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At a glance

Fishing contest postponed

The 13th Annual Kids Fishing Contest in East Jordan has been postponed due to unsafe ice on Lake Charlevoix. The contest will be held on Feb. 15, 16 and 17. That is also the state's Free Fishing Weekend on Feb. 16 and 17, so parents can fish with kids.

Song contest

Boyne City is looking for a song. If you love our town and want to contribute by writing a song, here's your chance. If your song is chosen, it will be used in promotional products such as DVDs, TV and radio ads. You will be given credit when it's used, plus receive \$1000 in cash and 3 nights at a Disney Vacation Resort inside Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

For ideas, go to MarkandJody.com and click on "song contest example." Entries need to be completed and turned in by May 15.

For questions, call Mark Kowalske at Century 21 Up North 231-675-3721 or Karen Guzniczak at Country Now & Then 231-582-2355.

East Jordan Chamber annual dinner

The East Jordan Chamber will hold its Annual Meeting/Dinner/Awards/Auction on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 5:30 p.m., at Castle Farms.

Mike Bost of Bost Auction Service will be the **See GLANCE, page 2**

WEATHER

Wednesday, January 23

Hi: 13 Lo: 7

Condition: Snow Shower

Thursday, January 24

Hi: 14 Lo: 14

Condition: Snow Shower

Friday, January 25

Hi: 25 Lo: 21

Condition: Mostly Cloudy

Saturday, January 26

Hi: 32 Lo: 24

Condition: Snow Shower

Sunday, January 27

Hi: 28 Lo: 18

Condition: Snow Shower

Monday, January 28

Hi: 24 Lo: 22

Condition: Snow Shower

Tuesday, January 29

Hi: 28 Lo: 22

Condition: Snow Shower

Wednesday, January 30

Hi: 26 Lo: 22

Condition: Snow Shower

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Boyne chamber recognizes citizens

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — On Thursday, Jan. 17, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual meeting at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel. The event was sponsored by the Boyne City All School Boosters, Korthase Flinn Insurance and Financial Services and the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

By all accounts, the meeting was a success as patrons enjoyed great food, a silent and live auction and music. After dinner, a vibrant crowd cheered as Chamber Executive Director, Scott MacKenzie announced the community awards with Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer who handed out plaques.

The chamber recognized members of the community in four categories: civic pride, business leadership, volunteer of the year and a business and youth award which is new for the chamber this year.

Boyne USA Resorts received the inaugural Business and Youth Award for their program that encouraged kids to excel academically by rewarding them with ski and discount passes.

"I thought it was high time we recognized the involvement and the importance that Boyne USA Resorts plays in our community," MacKenzie said. "It is a great example of their civic involvement and their dedication to youth and education. We hope kids in our community get a good solid education so they can turn



Above, board members (l-r) Thomas Schraw, Lynn Amato, Kathy Anderson, Rob Swartz, and Zane Carter pose after their introduction at the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

Photos by Jeff Bergren

Right, (l-r) State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, Ed Grice, Julie Ard, and Scott MacKenzie smile after Boyne USA Resorts received Business and Youth award.



around and start businesses and start families in our community and stay in Boyne."

The Sally Roselli Business Leadership Award went to Rob Swartz of Black Diamond Wealth Advisors. Swartz is the chamber board Vice President and is also

heavily involved with the Boyne Thunder program.

"Rob exemplifies the volunteer spirit, the enthusiasm for economic development and civic involvement in Boyne," MacKenzie commented. "He was instrumental to us getting the grant for the Vibrant Boyne grant pro-

gram."

The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Doug and Sharyn Bean who are new permanent residents to Boyne after vacationing in the area for years. The Bean's approached the chamber office after they settled in and asked to get

involved in the community.

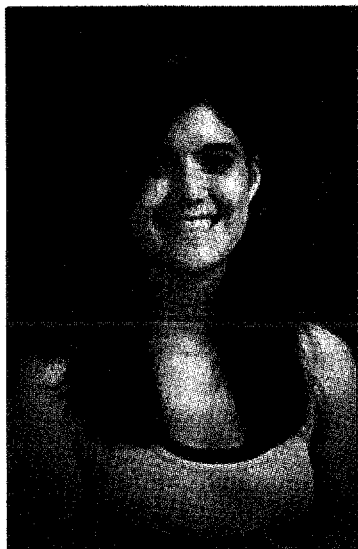
"They have been phenomenal assets to the chamber and they both volunteer out of Boyne Mountain," MacKenzie added. "They are just great assets to have in Boyne City and we are proud to have them as our **See CHAMBER, page 2**

Life taken in snowmobile accident

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — Family and friends are mourning the loss of Sarah Lynn Higdon, 15, who died in a snowmobile crash with a car on Monday, Jan. 14.

The accident occurred at approximately 7:35 p.m. on Ellsworth Road at Ranney Road in South Arm Township, according to a report from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office. Sarah was driving a snowmobile and was attempting to cross at the intersection when she drove into the path of an oncoming vehicle driven by Devin Kurzhals, 18, also from East Jordan. Kurzhals was not injured in the accident.



Sarah Lynn Higdon

Sarah's family includes her parents, Debbie Higdon and Gary Drew and Robert Johnson. Her siblings are three sisters, Samantha Lee Higdon, Savannah Lann Drew and Sydney Avalon Drew and a brother, Austin Gary Drew.

Sarah was a freshman at East Jordan High School. Teacher Kathy Stangis said Sarah was a creative and insightful student.

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(l-r) Helene Ivie holds her daughter Hannah Ivie as Maureen Radke from the Charlevoix Community Foundation (playgroup funder/donor) presents Helen a check while holding Phil and Jagger.

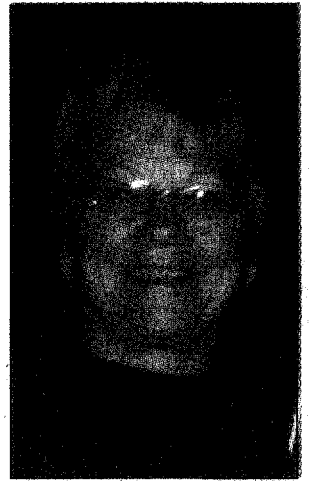
Playgroup benefits kids and parents

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — For the past 10 years, the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan has been hosting a playgroup in Boyne City as an outreach service to parents and children in the area.

The Women's Resource Center is also

an umbrella for families in East Jordan, Alanson, Charlevoix, Ellsworth, Petoskey and Mancelona. Along with the playgroup, there is a children's learning center, project free, which is a pre-school to four-year-old program, counseling, the Gold Mine re-sale shop and a safe home for battered women. On Tuesday, Jan. 15, the playgroup **See PLAYGROUP, page 2**



Sue Hobbs

Voters rescind parking exempt zone

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — In a resounding 687 to 146 vote, city residents on Tuesday, Jan. 15, rescinded the parking exempt zone amendment that was approved by the majority of city commissioners in Sept. 2007.

City resident Sue Hobbs spearheaded the effort to overturn the commission decision. She said it violated the zoning ordinance and would cause a shortage of parking spaces downtown. If people cannot find parking close to stores they will shop elsewhere, causing a loss for downtown businesses, she said.

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Issues popping at city commission meeting

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The city commission's first meeting of the year on Tuesday, Jan. 15, started off with a bang, several bangs actually.

A statement was made that some of the city commissioners should be recalled, another statement called for a re-evaluation of the city manager, and the issue of whether or not city commissioners are employees of the city came up again.

Resident Neil Booze didn't name names, but commented at the meeting that he and other citizens are talking about a recall of several of the commissioners.

"Definitely people are talking about a recall," Booze said following the meeting. "I have a recall petition to fill out. We need to formulate language and get it approved before passing petitions around." **See MEETING, page 12**

COURT REPORT

District Court

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

Michael David Grutsch, 34, East Jordan. Passenger in a vehicle with open intoxicant. Sentenced to pay \$650 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 89 days held in abeyance; nine months on probation.

Lynnette Marie Mohr, 44, Elmira. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,030 in fines and 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.

Colleen Renee Muska, 21, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,030 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, perform 10 days of community service work; nine months on probation.

Kelly Michael Bales, 41, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,035 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days on work release, 67 days held in abeyance, perform 15 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Thomas Edward Ellis Jr., 39, Gaylord. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$3,735 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 30 days on electronic monitor, 65 days held in abeyance, perform 15 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Jasper J. Hanna, 35, Charlevoix. Failure to report an accident. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Phillip Edward Sizemore, 25, Mancelona. Domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 14 days, serve 79 days.

Joseph Edward McCleese Jr., 41, Boyne Falls. Aggravated assault. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 11 days, serve 354 days.

Jessey Paul Rosamilia, 21, Charlevoix. Aide prisoner escape. Sentenced to pay \$488 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 20 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 16 days.

Raymond Allen Bradford II, 21, East Jordan. Disorderly and drunk. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs, and to 90 days in jail with credit for 14 days, serve 76 days.

Kyle Leslie Sutton, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, 3rd or subsequent offense. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to one year on probation.

Kyle Leslie Sutton, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, 3rd or subsequent offense. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to one year on probation.

Steven Carrington Pugh, 20, Walloon Lake. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$260 in fines and costs.

Stephan Drew Cahoon, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$100 in fines and costs and to perform 60 hours of community service work.

Galen Bleau Bartels, 29, Saint James. Failure to stop after a collision. Sentenced to pay \$250 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:

Scovies Gourmet, 111 Bridge St., Charlevoix by Scott Forreider and Vi Forreider.

The Manchester Family Partnership, 3549 Springdale Dr., Kettering, Ohio, by M. Christina Manchester, Michael L. Manchester, Meredith M. Manchester, Michael T. Manchester and Sarah W. Manchester.

Lighthouse Wedding Video, 700 Mercer Blvd., Charlevoix, by John Anthony.

Nanny's Motel, Restaurant and Lounge, 219 Ferry Ave., Charlevoix, by Jovi, Inc.

Cardinal Construction, 311 W. Antrim St., Charlevoix, by Brad Louiselle.

M. J. Building, 3610 Reycraft Road, Boyne City, by Matthew Johncheck.

Leist Farm & Livestock, 05675 Church Road, Boyne City, by Wade A. Leist.

Brian Dixon Painting, 11600 Shaw Road, Charlevoix, by Brian Dixon.

Sal's Cleaning and Such, 3500 Hitchcock Road, East Jordan, by Sally Rae Kramer.

Marriage Licenses

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

Jeremiah Ian Hardy, 26, Boyne City and Rosanne Marie Karlskin, 21, Boyne City.

Nathan Charles Vaughan, 20, East Jordan and Kimberly Leeann Silva, 18, East Jordan.

Joshua Richard Miller, 29, East Jordan and Suzanne Marie Vrondran, 27, East Jordan.

Patrick James Mousseau, 40, Charlevoix and Robin Lee Buckingham, 52, Charlevoix.

Chamber

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volunteers of the year for the chamber."

The Civic Pride Award went to the Boyne Area Community Christmas Committee for their program that meets the needs of families in the community.

"Every year we award an individual and organization that goes above and beyond the call of duty sharing their civic pride and civic involvement. They make sure that everyone felt loved and respected and no child was left without a Christmas," MacKenzie said. "We think it's a great opportunity to recognize a very dedicated volunteer group of people."

The 2008 Board of Directors were also announced headed by Kathy Anderson, Presi-



Photo by Jeff Bergren

(l-r) State Rep. Kevin Eisenheimer, Rob Swartz, Frank Roselli, and Scott MacKenzie smile after Swartz was awarded with the Sally Roselli Business and Leadership award.

dent; Swartz, Vice President; Zane Carter, Treasurer; Jack Laurent,

Secretary; and Directors Lynn Amato, Larry Glasgow, Mike Lange,

Tom Schraw and Don Toffolo. Some items up for

Playgroup

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hosted a "pajama day" in Boyne City for the kids at the Christ Lutheran Church and the event was a hit.

"This was just a thematic kind of day at the playgroup. It was pajama day and we went on a bear hunt and read some stories and did some crafts with a snack," Mary Biagini, the group leader of the playgroup said. "The kids wore their pajamas and brought a stuffed toy."

The children are able to interact with different age groups at the playgroup which ranges from ages 0-60 months and preschool age sib-

lings. In addition to the fun of wearing their pajamas outside, the kids enjoyed toys, obstacle courses and crafts.

"It's for children to socially interact with other children and for parents to have a network and a support system and we also have lots of books and videos and resources," Biagini added. "There is information on parenting and it really works."

Parents in the community also take the playgroup to heart as they help to raise money for the Women's Resource Center. At the event on Tuesday, Helene Ivie was pre-

sented a check on behalf of the center for her money raising efforts for the pajama event from Maureen Radke of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The playgroup has not only benefited from the parents in the community but also the Christ Lutheran Church who Biagini credits for donating the facility once a week to support the event.

Each of the playgroups offered are free for parents or primary caregivers and their children. Along with the games, crafts and music, there is also time for informal sup-

port between parents. Biagini, and all group leaders, assist in this effort to access resources and networking in the community.

The center also hosts a parent education and community playgroup to participate in activities, games and projects with their child along with building positive esteem for their kids. Parents can also inquire about age-appropriate discipline and child development.

The center has some other thematic events coming up on Valentine's Day that usually involves a party and making a craft and another in March for an

indoor beach day. "We have a really big production of an indoor beach day. They all wear beach clothes and we go to a pool and pretend we have gone to the beach," Biagini commented. "Sometimes we do it twice because everybody's tired of winter."

All playgroups are free of charge. For more information about current playgroups and locations you can call 231-347-0067 or visit their website at www.wrcnm.org.

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Glance

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an auctioneer and entertainment will be provided by Joe Hidakatsu.

Auction items are still needed, and last minute reservations can still be made.

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DECA district conference



East Jordan High School's DECA chapter, (l-r, front) Gina Earegoo, Hannah David and Kim Elzinga, (back) faculty advisor Lisa Sitkins, Dillon Hughes, Danielle Dennis, and Heather Warren, competed at the DECA District Conference on Jan. 9 in Big Rapids. Students competed in Business Services Marketing, Food Marketing, Hotel and Lodging Marketing, and Buying and Merchandising Management Team events. Hannah David received a gold ribbon medal for her performance on the District Sales and Service Competency Test. DECA is an international marketing organization.

Spelling bee



Champion speller Alex Stutzman and runner up Ann Durbin pose with Mrs. Cindy Bullock after the spelling bee.

Boyer City Middle School held their school wide Spelling Bee on Friday, Jan. 11. Student winners from each Language Arts classroom qualified to compete in this competition. The participants included Chelsea Kuzmik,

Cassidy Shankleton, Angelique Meeker, Emily Lindsay, Jared Willis, Meredith Hague, Brittany Bentley, Alex Stutzman, Alie Culver, Erin Fortune, Ann Durbin, Alyssa Wonski, Kaden Coates and Kevin Hautz.

This year's winner was 6th grader, Alex Stutzman. He and runner up, Ann Durbin, 5th grade, will attend the "County Bee" which will be held in Harbor Springs at Shay Elementary on Feb. 5.

KCC president's, dean's lists

ROSCOMMON — Officials at Kirtland Community College recently recognized students for their academic

achievements during the 2007 fall semester that earned them placement on the college's dean's and president's lists.

To qualify for the president's list, candidates must be full-time students who earn a grade-point average be-

tween 3.8 and 4.0. Dean's list candidates must have a gradepoint average of 3.4 to 3.799. The dean's list in-

cludes Patti-Kaye Covert of Boyne City, Kimberly Mead of East Jordan, and Cynthia Francis of Elmira.

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National Geographic Bee final

Boyer City Middle School held its school-wide National Geographic Bee Final and Championship Competition on Friday, Dec. 7. Student winners from each social studies classroom qualified to compete in the final round of this competition sponsored by National Geographic.

The final round participants include: Kayla Johnson, Jacob Smith, Kerri Houck, Justin Sudderth, Lauren Robert, Meredith Hague, Sydney Bennett, Corey Bohnet, Ryan Carson, Alison Burnell, Kaden Coates, Katelyn Skornia, Ross Gibbs, and Hailey Judkins-Ladd. Runners-up from the classroom bees, but who did not compete in the final round were: Allison Cain, Amanda Grubbs, Collin Ulvund, Nathan Moyer, Andrew Deneau, Quinn Ameel, Camden MacKenzie, C.J. Rice, Nigel Bell, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Hunter LaPierre.

The BCMS runner-up was Sydney Bennett and

the BCMS Geographic Bee champion for 2007 was Meredith Hague. Meredith will next complete a written test to qualify for the state competition held in the spring of 2008.

BCMS Classroom winners who participated in the School-Wide Geographic Bee Final.

Meredith Hague — Champion
Sydney Bennett — Runner Up

The first one is "BCMS Classroom winners who participated in the School-Wide Geographic Bee Final." The second one is "Meredith Hague — 2007 BCMS Geographic Bee Champion." The last one is "Meredith Hague — Champion Sydney Bennett — Runner Up."

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyer Falls Public

NAME: Amber Leinonen
PARENTS: Judy Kirkpatrick and David Leinonen

GRADE: 3rd
FAVORITE CLASS: Art

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Playing with her dogs

FAVORITE SPORT: Swimming

FAVORITE COLOR: Purple

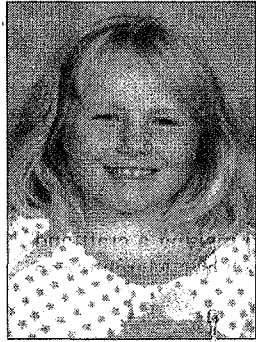
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza

FAVORITE BOOK: Wolves

FAVORITE MOVIE: Alvin and the Chipmunks

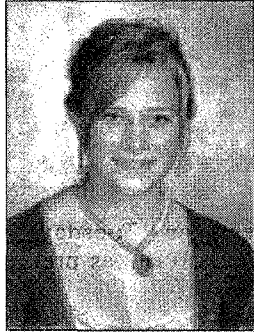
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Hannah Montana

STAFF COMMENTS: "Amber is respectful and kind to all teachers and classmates. She is a wonderful student to be around and she possesses a great work ethic and attitude. Amber is a pleasure to have in class and I am very proud of her." Mr. Massey



ship role in this year's Rambler Dance Team. It has been a pleasure being her coach" Cindi Place, Media Center Director.

"I have always thought of Jessica as a great kid. This year she has become a dedicated member of my P.A.L.S. (Peer Assistant Listener) in action program. She takes the work she does to help our younger Ramlers straight to heart. She is more than just some one to talk to, she really is a great role model, and friend. Keep it up Jessica." Jack Petroelje, Assistant Principal.



East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Ryan Schroeder
PARENTS: Dale and Sara Schroeder

GRADE: 7th
FAVORITE CLASS: Math

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Basketball

STAFF COMMENTS: "Ryan does an excellent job in science." Mr. Peterson

"Ryan is a positive student who models excellent work ethic in English." Mrs. Bergquist

"Ryan is a very nice young man he does a wonderful job in social studies. He contributes to class discussions, and always turns in quality work. Great job Ryan." Mr.



Ferguson

"Ryan has earned this recognition as student of the week by continuously doing all that is expected of him as well as performing at a high level. Great work Ryan." Mr. Komondy

East Jordan High School

NAME: Molli Andor
PARENTS: Mari and Ron Andor

GRADE: 9th

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Jazz Band, Marching Band, Charlevoix Area Youth Advisory Council, and Girl Scouts

FAVORITE CLASS: Jazz Band

STAFF COMMENTS: "Molli is registered just in my concert band class, but she participates in my Jazz Band as well as Choir. She works very hard in her other classes during those periods to be able to break away and rehearse with us frequently. She is a very dependable and self-motivated person." Mr. Ryan

"Molli is a very bright and driven student. She works hard on every assignment presented to her. In addition to her work ethic, she is also kind and considerate. I consider it a pleasure to know her." Mrs. Standerfer

"Molli is very bright and creative. She is a quiet leader, who leads by example. She comes to class with a smile on her face every day and is eager to learn." Mrs. Stangis

"I really enjoy having Molli in my EDP class. She is an amazing student and a great person." Mrs. McPherson



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WEEKLY Health Tips
By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

Zinc & Pneumonia in Elderly

Researchers at Tufts University found that nursing home residents with normal blood levels of zinc had a 50% reduced risk of pneumonia compared to those with lower levels. They also discovered a 39% lower death rate from all causes in those with normal levels of zinc. When people did become ill, those with lower levels didn't recover as quickly. Zinc is known to strengthen the immune system. Sources of zinc include poultry, red meat, beans, whole grains, dairy products, oysters and supplements. Consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking zinc supplements.

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Community pride

By **JEFF BERGREN**
EDITOR

Coming into my second week as editor of the Citizen-Journal, I want to thank the communities for taking the time to meet with me and the kindness you have shown. I have already covered several stories in both Boyne City and East Jordan and look forward to learning about all of the areas we cover.

What I have been most impressed with is the dedication and pride the communities take when confronted with issues that directly affect their towns. This week in particular was an eye opening experience as the people in Boyne City stood up loudly for the "Parking Exempt Zone" issue.

Over 80 percent of the people in Boyne said you do not want this development to take place and you were heard. I don't want to address the issue at this point as I am still very new to the area and don't think it would be fair to comment on such an important topic.

What I do want to say is how impressed I am with your dedication and love for your city. It's not often you find a community so immersed in issues that have such deep repercussions and everyone in town spoke up and voiced their opinion.

This is not only refreshing but says a lot about the town in general. I have met many of you at this point and from the town meetings and community events I can honestly say that the people here love their city.

You have also gone out of your way to make me feel comfortable which has helped ease my transition tremendously. I attended the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday and saw first hand just how much you care about this town. I was embraced at the event and it was wonderful meeting so many of you. The enthusiasm and pride you have is amazing and very contagious.

As we continue to move forward together I wanted to share my impressions of my first week on the job and how educational it has been. Many of you have stopped in to say hello and I have received numerous calls to discuss current issues. I encourage you to keep up with the calls, emails and to drop by the office anytime.

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Favorite time of year

By **JEFF BERGREN**
EDITOR

When the calendar strikes January and the deep freeze of winter is in full force, most people can't wait to get through the last few months of cold for spring to start. Not me, I'll take the frigid weather, the snow and ice cold temperatures any day because it means one thing: **PLAYOFF FOOTBALL.**

This is my favorite time of the year, the time when each weekend is culminated by a full slate of games on Sunday that has me yearning for the end of the weekend. Each game has its own story line, heart thumping action and the chance to cheer for your favorite team.

Now to be honest, this season is even more special as my favorite team, the New York Giants, are one game away from the Super Bowl at the time of this column. This has me especially stoked as the G-men are one win away from the pinnacle of sports lore and a chance to be world champions.

Now, I could probably go on for pages about the game but I would rather not bore the readers with my rants. Favorite team or not, when I watch the games in January my blood pressure rises, my heart starts pumping and I'm basically unable to communicate while the game is in progress.

This is usually to the dismay of my girlfriend as she has to ask the same questions several times before I break out of my football stupor to answer. Lucky for me, she also loves football so she understands my plight of being unable to focus on anything but the X's and O's of the battle taking place on the television.

This brings me to my next favorite part of playoff time, the food.

The big dinner, plowing through appetizers all while eating in front of the tube. We all have our own traditions, superstitions and schedule for Sundays and as each round of the tournament goes the gluttony gets even better.

Here is my list for the perfect Sunday of playoff football: First, the appetizers, I like to start with a piping hot serving of jalapeño poppers with my favorite beverage, soda of course, around halftime of the first game. Next are the chips with dip that comes out around the fourth quarter and right before the second contest starts.

Finally, at halftime of the second game is the meal of choice for that weekend, which is usually something with a lot of melted cheese. This allows me to digest before the end of the game and a chance to grab some antacids if a particular item didn't go down to well.

To show my craziness for this time of year, I even stick to using the same Giants cup, the same football shaped bowl for my chips and even the same team apparel that I am convinced brings good luck.

Now, all of this gets ramped up even more for the Super Bowl. I'll leave out the details of this day as I want to hear from you, about your Super Bowl traditions. We will be doing a Super Bowl preview and I would like the readers to send in anything you do for the biggest Sunday of the year.

What makes your Super Bowl day special, is it a party, a recipe or a tradition you have for the big event? I'll go through all the responses I receive and maybe I can steal some ideas for myself

Jeff Bergren can be reached at jbergren@michigannewspapers.com or by calling 231-582-6761.

YOUR VOICE

Constitutional right

To the editor:

The witch-hunt continues. It began when Mr. Paul Timmons was approached by fellow citizens and requested he run for city commission. Paul accepted that challenge. Paul has had differences with the commission in the past and some of the existing commissioners did not want to see Paul elected. They proceeded to round up others to run for the open seats, in the hope that their chosen candidates would beat out Paul. That's alright, that's politics. However democracy prevailed and Paul was elected into office by the citizens of East Jordan.

Now those same commissioners are seeking to have Paul removed from office. They'll tell you differently, they'll say that Paul is in violation of his retirement agreement with the city - an agreement that they oversaw. They'll say that by taking the office of commissioner Paul became an employee of the city, and that becoming an employee put him in violation of his agreement. Never mind the fact that prior to running for office Paul had no less than four legal opinions which said that doing so would not violate his agreement and would not jeopardize his retirement. Numerous legal documents from Michigan Criminal Law, the Attorney General, our own city charter and employee handbook clearly express the difference between "an employee" and "an elected official."

These commissioners will tell you that an opinion from their (the city's) labor attorney states

a commissioner is an employee and that Paul is in violation of his retirement agreement. This would be the same attorney that authored the agreement and the same attorney that, at the city's request, has filed suit to have Paul's retirement benefits rescinded.

These commissioners will tell you that they don't have any problem with Paul serving on the commission, and that they're not trying to get him removed. They'll tell you that it's alright with them if Paul stays on the commission, he just has to give up his retirement benefits. Wow, that's a no brainer. Give up your retirement benefits in exchange for compensation of thirty dollars per meeting, plus all the other time commitment involved with that position. How many of us would do that?

Paul has the constitutional right to seek, be elected and serve as an elected official in any public office he chooses. The citizens of East Jordan have the constitutional right to elect any person they choose to represent them. They did. They elected Paul Timmons.

This commission is attempting to take that constitutional right away from Paul and the citizens of East Jordan. This cannot be allowed. The citizens of East Jordan must take action. These commissioners must be recalled.

If you are interested in becoming part of a citizens commission call 536-7093 or email citizens4recall@sbcglobal.net

— Neil R. Booze
East Jordan

YOUR VOICE

Deceptive campaign

To the editor:

This letter goes out to the individuals who participated in the "Save our Small Town Appeal - Vote No" campaign, which was done with the obvious intention of misleading the voters of Boyne City. We have absolutely no problem allowing others in this community to voice their opinions on this town's future. However, we do take offense to the deliberate

intent of this recent campaign to mislead and deceive people to vote in such a way that a development with 40+ variances might be allowed to proceed with their plans. Is anybody listening? If so, the recent election would indicate at least 82 percent of the people in Boyne City (probably more as we're sure the campaign confused a few individuals) do not want this development. We think

whoever devised this deceptive campaign and tricky wording of the ballot highly underestimated the intelligence and passion the citizens of Boyne City have for our little town.

We hope whatever was promised to the individuals who participated in the "Save our Small Town Appeal" campaign was worth the loss of trust and respect of your local friends and neigh-

bors. Shame on all of you and those with the deep pockets who paid for the campaign.

— Leslie M. Neilson and Paul D. Nicholls
Boyne City

P.S. A huge thank you to Bob Huff and Marty Moody for keeping the faith and fighting the lies of the "big red trucks" and everything you do to keep Boyne City the town we love.

— Terri Jo Connors
Boyne City

Positive result

To the editor:

Now that the voting for the parking has come and gone, I think that a big thank you should go out to Sue Hobbs, Vasco Zucchiatti, Richard Baatz, Marty Moody, Bill Benser and Bob Huff for standing up for the citizens of Boyne City. I also cannot fail to men-

tion the obvious desperation of the opposition. Trying to confuse the citizens with their signs that said, "Save the small town appeal" vote no on the parking referendum, parking their big red trucks in specific locations in town. The whole issue is about the parking, but the opposition felt it was okay to take

up a parking space in town on Monday and Tuesday all day. We have senior citizens that could have used that parking space. I also feel that the people and businesses that promoted these signs should be ashamed of themselves (including our Chamber of Commerce). Granted we had signs in our

windows that said vote yes, but they were not misleading and when citizens had questions we answered them honestly. But in the end, good prevailed over evil and we can all feel good about doing something positive for our town.



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NEIGHBORS

Members of the class of 1958 met at Roberts Restaurant for lunch on Tuesday, Jan. 15. There were eight in all and everyone enjoyed much conversation and a good lunch. Those attending were Sally and Ed Pasque, Lois McCurdy Gerant, Larry Judkins, Nelda Stanley, Morrie Hobbs, and Ray and Irene Speltz.

Great news. A son, Dylan Joseph, was born on Friday, Jan. 11, at Spectrum Health Hospital to parents Amy and Anthony Pellerito of Grand Rapids. Dylan weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. His brother Gabe, 3, is very excited about his new brother. The proud grandparents are Tony and Judy Pellerito, Ken and Rose Rau, and Rick and Donna Looze all from Boyne City. With modern technology it was wonderful to see photos within hours of his birth.

By Nancy Northup

Welcome to the world Dylan and your great-aunt Theresa is looking forward to seeing you soon.

Murray Northup and wife Janet of Midland were here Thursday afternoon visiting his mother, Edna May.

Irene Hennessey entertained a few friends on Thursday afternoon. All enjoyed visiting and playing bridge.

Beau Detcher, son of Ray and Judy Detcher of Boyne City, has graduated from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, earning a business degree. Beau and wife Susie have moved to Indianapolis where he is working as an accountant.

Alan McCutcheon, of the U. S. Air Force based in Afghanistan, has written to his grandma, Bunny Garlock, expressing a need for students. They need pencils and pens, and the Boyne Area Seniors are making this one of their projects, as they collect donations of money or packets of pens and pencils. Anyone is welcome to help in this endeavor. Just contact Bunny or drop off your donations at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Bunny mailed out her second package of pens and pencils Thursday.

Gen Varnum has returned to her Boyne Ridge condo after having been in Galena, Ohio, since Dec. 29. She was there visiting her daughter Peggy and Keith McGeorge and caring for her daughter, who was recuperating from a recent surgery and is now on the mend. Gen also visited her son Paul Varnum, and wife Cathi and five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

YOUR VOICE

An oxymoron

To the editor:
I was in Boyne City on election day which included a vote on a local "Parking Exempt Zone" issue. There were a couple of signs on trucks and a full page notice in the Boyne City Shopping Guide stating "Save Our Small Town Appeal, Vote NO on the Parking Referendum." These signs and notices are what one would perceive as an oxymoron. An oxymoron as defined in the New World Dictionary (n., a figure of speech in which opposite or contradictory ideas or terms are combined). ANO vote would indicate that the voter would have been in agreement with the decision of the Boyne City officials and Commission to allow the developer of the One Water Street project to exempt 58 of the required 147 parking spaces required by a city zoning ordinance for their develop-

ment. This exemption is requested by the developer as necessary due to the excessive size of the project for the limited space available. Now here is where the definition of oxymoron comes in. It appears that the signs and notices were designed to confuse and deceive the voters regarding exactly what the intent of the vote means. "Small Town Appeal" does not fit the developments size, location nor the massive marina that is included as part of the development. Boyne City's slogan of "Small Town Appeal - Home Town Feel" may in the future read "Up North Appeal - Down State Feel." The citizens sent a resounding message regarding the referendum to the City and it is hoped that they are listening.
— Vasco Zucchiatti
Boyne City

We would like to thank our friends, family and our children for all the beautiful cards, gifts and the party at the VFW hall in Boyne City for our 50th wedding anniversary!

— Barb & Pete Kerr

4-H babysitting class

Charlevoix County 4-H will be offering a Certified Red Cross Babysitting Class at Concord Academy in Boyne City on Wednesday Jan. 23 and Thursday, Jan. 24, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The babysitter's training course will teach students everything they need to know to be a great babysitter. Preferred ages: 11-14. Cost \$26. Class size is limited to 20, so don't delay if you are interested. Registration materials are available through the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office in Boyne City. For more information or to receive registration materials, contact the Charlevoix

County MSU Extension office at 231-582-6232.

NMRH offers arthritis program

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital is offering the "Arthritis Foundation Self-Help Program" a free, six-week course, on Wednesdays beginning Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Community Health Education Center, 360 Connable Ave., across the parking lot from the main entrance of the hospital. The course is designed for people with arthritis and related diseases and caregivers.

The program leaders will cover disease-specific information, stress management strategies, medi-

cation use, exercise alternatives, and coping techniques. Participants may use "The Arthritis Helpbook" as a textbook for the course and can purchase them for \$20. The course format encourages active participation and includes lectures, discussion, and group activities.

Space is limited. For registration and more information, call NMRH at 800-248-6777.

Winter nature class

Come to Grass River Natural Area and discover how animals survive northern Michigan winters. Search for clues of their presence and habits. Learn to recognize their tracks. This class will be

held on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. It will also be offered on Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m. To register, contact the GRNA office at 231-533-8314.

Video series

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed is offering a video series this winter on the last Sunday of the months of January, February, and March. We will be viewing the Planet Earth series and having snacks and discussion after. These viewings will be at 2 p.m. at the Jordan River Watershed Council, 101 Union Street in East Jordan. The first film will be Part 1 of Planet Earth series, "The Future", on

Jan. 27. Check our website for additional events during this long cold winter: www.friends-of-the-jordan.org.

"Romance In France" concert

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform a concert featuring chamber music from the Romantic period on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 4 p.m., at the East Jordan High School Performing Arts Center.

Musical selections are Claude Debussy's "Petite Suite," a piece originally composed by Debussy for piano four hand and then later arranged for chamber orchestra, "Le Tombeau de Couperin,"

by Maurice Ravel, and the final work of the concert is the "Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Opus 33," by Camille Saint-Saëns.

Guest artist Victoria Bass of New York's Juilliard School of Music will make her debut performance with the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra in this all-French concert.

Tickets for Romance In France are available at the door or in advance at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, at the Jordan River Arts Council in East Jordan, or at Chambers of Commerce in Boyne City, and East Jordan. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students of all ages.

church events

Horton Bay United Methodist Church

Sunday School classes will be held at 9:15 a.m. for all ages. Worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m., with children's church available during the service. After the service there will be a time of fellowship. Everyone is invited to the Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

Church of the Nativity

Reverend Peggy Nattermann will celebrate the Eucharist for Jan. 20 at Episcopal Church of the Nativity at 10 a.m. A special offering will be collected to assist in the expense of theological education.

A full breakfast will follow the service in the church undercroft. Also, Nativity church members will conduct their annual meeting, approve a 2008 budget, and appoint delegates to the diocesan convention.

The January movies continue on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the church undercroft. The Jan. 22 selection will feature Christian comedians. The event is open to the public, no admission charge, and free popcorn will be served. In case of winter weather warnings, the movie will be re-scheduled to another evening.

Church of the Nativity can be found at 209 Main St. in Boyne City. Please call the church answering machine at 231-582-5045 to obtain information about any events, leaving your name and telephone number. A member of the church will return your call.

Lakeshore Community Church

Lakeshore Community Church is located at 624 State St. in Boyne City. It is a charismatic congregation and a 'Resurrection Life' Affiliate.

Services are Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Children's church is available for ages 2 through 12. For more information, you can call Pastor Dave Crumbaugh at 231-582-5294.

Lakeshore Community Free Clinic is a ministry of Lakeshore Community Church and is open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone who does not have insurance, or is underinsured is welcome to utilize this service. Dr. Richard Mansfield and Kathy Helsley, along with many volunteers from the community, continue to help make this possible. The clinic is run strictly on donations. If you are interested in donating to the Free Clinic, send your

donation to PO Box 933, Boyne City, MI, 49712, or call 231-582-6828 Tuesday through Friday.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan worships at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. A time of refreshment and friendship is held at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 207 Williams Street in East Jordan, 231-536-2941.

Church of the Nazarene

We invite you to visit our weekly Sunday morning services. The service

time is Sunday at 11 a.m. Children's church is provided for children ages 4-12. For more information call the office, 231-582-9611, from 10 a.m. to noon, or the pastor, 231-582-2635, or visit our website at www.boynecitynaz.org. The church is located at 225 W. Morgan Street, on the corner of West and Morgan.

Walloon Lake Community Church

Sunday, Jan. 27, Word and Worship will be at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Randy Posslenzky, missionary from Hong Kong, will give the Word. Worship will be led by the Praise

Band. KidConnection will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Junior and senior high youth will attend Worship and Word at 9 and then meet at the youth center from 10:30 to noon. Adult community groups will meet at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Adult bible studies will meet at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Senior high youth, please contact Pastor Jason at 231-535-2288 for information on evening fellowship.

Tuesday at 9:15 a.m., women's Bible study will meet. Men's Fraternity will meet on Thursday at 6 a.m. The Cozy Quilters will meet at 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday.

For more information,

call the church office at 231-535-2288 or go online at www.walloonchurch.com. Weekly sermons are available online.

Boyne City, Boyne Falls United Methodist Church

Services in Boyne Falls are at 9:15 a.m. at 3057 Mill Street. Children's programming is held during the service. In Boyne City, worship is at 11 a.m. at 324 S. Park St., with Sunday School during the service.

The Boyne Falls Church is holding F.R.O.G. Club on Tuesdays, twice a month, after school, from 3:15 until 4:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

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

Haskin leads Loggers past Alanson

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE FALLS — Josh Haskin scored 11 points and hauled in 17 boards to post a double-double and lead Boyne Falls to a dominating 68-34 Northern Lakes Conference win over Alanson on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

The victory moved the Loggers above the .500 mark in conference play with a 4-3 record. The Loggers are now 4-5 overall.

David Gross paced the Logger scoring with 17 points, while Josh Grubaugh chipped in with 17 rebounds and Chad Deming had 16 points.

"We got our running game going, that was the key," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla. "Our guards got out and got some easy baskets on the fast break."

The Loggers led the Vikings 13-11 at the end of the first quarter and then upped their advantage to 34-18 at the close of the first half. Boyne Falls outscored Alanson 20-6 after the intermission to make it a 54-24 margin going into the final period.

Boyne Falls will host Boyne City on Wednesday, Jan. 23 and travel to Vanderbilt on Friday, Jan. 25.

Boyne Falls JV 73 - Alanson 40

The Boyne Falls junior varsity led 39-18 at half time and cruised to a 73-40 victory over Alanson.

Zach Hausler and Luke Rypkowski topped the Loggers with 13 points each. Reggie Fiel contributed with 12 points.

"It was a really good team effort. Everybody scored and Luke gave us a big boost off the bench with his shooting," said Boyne Falls coach Alan Massey.

Nohel pins two at Elk Rapids tri

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Drew Nohel's two wins highlighted the Boyne City wrestling team's performance at a tri-meet in Elk Rapids last Thursday night.

Picking up single wins for the Ramblers were Adam Brown at 112 pounds, Nate Haley at 119, Cody Wilmot at 160, Steve Robinson at 189 and Jose Hernandez at 285.

Brown got his win by a fall over Cheboygan's George Nguyen in 3:35. The Ramblers lost the match, 54-15.

Nohel won his first match of the day with a pin over Adam Reichold in just 26 seconds, while Hernandez recorded the only other Boyne win against Cheboygan with a 6-2 decision over Aaron Reahm.

The Ramblers were open at 125 (where Cheboygan also voided), 130, 135 and another double void at 145.

Wilmot, Haley, Robinson and Nate Texidor all lost by falls.

Elk Rapids defeated the Ramblers, 54-24, in the other dual.

Haley pinned K.C. Lemham in 1:22, Nohel won by a fall in 5:02 over Pat Bruening, Wilmot got a pin over Adam Tezak in 1:04 and Robinson also won by a fall in 3:47 over Dillon Helfrich.

"Our kids wrestled well," coach Don Nohel said. "Giving up so many points with voids doesn't give us a chance as a team, but individually we are improving and doing some good things."

Red Devils vanquish Rayders

Face Kalkaska in key league matchup Thursday

By CHIP CORWIN
SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLEVOIX — They did it. After four years of trying, the seniors on the East Jordan girls basketball team finally beat Charlevoix, and they did it on the Rayders' home court.

"I am very proud of this team," East Jordan head coach Sean Ferguson said. "They (East Jordan) really wanted to win this game, and to do it at Charlevoix just meant a lot to them."

The score was knotted at 8 after the first quarter, but the Red Devils took an 18-15 lead into halftime. They extended that advantage to 28-22 after three quarters, but the Rayders weren't going to go down that easily.

Charlevoix came back in the fourth quarter, with Desi Faust hit-

ting a 3-pointer to give the Rayders the lead, 31-30, with less than two minutes to play.

East Jordan senior Cassie Crick answered on the Red Devils' next possession with a 3-pointer of her own to give the lead back to East Jordan.

With the clock winding down, Charlevoix was forced to foul, and the Red Devils iced the game at the free throw line.

"Charlevoix didn't quit, and you knew they wouldn't," Ferguson said. "(Charlevoix) had their chances, it just fell our way."

Charlevoix had a chance to tie with less than a second to go, but missed the front end of a one-and-one, and the Red Devils secured the win, 39-37.

"Holding Charlevoix under 40 (points) at their place is remarkable,"

Ferguson said. "The difference was at the free throw line, where we were 10-of-15, and Charlevoix was 5-of-11. Everything else was even."

Katherine Rowley led East Jordan in scoring with 11 points, and she pulled down 8 rebounds. Crick added 9 points and 8 rebounds. Treasure Timmons was one basket away from a double-double with 8 points and 10 boards.

Charlevoix was led by Becca Madison and Murphy Gillespie with 8 points each.

East Jordan (9-3) was at T.C. Francis on Tuesday, and they have another big league game against Kalkaska (11-2) at home on Thursday. Tipoff of the JV game is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Charlevoix won the JV contest, 68-47. Shaina Peters had 24 points for East Jordan.

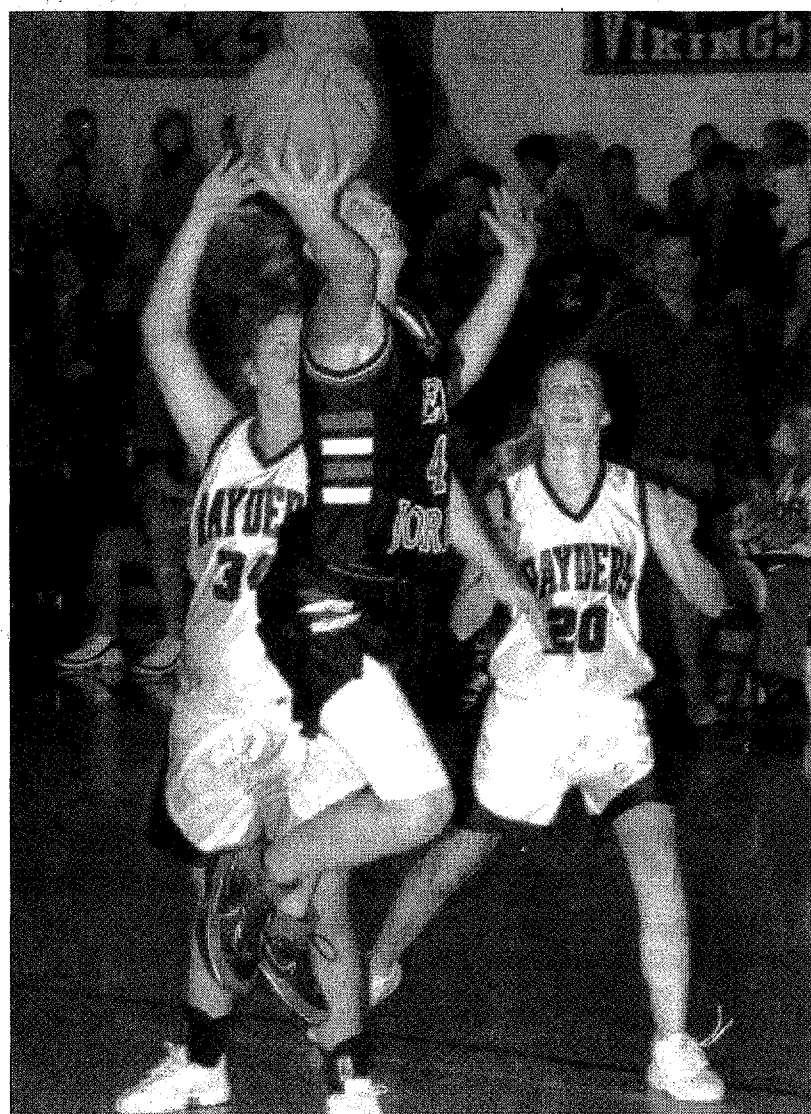


Photo by Vic Ruggles

East Jordan's Meghan Thomas goes to the hoop for a layup in last Thursday's game at Charlevoix.

Ramblers bag Elks, 61-38

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — A big second quarter enabled the Boyne City boys basketball team to put some ground between itself and Elk Rapids in last Wednesday night's game.

The Ramblers kept the Elks at arm's length the rest of the way in chalking up a 61-38 victory in the Lake Michigan Conference. They improved to 3-7 overall and 3-3 in the league.

Mashing down on the accelerator following a tight first quarter, Boyne City constructed a double figure lead at the half and never looked back.

Elk Rapids stayed step-for-step with the Ramblers throughout the first period, which Boyne City finished with a 12-10 edge.

Coach John Hertel did a little soul searching with his club during the break between periods, and it had the desired results.

It spurred the Ram-

blers on to stretch its lead to 11 points, 31-20 at the end of the second quarter with a 19-12 scoring advantage.

The Elks could get no closer than 10 points the rest of the game, and watched their slim hopes of contending for the league title disappear in the process.

Boyne outscored the Elks 16-13 in the third quarter and took a 47-33 cushion into the fourth period. The Ramblers finished the game off with a 14-5 run in the final eight minutes.

Dan Remsberg paced the Ramblers with 20 points and 4 rebounds. Robby Jensen contributed 15 points and 6 boards, while Josh Konecki had 6 points and Ryan Musser added 5.

Sam Wittbrodt led the Elks with 11 points.

"It was really good to see our kids come out and play with a lot of energy right from the start," Hertel said.

"We played aggressively and, as a result, we made a few turnovers early. But, once we started making better passes we were really playing well."

The Ramblers outrebounded the Elks, 26-20, in addition to playing great defense.

And the offense was often sparkling.

"Remsberg stepped up and made some shots," said Hertel. "Konecki and Musser did a nice job rotating at the center position, and they combined to give us a real presence inside."

"Overall, it was a great team win, as we got scoring from 10 different players, and all 14 players contributed to the win."

The Ramblers game with Grayling last Friday was postponed and will be rescheduled.

Boyne is scheduled to play at Boyne Falls Wednesday (tonight) and then goes to Harbor Springs on Friday night.

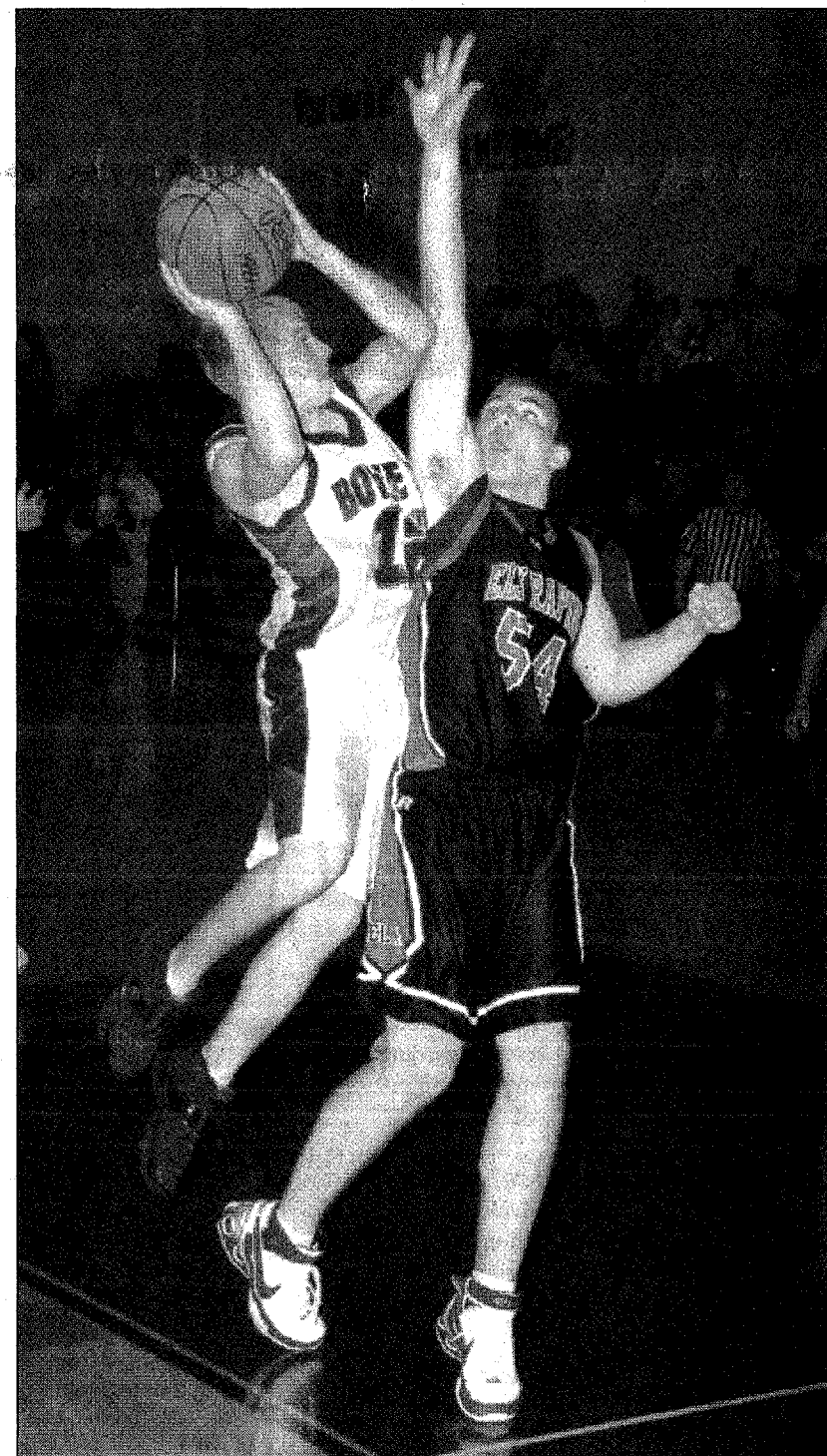


Photo by Vic Ruggles

Boyne City's Stephen Redmer tries to put up a shot over his much taller opponent from Elk Rapids in last Wednesday's LMC matchup.

Boyne girls keep LMC title in sight with big win over Elk Rapids, 52-25

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Losing in overtime, 55-52, at Gaylord was a real stinger for the Boyne City girls basketball team, because the Ramblers appeared to have the game in hand and let it slip away.

Fortunately, they bounced back with a

52-25 victory over Elk Rapids in the Lake Michigan Conference last Thursday.

Coach Scott Hausler had trouble erasing the memory of the Gaylord game, though, which wasn't surprising.

"That was a game we should have won, and couldn't finish it," Hausler said. "The girls worked hard, but a couple of turnovers that

led to some easy baskets let them (Gaylord) back in the game really hurt us."

Boyne rallied after trailing 13-10 at the end of the first quarter to take a 24-20 lead at the half. The Ramblers still led, 33-27, after three periods.

Gaylord, though, stormed back to tie the score 46-46 at the end of regulation. Gaylord

had a 9-6 edge over the Ramblers in the overtime.

Jessica Knysz scored 16 points to lead the Ramblers, while Shelby Mittig added 12. Natasha Bell contributed 7, Caitlyn Wonski and Maddie Moeke 6 each, Katie Sweet 3 and Hilary Urman 2.

Knysz also led the Ramblers with 15 rebounds, Wonski

grabbed 8 and Mittig 6. Sweet also had 4 steals.

Sweet was the only Rambler player to score in double figures against the Elks, putting in 12 points, including 4-of-6 from the free throw line.

Hilary Urman contributed 9 points, Jessica Butler and Stevee Carlston added 6 each, Trisha Tomkins scored 5, Jessica Knysz and

Maddie Moeke had 4 apiece, Natasha Bell, Allison Aown and Teresa Sessions had 2 each.

Boyne made 10-of-15 free throw attempts overall, and they shot 20-of-65 from the floor on the night (30.8 percent). The Ramblers were 2-of-12 from 3-point range.

Tomkins dished off for 2 assists, and Bell

had 5 steals. Sweet hauled down 9 rebounds for the Ramblers, with 7 of them coming on the offensive board. Boyne had 35 rebounds for the game.

Sweet, Aown and Tomkins had 2 steals apiece on defense.

Boyne led 13-4 at the end of the first quarter and 24-7 at the half against the Elks. It was

37-10 after three periods.

"It was one of those games where everyone got to play, and all but two scored," Hausler said. "You need games like that every once in a while."

The Ramblers (6-6 overall) were scheduled to go to Grayling on Tuesday and host Harbor Springs on Thursday, which is also Parents' Night.

Logger girls fall to Vanderbilt, Harbor Light

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

VANDERBILT — The host Vanderbilt Yellowjackets launched to a 30-point lead at the end of the first half of play and cruised from there to hand the Boyne Falls girls varsity basketball team a 54-19 loss on Thursday, Jan. 17.

Vanderbilt dominated on both ends of the floor and led the Northern Lakes Conference contest 21-2 at the end of the opening quarter, 36-6 at the half

time break and 52-10 at the end of the third quarter.

The big margin was due in part to some high pressure defense by the Yellowjackets, who took it to the Loggers throughout the game. Due to a shortage of players, Boyne Falls head coach Lisa Carlson had the Loggers hit the floor with a combined varsity/junior varsity team.

"They ran a half court trap and we did not handle it well," said Carlson. "We are get-

ting better every game. We are showing some improvement."

Sophomore Kayla Hausler, brought up from the junior varsity squad, led the Boyne Falls scoring with 11 points.

Harbor Light 65 – Boyne Falls 32

Harbor Light's Kaylee Hewitt tossed in a monster scoring performance as she hit for 29 points to lead Harbor Light to a 65-32 conference victory over Boyne Falls on Tues-

day, Jan. 15. The Swordsmen forged ahead 17-6 after one quarter, moved in front 30-14 at the intermission and led 47-28 at the end of three quarters.

Roslyn Fiel (11 points), Kaitlan Deming (six points) and Katie Fraser (six points) paced the Boyne Falls scoring.

Boyne Falls (1-11 overall, 1-7 NLC) will host Alba on Thursday, Jan. 24 and travel to Wolverine on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

UP NORTH POWER RANKINGS

Editor's Note: The Up North Power Rankings did not run last week because of space constraints. Last week's rankings are in parentheses.

The Up North Power Rankings are determined by a panel of Up North Publications sports writers. The rankings take into consideration overall record, conference record, head to head matchups (strength of schedule), overall momentum, and chances of postseason success.

The "Top Team" is considered the best team, for now, in our four county coverage area, regardless of gender. Here's how the teams stack up this week, compared to last week's ranking (LW):

Girls

TOP TIER

1. Central Lake (12-0): Still rolling. (LW: T1)
1. East Jordan (9-3): Huge win over Charlevoix at Charlevoix. (LW: T1)
3. Kalkaska (11-2):

Big game with EJ on Thursday. (LW: 3)

4. Boyne City (6-6): Split with Gaylord, Elk Rapids. (LW: 4)
5. Bellaire (7-5): Two big wins. (LW: 5)

SECOND TIER

Ellsworth, Elk Rapids, Alba, Forest Area, Mancelona, Boyne Falls.

Boys

TOP TIER

1. Bellaire (9-1): Blew out Onaway. (LW: 1)
2. Ellsworth (9-1): Rematch with Bellaire

weathered out. (LW: 2)

3. Mancelona (10-2): Wins over Joburg, Inland Lakes. (LW: 3)
4. Forest Area (7-4): Beat Central Lake. (LW: 4)
5. East Jordan (5-4): Lost to Charlevoix (LW: 5)

SECOND TIER

Elk Rapids, Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Kalkaska, Alba, Central Lake.

TOP TEAM: Central Lake girls. Games aren't even close.

NMSA races at Boyne

Results of Sunday, Jan. 20, Northern Michigan Ski Academy racing at Boyne Mountain. 84 racers took part in the race.

Girls

7&U, 1 – Annika Berquist, Boyne City; 2 – Abbey Scholten, Charlevoix; 3 – Jenna Good, Charlevoix

8-9, 1 – Kylee Chojnacki, Charlevoix; 2 – Ireland Adgate, Boyne Falls; 3 – Alysse Whittet, Boyne City

10-11, 1 – Mia Ciccoretta, Boyne Falls; 2 – Alexa Wespiser, Harbor Springs; 3 – Brigitte Bonter, Harbor Springs

12-13, 1 – Dana Reynolds, Charlevoix; 2 – Lexi Harding, Boyne City; 3 – Lacey Hofweber, East Jordan

Boys

7&U, 1 – Ethan Siegwart, Charlevoix;

2 – Riley Norton, Petoskey; 3 – Keon Taylor, Charlevoix

10-11, 1 – Garret Lundteigen, Charlevoix; 2 – Patrick Sheperd, Petoskey; 3 – Shea Fuhrman, Harbor Springs

12-13, 1 – Ben Loomis, Petoskey; 2 –

Bradley Fouchia, East Jordan; 3 – Brian Erhart, Petoskey

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Thursday, Jan. 24, chicken parmesan, spinach, pickled beets and waldorf salad will be served. Bingo will follow lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25, the day will begin at 11 a.m. with karaoke. Lunch will be served at noon and will include pork chops, scalloped potatoes, California blend vegetables and a baked apple.

Monday, Jan. 28, a baked goods sale will be held along with a 50/50 drawing. Baked chicken, Italian blend veggies, squash and mandarin oranges will be on the menu. Bingo will follow lunch.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, a special speaker will be present at 11 a.m. to speak about pandemic flu. Lunch will follow which will be homemade soup, a full salad bar and sandwich.

Wednesday, Jan. 30, line dancing will begin at 10 a.m. Swiss steak will be served for lunch along with potatoes, broccoli and apple dumplings.

The suggested donation for lunch is \$2 for those 60 and over; under 60 is \$4. Call 231-582-6682 for information regarding the senior center. Contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at 231-237-0103 or the toll free number 866-428-5185.

EJ SENIOR CENTER

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Thursday, Jan. 24, chicken parmesan is on the menu.

Friday, Jan. 25, we will be serving pork chops.

Sunday, Jan. 27, will be our Sunday dinner. We will be serving turkey compliments of the East Jordan Iron Works. The Cousins Music Group will provide entertainment. Monday, Jan. 28, baked chicken is on the menu and we will have trivia to celebrate Alan Alda's birthday.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, we will be serving macaroni and cheese along with our soup and salad bar.

Wednesday, Jan. 30, we will celebrate January birthdays with entertainment by Roger Hartson. We will be serving Swiss steak.

Thursday, Jan. 31, is Cook's choice.

Friday, Feb. 1, tuna casserole is on the menu and Gail Williams will provide entertainment. Everyone is welcome.

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For more information, call Debbie Harm at 231-536-0053, ext. 5371, or email dharm@ejps.org

OBITUARY

Kathleen F. Massey

Kathleen F. Massey, age 81 of Boyne City, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, at her daughter's home.

Kathleen was born on Oct. 1, 1926, in Detroit, the daughter of Clyde and Alice (Prebble) Deloy. She graduated from

Boyne Falls High School. Kathleen was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Boyne City. She belonged to the RSVP, volunteered for the Northwest Humane Service Agency and many years at Grandvue Medical Care Facility and enjoyed it very much.

Kathleen is survived by her daughter, Janet (Ward) Mihelich; sisters, Shirley Griffey, Beverly (Leslie) Seidell and Mavis Lawson; grandchildren, Robert (Sejal) Myers, B. Drew (Kris) Mihelich, Mariea Mihelich and Dena Mihelich; great-grand-

children, Jaden, Dakota, Gabriel, Victoria, Karissa, Ashly and Dorian; three nephews and two nieces.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, with Rev. Kenneth Bernthal officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be

held from noon until the time of service.

The family request memorial contributions be directed to North West Michigan Hospice or Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

Higdon

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"I was blessed to have Sarah not only in my ninth-grade English class but also my EDP (guidance) class," Stangis said. "She was a sweet student, who was kind to all. In return, she was respected by all her peers."

High School Principal Tammy Jackson said, Sarah was popular and bright.

"She was a great young lady who exemplified the characteristics that all parents desire in their child," Jackson said. "Sarah's untimely death is truly tragic. She will be missed by all the people she touched."

Sarah's physical science teacher, Rebekah Redmer, said Sarah was a student that radiated independence and confidence.

"Her actions were inspiring, making her a leader," said Redmer. "Sarah had a brilliant mind and was patient and kind to everyone around her. She was always willing to lend a helping hand."

The funeral was held Sunday, Jan. 20, at East Jordan High School.

Meeting

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Booze said some of the board members had not performed the commission functions adequately.

"It's because they haven't done their jobs in the interest of citizens," Booze said. He cited the budget problems and what he called an attempt to prevent commissioner Paul Timmons from having a word on city commission.

"Paul Timmons is not the bad guy here," Booze said.

City Commissioner Deneille Moes said several people from the city and from the public had approached her to say that city administrator David White was not performing his job the way he should. She did not give any names, but said she heard there are department heads that have not met with White for three years.

"I ask that we investigate this by bringing department heads in and ask them when they last met with the city administrator," said Moes. "How can you run a city if you aren't in touch with the employees?"

Moes made a motion to re-evaluate the administrator, but it failed with Moes and Timmons voting "yes" and Ron Klooster, Ray Fisher, Lee Symonds, Mark Postma and Mayor Dan Bennett voting "no."

White said he meets with the department heads when it is needed.

"I don't go in and micro-manage," he said. "I'm not in there sitting on a throne."

Mayor Bennett suggested that people follow White throughout his day to see what he does.

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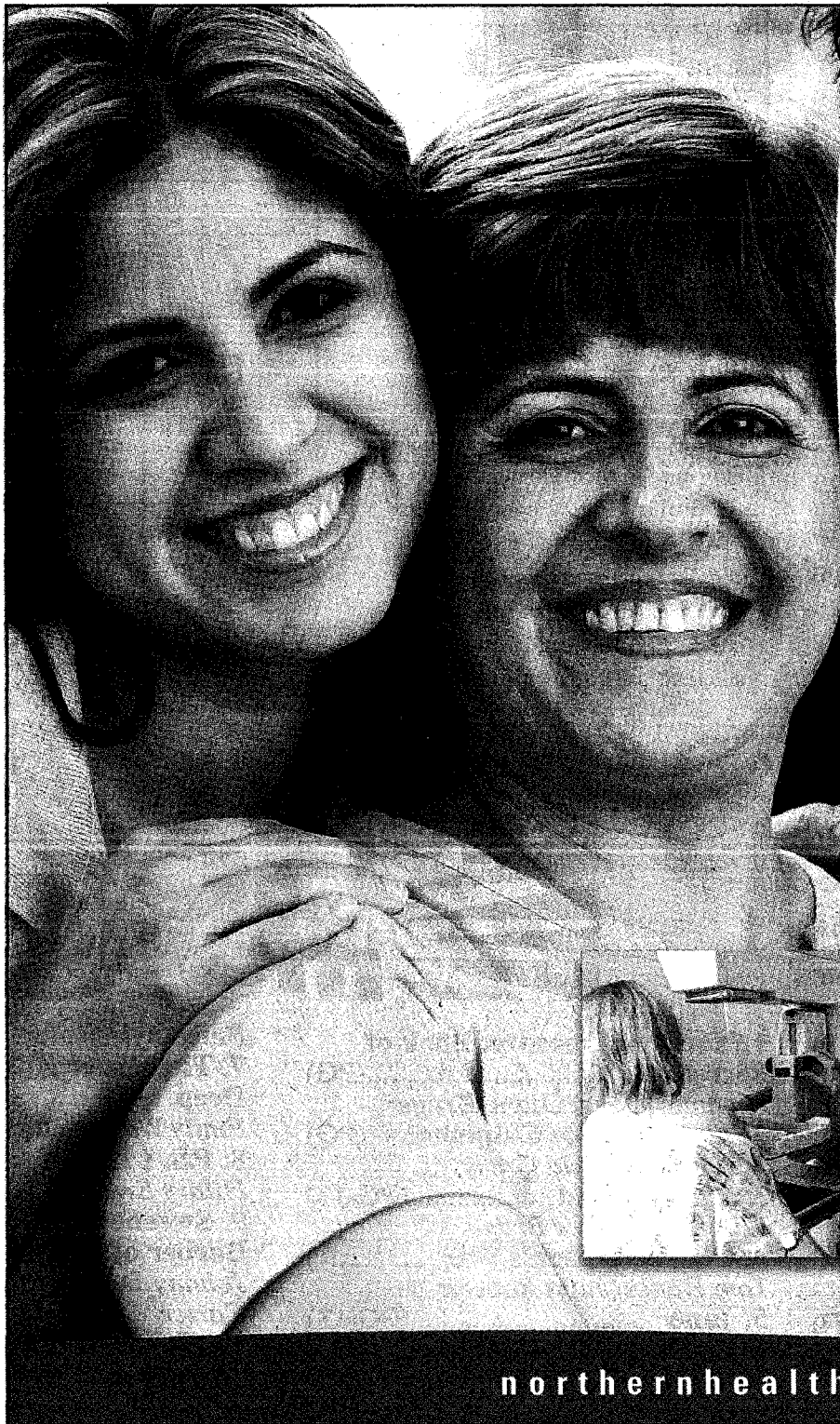
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