toward the agenda of the ACLU.
"We the People" must be involved in this issue with Senators and their staffs to ensure the lawful appointment of federal judges who will preserve our religious liberties and constitutional freedoms. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi proposes to designate as "lobbyists" any churches, pastors, religious denominations, public interest organizations, or other non-profit groups

that strive to influence public opinion. This bill would drastically affect the operation of churches that speak out on major moral and political issues and Christian organizations using TV, radio, or the Internet to mobilize citizens around an issue. Meanwhile, Speaker Pelosi has agreed to hearings on broadcasting's so-called "Fairness Doctrine," a measure that would force broadcasters to present a competing view any time a controversial issue is presented. This is yet another attempt to silence Christian voices in this country. We must be committed to doing whatever may be necessary to protect our constitutional freedoms and religious liberties and must fight from the

small town school boards all the way up to the Supreme Court of the United States if needed. There are about 280 million legal citizens in our country, of which over 90 percent believe in God. If you are one of the 90 percent, and wish to make your voice heard, you may do so by calling the Capitol Hill switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for your Senator or Representative by name, or you can give your comments to the President by calling the White House switchboard at 202-456-1414. If we are not a part of the solution, then we are part of the problem. The choice is ours.

- Duty Honor Country
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If you have questions on the letter policy, contact the editor at 231-582-6762 or via e-mail at citizen@voyager.net.

NEIGHBORS

Janet and Karl Waldner of Boyne City hosted their daughter Lisa, son-in-law Lt. Col. Kelly Alexander and grandson MacAlister this past week when they arrived from Camp Pendleton, Calif. They were looking forward to getting Mac out at the ski slope at Boyne Mountain. Lt. Col. Alexander is preparing to return to Iraq in March. If you saw them in Boyne, hope you said hello and welcomed them home.



By Nancy Northup

An Internet note came in from a Floridian friend just wanting to tell the robins were there, as always in mid-February; large flocks numbering about 100, as they make that long journey north. Spring is on the way. With our bitter cold weather lately, that little note was a day brightener.

Don and Sue Karlskin of Boyne City, and son and daughter-in-law, Don and

Michelle Karlskin of Charlevoix, and grandkids, Dan and Kasondra Karlskin of Fife Lake and R.J. Fryczynski of Petoškey, just got back from a fun filled week in Orlando, Fla. While there, they enjoyed the theme parks and soaked up the sunshine and warm weather.

The first annual Valentine's lunch at the Boyne Area Senior Center was a huge success. Chef Andy served roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes and lemon pie to the overflowing crowd of 114 diners. The music of the Cousin's Music Group was great dancing music. The line dancers as well as the other light-footed dancers were entertaining. A special welcome to all the Red Hatters that attended.

Welcome back to one of my column contributors and former Boyne resident, Nelda Kindey Stanley, who just

returned from a month-long vacation in Dunedin, Fla. It wasn't nearly long enough though, she says, but she's back here to enjoy (?) the winter weather.

The East Jordan Senior Center enjoyed music by Gail Williams for a packed house at their Valentine's party on Wednesday, Feb. 14. A delicious roast beef dinner was served for all the guests. The Cousins performed on Friday, Feb. 16, and will return to entertain the seniors for the Sunday, Feb. 25, dinner. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the Cousins will begin at 1 p.m. Call Leigh at 231-536-7831 for information.

The BCHS class of '58 met at the BRI for their monthly luncheon. Those attending were Carl Charon, Larry Judkins, Morrie Hobbs, Rod Spencer, Eloise (Cornell) Cooper, Ray and Irene Speltz. They will meet again on the 13th of March at the Sportsman - hope to see all of you

there.

A baby shower honored mother-to-be Keri Hardy of Boyne City on Saturday, Feb. 10. Lots of family members and friends gathered at the Lakeview Village Clubhouse for a fun time of games, refreshments and gift time. Her sister Mandy and friend Kathryn Bradford hosted the memorable occasion for Keri. Keri is expecting the arrival of her son in March.

Shirley Mathers of Boyne City and daughters Cheri Garvin of Traverse City and Patti Wilhelm of Petoškey enjoyed visiting Shirley's elderly aunt and uncle, Della and Russ Herrick, in Port Sanilac, where Shirley grew up.

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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BOYNE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

(An * before the name denotes all A's)

Ninth Grade

Sterling Adgate, Parker Ameel, Brendan Baic, David Beck, Karalyn Cain, Eric Calo, Erica Capp, Jessica Capp, Brenna Cheadle, Lindsay Clemens, Nathan Clubine, Meghan Cytacki, Jaclynn Dever, Caleb Fair, Dylon Ferguson, Edward Fouchia, Tristan Gallup, Robert Garcia, Thomas Halstead, Morgan Harding, Travis Harrington, *Brooke Juday, Casmear Kerr, Blake Kroondyk, Kelsey Kruzell, Dalton Looze, Alyssa McCarry, Kandice McPherson, Madelaine Moeke, *Evan Orban, Dylan Percy, Cameron Robinson, Tommy Stevens, Paulina Sutton, Tyler Zatkoff.

Tenth Grade

Aaron Anzell, Klancie Argue, Natasha Bell, Christian Bersano, Eric Boyer, Jessica Butler, Marc Calo, Stevee Carlston,

Spencer Caverly, Tyler Clute, Ashley Culver, Courtney Culver, Margret Deuell, Jack Diener, Nicole Elzinga, Kaitlin Fitzpatrick, Sarah Gerberding, Katarina Gillespie, Erin Haley, Hannah Hausler, Elizabeth Hayden, Katie Heath, Lindsey Herrington, Nicole Higgins, Beth Holland, Christian Kirkby, Taylor Korthase, Amber Kotalik, Trever Kruzell, Ashley Lockery, Ethen Mapes, Meghan Martinez, Stephen McBee, Shelby Mittig, Tyler Moyer, Ryan Musser, Shelby Parks, Chase Petroelje, Jesse Place, Ann Purdy, Ashley Reidel, Robert Reidel, Hannah Robinson, Cheyenne Shumaker, Adrianna Skidmore, Paul Solomon, Ryan Spence, Courtney Stahl, Jory Stanley, Rachel Stevens, Taylor Swaim, Tyler Urman, Jade Ward, Haley Welch, Patrick Welch, Zachera Wollenberg.

Eleventh Grade

*Allison Aown,

Kelly Austin, Shannon Barsy, Amy Bascom, Lee Blossom, Ryan Clubine, Phillip Conklin, Keegan David, Jessica Dunlop, Elise Freed, Matt Gasco, Kia Gouza, Mercedes Honson, Sam Jabara, Megan Jenkins, Ashleigh Juday, Adam Karaptian, Kevin Knight, Jessica Knysz, Joshua Konecki, Beau Kroondyk, Sydney Lewin, Andrew McLane, Ashley Miller, Cory Mills, Kyle Mills, Cody Mittig, Heidi Olsen, Kayla Orban, Dillon Oslin, Trenton Pallagi, Tyler Redman, Daniel Remsberg, Melissa Seelye, Joe Shear, Nicholas Simeri, Stacey Spaniak, Kate Sweet, Trisha Tomkins, Jacob Towne, Lacey VanAlstine, Billie Whitley, Elias Whitley, Joshua Wiesenauer, *Caitlyn Wonski, Danielle Zatkoff.

Twelfth Grade

Ashley Adkison, Amy Anderson,

*Lindsay Baic, Amanda Berry, Bradley Boyer, Anna Bricker, *Danielle Burns, Marie Caux, Katie Clark, Charles Danforth, Kirsten Dole, Samantha Dunwoody, Tom Fiel, Haley Fortune, Renee Gahn, Jessica Grice, Shane Grunow, Angela Hecker, Maris Herrington, Courtney Jacobs, Michelle Katz, Britt King, Ethan Knott, *Shelley Koteskey, Bobby Lahti, Adam Leist, Tim Lewis, Jennifer Lockery, Sarah Lounsbury, Lindsey Mansfield, John Miller, Emilee Moeke, Kristin Moody, Jeff Moore, Paige Moore, Allen O'Brien, Alicia Pearce, Ben Percy, Li-ana Robert, Oliver Ryan, Amy Schneider, Nick Schrader, Marina Shatalova, Jared Sherwood, Jennifer Sisson, Mallory Slate, Holly Stanek, Taylor Voice, Kelsey Weir, Alex Welborn, Liz Zettel.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Glynnie Surdam

PARENTS: Michaeline Williams

GRADE: 12

FAVORITE CLASS: Algebra

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Read

FAVORITE SPORT: Hockey

FAVORITE COLOR: Blue

FAVORITE FOOD: Crab Wonton

FAVORITE BOOK: Jude

FAVORITE MOVIE: Pirates of the Caribbean- Dead Man's Chest

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Wildfire

STAFF COMMENTS: "Glynnie is graduating this year with a solid plan for the next step in her life. She is a goal setter and has matured with the experience of attaining her goals. Glynnie knows how to get the job done, and shares this in a non-threatening manner. She willingly assists any student and staff at Boyne Falls School." Mrs. Woodard.



students. He is always positive and comes to school with a smile every day." Mrs. Stangis.

"Chris Howard has always been one of the nicest students at EJHS. He is polite and friendly to all students and staff. He goes out of his way to be helpful to others. He is just a really neat young man!" Mrs. Cross.

"Chris is one of my hardest working and most improved students. I'm glad to see him receive Student of the Week." Mr. Cross.

Boyne City High School

NAME: Lindsey Herrington

PARENTS: Doug and Lori Herrington

GRADE: 10th

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Ski Team

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I enjoy reading in my spare time and spending as much time as possible skiing at Boyne Mountain.

FUTURE PLANS: I plan on attending college at either University of Michigan or Michigan State University.

STAFF COMMENTS: "Lindsey is doing exceptional in biology. She is organized, self-directed, and all of her assignments are of the highest quality. Lindsey is a dedicated student who is a delight to be around and she is a person of character. Lindsey is a pleasure to have in class and she is very deserving of this accomplishment. Congratulations Lindsey!" Elizabeth Hemming, Science Teacher.



East Jordan High School

NAME: Chris Howard

PARENTS: Micheal Howard

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Weight lifting

FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Gym and English

FUTURE PLANS: Attend NCMC for 2 years, then transfer to Ferris State

STAFF COMMENTS: "Chris Howard is an outstanding young man with a quiet unassuming demeanor that masks the sense of humor that he keeps hidden so very well. But when that escapes, you are so surprised and it brings such joy. He is such a pleasure to teach and his work ethic is outstanding as well as his ability to get along with others. He is very, very honest. Chris is not just an outstanding student he is an outstanding human being. If I had a business, he would be the first person I would hire." Mrs. Tinney.

"Chris Howard is kind and thoughtful to all



STUDENT NEWS

Locals named to dean's lists

MARQUETTE — Northern Michigan University announces the dean's list for the fall semester.

Erin K. Moriarity of Boyne City, Hope T. Roisen of Boyne Falls, and Jeremy L. Penzien of East Jordan qualified with a grade point average of 4.00.

Katharine E. Martin, Jonathan S. Mauchmar, and Raechel L. Percy of

Boyne City; Megan I. Pernicano of Boyne Falls; Christopher M. Aepelbacher, Chelsea K. Rewald, Jessica N. Vallance, and Megan E. Warnos of East Jordan; and Robyn M. McCarry of Walloon Lake qualified with a grade point averages of 3.25-3.99.

NOTRE DAME, IND. — Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame,

named Allison Warstler of Boyne City to the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. Alison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warstler of Boyne City. A student must achieve a grade-point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale to earn academic honors.

ALMA — Allison Brong, Benjamin Place, Jordan Voice, and Nicole Waillesverd

of Boyne City are among over 400 students named to the dean's list at Alma College for outstanding academic performance during the 2006 fall term which ended Dec. 15. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the list.

SENIOR MENU

At the Boyne Area Senior Center lunch is served at noon each weekday. Come join our friends on Wednesday, Feb. 21, for mostaccioli with meatballs, a vegetable and apple salad. Come at 10:30 a.m. to join the line dancing group. Thursday, Feb. 22, Sit & Be Fit Exercise will start the day at 10:30 a.m. Soup, salad

and sandwich will be served for lunch. Bingo will follow lunch at 12:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, enjoy a chicken pastie with gravy. Friday is also karaoke day. Join the fun at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26, beef stew is planned for lunch. A raffle of home baked goodies and a 50/50 drawing will be held. Donations

for the bake sale are appreciated. Bingo will start about 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, cod almandine and scalloped potatoes will be served. Sit & Be Fit Exercise will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday is also movie day. Plan to stay following lunch and enjoy the movie. Wednesday, Feb. 28, meatloaf and a baked potato are on the menu.

Line dancing will begin at 10:30 a.m. Suggested donation for lunch for those 60 and over is \$2. Under 60 suggested donation is \$4. Call 231-582-6682 for information regarding the senior center. Mark your calendar for a Sunday dinner at the East Jordan Senior Center on Sunday, Feb. 25. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes, Pharmacist

Cover Up Cuts & Scrapes

You may have heard that leaving a cut or wound open to the air helps it heal faster, but that is not the case. Covering a wound with a bandage helps it stay moist and clean and actually speeds up the healing process. It also guards against infection from external bacteria. If you get a cut, after stopping the bleeding, cleanse the site with soap and water, dry it and cover with a bandage. You can also use petroleum jelly to keep the wound moist. Keeping it moist will help it form less of a scab which will minimize scarring.

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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL SPORTS

COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS, BOYNE FALLS LOGGERS AND THE EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

Volleyball team captures third in tourney; whips Elks

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

MIDLAND — The Boyne City girls varsity volleyball team fought hard to hold their own against a field filled with teams from Class A, B and C schools at the 30 team Northwood University Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The Lady Ramblers placed third in pool play before bowing out to Bay City Central during the silver pool bracket round.

"I thought that we played really well against a lot of Class A and B teams. The girls were really nervous, but we hung with them all," said Boyne City coach Casie Parker.

In their pool the Lady Ramblers split with Mt. Morris (19-21, 22-20), defeated Carrollton (21-12, 21-15), split with Bay City Central (8-21, 21-16) and split with Lake Orion (21-17, 16-21).

Boyne City ended with a rematch with Bay City Central losing 23-25, 20-25, 9-15.

On the stat sheet the team was led by Jessica

Nichols (25 kills, 20 digs), Lindsay Baic (35 digs, 14 kills, eight aces), Trisha Tomkins (32 digs, 12 kills), Lindsay Clemens (73 assists) and Jessica Knysz (18 kills).

Amber Kotalik, Mallory Slate and Heidi Olsen were all 100 percent serving for the day.

Boyne City 3, Elk Rapids 0

The Lady Ramblers captured all three games on Feb. 12, when Boyne City defeated Elk Rapids 25-12, 25-21, 25-17 in a Lake Michigan Conference match at Boyne City.

"Everyone contributed to the win tonight," said Parker. "Ashley Juday had some good digs and Perry Fish served seven straight aces."

Contributing to the numbers were: Juday (six digs), Tomkins (ten digs, five aces, four kills), Stacey Spaniak (ten digs, four aces), Knysz (six kills) and Olsen (12 assists).

Boyne City (21-11-7 overall, 8-2 LMC) will travel to Kalkaska Feb. 22.

Lady Devils lose two tough games

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN — Traverse City St. Francis rallied from a 21-25 loss in the opening game to hand the East Jordan girls varsity volleyball team a 25-21, 21-25, 23-25, 22-25 Lake Michigan Conference defeat Feb. 15.

"We played well as a team," said East Jordan coach Jackie Haley. "Clancey Garland played tough in the back row and Cassy Crick played well all around."

Crick contributed to the effort with 15 points, five digs and four kills, while Garland chipped in with nine digs, two kills and four points.

Jill Drenth added ten points, eight kills, five digs, four blocks and two aces; Jessica Roberts had ten points and two digs and Sarah Kupovits had seven kills and five digs.

Charlevoix 3, East Jordan 0

Charlevoix dispatched East Jordan in straight games taking a 25-11, 25-15, 25-20 conference victory Feb. 12.

Roberts led with 17 points and Crick added six points, while Drenth and Kayla Windish added four points each.

Kupovits had a 10 percent serving game with five digs and four kills. Roberts had nine digs and ten assists, Drenth had five blocks and five kills, Crick had 12 digs and Windish had three blocks and three kills.

East Jordan (5-9 overall, 4-9 LMC) will travel to Grayling on Thursday, Feb. 22.

#13, Sarah Kupovits, puts the ball back over the net vs TCSF.

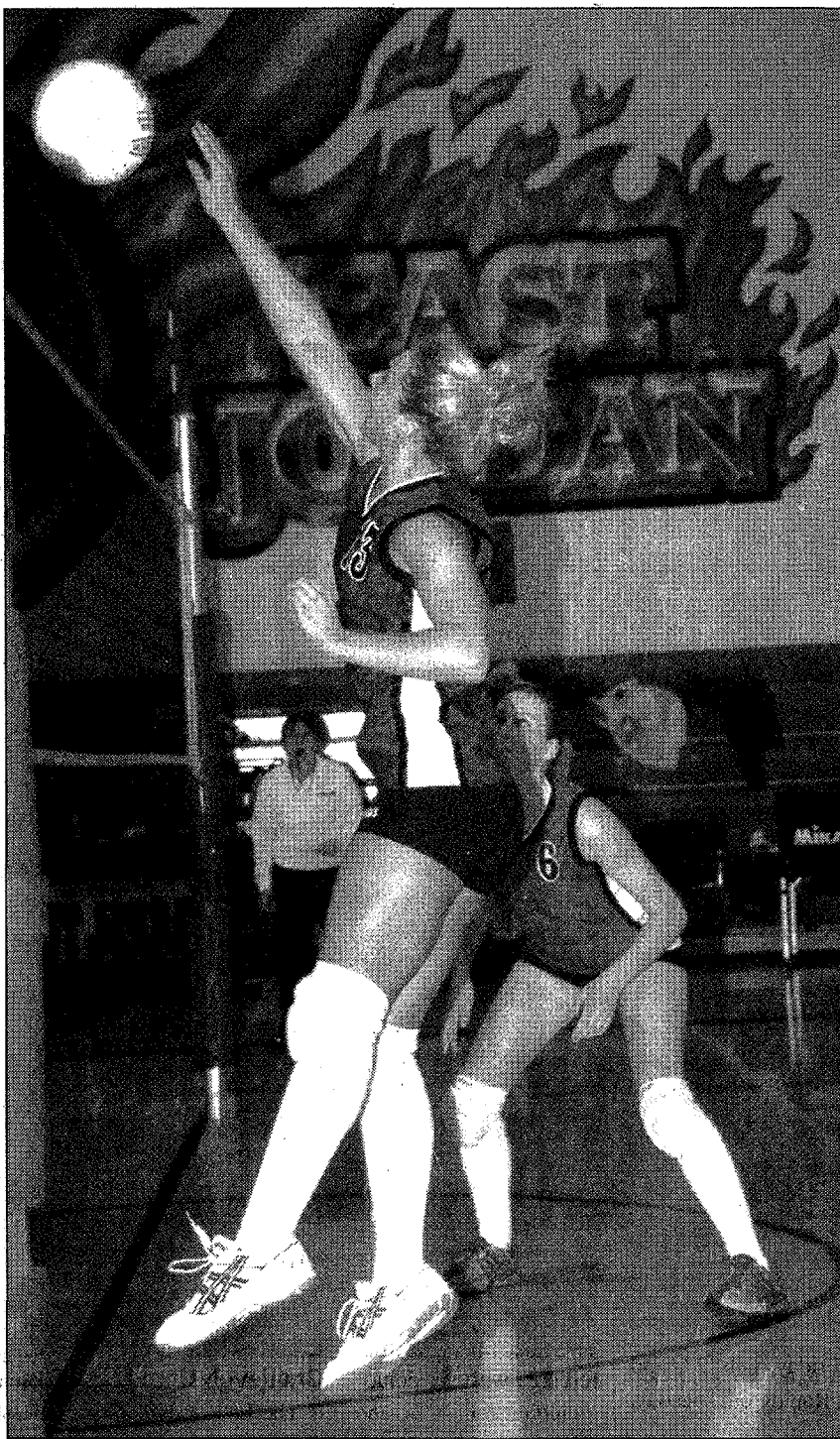


Photo by Vic Ruggles

Red Devils capture two basketball contests

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan varsity basketball team pushed its overall record above the .500 mark when the Red Devils posted an impressive 62-45 Lake Michigan Conference victory over Elk Rapids Feb. 16.

The victory moved East Jordan to 9-8 overall with a 4-7 record in conference play.

The Red Devils utilized strong defensive effort in the second and third quarters to forge an 11 point lead after falling behind the Elks 17-10 after the opening quarter.

Elk Rapids jumped ahead 14-4 on the strength of three points in the early minutes, but East Jordan began to turn the tide after the slow start.

"Defensively we shut them down in the middle two quarters. We out scored them 32-15. Our man to man defense forced some turnovers and we got some easy baskets," said East Jordan coach Darrin Weber.

East Jordan led the
See DEVILS, page 7

Rayders hold off Ramblers, lose narrowly to Gaylord

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

CHARLEVOIX — The Boyne City varsity basketball team out scored Charlevoix 34-20 in the fourth quarter Feb. 16, but the comeback run that doubled the Boyne City scoring output going into the fourth period, ended just two points short of victory.

Charlevoix (14-2 overall) moved to 10-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference race with a 70-68 win. Boyne City dropped to 6-10 overall and 5-6 in the conference.

"We did some very positive things in this game. We played a team that is 10-1 in the league within two points in their gym," said Boyne City

coach John Hertel. "We were pushed to the brink of a knockout at the end of the third quarter, down 50-34, but the kids regrouped and made them earn the victory in the final ten seconds of the game."

Charlevoix led the game 32-27 at the half following a first quarter that saw the two teams deadlocked at 14 points apiece.

"We also did a nice jog at the free throw line, hitting 18 of 23 for 78 percent, which is much better than our percentage on the season," said Hertel.

Taylor Voice hit for 18 points, Robby Jensen added 17, while Jeff Morre netted 15 to pace the Boyne City scoring. Voice chipped in with six rebounds, four assists and

three steals. Moore had ten boards and Jensen had six steals.

The Red Rayders were led by Justin Friske (18 points), Tyler Haske (13 points) and Corey Gotshall (ten points).

Hertel cited T.J. Redman for holding Charlevoix's high point man Mitch Crandall without a point saying, "TJ played an absolutely outstanding game against a kid that is going to get all state consideration."

Gaylord 79, Boyne City 70

Three Blue Devils scored in double figures to
See Ramblers, page 7

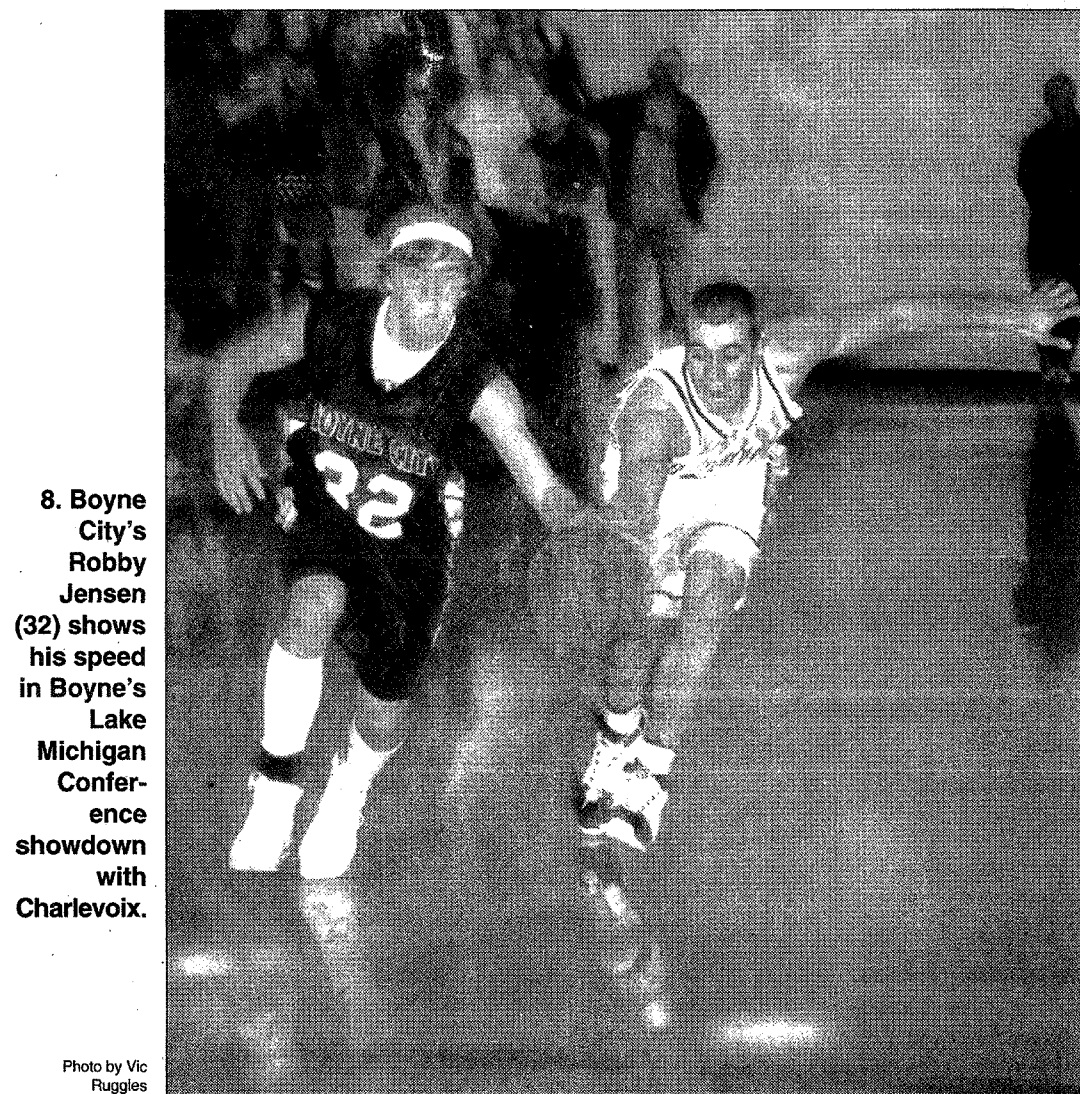


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8. Boyne City's Robby Jensen (32) shows his speed in Boyne's Lake Michigan Conference showdown with Charlevoix.



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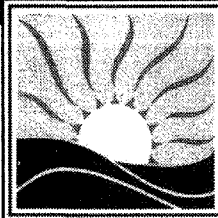
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Devils

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 contest 29-26 at intermission, while building the lead to 43-32 going into the fourth quarter. Adam Daneff led the Red Devils scoring with 19 points, while Jeff Keyser chipped in with 17 points and senior Tom Pentecost had a career high 12 points. Keyser also had six assists and four steals and James Brown contributed with seven rebounds, four blocks and six points. Skyler Hindes (13 points) and Zach Dreff (11 points) led the Elks scoring.

East Jordan 64, Ellsworth 46

Daneff tossed in 20 points, while Keyser netted 18 when East Jordan

defeated Ellsworth 64-46 in a non-conference game, Feb. 13. East Jordan hit for six three point buckets and held Ellsworth to just a pair of two pointers, while forging a 13 point advantage going into half time. "We pretty much controlled the game from the get go. We played some solid defense throughout," said Weber. Jared Steenwick led Ellsworth with 16 points. The Red Devils held leads of 19-10, 35-22 and 51-35 at the end of the first three quarters. East Jordan will travel for its next two games against Boyne City on Friday, Feb. 23, and Charlevoix on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Ramblers

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 lead Gaylord to a 79-70 non conference win over Boyne City on Feb. 13. Nick Freeman scored 18 points, Brian Lindsey added 16 points and Cory Lewandowski chipped in with 13 as Gaylord withstood a 24-16 Boyne City run in the fourth quarter to get the victory. Gaylord led the game 24-12 at the end of the first quarter, 44-32 at the intermission and 63-46 at the end of the third quarter. "Gaylord is playing really well. They are competing for the Big North championship and they have beaten Petoskey and Alpena this year," said Hertel. "They were a good

test for us and besides the first quarter we played quite well." Moore led the Ramblers with 27 points and seven rebounds. Voice added 17 points, Jensen added 16 points and Redman contributed with four assists. "Once the players realized that they could play with them, we were flying all over the place and playing the kind of basketball that we have been working towards," Hertel added. Boyne City will travel to be home for its next two games against East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 23, and Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

BC skiers qualify for state

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER
HARBOR SPRINGS — The Boyne City girls varsity ski team is moving on to the state finals, as the Lady Ramblers posted a third place finish in the Class C regionals held at Nubs Nob Feb. 15. Boyne City scored 118 points to grab one of the three qualifying spots, while Petoskey took the regional title with 77 points and Harbor Springs finished runner up with 89 points.

The Lady Ramblers posted four top 15 finishes to highlight their run. Christina Roland (3rd S), Alex Welborn (8th GS, 9th S) and Jessica Grice (13th GS) led the way. Morgan Harding, Allison Wright and Natalie Lindsay will round out the team in the state finals. Harbor Springs won the boys meet with 97 points followed by

Petoskey (99), Iron Mountain (105) and Boyne City (121). Three Ramblers qualified as Nick Simeri (8th GS), Caleb McNamara (11th S) and Sterling Adgate (11th GS) all advanced. "They all did really well. It was a really tough, cold and windy day. The kids worked hard all year for this and we'll do well at the states," said Boyne City coach Bob Simpson.

Challenge Mountain set to add third satellite program

PETOSKEY — Nubs Nob and Challenge Mountain are set to begin offering adaptive recreational services beginning at the Nubs Nob Resort. According to Sue Moody, Executive Director, "Challenge Mountain is about offering opportunities to anyone who wants to participate in adaptive recreation. We are delighted to add the ability to provide services at Nub's Nob. This satellite program will ensure that anyone who would like to ski at larger hills has that chance. We also will utilize Nubs Nob in circumstances where we have no natural snowfall".

Challenge Mountain operates satellite programs at Caberfae Peaks and at Boyne USA Resorts as well as at its own facility in Boyne Falls. Most activities will remain at the Springbrook location with the expanded opportunity to be offered at Nub's Nob. The organization is not closing this location but instead giving people the chance to ski larger hills and participate in activities in the general ski population should they desire. Jim Bartlett, general manager of Nub's Nob states "We are excited to offer Challenge Mountain participants the chance to ski at our resort. We have always

been avid supporters of Challenge Mountain and this will allow us to aid their programming even more. Adaptive skiing and snowboarding is becoming increasingly popular and it is great to be part of helping that grow in Michigan." Tickets will be half price to the skier and their partner for outreach programs. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer and learning how to work with adaptive equipment and those that need equipment call Challenge Mountain. To schedule a ski appointment or for information call 231-535-2141.

Rambler wrestlers place well

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER
ROGERS CITY — The Boyne City varsity wrestling team did not have a wrestler move on to the regionals, but two Ramblers placed fifth at the district individual tournament held at Rogers City on Feb. 17. Sophomore Steve Robinson placed fifth at 189 pounds and freshman Drew Nobel placed

fifth at 145 pounds to pace the Rambler effort. "All of our wrestlers represented themselves extremely well and this group of hard working and talented young men make the future of Boyne wrestling look very promising," said Boyne City coach Don Nohel. **Onaway districts** Nohel and Robinson both earned wins when

Boyne City wrestled at the team district tournament held Feb. 14. "The team and the program progressed a great deal in only its second year as a sport at Boyne City. Wrestling is a difficult sport and I'm proud of the young men in our program. There was much improvement throughout the year," said Nohel.

Junior Devils split matches in action

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER
EASTJORDAN — The East Jordan girls jayvee volleyball team won the middle game 25-11 against Traverse City St. Francis on Feb. 15, but the visiting squad won the match, 25-17, 11-25, 25-21. Megan Germaine led East Jordan (12-2 overall, 11-2 Lake Michigan Conference) with six points, including four aces, and added ten digs and three

kills. Whitney Kraemer chipped in with three points, six kills, four blocks and three digs. Rebecca Bernier contributed with three kills. "Whitney played her best game of the season at the net, on offense and defense. Rebecca had three kills and played a strong back row," said East Jordan coach Anne Crick. **East Jordan 3, Charlevoix 0** The Lady Devils took all three games, 25-20, 25-

17, 15-6, to defeat Charlevoix in a conference match on Feb. 12. Alex Snowden led the team with 100 percent serving, three aces, ten points, seven kills and six digs. Ashley Skrocki added five points, five kills and four aces, while Gloria Barnum had two kills. "The girls are improving with every match. We had good teamwork, good defense and we were aggressive at the net," said Crick.

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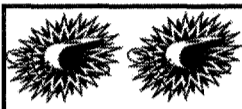
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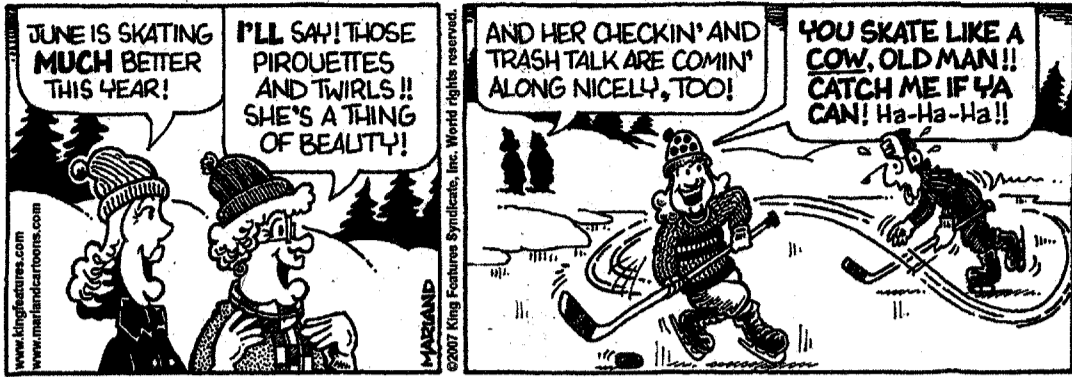
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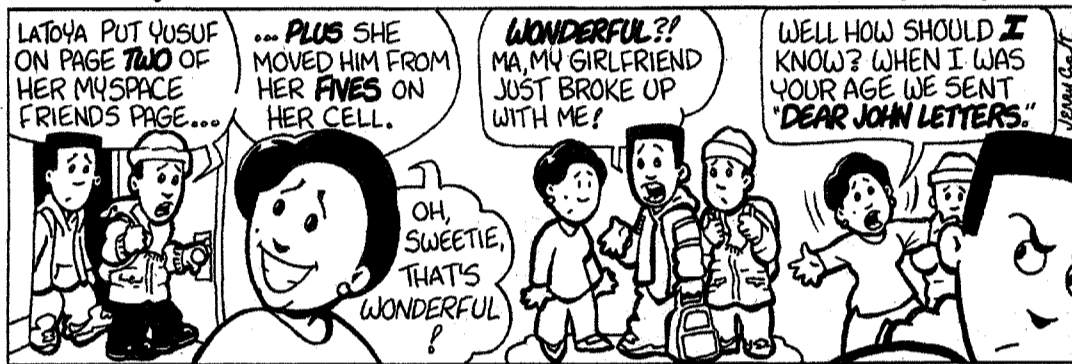
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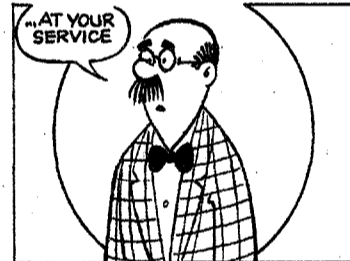
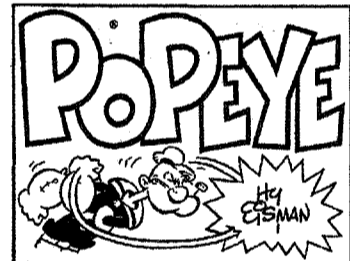
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By Samantha Weaver

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- When you're in the produce section of the grocery store, you can pick up Idaho potatoes, russet potatoes and

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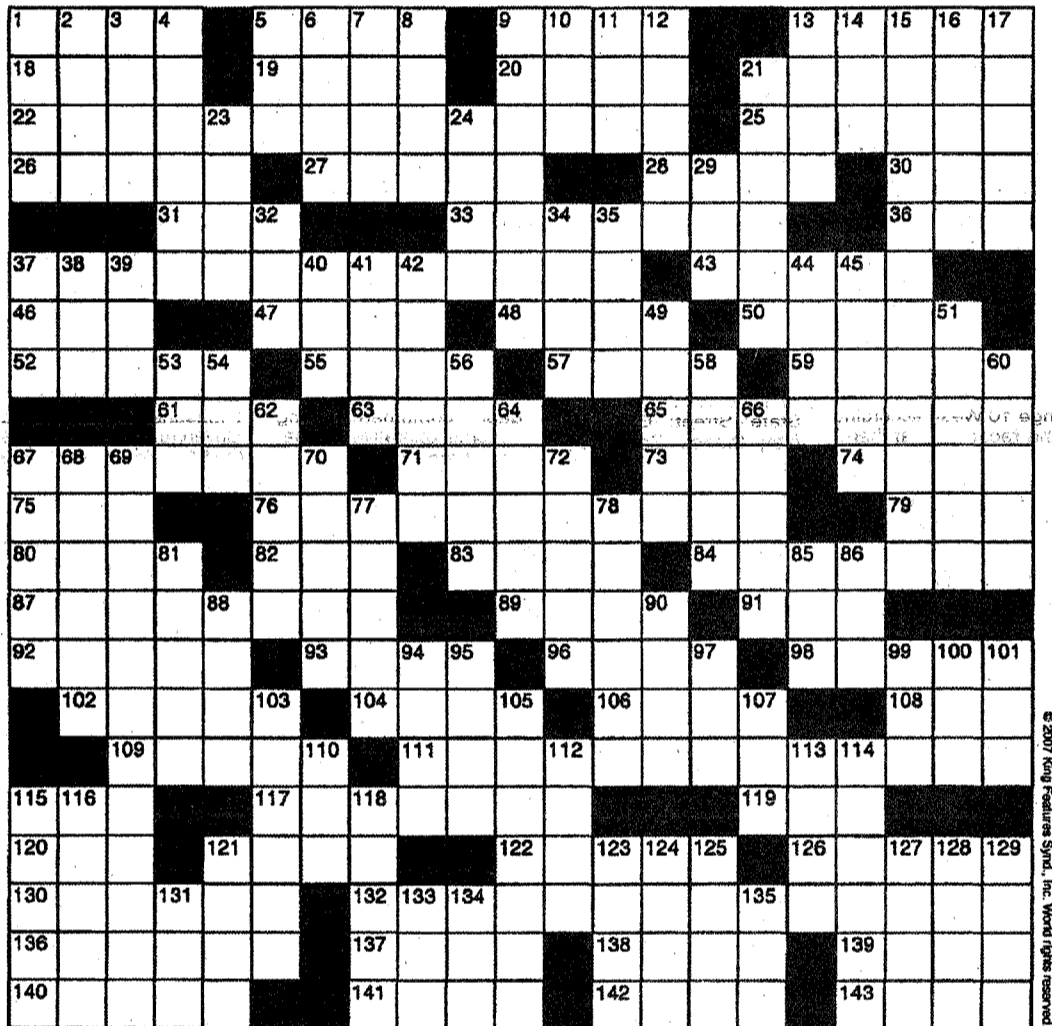
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 - New Hampshire city
 - Postpone
 - Leaf part
 - Married Milla
 - Tarbell or Lupino
 - Theft
 - Spring mo.
 - "Duelo at Diablo" star?
 - Punjabi princes
 - Ornamental vine
 - It may be bitter
 - Blue hue
 - The very bottom
 - Tijuana title
 - "Star Wars" Skywalker
 - Fawn's father
 - Pride of lions?
 - Be a pest
 - Actress Helgenberger
 - Alaric, for one
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 - "Torn Curtain"
 - Unwell
 - Gulf ruler
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 - Demolished
 - Danish
 - Rain hard?
 - Incorporated, as territory
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 - Evaluate
 - Level
 - Account entry
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 - "My Sweet —" ('70 smash)
 - Debtors' letters
 - Indefinite pronoun
 - Baal and Elvis
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 - Funnyman Phillips
 - Halling from Haifa
 - Paw part
 - Once around the track
 - "Peter Pan" pirate
 - Pound the podium
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 - Puts up
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 - Peter and Gordon song, e.g.
 - Small combo
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 - Tavern staples
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 - Prophet
 - TV's "— Shadows"
 - Bum remedy
 - Newirth or Daniels
 - Picturesque
 - Humor
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 - Insult
 - Derisive cry
 - "It's frezzing!"
 - Confuse
 - Tablecloth fabric
 - UK honor
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 - Sobby
 - Vagabond
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 - Tripoli native
 - Change the decar?
 - Ear — Biggers
 - Hockey's Bobby
 - Current unit
 - Honey bunch?
 - Wild child
 - "M*A*S*H" extras
 - "— been had!"
 - Writer Rand
 - Vinegar's partner
 - Dejected
 - Detergent ingredient
 - Actress Gertz
 - Saying
 - Linda of "Alice"
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 - A Great Lake
 - Sister
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 - Poorly made
 - Costello or Del Rio
 - Use a straw
 - Compass pt.
 - Neighbor of Tenn.
 - Wet's opposite
 - Modifies
 - Vote in
 - Lanza or Lemieux
 - "King Lear" role
 - WWII site
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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.

-		x		35	
+		+	x		
	x		+	25	
x		x		+	25
	x		+		25
30		36		27	

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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HAPPENINGS

Little league sign-up

Sign up for Boyne City Little League will be held March 1, from 3:30 to 7 p.m., at the Boyne District Library and at the Boyne Falls School gym; March 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library; March 15, from 3:30 to 7 p.m., at the Boyne District Library; and March 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Boyne District Library.

Spring soccer sign-up time

Spring soccer, a new program for K-6th grade, is holding signups now through March at the 4-H office. Call 231-582-6232 for details.

Volunteers needed

The East Jordan Freedom Festival is looking for people who would like to be part of this year's festival, June 21 through 24. Please call Gretchen at 231-350-0760.

Author to speak

The Jordan Valley District Library invites the public to attend a program with author Anne-Marie Oomen on Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., in the library community room. Oomen is the author of "Pulling Down the Barn", a memoir of her childhood, and the adult selection for Turn the Page @ Your Library, a district-wide reading program. This program is free and no registration is required. Call for details at 231-536-7131, or visit the Website jvdl.info.

Food pantry relocates

The East Jordan Care and Share food pantry has moved. Their new location is 205 Water Street, in the Crossroads Resale Shop. New hours of operation are Tuesday, from 3 to 6 p.m., and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon. Their phone number is 231-536-7423.

Lenten series set

The imposition of ashes will begin Lenten worship at Episcopal Church of the Nativity on Wednesday, Feb. 21. All are welcome to attend any services at Nativity. For information, call the church at 231-582-5045.

Church of the Nativity is located at 209 Main Street, Boyne City.

Everyone needs a little romance

In celebration of Love your Library month, the Jordan Valley Library Friends are hosting a Get Your Fill of Romance Sale on Thursday, Feb. 22, from 8:30 a.m. through 1 p.m., at Café Casa and Galleria on Main Street in East Jordan. Fill a plastic grocery bag with gently used romance novels for just \$5 or purchase a Friends canvas tote bag for \$10 and get 5 romance novels free.

Warm your heart with a hot cup of coffee, tea or cocoa. Friends members receive a complimentary hot beverage of their choice. Become a member for just \$5.

Cookie sale time

Girl Scouts of

Crooked Tree will be taking orders for their famous cookies beginning Thursday, Feb. 22, and continuing through Sunday, March 11. Cost remains \$3 per box. Delivery is slated for mid-April.

Fish dinners planned

St. Matthew Church will hold a series of fish dinners on Wednesdays during Lent, beginning Feb. 23. The menu includes lightly breaded baked cod, hash browns, cole slaw, rolls, macaroni and cheese and applesauce. The cost is \$6.50 for fish, \$3 for macaroni and cheese and child's portion, five and under, free. St. Matthew Church is located at 1303 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City.

Carnival planned Friday

The East Jordan Learning Alliance is having a Family Fun Carnival Friday, Feb. 23, from 5 to 9 p.m., at the elementary school. There will be a bounce house, obstacle course, sticky wall, pig races, cake walk, money machine, games for all ages, food and lots of fun.

Snowshoe event set

SnowShoe Event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, from noon to 4 p.m., at Young State Park. Guided snowshoe hikes will be led by Park Interpreter Maureen Jacobs at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Demo snowshoes will be available to try out, compliments of Outside Edge. There will be a campfire, with complimentary hot chocolate and hot dogs. Motor vehicle permit is required for entry. For information, contact the park at 231-582-7523.

Blood drive planned

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive on Feb. 26, from 12 to 5:45 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, 1052 E. Division in Boyne City. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. For information on a blood drive in any of the 65 counties served by the Great Lakes Region, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.

Fishy fun time

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Jordan River National Fish Hatchery will host a children's educational event once a month during the winter called "Fish are Fun!" This event is part of a concentrated effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to increase public awareness concerning the service's mission and programs in the Great Lakes region. There will be hands on activities, as well as animated presentations and tours. The one and a half hour program scheduled for Feb. 27 is "What About Lake Trout?" and March 27, "Sea Lamprey, Vampires of the Great Lakes." Refreshments will be available. The hatchery is located at 6623 Turner Road, six miles north of Alba, and

two miles west of U.S.0131.

Contact Tim Smigielski at 231-584-2461 or by e-mail at tim_smigielski@fws.gov for information.

Harvest barn to host services

Miracle services with Rev. Elaine Hollmer will be held Feb. 28, March 1 and 2, at 7 p.m., at the Harvest Barn Church, 210 S. Lake Street in East Jordan. Come and experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with a fresh experience. Let God's light lift the pressure off you. Visitors are welcome. Contact 231-536-2870, or www.harvestbarnchurch.org.

Care for the caregiver

A fun, relaxing and informative day for persons caring for someone who is disabled due to chronic illness or disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, memory impairment, advanced age or terminal illness will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Friendship Center, 1322 Anderson Road in Petoskey. There is no charge, and lunch is included. Transportation and respite care will be available. Registration is requested by March 1. Contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 231-487-4825, or visit

online at hospiceltb.org.

Explore the sciences

Boyne District Library offers a science program to home-schooled children to be held in the community room at the library on Mondays beginning Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. Participate in various science experiments, fill out reading logs for prizes, and participate in a science fair to be displayed at the library.

For further information, contact CharLynn Dole at 231-582-7861.

Story time

Boyne District Library offers story time to children ages 3-5, Tuesdays, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Area preschoolers are invited to the library to hear stories, do a craft, and take home coloring pages and worksheets.

Free dinner

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.

Rolling ahead to support MS



Photos by Vic Ruggles

The Vertical Express for MS, formerly the Jimmy Heuga Express, rolled into Boyne Mountain again last week. The event, which raises money for the Heuga Center for MS, in this its 21st year, collected over \$11,000.



Event director, Lorraine Eager stands with Flying Heugateer team members Susan Decorte, John Francis, Dave Decorte, Dais Decorte, and co director, Dale Hardy. The team took first place, raising \$5,165.

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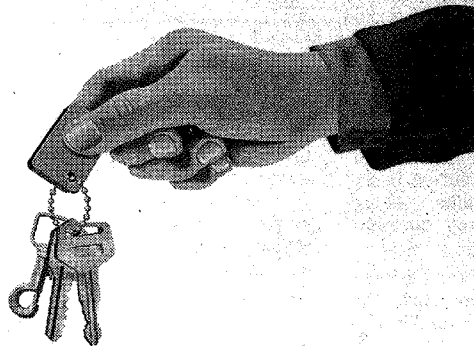
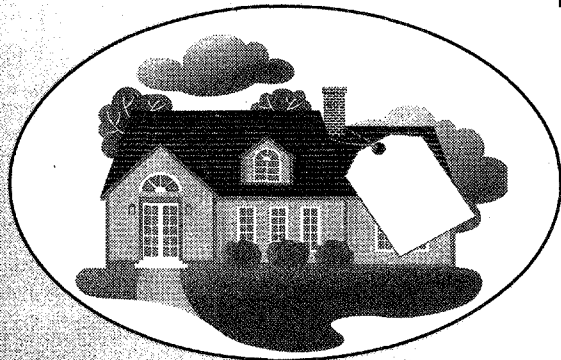
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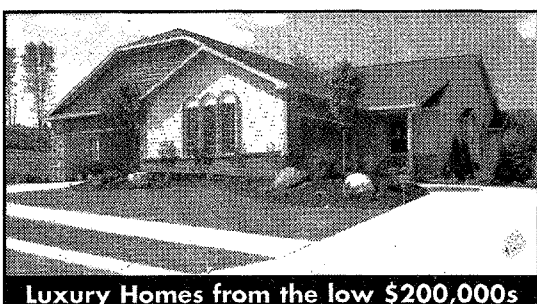
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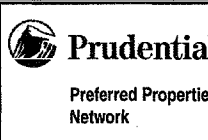
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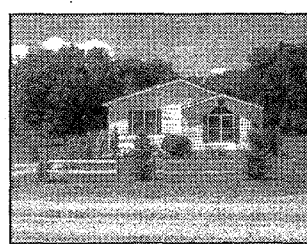


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