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At a glance

Board openings

Boyne City Public Schools has two openings for four (4) year Board of Education terms which will expire on June 30, 2012. Nominating petitions for these positions may be picked up at the Charlevoix County Clerk's office, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, or call 231-547-7200. Candidates have the option of paying a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100 instead of filing a nominating petition. All nominating petitions or filing fees and an Affidavit of Identity must be received in the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13, in order to be placed on the ballot for the May 6, election.

Filing deadline for Board of Ed petitions

Two four-year terms on the Boyne Falls Public School Board of Education will be contested by election on May 6. A candidate must file a nominating petition with an Affidavit of Identity by Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 4 p.m., with the Charlevoix County Clerk. Petition and affidavit forms may be obtained at the Superintendent's Office or from the Charlevoix County Clerk. A candidate can avoid filing a petition by paying a filing fee of \$100 with the County Clerk by Feb. 13, at 4 p.m.

WEATHER

Wednesday, February 6
 Hi: 21 Lo: 11
 Condition: Snow Showers

Thursday, February 7
 Hi: 25 Lo: 24
 Condition: Cloudy

Friday, February 8
 Hi: 28 Lo: 21
 Condition: Few Snow Showers

Saturday, February 9
 Hi: 26 Lo: 13
 Condition: Few Snow Showers

Sunday, February 10
 Hi: 22 Lo: 21
 Condition: Few Snow Showers

Monday, February 11
 Hi: 40 Lo: 12
 Condition: Rain/Snow Showers

Tuesday, February 12
 Hi: 21 Lo: 19
 Condition: Mostly Cloudy

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No action taken yet on judge's decision

By B. J. HETLER
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BOYNE CITY — In the aftermath of a judge's decision that reversed key actions by city boards, and a large majority vote by city residents to rescind commissioners' actions, city officials are deferring to the developers whose proposed project is impacted by the decision and the vote.

No action had been taken as of Friday, Feb. 1, by the

city's Zoning Board of Appeals to comply with the Jan. 16 decision of Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas.

The judge did not set a timeline for compliance of his decision in the case of Hobbs vs. Boyne City. His review found multiple errors by the ZBA and the Planning Commission. His decision ordered the ZBA to reverse its actions regarding the proposed One Water Street development and remand to the city planning commission.

City attorney, Jim Murray, said he was waiting to see

what, if any, actions would be taken by the developers of the One Water Street proposed project before he advised the city on its actions.

Repeated calls for comments made to ZBA chairman Pat Kubesh and Planning Commission chairman Jim Knurick were not returned as of Monday morning.

The ZBA has cancelled its regular monthly meeting for February for "lack of agenda items," according to city hall.

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Library unveils new mural



(l-r) Jaclyn, 9, and Jessica Bladow, 9, of East Jordan pose in front of the new children's mural at the Boyne City Library.

By JEFF BERGREN
 EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — One of the most wonderful things about being a child is using your imagination to dream about far away lands and stories from long ago. Most kids consider the big Disney movies to be the modern day fairy tale but a local artist has brought back a bit of the past at the Boyne City Library.

Martina Hahn, of the Moments in Time Art Studio, has created a new children's mural at the li-

brary that features 14 different fairy tales, stories, nursery rhymes and screen plays. Each category is visible in some way, with human characters or objects that are part of the story.

Hahn was originally working with Library Director Nannette Miller on another project when Miller decided the children's room needed some sprucing up.

"Martina was here about something else and I was looking at her website and liked the mural she had done," Miller explained. "She came up with this idea

and talked to a first grade class of preschoolers and had the idea to base it on fairy tales, legends and nursery rhymes and just ran with it."

The mural is interactive and three dimensional and it's meant to be touched by the kids. There are also hidden pictures and little story boards that tell a synopsis of the fairy tale but that's not all.

"The coolest thing is eleven of the characters have the faces of local children in the community. We had a drawing so parents

would have a chance to win characters for their child's faces," Miller added. "We sold tickets for a dollar apiece and had a drawing."

Some of the characters include Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Aladdin and Peter Pan. Each one is represented by one of the local children that won the raffle. Eleven of the human characters in total are represented by the kids and their name is written on the matching character on the wall.

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Chocolate-Covered Boyne coming to downtown

By JEFF BERGREN
 EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — Boyne City will celebrate the sweet life from Feb. 8-10 when "Chocolate-Covered Boyne" comes to downtown. The event will be sponsored by the Boyne City Main Street Program and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

Linn Williams, 78, who sits on a couple of the Main Street committees, came up with the idea to bring some excitement to the area during the winter months.

"I thought it was time Boyne City had an exciting event in the winter time. We don't have any promotions between Christmas and the Mushroom Festival," Williams said. "I had been gathering material for a couple of years and searching the

internet to see what's been done in various parts of not only the country but the world."

Williams came up with the idea to promote Valentine's Day with a festival that will celebrate both chocolate and romance, highlighting chocolate events, specialty foods and personalized services.

There will be food and drink, spa specialties, displays of romantic books and cook books featuring chocolate and more. In addition, a special showing of "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" will be played for the kids.

"When I had the idea I brought it up and got a lot of businesses in the area to buy into it. They are excited about it and that surprised me," Williams added. "I hope they keep track of the

business that comes in to see if it has any effect. I hope it will be an annual event."

Several restaurants will participate including Red Mesa and the Water Street Café. Boyne Country Books will display romantic novels and clever gifts along with drinks while other businesses will have collections on display that relate to the event.

To wrap up the three-day extravaganza, Rennie's will feature a romantic brunch, with mimosas, strawberries, eggs benedict and of course other chocolate entrees.

Williams has also started a promotion to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Mar. 16, the day before the holiday. She got the idea from the festival in Traverse City after she attended the event with her husband. She has been working on the project

for two years and it is built off the Traverse City theme.

"I called it the Irish Fest because I didn't have a better name. The original permanent settlers of Boyne City were Irish and there is history in the area. I thought it would be fun to do," Williams said.

For times and locations, call the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce or check the Chamber website at www.boynechamber.com. The Chamber will be giving out information and it will also be posted on the travel north website.

Williams only has one message for people planning on attending the three day chocolate party, "Come downtown and have some fun."

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Items missing from food pantry

By JEFF BERGREN
 EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — In what can only be described as a despicable act, several items have been taken from the Boyne City Food Pantry on State Street. The goods were discovered missing by Director Lei Nahinu who estimates the thefts have been taking place over the past couple of weeks.

Nahinu doesn't know the exact time when the donated goods were first stolen but noticed a few missing cases of electric toothbrushes on Jan. 23.

"We had a total of 20 cases of electric toothbrushes and from what I know of, six of them made it into the building," Nahinu said. "People were bringing them in from the van and six cases made it in the building. We gave out some others and there was one left over."

Nahinu recalls leaving for church that evening and when she returned Thursday morning the box was gone. She also said a few cases of

gummy fruit gushers were missing.

"I was dumbfounded. At first I thought I was going crazy, my son was with me and another boy that helps and they also noticed it was missing," Nahinu recalled.

Nahinu has not reported the incident to the police but was planning on installing video cameras outside her building. She has also changed all the locks and only five people now have access to the food pantry.

The pantry is run year round and survives from outside donations. 80 to 100 families visit the pantry during any given month for help which makes the theft so appalling. Nahinu has been volunteering for the pantry for some time and was named director last October.

"I was more in shock than anything. I'm learning as I go but I think it's very sad somebody has to do that when we are here for the public," Nahinu commented.

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Merriman to hear detectives' testimony

Hearing to help determine admissibility

By B. J. HETLER
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — A man accused of murdering his brother will be in court on Feb. 13, to hear the testimony of two county sheriff's office detectives.

A motion for the evidentiary hearing was brought by Michael Atchison, attorney for Charles Merriman who is charged with the murder of his brother, William Merriman. Charles is lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail awaiting his trial, now scheduled for April. The case is before Judge Richard M. Pajtas of the Charlevoix County Circuit Court in Charlevoix.

"We filed a motion for an evidentiary hearing so that Charles is permitted to review the contents and admissibility of statements that the police claim he made," said Atchison.

The police have worked on the case for more than two years and the statements allegedly made by Merriman were out of court and prior to his arrest, said

co-counsel Dan Hartman.

Michael Wheat and Charles Vondra are the detectives who will give testimony at the hearing. In addition, county prosecutor John Jarema plans to call upwards of 60 witnesses at trial.

William Merriman has not been seen or heard from since June 2006, according to information in the court file. However, even though William's body has not been found, Jarema brought the case based on blood found at the Merriman home in East Jordan that the prosecutor said was DNA tested and found to be William's blood.

But Atchison and Hartman say DNA testing by the Michigan State Police resulted in an inconclusive finding.

"This will be an epic battle as to whether William Merriman is dead, if he is dead was he killed, and if so, who killed him," said attorney Dan Hartman.

Charles Merriman had been living in his parents' home on Phelps Road and See MERRIMAN, page 2

New bachelor's degree program in Petoskey

North Central Michigan College and Lawrence Technological University have signed a University Partnership agreement that will help residents of northern Michigan earn a bachelor's degree in Information Technology entirely in Petoskey.

Under the agreement, a student may be able to earn up to 75 credits at North Central and transfer those credits to Lawrence Tech to complete a bachelor's degree in IT.

All of the classes needed to complete the bachelor's degree will be offered by Lawrence Tech on North Central's campus in Petoskey.

Lawrence Tech will waive the existing 60-credit transfer maximum. As a result, students will be able to transfer additional North Central credits to Lawrence Tech and minimize any potential loss of credit or

duplication of coursework.

The agreement is ideal for, but not limited to, North Central students who are working toward an associate of applied science degree in either Computer Information Systems or Computer Networking.

To help students get a head start on their bachelor's degree in IT, Lawrence Tech will offer two upper-level courses on the North Central campus in Petoskey starting in September. These courses will have no prerequisites and will be open to anyone including recent high school graduates, whether or not they are enrolled at North Central.

"Our bachelor's degree in Information Technology addresses the growing needs of organizations in this competitive global market place," said Richard G. Bush, Ph.D., Lawrence Tech's di-

rector of undergraduate management programs. "Organizations need skilled and creative IT professionals to help them to compete locally, regionally, and globally. A bachelor's degree in information technology through Lawrence Tech provides students with a strong business and technology knowledge base to solve organizational problems and exploit market opportunities." Lawrence Tech, a member of North Central's University Center partnership, maintains an office at North Central and currently offers classes in Petoskey leading to a master's degree in business.

For more information, contact North Central's Student Services department at 231-348-6605, or Teri Goodman, Lawrence Tech's northern Michigan education center manager, at goodman@ltu.edu.



Signing the articulation agreement between North Central Michigan College and Lawrence Technological University are (seated, l-r) Cameron Brunet-Koch, Ph.D., president of North Central and Dr. Jacqueline Stavros, associate professor for the Graduate College of Management at Lawrence Tech. Also shown are (standing, l-r) Timothy Dykstra, Ph.D., dean of instruction at North Central, Teri Goodman, Lawrence Tech's Northern Michigan Education Center Manager, and Robert Marsh, Ph.D., associate dean of occupational programs at North Central.

Theft

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Nahinu has no idea how many things have been taken over the two week period but has put new policies in place to make the pantry safer. Nahinu has also learned that thieves can cut out the UPC codes on the boxes of goods and return them to the store for money.

"I never would have thought of something like that. I used a marker over the codes but you can cut it right out so I can't just use the marker," Nahinu said.

If anybody has information on the missing items please contact the police or call Nahinu at 231-675-5759.

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Merriman

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the parents were in an area care facility. William, who had been living near Grand Rapids, was making plans to bring their father home to care for him. An investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office of the disappearance of William was prompted by notification in September 2006, by an acquaintance of William's, according to a court file report.

Because of the extensive testimony and number of witnesses involved in the case, the court has allowed Merriman to engage the services of an investigation firm to assist in trial preparation.

Decision

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The judge's decision in the Hobbs vs. Boyne City case found that both the ZBA and the planning commission erred when the majority of its members voted to approve the One Water Street site plan for construction of an 89,000-square-foot project on the downtown waterfront. The proposed project includes retail shops, businesses and residential units.

Specifically, Judge Pajtas found that the planning commission and the ZBA did not follow the city zoning ordinance when the boards allowed condominium residences in the Waterfront Marina District that were not situated above retail shops or other businesses. Further, the boards allowed the developers to forego construction of a number of parking spaces.

In addition, the planning commission in its review of the project failed to use findings of fact as required by the city ordinance. Further, the judge said that constitutional due process was denied resident Sue Hobbs, who filed the lawsuit on behalf of herself and other Boyne City citizens, when planning commission chairman Jim Knurick voted on both boards, which created a conflict of interest, the judge said.

The decision came from Judge Pajtas during the same week as the citizens of Boyne City voted 687-146 to rescind a parking exempt zone that included the One Water Street development. The developers must provide the number of parking spaces that the city's zoning ordinance requires instead of having an exemption from providing some spaces.

Drug use topic presentation

Living in northern Michigan, we often think we are isolated from issues involving drugs. Drug and alcohol abuse among underaged youth doesn't happen here, we believe - it's something that happens in big cities; not our small towns. And the little drug use that happens here doesn't really impact us individually or our communities.

Wrong.

The community is invited to learn the straight scoop at "The Impact of Street Drugs on the Community and You" - an educational and enlightening presentation from a renowned drug abuse expert on Thursday, Feb. 14, at Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center in the high school. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the lecture and question and answer session from 6:30-9

p.m. Free child care will be provided by Harbor Springs Honor Society students.

Harold L. Crossley, DSS, Ph.D., is a nationally and internationally recognized expert on street drugs and chemical dependency. An appointee to the Maryland Governor's Commission on Prescription Drug Abuse, Dr. Crossley serves on the Maryland State Dental Association's Well-Being

Committee, and has consulted for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and other law enforcement agencies. A native of Rhode Island, Dr. Crossley is a professor emeritus at the University of Maryland Dental School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Rhode Island and later was awarded the Master of Science

and Doctorate degrees in Pharmacology.

Attendees can join community members and learn everything they wanted to know about street drugs but were afraid to ask - and how they do impact their community. Topics covered during the presentation include:

- Chemical abuse, dependence and addiction issues
- The psychology of addiction

- The signs and symptoms of abuses of alcohol, methadone, marijuana, over-the-counter drugs, and inhalants, including model paint
- Adolescent substance abuse and age-related trends

The presentation is sponsored by the Vacationland District Dental Society and supported by CASA and Safe in Northern Michigan.

2008 Charlevoix County meeting schedule

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Board meets the third Monday of every month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The dates and locations for 2008 meetings are as follows:

Feb. 18 - Pine Lake Room

March 17 - Pine Lake Room

April 21 - Boyne District Library

May 19 - Pine Lake Room

June 16 - East Jordan Senior Center

July 21 - Pine Lake Room

Aug. 18 - Beaver Island (tentative, location tba)

Sept. 15 - Pine Lake Room

Oct. 20 - Boyne District Library

Nov. 17 - Pine Lake Room

Dec. 15 - East Jordan Senior Center

COUNTY RECORDS

District Court

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

April Sue Cross, 30, Charlevoix. Use of marijuana. Sentenced to pay \$750 in fines and costs and up to 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 45 days, 44 days held in abeyance; one year on probation.

Sandra Eileen Jenkins, 47, Charlevoix. Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and \$458.82 in restitution. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with 93 days held in abeyance; six months on probation.

Katelyn Brooke Huntoon, 19, University Center. Minor in possession of alcohol, 1st offense. Sentenced to pay \$200 in fines and costs, perform 60 hours of community service work and six months on probation.

Emily Lou Sobleski, 22, Boyne Falls. Larceny under \$200. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs and \$220 in restitution. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 30 days, 311 days held in abeyance, perform 20 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Gerard Lionel Dechape, 42, East Jordan.

Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and \$45 in restitution.

Shasta Maria Schaffer, 24, Manclona. Non-sufficient funds. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and \$95.41 in restitution.

Grant David West, 22, Beaver Island. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$980 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.

Travis Jeffrey Reinhardt, 17, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana. Sentenced to pay

\$500 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, 338 days held in abeyance, perform 20 days of community service work; one year on probation.

Assumed Names

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

Jerry Hadix Handyman, 670 North East St., Boyne City, by Gerard Hadix.

Kolors by Kimberly, 4581 Webster Road, Elmira, by Kimberly May. RED Paperclip Games, 7026 Best Road,

Ellsworth, by Jacob Alan Waterman. Bay Area Coaching, P.O. Box 192, Charlevoix, by Shelley McCullough. Reverend Computers, 400 State St., Boyne City, by Christopher M. Kinner a/ka Chris Martin.

Marriage Licenses

The following people have recently filed for marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office: Eugene A. Kaczmarczyk Jr., 40, East Jordan and Cheri J. Vallance, 40, East Jordan.

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Suspicious Situations	4
General Assistance	4
Fraud-other	1
Found Property	1
Vehicle Unlock	1
Alarms-False	1
Disturbing the Peace	1
Animal	3
Car/Deer Accident	1

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Hospices offer volunteer training session

PETOSKEY — Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, which serves Charlevoix, Emmet, and Cheboygan counties, and Hospice of Northwest Michigan, which includes Antrim County as well, is looking for more caring and compassionate individuals to join their family of Hospice volunteers.

A volunteer training program for both hospice organizations will be conducted starting Saturday, Feb. 23. The program runs for four weeks, meeting three consecutive Saturdays, including March 1 and March 8, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Monday, March 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Classes will be held at the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Offices, located in the Watson Community Center at 3434 M-119, Suite F, Harbor Springs.

Training sessions will include an orientation to hospice and discussion of the role of volunteers. Each class will deal with a different aspect of training — grief and bereavement, death and dying, communication skills, understanding the family, spiritual care of the family, care and comfort measures, ethical issues and advanced directives.

The sessions will introduce volunteers to the variety of services they may provide, including respite care to the terminally ill and their families.

"Anyone who has been a caregiver knows how important it is to have some time for themselves, and our hospice volunteers provide this very needed assistance by staying at the home so the caregiver can get away or rest," said Heather O'Brien, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay volunteer coordinator.

Volunteers help in the office and with fundraising efforts as well. And with the planned opening of the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Hilland Cottage this summer, O'Brien noted there is additional need for more volunteers to staff and assist patients at the inpatient residence. Volunteers are needed to staff the reception desk daily and help provide support and companionship to residents.

O'Brien said volunteers also assist with staffing the Community Grief and Loss Center, providing support for community members and maintaining a lending library with grief and loss resources.

Call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at 231-487-4825 if you are interested in attending this upcoming volunteer training, or for more information.

Tree house for Raven Hill

EAST JORDAN — Raven Hill Discovery Center has been awarded a \$6300 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts to build an accessible tree house at the center this spring. The Tree House Project will create an arboreal space that incorporates the science of sound, light, motion, simple machines and nature, as well as the art of glass, clay, metal, wood, fiber and stone. The Tree House will be built on a platform that is suspended by cables between four trees about 8 feet above the ground and be handicapped accessible by lift or cable. It will be approximately 15' x 15', but not necessarily square or rectangular.

Raven Hill is extending an invitation to anyone interested to submit drawings to be used in the design of the Tree House. School classes or individuals from the community can participate. Teachers, students of any age and members of the community are invited to draw (and label or describe) their own fantasy tree house. Submitted drawings will become the property of Raven Hill Discovery Center and be reviewed for the feasibility of the designs. As many ideas and elements as possible will be incorporated into a final tree house design to be created by Andre' Poineau of East Jordan. In 1995, Poineau Woodworkers designed and built the Tree House in the 4-H Children's Garden at Michigan State University in Lansing.

The Tree House walls will be constructed of panels approximately 4' x 6' in size. Art teachers and their students may submit a design for a wall panel. Upon acceptance of a design, a pre-built panel will be delivered to the school, where students can embellish their panel by painting, staining, wood burning, carving, insetting, etc. High school juniors and seniors will then be invited to work with Poineau Woodworkers at Raven Hill Discovery Center to assemble the tree house.

Important Dates include Feb. 21, when the Tree House drawings are due, March 21, when the Tree House panel designs are due and May 21, for the assembly of Tree House at Raven Hill Discovery Center. As always, a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs requires a match, so Raven Hill Discovery Center must raise \$12,600 in either cash or in-kind donations to match the grant and receive the funding. Donations can be as simple as money or time or materials or can be anything special and unique to add to the tree house. For example, the center is looking for a porthole, small stained or fused glass panels, wind chimes, carvings or anything that would add to the science or art or ambience of the tree house.

For more information, call Cheri at 231-536-3359 or email cheri@ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org.

Bonds, grants and millage explored for funding roads

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Concerned Citizens of Charlevoix County met with local members of the Michigan Township Association on Monday, Jan. 28, at Boyne City City Hall to discuss county roads, specifically funding for repair of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

But the focus quickly switched from procuring funds to fix the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, to repairs for all county roads in need of improvements. Camp Ten Road, Springvale Road, Ellsworth Road and Six Mile Lake Road are some of the 12 or more roads in disrepair.

Several township supervisors voiced opposition to raising countywide funds exclusively for reconstruction of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

"The idea of a countywide millage just to fix the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road

won't work," said Dennis Howard, Chandler township supervisor. "Asking for a mill just for that road, well, if it goes on the ballot I won't support it, in fact, I'll campaign against it."

The idea of a bond issue was tossed around and met favorably with some of the people who attended the meeting. With bonds the county road commission would have the money up front. The current estimate of repair costs for county roads is \$250,000 per mile, said road commission manager Pat Harmon.

Another option is federal funds and Jerry Matelski, chairman of the Concerned Citizens, told the group that U.S. Rep. Bart Stupak is working on that avenue.

Grants usually require a 20 percent match and the county road commission would have to raise that amount at a time when its funds are depleted.

Ken Allen of the Concerned Citizens of

Charlevoix County also took the group's case to the county board of commissioners on Jan. 23. When the subject of a countywide millage was brought up, commissioners Chris Christensen, Shirleen Tripp and Joel Evans voiced opposition to adding any more taxes.

"I'm opposed to a millage," said Christensen who said he favors pursuing grants. "It may not seem like much (in tax) but it is to a senior citizen on a fixed income."

Concerned Citizens member Connie Saltonstall questioned who would take responsibility for the safety and economic conditions of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road. The townships have taken leadership to create funds for their townships, but they do not have to be responsible for county primary roads. They can do it, but they don't have to, she said following the meeting.

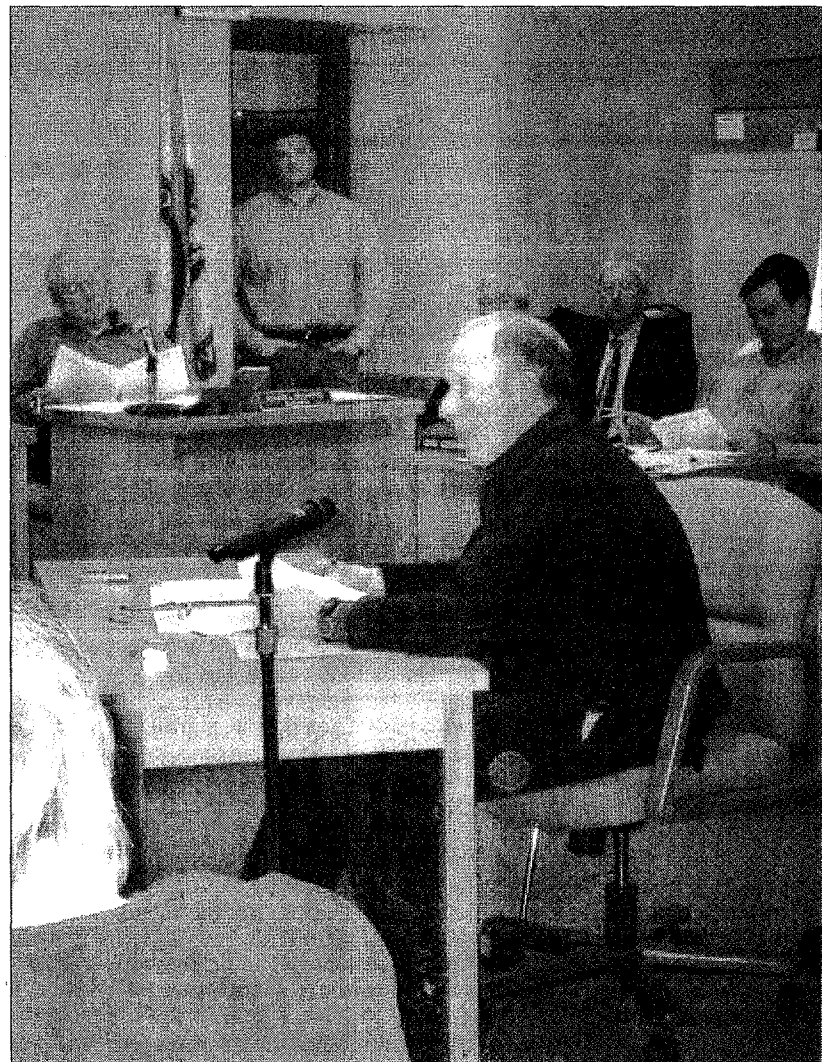


Photo by B. J. Hetler
Ken Allen of the Concerned Citizens of Charlevoix County talks with Charlevoix County Commissioners on Jan. 23, about the need for funds to fix county roads, specifically the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

Change in identification business

Michigan residents applying for a state driver's license or personal identification card will have to show proof of identity and citizenship beginning this week, Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer said today.

"This is a significant change in how Michigan participates in the identification business," said Elsenheimer, R-Kewadin. "These new rules will help eliminate the short cuts and back door access some individuals have used in our state to get legal identity documents that may have resulted in fraudulent or other illegal activities."

As of Jan. 22, the Michigan Secretary of

State is requiring that all applicants for original driver's licenses and personal identification cards provide a Social Security Number or documents of ineligibility for a Social Security Number; and proof of a permanent legal presence in the United States; proof of identity; and proof of Michigan residency.

The change, made possible by a Michigan Attorney General's opinion which prohibits the state from issuing licenses to individuals who are not permanent, legal residents of Michigan, is a step toward the goal of an upgraded and enhanced state driver's license and identifica-

tion card that will enhance homeland security and offer a convenient option for border crossing.

The enhanced license and identification card proposal would allow temporary legal residents to obtain the documents. The proposal is before the state Legislature in Senate Bills 962-966 and House Bills 5518-5519 and 5535-5537.

For more information regarding document requirements for Michigan driver's license eligibility call Elsenheimer's office toll free at 1-877-536-4105 or visit the Secretary of State Web site at www.michigan.gov/sos.

Examples of acceptable documents

Social Security Number

- Social Security card
- Pay stub with name and Social Security number
- Ineligibility letter from Social Security Administration

Permanent legal presence in U.S.

- Original certified birth certificate
- U.S. passport
- Permanent resident ("Green") card
- Certificate of citizenship
- Certificate of naturalization

Identity

- Out-of-state or Canadian driver's license or ID card
- Foreign passport with English translation
- Marriage license issued in U.S.
- Photo ID card issued by federal or Michigan government
- Michigan residency (at least 2)
- Utility bill or credit card bill
- Michigan high school or college report cards, transcripts
- Pay stub or earnings statement with employer information

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Date: Saturday, February 09, 2008 At 05:00 PM
Location: KC Hall on M-75 S.
Cost: \$10.00 per person donation (includes dinner, salad, roll, dessert, and a beverage). Music: 50's & 60's with A+Digital as the DJ. Tickets can be purchased at Country Now & Then on Water St. in Boyne City. Compassionate Hearts is a non-profit organization which raises funds to assist families/people in need in Boyne City and the surrounding area.

MURAL DEDICATION

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2008 At 02:00 PM
Contact: Cindi Malin/CINDIFRANCOS
The children's room of the Boyne City Library will dedicate the new mural by Martina Hahn. Please join us and city officials and other famous reps, as well as the artist and children in the mural. 2 PM Feb 10. Presented by Friends of the Boyne District Library.

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Date: Monday, February 11, 2008 At 08:00 AM
Contact: Red Brick Salon-231-582-7792
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Date: Saturday, February 16, 2008 At 06:00 PM
Shop local, win prizes! Area businesses have donated thousands for cash prizes. Look for the Buy Into Boyne sign in participating stores. Contact the Boyne Area Chamber for a complete set of rules.

5TH ANNUAL CHERRY RECIPE CONTEST

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2008 At 10:00 AM

One of northern Michigan's most important agricultural crops, cherries, is the main ingredient in Friske's Fifth Annual Cherry Recipe Contest, Saturday February 23rd. This year's categories will be Chutney & Compotes - Cobblers, Crisps, & Puddings.

Anyone, eighteen and older, except professional chefs and Friske employees and their immediate families are invited to participate. Registration packets are available to pick up at Friske's Market on U.S. 31 in Atwood, by calling (231)599-2604 or on line at www.friske.com.

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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

EDITORIAL

Next Step

On Jan. 8, the City Commission approved the installation of two new handicap parking spaces in downtown Boyne City at the intersection of Park and Water Street. City Commissioner Mike Cummings was responsible for bringing the motion before the Commission and the project is scheduled to be completed by Apr. 30.

I was at the meeting when the vote was approved and the motion was not met with any resistance. The closest handicap spaces to the downtown area were at the library and City Park, both about a block and a half away. The motion made perfect sense to accommodate the handicap and senior citizens in Boyne.

Since writing the article on the new spaces I have had several calls asking why the issue of making spaces for handicap vans was not addressed. When I interviewed Cummings one thing we talked about was how the spots would open the door for more citizens to come downtown that haven't been able to in the past. Wouldn't it also make sense to take the issue a step further and look for a way to include people who need the assistance of a handicap van?

There are obviously many issues with parking in Boyne, starting with the angled parking between Lake and Water Street on the south end. The spots were marked incorrectly from the outset of the project and because they are parallel spots, handicap parking would not work.

It is a great first step to make two new handicap parking spaces but the people I spoke with have a justifiable concern. Why can't we at least start looking into van accessible handicap parking for the same reasons the city improved the accessibility to begin with.

If we want to make the downtown area accessible it should encompass everybody and that was the reason the handicap spaces were approved.

Cummings should be commended for getting the first motion approved and these new hurdles should not be insurmountable to put in parking for individuals that need the handicap van. Let's improve the accessibility for everyone.

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



Benched by the pros

There is a legend about the ultimate yard sale. It has been passed down through generations of rabid junkers, recited at dawn over steaming cups of coffee in parked cars while awaiting the opening of garage doors. This is the Brigadoon of tag sale aficionados everywhere.

Perhaps once in a lifetime, when the planets are correctly aligned and the myriad details governing one's fate click neatly into place, a mythical garage will rise slowly from the morning mist with an innocuous, hand-lettered sign reading "sale today." It will look like any other garage, but with one notable difference: It will contain everything your heart desires, for pennies. And you will be the first to arrive...

MORE OR LESS

By Christine Gwidt



As I moved out of the rain and into the dimly lit garage, it became apparent that I had hit the mother lode. Everything essential for a civilized life was represented, all of excellent quality and in pristine condition. A thrill of astonishment coursed through me.

I'd set out earlier, armed with the local newspaper's list of yard sales. So far, the search had yielded only dog-eared paperbacks and cast off clothing. My hope was dwindling with each stop.

This ad was headlined "no early birds" and a blond woman was tying a bouquet of balloons to the mailbox as I approached the house. "Go ahead and pull into the driveway," she waved. "You're the first one here."

And now, surrounded by this bounty, I was giddy with joy and disbelief. There were two huge, antique rattan chairs marked at \$5 each that would be perfect on my patio, as well as a beautiful wrought iron plant stand. A set of hand-painted wineglasses, still bearing the manufacturer's sticker, were tagged 50 cents each. A white vintage laundry hamper for \$2 was resting against a drop-leaf farm table that retained the impossibly rare accessory of four additional leaves.

As my gaze expanded, I saw a stunning set of bedroom furniture. With trembling fingers, I pulled open one of the dovetailed drawers, revealing mahogany plywood and a brass plate bearing the name of a prestigious furniture company in Grand Rapids. The price was so ridiculously low that I had to look at it twice. Maybe I couldn't afford the entire set, but perhaps the highboy dresser, the nightstand and possibly even the mirrored vanity and matching chair.

Overwhelmed, and resisting the temptation to sweep my arm in a circle and proclaim that I would take it all, I turned in a daze and posed the question that I'd been asking all morning:

"I don't suppose you have an ironing board for sale?"

"Yes. I just haven't brought it out yet. It has a wall rack and an iron that go with it. How does \$3 sound?"

"I'll take it," I smiled weakly, stifling the urge to throw my arms around the woman's neck in gratitude.

As the homeowner left to retrieve the ironing board, I tallied the prices against my budget. My mind kept slipping from the numbers to revisit my supreme good fortune. Setting a wicker basket on one of the rattan chairs, I began filling it with treasure. A three-legged needlepoint stool for \$2 went into the basket, along with a rolling pin and three Fire King pans for 25 cents each. I would wait to ask the homeowner for newspaper to wrap the wineglasses and the darling set of bedside lamps, marked \$8 for the pair. The crunch of gravel, signaling the arrival of another car in the driveway, registered only vaguely in my reverie.

The gunshot report of slamming car doors roused me. Heavy, determined footsteps made me to turn in alarm to see three stocky women dressed in raincoats and sweatpants, pumping their beefy arms furiously in an effort to speed their arrival into the garage. They were so alike in stature and countenance as to be nearly indistinguishable, one from the other. Their hair hung in rain-soaked ropes around four faces and three sets of greedy eyes darted ravenously over the feast.

Without a word, and with only a perfunctory glance, one of the women grabbed the laundry hamper and began loading it. Another swept the plant stand up in a meaty paw and gathered the wineglasses. As the homeowner returned with the ironing board, the third made a beeline for the bedroom set.

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YOUR VOICE

Commission on Aging here to stay

To the editor:
The City of East Jordan and the Commission on Aging recently signed a lease for the Charlevoix County Senior Center located at 116 Main in East Jordan, also known as the East Jordan Senior Center. This lease is for three years with the stipulation that the Commission on Aging continue to make improvements to the building which is owned by the City of East Jordan. When improvements of at least \$30,000 are made the lease will be renewed for another seven years automatically.

The East Jordan Seniors have been established as a senior center and the main kitchen for the county since 1975, when the meals on wheels program began. In 2000 the Commission on Aging received its first millage monies and ownership of the Living Room Adult Day Center was transferred from Northern Michigan Hospitals to the Commission on Aging.

Much work was needed to be able to provide a facility for bathrooms in the lower level and a shower facility were added for personal care provisions for Adult Day Center participants. Since 2000 over \$85,000 in grant monies alone were used to add on a new multi-purpose room with own heating system, a rear entrance lobby area and improvements including new upgraded electrical in the lower level and new carpet and the bathroom facilities aforementioned.

There are a lot of dedicated citizens and seniors that care about the future of the senior center in East Jordan; its location is an integral part of the community as an easily accessible and visible center. The meals are prepared daily at East Jordan with innovative and dedicated cooks who are receptive to seniors' needs and requests for a varied and nutritious menu, such as a daily salad and full soup and salad bar every Tuesday.

Last week the County Commissioners awarded work to be performed at the East Jordan Senior Center to North Country Construction, a Northern Michigan owned company, who provided a low bid of \$83,639 to install and renovate the following: air conditioning for

the leased area of the building (this excludes the Civic Center and gym but includes the dining room, kitchen, lobby, hall and the Adult Day Center); completely renovated handicap-accessible bathrooms upstairs - when complete there will be one all-male bathroom, two all-female bathrooms and one unisex bathroom for caregiver assisted needs, all wheelchair accessible; new flooring similar to existing flooring, which has been there since 1975 and is chipped and cracked, for the dining room, kitchen and bathrooms in the upper level; a breakfast nook or kitchenette in the lower level for snack bar and baking/cooking activities only for the Adult Day participants. We do not plan to cook meals on wheels in the lower level, only provide a place where normalcy of an adult day facility is necessary for someone with dementia and an environment that is inviting and allows for socialization activities.

You may see some temporary signs on doors to use other exits over the next few months, but by no means will this mean we are leaving or the center is closing. We are excited to announce that the Adult Day Center is available five days per week this spring.

The Commission on Aging does not own any buildings, we lease from the Boyne Area Seniors and provide operational and upkeep at the Boyne Area Center, where they also cook their meals and provide meals on wheels. An agreement is in place for the Charlevoix Senior Center to provide meals for the Commission on Aging in the Charlevoix Area and operational support for their center and we are also looking to the future in helping the Beaver Island Preservation Association with their Community Center to be used partially as a senior meal site in the near future.

Please bear with us during this construction phase of the East Jordan Senior Center and come and join us for a meal and tour the facilities. The Commission on Aging plans to stay at the current site at the East Jordan senior center for many years to come. Thank you.

—Sue Bergmann, Director

Boyne City should be proud

To the editor:
The citizens of Boyne City and surrounding areas should be extremely proud of what they have recently accomplished. A Jan. 25 editorial in the Record Eagle stated that it looked like the usual Northern Michigan scenario, developer coming to town, proposing too big a development in violation of the local zoning ordinance in order to maximize their profits; and city government giving them anything they wanted in order to get more tax base, no matter what the local population's vision is.

Not in Boyne City. In Boyne City we banded together. Although my name was mentioned frequently, I want everyone to know what it

took to protect our town. It took a lot of work by a lot of people. Many volunteered to collect signatures on petitions. Business owners came to meetings and spoke, even though their concerns were ignored. Citizens living both in and out of the city came up to me or stopped at the house to contribute money to pay the attorney to protect our waterfront and uphold the zoning ordinance. Many of those gave what they couldn't really afford because it meant so much to them.

Thank you everyone. I am so proud to live in Boyne City. This is what our town is all about, the people who live here.

—Sue Hobbs
Boyne City

Bill Package will increase insurance rates

To the editor
Each citizen needs to write your legislator now to prevent House Bill 5282-5285 that is being pushed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield from being enacted into law.

If approved this bill package will drastically increase your insurance rates. It will also do away with the attorney general oversight of the Blues.

If you are not aware, by being insurer of last resort, the Blues are exempt from taxation, but since 2003 have increased ten top executives compensation by 42 percent to 11.5 million while many citizens are losing their jobs and homes. They have also increased their surplus to 2.8 billion dollars over the last five years to the highest in history. This is not something that we should accept.

Since 2003 the Blues have increased their rates by 79 percent unless you had to use them because you lost your group insurance

in which case your increase would have been 92 percent. Also included in this Bill package is a removal of all state oversight of their operations.

If the Blues do not want to be the insurer of last resort then the legislature needs to name a new insurer. It would be nice to increase rates and salaries and pay no taxes in the state that is the most economically challenged in the nation.

Insurance coverage is essential especially for seniors and the arrogance of the Blues to push through such a package is not in the best interests of the people of the state of Michigan. I am requesting that when the legislature schedules public hearings on this bill package due to its serious impact on seniors that the legislature schedule hearings conveniently across the state where the citizens can give their input.

—Peter J. Vellenga
Boyne City



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NEIGHBORS

Friends and co-workers honored Betty Spencer of Boyne City with a retirement party at the Dilworth Hotel on Saturday afternoon. Approximately 150 people gathered for deserts and punch after her 44 years of service at the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. Her plans for the future include working a couple of days a week at an area AFC home, traveling and just taking life a little easier. Good friends coming from a distance to share this special occasion were Pam and Dick Schmidt of Ohio and Patti and Roger Jacobson of Wyoming.

Lei Nahinu and family welcomed the arrival of sister-in-law, Barbara Nahinu of Hawaii, who is here to check out the area in hopes of making a permanent home.

Gen Varnum and Penny and Woody Hardy attended the drama performance of the Rudyard Middle School students, "Inspector Detector and the Mystery of the Precious Treasure," presented by daughter and granddaughter, Jenny Hardy.

Heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends of Boyne City's Rita Moody, who passed away this past week.

Nancy and Bruce Lawson of Boyne City spent a long weekend visiting friends in Detroit. All enjoyed Super Bowl Sunday together.

The Boyne Area Senior Steppers performed their infamous dancing last week at Charlevoix's Sunnybanks Assisted Living Home. As invited guests of residents there, they enjoyed getting acquainted during a lovely lunch. Attending dancers were Shirley Gahn, Dee McCary, Bill Fryberg, Bernice Edwards, Maxine Tuller, and Marie Schmittiel.

Pam and Mike Smith of Farmington were here for a few days, visiting her mother, Gen Varnum and family, and to celebrate Pam's Feb. 4 birthday.

The drama, "Drop Dead Juliet" at Concord Academy Boyne last Friday night was a great success. It has been said that the performance of Justin McGeorge, son of Greg and Sharon and a high school junior there, gave an awesome performance in his role as Shakespeare.

Thursday night's Chocolate Extravaganza at the Walloon Lake Community Church was a smashing hit for those with a sweet tooth. There were well over 150 attending the event, which also featured interesting guest speaker, Vicki Thomas of Charlevoix. Vicki and her husband own the Charlevoix Country Club but it was her early childhood story that enraptured the group, as she detailed her life, coming to the United States from Puerto Rico at the age of ten.

Jack and Judy Gerrie of Boyne City spent last week in Traverse City, visiting his sister, Judy Bryant. While there, they also visited his mother, Lena Gerrie, a resident of the Pavilions.

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



By Nancy Northup

HAPPENINGS

Valentine's benefit
There will be a Valentine dinner and dance to benefit Compassionate Hearts Saturday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 11 p.m., at the K of C Hall in Boyne City.

Enjoy a wonderful spaghetti dinner with salad, roll, drink, and dessert. Then dance with music from the big band era to the 50s and 60s with A+Digital as the DJ. There is also a drawing for a big Valentine basket and a 50/50 raffle. Enjoy a great evening and go away knowing you have helped someone. Tickets are \$10 per person and are on sale at Country Now & Then.

Peace Coffee House
The next Peace Coffee House will be Saturday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m., at the Jordan River Arts Center on Main Street in East Jordan.

Featured performers are Jen Sygit and Harmony & Grits. A donation of \$7.00 per person at the door is requested, which is divided between the musicians and helps with the coffee fund. You can decide how much to donate for children under

12. Complementary coffee and treats are always available. For more information, contact Rick and Tracy Meisterheim at 231-525-9168 or rickandtracy@yahoo.com

Valentine's brunch

The Boyne City Foundation for Educational Excellence, Division for the Performing Arts, will host a Cabaret Valentines Day Champagne Brunch, Sunday, Feb. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Dilworth Hotel. Proceeds will be used for a sign on the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$50, and are available at Boyne Country Books.

Movies on Main

Movies on Main in Boyne City will be showing the movie "Bobby" on Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m., in the Community Room of the library. The movie is free, donations will be accepted.

Adult education program

The Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Adult Education Program is

now enrolling adults at the Michigan Works! Learning Labs who would like to finish their high school diploma, prepare for the GED, improve basic job skills or learn basic computer and keyboarding skills. Instruction is free of charge. Labs are located in Cadillac, Kalkaska, East Jordan, Petoskey, Traverse City and Manistee. For information about the lab nearest you call 1-800-442-1074.

Clay exhibit at JRAC

The Jordan River Arts Council is presenting an exhibit, "Clay Artists and Friends" opening Sunday, Jan. 20, and running through Friday, Feb. 15. The show features the work of 14 ceramic artists from the Charlevoix - Emmet county area. In addition, each of them has invited another artist whose work they admire to join in the exhibit. The Jordan River Arts Center is at 301 Main St. in East Jordan. The center is open daily, 1-4 p.m. Other times for viewing can be arranged by calling Dick Cunningham, 231-582-9373.

Buy into Boyne returns

"Buy Into Boyne" is returning for 2008, sponsored by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce and Boyne City Main Street.

New this year will be a "Kick Off" event Feb. 16 in downtown Boyne City, featuring a chili cook-off, family activities, winter games, an open house for participating businesses and a Presidents' Day scavenger hunt at all participating businesses, with prizes.

The final drawing will take place May 9, during the Mushroom Festival.

Watch for more information to come later, including participating businesses, and get ready to "Buy into Boyne."

Civil Air Patrol

The Gaylord Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets every Thursday at 7 p.m., at the Otsego County Airport Terminal Bldg. Inquirees welcome.

Overeaters Anonymous meet

Overeaters Anonymous meets Monday evenings,

from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the new Alano Club, 509 N. East St. In Boyne City. For information, call Maggie at 231-582-2360.

Sunday breakfast

The East Jordan Snowmobile Club will be serving breakfast every Sunday through March, from 7 a.m. to noon, at the club on Mt. Bliss Rd.

Story hour

Story hour at the Crooked Tree District Libraries in Boyne Falls and Walloon Lake is on Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, crafts and other book-related fun with a different theme each week. Ages 6 and under welcome, with no registration required. For more information, call 231-535-2111 or 231-549-2277.

Food pantry hours

Boyne City Seventh-day Adventist Community Services Center/Food Pantry is open every Monday from 10 a.m. until noon. Call 231-582-0151 for additional information. Emergency service is available.

More or less

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"Is this your sale?" the woman with the hamper asked, barely glancing up from her labors.

"Yes."
"I'm getting those two rattan chairs. Do you have cushions for 'em? And this hamper and everything in it."

"What have you got to wrap these glasses in?" barked the second woman. "I want 'em all. And these dishes. And what's your best price on this table with the leaves?"

"What will you sell the bedroom set for if I take all of the pieces?"

"Do you have anything else in the house?"

"Hey, Trudy. D'ya want these lamps? No? Then I'll take 'em."

"Wait," I had recovered sufficiently to find my voice. "I was going to buy

those chairs. That's my basket of stuff sitting there."

The terrible triplet turned to me for the first time, narrowing her eyes and setting her mouth into a thin line.

"Did you tell her you were buyin' 'em?" she growled, tossing a nod at the blond woman.

"Not yet, but she went into the house to..."

"Well, I said that I want 'em and I'm buyin' 'em," the hag intoned, her attention already returned to the task at hand.

It was all happening so fast. I tried to switch gears to a defensive stance, but the horror of this assault possessed a momentum that overwhelmed me. I stuttered in dim protest as each item was snatched, grabbed, bagged and claimed by the truculent trio.

"We'll be back later to pick this stuff up," one of the frowsy crew announced as they paid for their loot.

"If you want to change your mind about those chairs, I'd really like them," I offered in feeble desperation.

"I'm not changin' my mind."

With that, the conquering hoard spun on their over-burdened heels and stomped back toward their car and, presumably, another destination slated for pillage.

"Oh, my - that was something! Looks like I'll be able to close up early," the blond woman mused, returning her attention me. "Well, now let's see. You've got the ironing board with the wall mount and the iron. Will that be it?"



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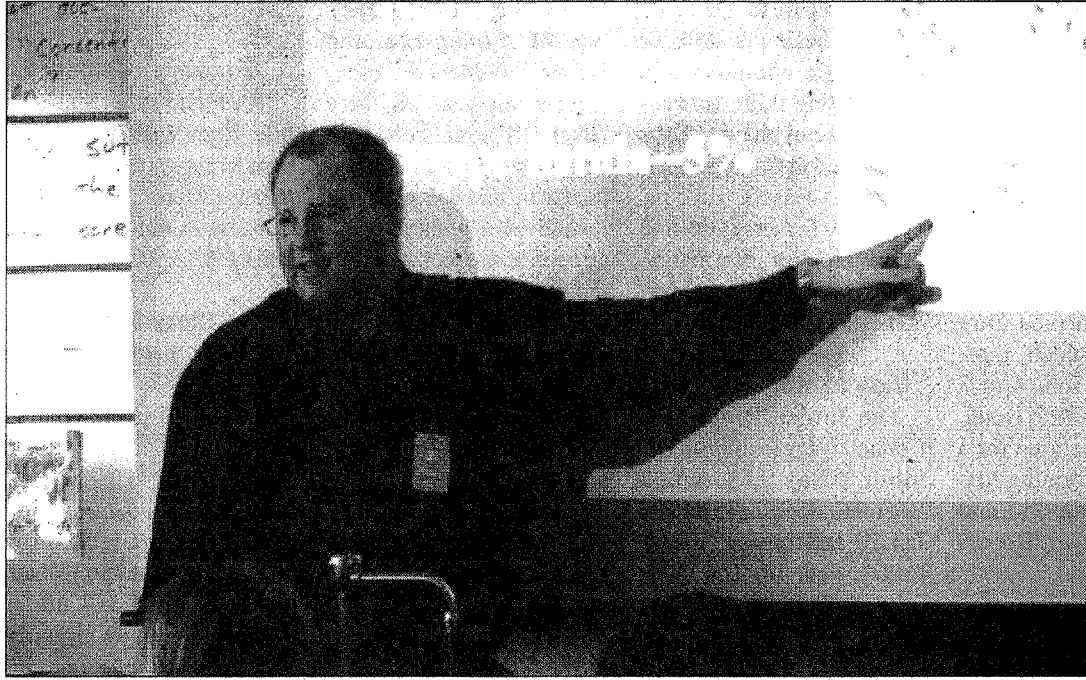
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Pediatric Surgeon speaks to students



Courtesy photo
Dr. Scott Langenburg, Pediatric Surgeon, Director of Trauma, and Director of Robotics and Minimally Invasive Surgery at the Children's Hospital of Michigan, recently visited Boyne City High School to speak to students interested in the field of medicine about his personal experiences as a surgeon.

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 Brad Will, of Traverse City, will be celebrant for the first Sunday in Lent, Feb. 10, at Episcopal Church of the Nativity. The Eucharist service will begin at 10 a.m. with a coffee hour in the undercroft immediately following the service. During Black History Month much of the music used will come from the "Lift Every Voice" hymnal, which features African-American songs.

The vestry will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the church undercroft beginning at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, the first in a series of Lenten "soup, sandwich and study" sessions will begin at 6 p.m. Reverend Peggy Nattermann has selected "A Purpose Driven Life" for the study sessions. A soup will be provided each week, but participants

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.

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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 dona-

tions. 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

Saturday, Feb. 2, there will be a Prayer Partner Breakfast starting at 8 a.m.

Sunday, Word and Worship will be at 9 and 10:45 a.m. The sermon title is "Here Come the Judges - They Forgot about God" from Judges 2 given by Pastor Jeff Ellis. Worship will be led by Praise Band 2. 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 and adult bible studies will meet at 9 and 10:45 a.m. There will be a Super Bowl party at the Youth Center at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited.

For more information, call the church office at 231-535-2288 or go to www.walloonchurch.com. Weekly sermons are available on line.

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.

BC SENIOR CENTER

Enjoy lunch at the Boyne Area Senior Center this week. Lunch is a \$2 suggested donation for those 60 and over; \$4 if you are under 60.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, the day will begin at 10 a.m. with line dancing. Cheeseburger meatball or fish is your choice for lunch. Also on the menu is sweet potatoes, fareastern blend vegetables and fresh fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 7, garlic chicken will be served with peas, cauliflower with cheese sauce and pumpkin pie. Bingo will follow lunch on Thursday.

Friday, Feb. 8, music will start the day at 11 a.m. with Don Judd. Veggie lasagna, broccoli, carrots and ambrosia will be served for lunch.

Monday, Feb. 11, pork chops, au gratin potatoes, broccoli and mixed fruit is planned. Bingo will follow lunch.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, is homemade soup, a full salad bar and sandwiches. It is birthday day at the senior center also. See Terri when you arrive for lunch. A craft class will begin the day at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, line dancing starts the day at 10 a.m. Chicken alfredo, California-blend vegetables, stewed tomatoes and apple cobbler is on the menu for lunch. There is a foot clinic at the senior center on Wednesday. You must have an appointment for this service.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Feb. 17, for a dinner at the Boyne Area Senior Center. Pork roast or chicken will be your choice for dinner. The suggested donation for Sunday dinner is \$3 for those 60 and over. For information call 231-582-6682. To contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging call 231-237-0103 or toll free at 866-428-5185.

EJ SENIOR CENTER

Join us at the Charlevoix County Senior Center at East Jordan for lunch and fun activities. On Tuesdays and Fridays we play bingo after lunch. Tuesdays we have a full soup and salad bar.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, we will be serving a choice of cheeseburger meatballs or fish; during lunch we will have a meal certificate drawing.

Thursday, Feb. 7, we will have a "snow fun activity." Garlic chicken is on the menu.

Friday, Feb. 8, we will be serving veggie lasagna while being entertained by Roger Hartson.

Monday, Feb. 11, pork chops are on the menu and we will have trivia in honor of Burt Reynolds' birthday. At 1 p.m. we will also have a craft class.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, beef patty is on the menu and at 1 p.m. is our acrylic paint class

Wednesday, Feb. 13, "EJ Elementary Hands" will be serving a lunch of chicken alfredo; at 11 a.m. is the EJSC Advisory Board Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 14, happy Valentine's Day. We will have activities, a meal certificate drawing and a pie raffle; stuffed cabbage is on the menu.

Friday, Feb. 15, we will be serving cod amandine while enjoying entertainment by The Cousin's Music Group.

Everyone is welcome. Enjoy lunch for a \$2 donation if you are age 60 or over; \$4 if you are under age 60. Our menu is subject to change so please feel free to call the East Jordan Senior Center at 231-536-7831 with any questions. The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging can be reached at 231-237-0103 or toll free at 1-866-428-5185.

OBITUARY

Rita J. Moody

Rita J. Moody, 79 of Boyne City, left to be reunited with her loving husband, Steven, and her creator Jan. 31, 2008.

Rita was born to Jennie and Bernard Kalinka on May 26, 1928, in Grand Rapids, where she later met the love of her life. She married Steven M. Moody on Jan. 15, 1949, and started a family (that never ended).

Rita was the loving mother of 9 children and 19 grandchildren, and friend to all she met. She had the charisma and glow to talk to and befriend anyone, anywhere, at anytime. She was very active throughout her lifetime in all the usual activities in her children and grandchildren's lives: sporting events, bake sales, PTA meetings, but especially loved supporting all the Boyne City High School Drama performances.

Rita loved spending time with her husband and traveling, with

many of their trips being visits to the homes of their eight living children until the untimely passing of her love in May of 2001. Rita put her heart into her family, a homemaker who made home a very warm and welcoming place, she was well practiced at feeding a crowd and throwing a party. She loved life and filled her days with many activities, from golf (two days a week), to sewing (especially the baby quilts and Halloween costumes for her grandchildren), and she always had a great time with anyone who wanted to accompany her to the casino. For many years she served with the March of Dimes, was an avid bowler, and enjoyed card parties with her friends.

Rita was preceded in death by her mother and father, brother Kels, sister Irene Armstrong, infant daughter Laura Jean, son-in-law Gary Hawk, as well as the love of her life, Steven.

She is survived by her twin sister, Martha (Al) Rosengren; sister-in-law, Mary-Ann Kalinka; sister, Dorothy Durham; brothers, Donald (Linda) Kalinka and Gerald Kalinka; and sister, Bern (Richard) Polkowski. Eight children: Steph, Pat (Carol), Tim, Mike (Sherrie), Jennie (David) Stoner, Marty (Connie), Tom (Kelly), Scott, and family friend Michelle Guitar. Nineteen grandchildren: Jason and Peter (Pat); Todd and Brad (Tim); Adam, Erin, and Kevin (Mike); Kyle, John, Ali, and Becca (Jennie); Brittney, Kristin, Morganne, and Cassidy (Marty); and Kiernan,

Claedon, and Kylan (Tom); as well as a large extended family consisting of both Moodys and Kalinkas.

Our wonderful mother and grandmother (Busia) will be sorely missed, but the pain that is left in us here is diminished knowing that she is reunited with her beloved once again.

Visitation was Feb. 4, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Feb. 5, at St. Matthews Church in Boyne City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the "Steven M. and Rita J. Moody Memorial Drama Scholarship."

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SERVICE NEWS



Darren A. Looze

Air Force Airman Darren A. Looze has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Kelly Martin and Dennis Looze, both of Boyne City.

Looze graduated in 2004 from Boyne City High School.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan High School

NAME: Clarissa Sarasin
PARENTS: Ed Sarasin and Lori Sarasin
GRADE: 10th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Soccer
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Art and English
FUTURE PLANS: Attend cosmetology school
STAFF COMMENTS: "Clarissa is a great student to have in class. She is one of those quiet leaders you can always count on to get a job done. She never makes excuses or complains; she simply tackles the task. Great work Clarissa."

Mrs. McPherson

"I have Clarissa in my honors chemistry class. Clarissa always works hard and participates in class. She never complains and does her best in whatever task she is asked to perform. Nice job Clarissa, it is a pleasure to have you in class."

Mrs. Moeke

"Clarissa is one of the hardest working students I know, and she doesn't complain about having to work. She certainly deserves the recognition. Congratulations Clarissa." Mr. Essenberg

"Clarissa is an excellent U.S. History student." Mr. Weber

"Clarissa Sarasin is a quiet student who gets the job done and it is always above and beyond the average. Clarissa has a wonderful laugh that you never forget once you hear it. She deserves student of the week just for being a follow through type of student and for the great attitude and work ethic that she always has." Mrs. Tinney

Boyne City High School

NAME: Joslyn Moore
PARENTS: Jeff and Carol Moore
GRADE: 9th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Volleyball and Soccer

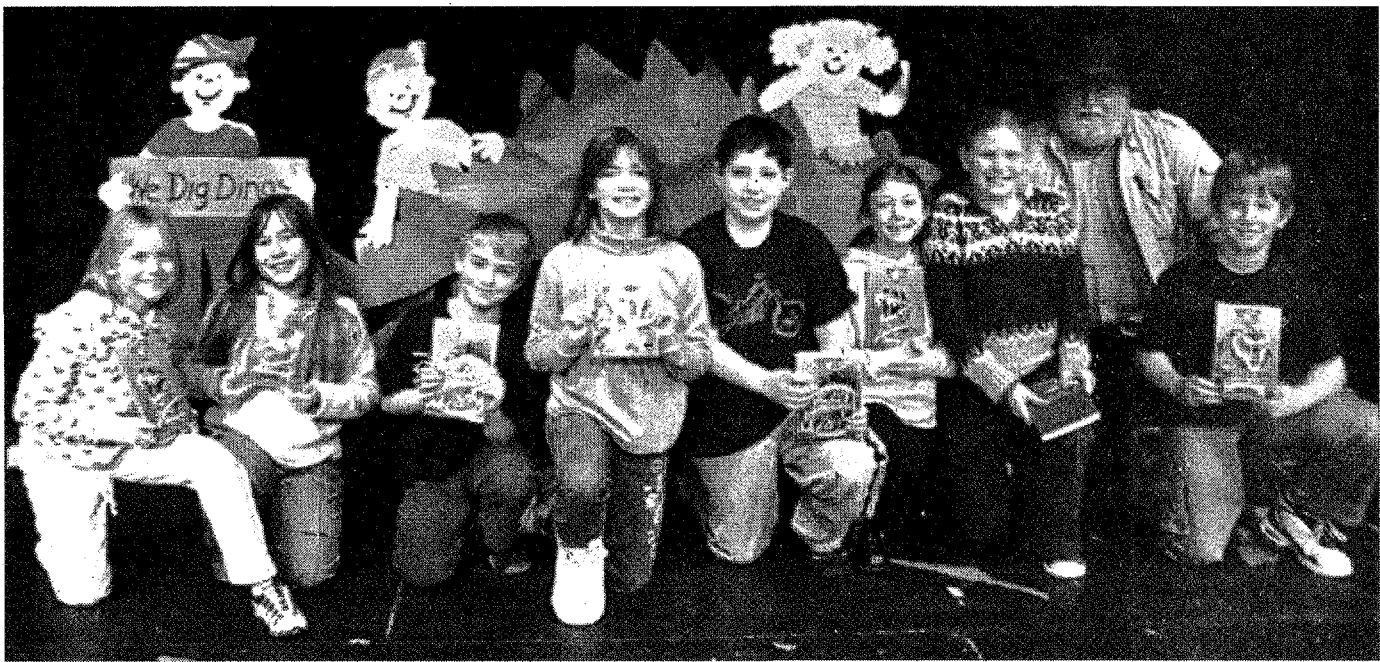
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I love to plan and organize events and parties, and read and write. I love doing crafts and decorating, and enjoy having a unique style.

FUTURE PLANS: I want to go to college and become a wedding or event planner, or perhaps go into media and journalism, elementary, or fashion/design education.

STAFF COMMENTS: "Joslyn is doing an exceptional job in U.S. History.

She has high expectations for herself. She is motivated to be successful. Great job Joslyn." Michelle Deming, History Department

"Joslyn Moore puts exceptional effort into her school work both at home and during class, she completes all assignments thoroughly, works conscientiously, and participates on a daily basis. In addition she is polite, considerate and positive." Aaron Fritzsche



Olivia Vargo, Julie Bush, Tristan Stackus, Abigail Gardner, Christopher Nelson, Jasmine Grutsch, Makayla Baker, PaleoJoe, and Jacob Brewer.



Mrs. Crandell's second grade class showing their new RIF Books.

RIF day

Students at Boyne City Elementary School recently enjoyed a visit from paleontologist and author, Joseph "PaleoJoe" Kchodl during their RIF day celebration on Jan. 17.

Third and fourth grade students were encouraged to read each night and fill out a "Reading Raptor" and place them in a basket in the Media Center. This could not be homework reading, but their free reading time. Winners drawn from the basket won a PaleoJoe book signed by the author. Younger students were also encouraged to read and fill out a "Dino-mite reading record" and winners picked prizes from the Treasure Box. All students received a new book on RIF Day.

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



Burn Calories At Work

Here are a few simple ideas for burning extra calories at the office. Walk or bike to work if you can. Park at the far end of the lot. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Look for opportunities to stand, it burns more calories than sitting. Take a walk at break time or lunch. Keep small hand weights or resistance bands at your desk and use them between tasks or while on the phone. For exercise enthusiasts, treadmill workstations may be an option. Mayo Clinic researchers estimate that overweight people who replace seated computer time with walking computer time for 2-3 hours a day could lose 44-60 lbs. in a year.

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STUDENT NEWS

Local students make Michigan Tech's dean's list

More than 1,300 students were placed on the fall 2007 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University, earning grade point averages of 3.5 or higher.

Among the honorees are Janelle A. Doebel and Christopher J. Taylor, both of East Jordan.

WMU dean's list

Western Michigan University's fall 2007 dean's list includes Joshua M. Aown and Adam R. Friedrich of Boyne City.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must have earned at

least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Northwood president's list

Richard A. Christner of East Jordan has been named to the President's list for fall term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Keith A. Pretty, president of the university.

Christner is the son of Marvin and Sylvia Christner of East Jordan.

To achieve president's list recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point on a

NCMC president's and dean's lists

North Central Michigan College has announced the president's and dean's lists for the Fall 2007 semester. The president's list requires a 4.0 grade-point average; the dean's list requires a 3.5 GPA.

Among the students on the president's list are Christopher J. Conroy, Kimberly Jennifer Drury, Michele Marie Hoth, Michelle Marie Metzger and Ashleigh Dawn Wiltjer, all of Boyne City; and Joseph John Haney of East Jordan.

list include Amy Marie Barden, Jodi Marie Beebe, Aimee Dawn Bergmann, Daniel Paul Bryan, Colleen Sue Carlson, Daniel Harold Frye, Monica Ann Kroondyk, Oksana Marchenko, Robin L. Moyer and Jessica Rose Nichols of Boyne City; Tracy Lynne Johnson, Kimberly J. Matelski, Annie Renee Pernicano

and Amy Brooke Stahl, of Boyne Falls; and Katherine Nicole Anderson, Michael Joseph Anderson, Valerie Ann Derenzy, Hamilton Burns Hansma, Keith Anthony Rebec, Cindi Marie Russell, Marie Florence Spiewak, Holly Ann Wells and Rachael Jean McKenney of East Jordan.

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

Rambler boys win LMC ski meet

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — One more regular season ski meet remained on the schedule before the Lake Michigan Conference championships on Feb. 25, and the Boyne City boys team has put itself in position for a fantastic finish.

The Ramblers won their second consecutive league meet last week, 36-77 (low score winning).

Nick Simeri paced the Ramblers to a first place finish in the slalom by taking second overall in a combined time of 52.60 seconds.

Sterling Adgate finished third in 53.90, and Mike Cortwright was behind in fourth place with a combined time of 54.51. Kaleb McNamara took fourth place in 55.13. Joe Shear was 11th in 59.87 and Tom Hague finished 14th in 1:02.62.

Charlevoix-East Jordan's top finisher was Jake Lamenski in eighth place with a time of 1:22.84, followed by Paul Stolt in ninth place with a 1:23.94 and G. Awanda finished 10th in 1:30.81.

Boyne also finished first in the giant slalom, with Kaleb McNamara finishing third overall in 49.66. Simeri was fourth in 49.83, Cortwright placed sixth in 50.32 and Adgate was eighth in 50.77.

"That's the kind of placing we'll need at the league and regional meets," Rambler coach Bob Simpson said. "Finishing in the top three at the regional is our goal, because that would qualify us to go to state as a team."

"Our boys are skiing very well now. They're working hard every day in practice, and performing very well on the hill."

"We know there's still a lot of work left to do. We have to be prepared for the league meet, and then the regional. The kids need to keep working hard at it. I know they will."

David Merrill led Charlevoix-East Jordan with a seventh place in 58.02, Stolt finished eighth in 58.18 and G. Awanda was 13th in 1:06.25.

On the girls' side, Boyne City experienced a few problems and wound up in fourth place behind Traverse City St. Francis, Charlevoix-East Jordan and Harbor Springs with 95 points.

In the slalom, Brenna Cheadle had the highest finish with a third in 1:10.55, and Amber Stone was seventh in 1:32.34.

Cristina Roland finished third in the giant slalom (52.85) and Allison Wright was fourth (53.08). Morgan Harding took seventh, Kaitlyn Bohnet finished 16th, Kelsey Kruzuel was 19th, Cheadle finished 23rd.

"The girls are experiencing some difficulties, but they're continuing to work hard as well," Simpson said. "I think they'll come along with more experience."

Katherine Rowley was Charlevoix-East Jordan's top finisher, taking second in the slalom with a time of 52.89 seconds.

Elizabeth Hasseld finished fifth in 57 seconds, Mary Gocha was ninth in 1:01.09, Emily Bajko took 12th place in 1:02.23, Stephanie Poindexter was 18th in 1:09.68 and Amanda Fritsch placed 21st in 1:10.90.

Boyne City finished second as a team in the giant slalom, led by Roland in third place with a time of 52.85 seconds.

Wright finished fourth in 53.08, Harding placed seventh in 53.82, Bohnet finished 16th in 57.18, Kruzuel placed 19th in 57.45 and Brenna Cheadle was 23rd in 59.10.

Rowley led Charlevoix-East Jordan with a first place finish in the giant slalom with a 51.01.

Gocha was 11th in 56.18, Hasseld finished 12th in 56.26, Bajko placed 24th in 59.67 and Fritsch finished 32nd in 1:11.28.

Red Devils take care of Rams

By CHIP CORWIN
SPORTS EDITOR

HARBOR SPRINGS — The East Jordan girls basketball team picked up another Lake Michigan Conference win in convincing fashion last Thursday, walloping the host Harbor Springs Rams, 64-24. The Red Devils led 19-4 after the first quarter.

"The girls got off to a quick start, which is always nice, especially on the road," East Jordan head coach Sean Ferguson said. "Coach Albert's team (Harbor Springs) is really beset by injuries right now, but I'm really impressed with how hard they keep playing for him despite all of their adversity. He does a great job, his kids never gave up."

The Red Devils pushed their lead to 35-10 at halftime, and they continued to build on that lead throughout the second half.

"We had great balance tonight, as everyone played lots of minutes, and everyone scored. Meghan shot the ball well tonight connecting on four threes, which continues to show her diversity," Ferguson said. "We had 16 assists and only 11 turnovers, which indicates we are taking care of the ball better and making good decisions."

Coming up big for

the Red Devils was Treasure Timmons, who had a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Ferguson also praised the play of reserve forward/center Isabelle Conzen, who contributed 4 points, 9 boards and 2 blocks. Other standouts, according to Ferguson, included Tori Carr, Cassie Crick and Sarah Kupovits.

"The growth of this team has been phenomenal," Ferguson said. "We still have a long way to go with some tough games coming up, but we are having fun and enjoying every moment."

Thomas led the Red Devils with 16 points, and Crick added 15. Thomas also had 8 steals.

Catlin Reeves led Harbor Springs with 8 points.

The Red Devils hosted Elk Rapids last night for Parent's Night, and they travel to Boyne City on Thursday to take on the Ramblers.

East Jordan will travel to Grayling on Monday, Feb. 11 for a make-up of last Tuesday's game that was postponed due to weather.

East Jordan won the JV game over the Rams, 48-45. Melyssa Skrocki scored 20 points on five three-pointers.

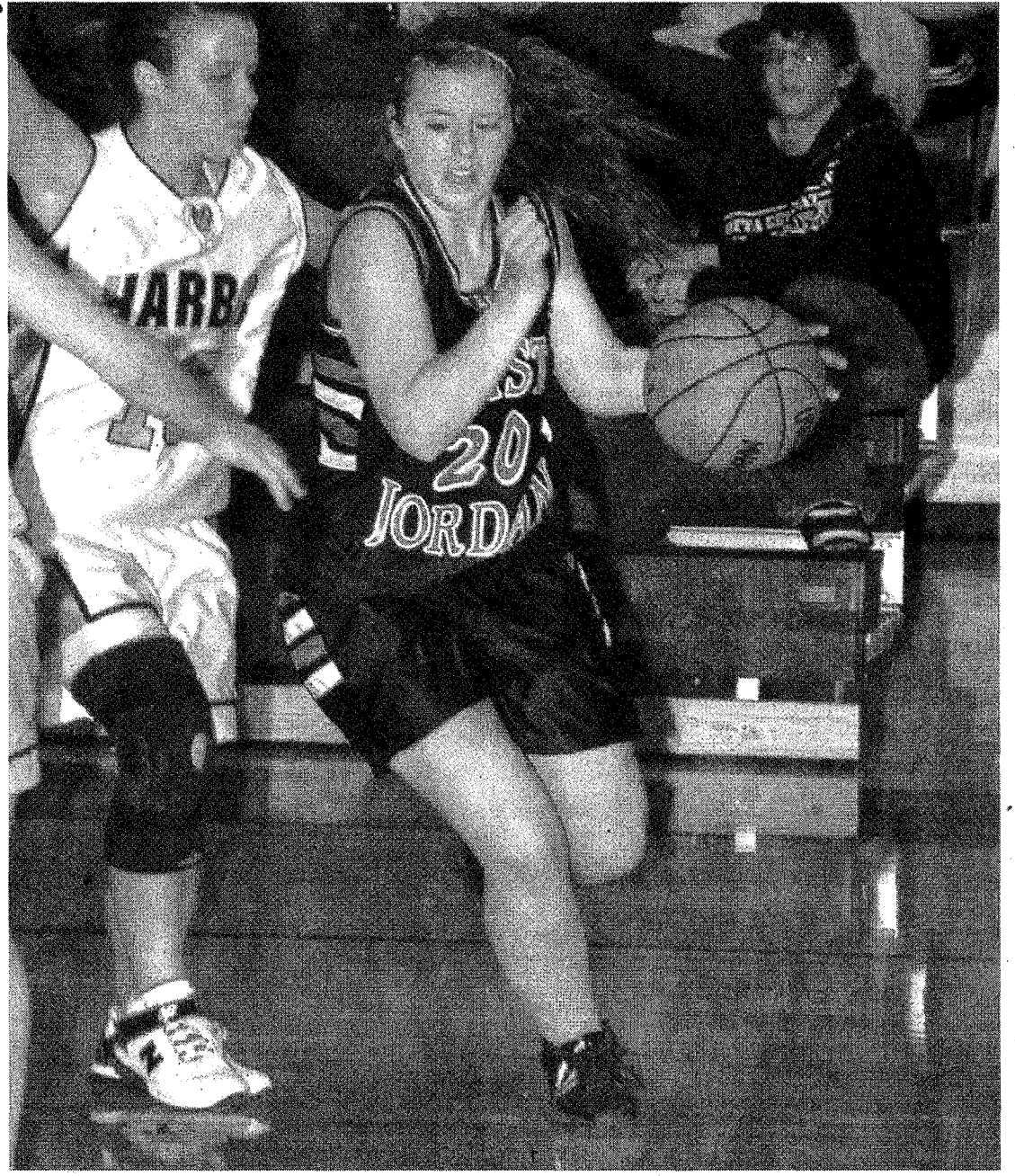


Photo by Vic Ruggles
East Jordan senior Cassie Crick navigates the Harbor Springs defense in last Thursday's LMC matchup.

Ramblers beat Kalkaska, St. Francis Extend winning streak to four straight

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Coaches are always saying how they want to have their teams peaking at the right time of the season, just before the tournaments.

No doubt Boyne City girls basketball coach Scott Hausler is feeling that his Ramblers are doing just that as the regular season winds down.

With only four games left before the district tournament tips off, the Ramblers are riding the crest of a four-game winning streak.

The Ramblers aren't breaking any offensive records, but their defense has been the key stone in their recent surge.

Boyne City swept Kalkaska, 48-40, and Traverse City St. Francis, 36-30, in a pair of Lake Michigan Conference games last week.

Now 10-6 overall and 9-2 in the conference, Boyne City can secure a winning season with one more victory.

Trisha Tomkins led the Ramblers with 16 points, and Jessica Knysz scored 15 for the Ramblers in their win over Kalkaska in spoiling the Blazers' chances of earning a share of the league title.

Knysz made 7-of-8 free throws in the second half. Maddie Moeke added 9 points, while Shelby Mittig and Caitlyn Wonski contributed 4 each.

Chelsea Matley, a freshman point guard, finished as the Blazers' leading scorer with 17 points.

Tomkins and Wonski shut down Kalkaska's two top scorers, Katie Krause and Melissa Taylor.

Each was held to 5 points. With their two main offensive weapons effectively neutral-

ized, the Blazers struggled to put together an effective attack.

"This was a good team effort," Hausler said. "The girls kept their heads in the game and finished strong. That's something we haven't been doing."

"We told them at halftime that we had to cut down on the turnovers and we could win this game, and they responded by making only five turnovers in the second half while under full court pressure."

Kalkaska edged away from the Ramblers after the two teams finished the first

quarter in an 8-8 tie to take a 16-15 halftime lead.

Boyne City gained a 28-25 lead at the end of the third period, however, and held off the Blazers in the fourth.

Mittig and Moeke each made a 3-point field goal for the Ramblers.

The Ramblers shot only 25 percent from the floor, making 13-of-51 attempts. Boyne City was only 9-of-27 at the free throw line.

Knysz hauled down 8 rebounds to lead Boyne City, while Wonski had 5 and Moeke 4. Tomkins and Moeke each picked off 4 steals, and

Mittig had 3. Knysz and Tomkins had 4 assists each.

Tomkins scored 15 points to lead the Ramblers over St. Francis. Mittig and Knysz added 7 each, Moeke had 5 and Wonski two.

Knysz pulled down 11 rebounds and Tomkins had 6 boards. Knysz also had 4 steals and Tomkins 3. Mittig dished out 3 assists.

Boyne led the Gladiators 8-5 at the end of the first quarter and 19-14 at the half. It was 29-24 after three.

Boyne City was scheduled to play at Charlevoix on Tuesday.

Loggers win two

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE FALLS — The Alba Wildcats tried to slow down the Boyne Falls boys varsity basketball team with a tempo more to the visitors' liking, but the host Loggers were able to up the pace of the game and run away from the Wildcats as the game wore on.

The result was a 54-37 Northern Lakes Conference win for Boyne Falls on Friday, Feb. 1.

Alba was able to keep within five points of the lead in the opening half, trailing by scores of 14-7 after one quarter and 25-20 at the intermission.

"Alba did a nice job of keeping the pace slow. We weren't able to change that until the third quarter when we increased our lead to 15 points. We got our running game going," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla.

Boyne Falls led the contest 42-27 going into the final period and then out scored Alba 12-10 down the stretch to seal the win.

Chad Deming paced the Logger scoring with 16 points, while Josh Haskin and Justin Grubaugh contributed 9 points each.

Zach Milligan (11 points) and Chris Pawson (10 points) led the Alba offense.

Boyne Falls JV 62, Alba JV 29

Jared Mathers tossed in 20 points and had 10 steals to lead the Boyne Falls junior varsity team to a 62-29 victory over Alba. The Loggers led the Wildcats 38-14 at half time.

Josh Puroll (10), James Brown (8), Zach Hausler (6), and Forest Williams (6) all contributed to the

Logger attack.

Boyne Falls 75, Atlanta 49

Derhning and Grubaugh hit for 14 points each and Devin Simon chipped in with 11 points when Boyne Falls defeated Atlanta 75-49 in a non-conference match up at Boyne Falls on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

"We were pretty consistent right from the start. We were up by ten most of the game and I was happy with our effort," said Hamilla.

The Loggers scored in double figures in all four quarters as they forged leads of 21-10 after one, 41-20 at the half and 58-32 at the end of the third quarter.

Nick Gross led Atlanta with 13 points.

Boyne Falls will travel for its next two games at Wolverine on Wednesday, Feb. 6 and Harbor Light on Friday, Feb. 8.

Ramblers split LMC games Beat Grayling, lose to Charlevoix



Photo by Vic Ruggles
Boyne's Robby Jensen shoots a jumper in the lane while receiving contact from a Charlevoix defender.

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — After extending their winning streak to five straight games with a 67-58 win at Grayling last Monday, the Boyne City boys basketball team lost to Charlevoix, 72-63.

Trevor Kruzuel paced the Ramblers against Grayling with 25 points, and he also had 7 rebounds.

Kruzuel, a power forward, was a perfect 7-of-7 at the free throw line while center Konecki went 7-of-9. Kruzuel scored 21 points in the second half.

Josh Konecki had 13 points and hauled down 10 rebounds. Robby Jensen added 12 points and 7 rebounds. T.J. Redmond contributed 10 points and 7 rebounds.

Grayling was led in scoring by Josh Stapleton with 19 points, while Rich Schreiber added 11 and Al Grabiell finished with 10.

Boyne took an 18-17 first-quarter lead, but was outscored 13-9 in the second period and trailed the Vikings, 30-27, at the half.

The Ramblers came back with a 17-12 advantage in the third, and entered the fourth with a 44-42 lead and then outscored the Vikings 22-16 in the final eight minutes.

"It's always tough to go down to Grayling," Boyne City coach John Hertel said. "It's a tough place to play."

"We battled the whole game. The kids really stayed positive and really believed they could win the game."

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Giants prove they were better team

It was the perfect ending, all right.

Just not for the New England Patriots, who were flirting with NFL history coming into Sunday night's Super Bowl with an 18-0 record and what many thought the best team of all time.

But it was the New York Giants, a shining example of imperfection the majority of the season and considered unlikely candidates to even reach the championship game, who came up with the perfect game plan.

Let's give the Giants their due.

Consigned to the NFL scrap heap earlier in the season, with a young and still-maturing quarterback prone to making the big mistake at just the wrong moment, and a head coach who's team was ready to mutiny over his harsh practices and strict rules, the Giants became the perfect storm to sink the Patriots' ship.

We should have seen this coming.

Especially when the Giants nearly spoiled the Patriots party even before the playoffs started.

It was that game, a 38-35 squeaker New England pulled out by the thinnest of margins, that turned the season around for the Giants and made them Patriot killers.

Michael Strahan knew, and revealed as much when answering a question from NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw, who won four Super Bowl championships with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Bradshaw, his bald head shining in the glow of the television lights as Strahan cradled the Lombardi Trophy signifying the Giants' amazing triumph, wanted to know if the Giants had any idea that they'd win the title.

Strahan's smile, exposing that now fa-

PRESS ROW



By Greg Gielczyk

mous gap in his front teeth, disappeared and was replaced by a sneer.

"We had plenty of free time (before the game). We watched a lot of TV," Strahan said to Bradshaw, now an analyst with FOX Network.

"People said we were carrying a false sense of confidence after (almost beating the Patriots) the first time.

"It wasn't false confidence. We were confident!"

Bradshaw didn't pose another question, but simply instructed Strahan to hoist the trophy aloft and carry it around the stadium, displaying it to the Giants' fans.

No more need be said.

Citizen-Journal editor Jeff Bergren had it pegged correctly as well, although he was slightly off on the final score. But I'm sure he'll settle for 17-14. As long as the "G-Men" rule.

And rule they did, with a defense that pressured coverboy quarterback Tom Brady all game long, sacking him a total of four times and hurrying him on several other occasions.

Brady's lack of pass protection was starkly contrasted by the Giants' offensive line's ability to give quarterback Eli Manning enough time in the pocket to find his receivers.

"Eli came of age tonight right before our eyes," FOX analyst Howie Long, a former Oakland Raider, said after the game.

No, you're wrong there, Howie.

Manning proved himself long before leading the Giants to their upset of the Patriots. His incredible transformation from bumbling kid quarterback to a shrewd, highly skilled master of the game and already taken place.

It began with the Giants' narrow loss to the Patriots at the end of the regular season, and steadily grew as Manning orchestrated the Giants' incredible 11-game road winning streak.

Officially, the Giants won 12 straight games on the road counting the Super Bowl.

The Giants deserved to win. They were the better team. Hands down. They proved the Patriots mere mortals, and slew them in an atmosphere where they usually thrive.

And it was fitting that Manning, who endured the slings and arrows from the media and fans all year, should be named the game's Most Valuable Player.

For it was he who led them to the summit, when no one believed he could.

Manning showed no panic in his face as he grabbed his helmet and tugged it over his head following the Patriots' final touchdown which gave them a 14-10 lead.

Like all the stories we've heard, and some may have witnessed, of Johnny Unitas leading the Baltimore Colts to championship victories, Manning was the epitome of cool under fire.

He didn't flinch, and his teammates in the huddle sensed his confidence and gathered energy from it.

Crow is a dish best served cold, I suppose. But, to be honest, after their performance on Sunday, I can't begrudge the Giants their victory.

Jeff ... I couldn't possibly top that..

Line of sight



East Jordan senior Sarah Kupovits looks for an open teammate in last Thursday's LMC matchup at Harbor Springs.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

LMC

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"The kids played great in the fourth quarter. They shared the ball. Grayling tried to trap us and get steals to come back."

"It was more of a half-court trap for the most part, but the ball wasn't even touching the floor and we were able to move it around and get some layups."

Boyne outrebounded the Vikings, 40-21. Ethan Mapes did a great job moving the ball around and finding the open man.

Grayling won the junior varsity game, 56-43. T.J. Wandrie had 13 points and Evan Orbin finished with 10 for the Ramblers.

Charlevoix ended the Ramblers' winning streak with a 72-63 win last Saturday night.

Jensen fired in 20 points for the Ramblers and also had 10 rebounds. Ryan Musser added 16 points and 7 rebounds, Kruzel con-

tributed 13 points. Dan Remsberg scored 9 points.

Boyne City trailed, 21-15, at the end of the first period and 38-25 at halftime. It was 52-37 after three periods.

"I was really pleased with the way we played in the first quarter," Hertel said. "We came out with a lot of energy, and the game was really even until about the last minute of the first quarter."

"We handled their pressure much, much better in the second half. Point-wise, we won the second half. The kids never gave up."

"They're a very strong team and undefeated in the league. We played them much better than we had the first game. I was happy with the progress of our team."

Boyne City fell to 6-8 overall, but the Ramblers are 5-4 in the league and in third place. Charlevoix is 9-0 and St. Francis 6-2.

Tigers sign Granderson through 2013

By JIM HAWKINS OF THE OAKLAND PRESS

Curtis Granderson's breakout 20-20-20 season in 2007 helped make this winter's blockbuster trade involving former heir apparent Cameron Maybin feasible. The combination of the two made it imperative that the Tigers guarantee Granderson's continued presence in center field.

And on Monday they did exactly that, signing the 26-year-old outfielder to a \$30.25 million, five-year contract with a club option for a sixth season which could keep Granderson in a Tigers uniform until at least 2013.

To celebrate, the frugal Granderson, who still shops at Wal-Mart, headed for McDonald's, where, as usual, he ordered off the Dollar Menu.

"I'm a really big fan of the Dollar Menu," admitted the newest Tiger millionaire.

Granderson's new contract reflects owner Mike Ilitch and the front office's commitment to

him and to the future of the franchise. The Tigers now have 11 key players — nearly half the team — signed or under option through at least 2009. And they hope to add slugging third baseman Miguel Cabrera's name to that list by opening day.

The team's payroll is now in the neighborhood of \$120 million — with about \$100 million in salaries likely to be on the field in any given game this summer.

"It's amazing the transformation over the past few years," admitted Tigers president and general manager Dave Dombrowski.

Granderson, who hit .302 with 122 runs, 38 home runs, 23 RBIs and 26 stolen bases in 158 games, would not have been eligible for free agency until 2012 and was not eligible for salary arbitration this year.

In other words, the Tigers could simply have renewed his contract for 2008 with whatever raise they deemed suitable. That is usually the way these things work.

Instead, under the terms of his new contract, Granderson will more than double his salary to about \$1 million this season and is due to make \$10 million in 2012, when he could have become a free agent.

"The Tigers held all the chips — they didn't have to do anything before its time," an appreciative Granderson said. "They want to keep the pieces together and keep winning."

Granderson is the first non-arbitration-eligible player to sign a long-term deal with the Tigers during Dombrowski's seven years with the team — an indication of how highly the organization thinks of Granderson, both as a player and as a person.

Granderson, who turns 27 in March, made a mere \$410,000 last year when he nevertheless became just the fourth player in major league history to collect at least 20 doubles, 20 triples, 20 home runs and 20 stolen bases in a season. Hall of Fame great Willie Mays (1957), unheralded

Frank "Wildfire" Schulte (1911) and Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins (2007) are the only others ever to do that. Granderson finished 10th in balloting last fall for the Most Valuable Player in the American League.

Given his age and limited experience, he only figures to get better.

"I'm always trying to find ways to get better," Granderson said. "There's always something to improve upon."

As lucrative as the deal sounds, it could actually save the Tigers money down the road when Granderson would have become eligible for arbitration and free agency.

"It's a complete win-win," said Granderson's

agent, Matt Brown. "It's a win for the club and its a win for Curtis, too, because the contract is guaranteed."

Granderson's 23 triples were tops in the AL in 2007. He finished third in the league with 122 runs scored and 84 extra-base hits, fourth with 338 total bases and sixth with a .552 slugging percentage.

The 11 Tigers now under contract or club option through 2009 are Granderson, Magglio Ordonez, Gary Sheffield, Carlos Guillen, Placido Polanco, Brandon Inge and Edgar Renteria, along with pitchers Justin Verlander, Dontrelle Willis, Jeremy Bonderman and Nate Robertson.

SKI RESULTS

Results of the Sunday Feb. 3, 2008 Northern Michigan Ski Academy Slalom Race held at Boyne Mountain:

Girls:

7 & Under: 1, Anni-ka Bergquist, Boyne City; 2, Katie Hoth, Boyne City; 3, Jenna Good, Charlevoix
8&9: 1, Winter Vi-

necki, Gaylord; 2, Kylee Chojnacki, Charlevoix; 3, Kylee Scholten, Charlevoix
10&11: 1, Mia Ciccoretti, Boyne Falls; 2, Alexa Wespiher, Harbor Springs; 3, Stephanie Sylvain, Harbor Springs

12&13: 1, Lacey Hofweber, East Jordan; 2, Dana Reynolds, Charlevoix; 3, Reilly

Philliben, Boyne Falls
14 & over: 1, Ganae Zettle, West Branch

Boys:

7 & Under: 1, Ethan Siegwart, Charlevoix; 2, Keon Taylor, Charlevoix; 3, Riley Norton, Petoskey

8&9: 1, Matt Good, Charlevoix; 2, Griffin Powers, Boyne City;

3, Spencer Binkley, Boyne City
10&11: 1, Gunner Lundteigen, Charlevoix; 2, Shea Fuhrman, Harbor Springs; 3, Landon Kartes, Boyne City

12&13: 1, Brian Erhart, Petoskey; 2, Ben Loomis, Petoskey; 3, Noah Honaker, Petoskey

14 & over: 1, Dean Hague, Boyne City; 2, Joe Loomis, Petos-

key; 3, Alan Mathers, Boyne City

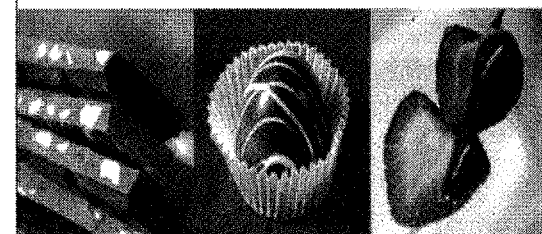
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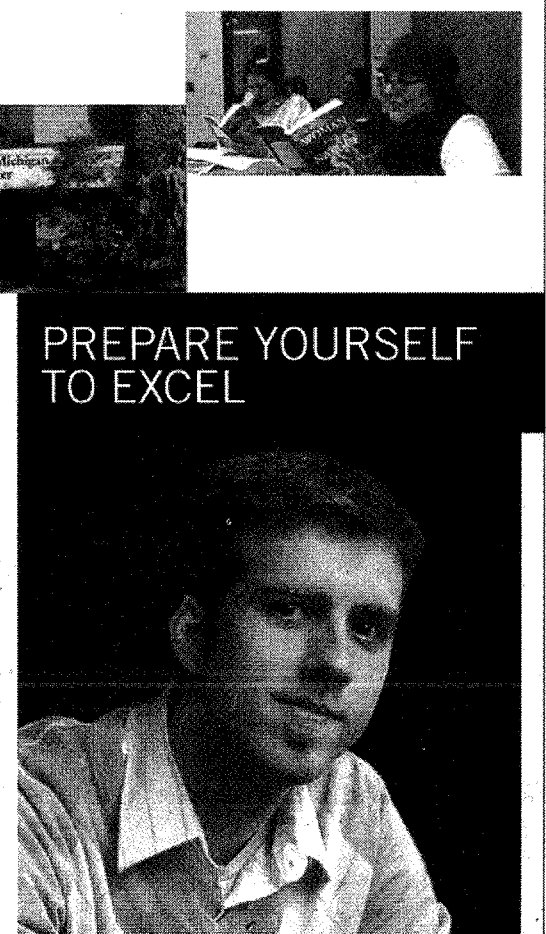


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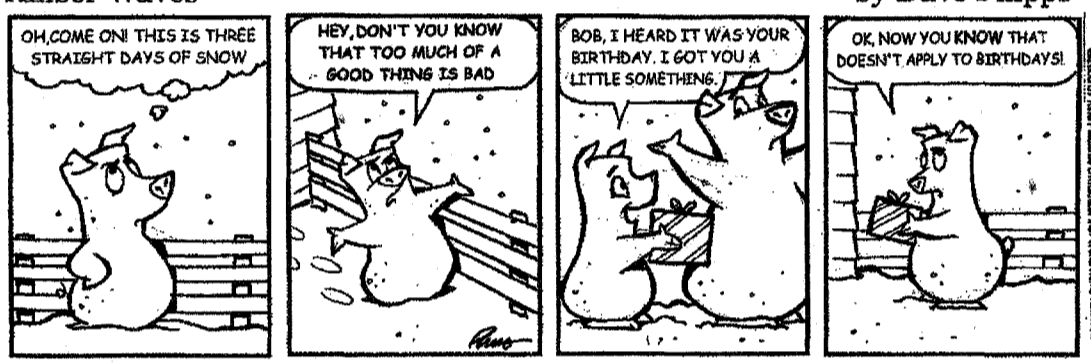
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- On Feb. 17, 1801, after one tie vote in the Electoral College and 35 indecisive ballot votes in the House of Representatives, Vice President Thomas Jefferson is elected the third president of the United States. The confusing election exposed major problems in the presidential electoral process.

- On Feb. 14, 1842, fans of Charles Dickens organize the Boz Ball, an elite party for the celebrated writer. (Dickens' earliest works had been published under the pseudonym Boz.) Only members of New York's aristocracy

were invited, and tickets were priced at the then-outrageous sum of \$10.

- On Feb. 11, 1858, in southern France, Marie-Bernarde Soubirous, a 14-year-old French peasant girl, claims to have seen the Virgin Mary. The apparitions, which totaled 18 before the end of the year, occurred in a grotto of a rock promontory near Lourdes.

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Miro Cardona as head of the country's new provisional government.

- On Feb. 15, 1965, jazz singer and pianist Nat King Cole dies of lung cancer at age 46. In 1991, his daughter, singer Natalie Cole, released the album "Unforgettable With Love." Electronic recording and mixing technology allowed her to record duets with her father, using his old tracks.

- On Feb. 13, 1989, Leona Helmsley, nicknamed the "Queen of Mean" by the press, receives a four-year prison sentence and a \$7.1 million tax fraud fine in New York. For many, Helmsley became the object of loathing and disgust when she quipped that "only the little people pay taxes."

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It could be risky to push for a project you believe in but others are wary of. Never mind. If you trust your facts, follow your courageous Aries heart and go with it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your enthusiasm sparks renewed interest in a workplace project that once seemed headed for deletion. Support from supervisors helps you make all necessary changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A colleague might be a bit too contrary when your ideas are being discussed in the workplace. A demand for an explanation could produce some surprises all around.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try to avoid distractions at a time when maintaining stability in a fluid situation is essential. There'll be time enough later for the Moon Child to enjoy some well-earned fun and games.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Stop wasting energy licking your wounded pride. Instead, put the lessons you learned from that upsetting experience to good use in an upcoming opportunity.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You love being busy. But try not to make more work for yourself than you need to. Get help so that you don't wind up tackling tasks that are better

left to others.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your usually balanced way of assessing situations could be compromised by some so-called new facts. Check them out before making any shift in judgment.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel angry over an unexpected shift in attitude by someone you trusted. But this could soon turn in your favor as more surprising facts come out.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Love rules everywhere for all amorous Archers, single or attached. It's also a good time to restore friendships that might have frayed over the years.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's not always easy for the proud Goat to forgive past slights. But clearing the air could help establish a better climate for that important upcoming venture.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Your skillful handling of a recent matter has won admiration from someone who could be influential in any upcoming decisions involving you.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You continue to welcome new friends into the widening circle of people whom you hold dear. One of those newcomers might soon have something special to tell you.
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- Top 10 Video Rentals**
1. 3:10 to Yuma(R) Russell Crowe (Lionsgate)
 2. War(R) Jet Li (Lionsgate)
 3. Rush Hour 3(PG-13) Chris Tucker (New Line)
 4. The Kingdom(R) Jamie Foxx (Universal)
 5. Death Sentence(R) Kevin Bacon (Fox)
 6. Resident Evil: Extinction(R) Milla Jovovich (Sony Pictures)
 7. The Heartbreak Kid(R) Ben Stiller (Paramount/DreamWorks)
 8. The Simpsons Movie(PG-13) animated (Fox)
 9. Shoot 'Em Up(R) Clive Owen (New Line)
 10. The Bourne Ultimatum(PG-13) Matt Damon (Universal)

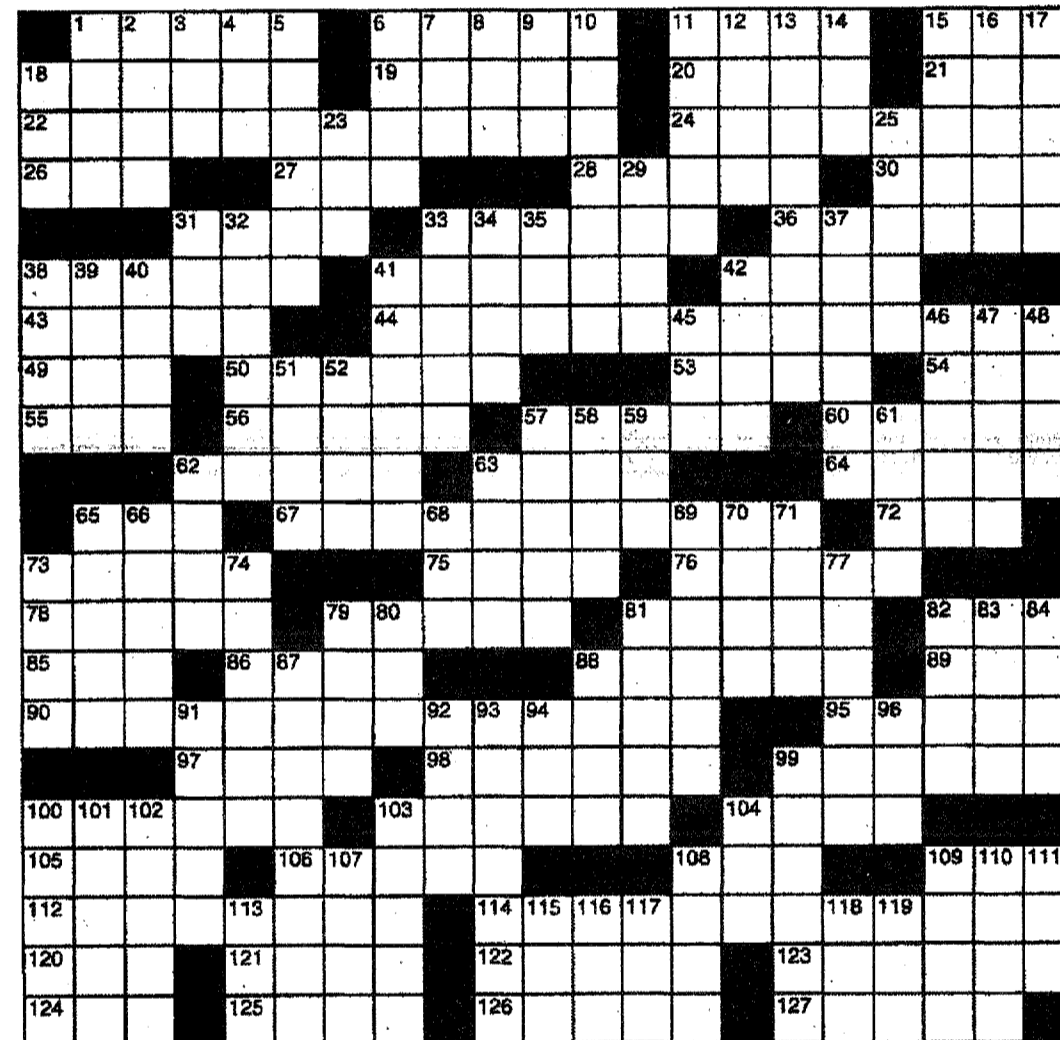
- Top 10 DVD Sales**
1. Resident Evil: Extinction(R) (Sony Pictures)
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 3. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix(PG-13) (Warner)
 4. Rush Hour 3(PG-13) (New Line)
 5. Shoot 'Em Up(R) (New Line)
 6. The Kingdom(R) (Universal)
 7. The Simpsons Movie(PG-13) (20th Century Fox)
 8. The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13) (Universal)
 9. Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End(PG-13) (Walt Disney)
 10. Superbad(R) (Sony Pictures)

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 - 6 Carpenter device
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 - 30 Pianist Gilels
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 - 33 Muhammad's daughter
 - 36 Commotion
 - 38 Tune
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 - 49 Grande
 - 50 Plot
 - 53 Facilitate a felony
 - 54 Poetic preposition
 - 55 Makes one's mark
 - 56 Tortellini
- DOWN**
- 1 Navy warrior
 - 2 "Colors" ('86 hit)
 - 3 Teacup part
 - 4 Tackled a taco
 - 5 Margin
 - 6 Singer Shenyl
 - 7 "di-dah"
 - 8 Palindromic name
 - 9 "Mal de"
 - 10 Luciano's colleague
- 100** Insist
- 103** Lost one's tall?
- 104** A shake in the grass?
- 105** "Star Trek VI" actress
- 106** Bendix role
- 108** Tease
- 109** Spigot
- 112** Frequent Wayne director
- 114** Wayne's role in "The Searchers"
- 120** Fink legend
- 121** New York city
- 122** Shortstop Pee Wee
- 123** Volcanic state
- 124** Comedian Louis
- 125** Actor Epps
- 126** A la King?
- 127** Proficient
- 11** Neon
- 12** Flu symptom
- 13** cat
- 14** Shelley's "Skylark"
- 15** Okfenokee, for one
- 16** Indian tongue
- 17** "Gay"
- 18** Internists' org.
- 23** "if I can help it!"
- 25** Tea of "The Naked Truth"
- 29** Prayer finale
- 31** Cob, CT
- 32** Forsyth's "The"
- 33** Surround a Seurat
- 34** "God's Little" ('58 film)
- 35** Skater Babilonia
- 37** Olympian AI
- 38** "You Bet Your Life" emcee
- 39** Part of HOMES
- 40** Author Anita
- 41** Don of "Cocoon"
- 42** Melville title start
- 45** "Nowhere" ('66 hit)
- 46** Actress Diamond
- 47** Sky stalker
- 48** "do-well"
- 51** Supermarket vehicle
- 52** "Be quiet!"
- 57** Complete
- 58** Night noise
- 59** Relative of ator
- 61** Tempt
- 62** School subject
- 63** Crackerjack
- 65** Casals'
- 66** Detective instrument
- 68** Emulate Vance
- 69** Exotic pet
- 70** Lingerie item
- 71** Shopper's sack
- 73** Golda of Israel
- 74** Darcy's creator
- 77** "The Aeneid" author
- 79** Mindy's mate
- 80** Circle section
- 81** Fathered a foal
- 82** Neighbor of Jordan
- 83** Waiter's offering
- 84** Fancy appetizer
- 87** TV's "Max"
- 88** Teen title
- 91** Proust protagonist
- 92** Eye appreciatively
- 93** Cheese-board choice
- 94** "Girls" ('79 smash)
- 96** Pretoria's loc.
- 99** "The Enlightened One"
- 100** Mustard city
- 101** Atlanta campus
- 102** Athlete Phil
- 103** More advanced
- 104** Rush
- 107** Role for Shirley
- 108** Patella's place
- 109** Kisser
- 110** Mine feature
- 111** Pressure meas.
- 113** To and
- 115** Pigskin prop
- 116** "Tell About It" ('83 song)
- 117** "see it"
- 118** Gum gob
- 119** Overwhelm



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Sudoku Answers

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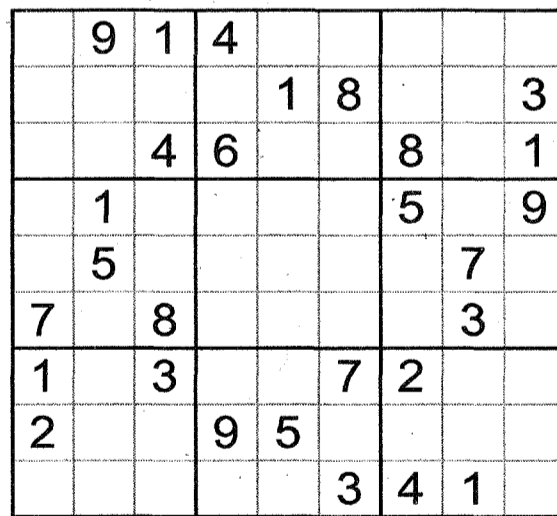


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Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com. For solutions check "JRC Publications" on the solutions page of www.sudoku.com.



MEDIUM

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top 10 movies

1. Cloverfield(PG-13) Michael Stahl-David, Jessica Lucas
2. 27 Dresses(PG-13) Katherine Heigl, James Marsden
3. The Bucket List(PG-13) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman
4. Juno(PG-13) Ellen Page, Michael Cera
5. National Treasure: Book of Secrets(PG) Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger
6. First Sunday(PG-13) Ice Cube, Regina Hall
7. Mad Money(PG-13) Diane Keaton, Queen Latifah
8. Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG) Jason Lee, David Cross
9. I Am Legend(PG-13) Will Smith, Alice Braga
10. Atonement(R) James McAvoy, Keira Knightley

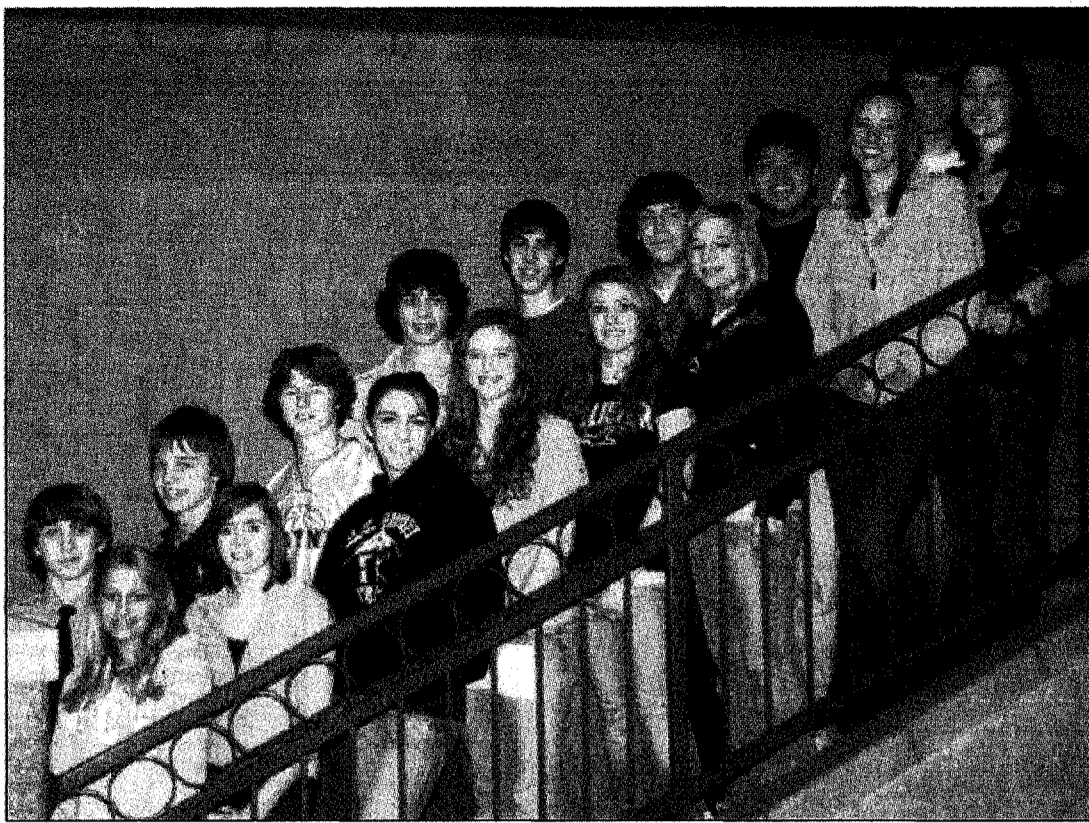
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Sno-Blast royalty



Belle of the Blizzard, Maggie Willette, and Winter Knight, Kevin Evans, were crowned during East Jordan's annual Sno-Blast festivities Jan. 18.

Snowball court



Members of the Boyne City High School 2008 Snowball Court are (front, l - r) Kaci Trixler, Allyssa Kasper, Amanda Welborn, Tracy Miller, Hannah Robinson, Courtney Culver, Kate Sweet, Melissa Seelye; (back) James O'Brien, Jalen Adams, Parker Ameel, Sterling Adgate, Paul Solomon, Robby Reidel, Keng Yang, Joe Shear.

Awards breakfast

The Boyne Area Kiwanis provided an awards breakfast to the winners of the Tenth Grade Eddie Essay Contest. Students at Concord Academy and the high schools in Boyne City and Boyne Falls answered the question: If you had \$50 to give to your favorite charity, which would it be and why?

This Kiwanis project teaches teens about the importance of giving and informs us all about the many great charitable organizations that we have in our community. The Eddie Essay is named after a Kiwanis member's brother, Ed Hughes, whose life and spirit exemplify the nature of giving.

In the spring of 2005 and 2006 Kiwanis sponsored a Fifth Grade Eddie Essay Contest. Because of the outstanding success of the contests this fall they added a tenth grade contest as well.

A committee of Kiwanis members selected a winner from each school as well as an overall winner. The 1-2 page essays were evaluated on the basis of content as well as grammar, spelling and sentence structure. The students read their essays aloud to their proud parents, teachers, principals and Kiwanis members. The tenth graders inspiring words touched many hearts at the Awards Ceremony on Nov. 29.

Representatives from the charitable organizations also attended the breakfast honoring the winning students and received donations of a \$50 contribution from the students made possible through Kiwanis and co-sponsors from area businesses and Eddie's family. The winning essays were written by Rianne Coale, from Boyne Falls entitled "Beyond the Cookies" (Boyne Area Girl Scouts), Travis Stark, from Boyne City, "The Fastest Library" (Boyne District Library), Emily Binienda from Concord Academy Boyne, "Otsego County Food Pantry". The grand prize winner Brittany Herrmann from Boyne

City High wrote about the "North American Riding for the Handicapped Association" presented Exceptional Riders with \$100. Huntington Bank generously honored each of the winning essayists with a \$50 Savings Bond.

For additional information and specific guidelines to the Eddie Essay Contest, contact Bernadette Beyer. The Boyne Area Kiwanis Club is a part of a global organization of volunteers that is committed to changing the world one child and one community at a time. The club meets at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City every Thursday morning at 7 a.m.



Winners of the Kiwanis Eddie Essay contest are (l-r) Emily Binienda of Concord Academy Boyne, Rianne Coale, of Boyne Falls Public Schools, grand prize winner Brittany Herrmann from Boyne City High School and Travis Stark, also from Boyne City High School. Cathy Goforth (r) of Huntington Bank, presented each of the winning essayists with a \$50 Savings Bond.

Mural

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The three dimensional aspects has added textures for the kids to touch and feel like the Little Mermaid's tail and the tree in the corner. The stories are identified through faux scrolls that are attached on the wall. There is also an "I-Spy-Concept" to look and find objects like a triangle cloud and a Christmas ornament.

"When I thought of the library when I was a child I thought of fairy tales and that's kind of how this started. From there I took it to the school and talked to the first grade in Boyne City," Hahn said. "I asked them questions about what they new about fairy tales. We talked about what fairy tales and legends are and which ones they knew so I incorporated a lot of ones that they knew and pulled out a couple that were totally unknown."

Hahn said the inspiration for the mural evolved as she painted and even patrons would give their suggestions during her work. The idea to raffle off the faces of children happened halfway through the project.

"I usually use my children for models and my daughter wanted to be Ariel (character from the Little Mermaid) so that's how that idea started," Hahn said.

Hahn has been painting for 10 years and her business features portraits, murals, paintings and furniture. The official dedication for the mural will be on Feb. 10 and The Friends of the Boyne District Library paid for the project. The mural is now a permanent part of the children's room.

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

LEGION NEWS

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held on Jan. 3, the following communications, reports, discussions and actions were presented or acted upon. Gaylord Middle School donated \$400 and Otto Bingeser, from Vanderbilt, donated \$100 for post programs. The bingo chair reported the last quarterly report was submitted to the Charitable Gaming Division in Lansing and bingo is still making money although getting regular workers is a task. The troop support chair stated Our Lady of Grace church in Gaylord has donated items and all the Boyne area and packages were sent to our military in Iraq and Korea. Also, Murdicks Famous Fudge in Charlevoix donated 160+ pounds of candy that was sent to Brooke Army Medical Care Facility, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to be distributed throughout the burn and amputee wards, with the post paying the shipping.

The honor guard conducted Veteran of the Month ceremonies for Gerald Harold Mapes and George Thomas Hosler. The Citizen-Journal published "Veteran of the Month" for Gerald Harold Mapes and Legion News for November and December. The chaplain reported on the 16 veterans living at Grandvue Medical Care Facility

and area veterans who are sick, disabled, shut-in or have answered the final call. Membership stands at 135 and gaining.

The State Legion

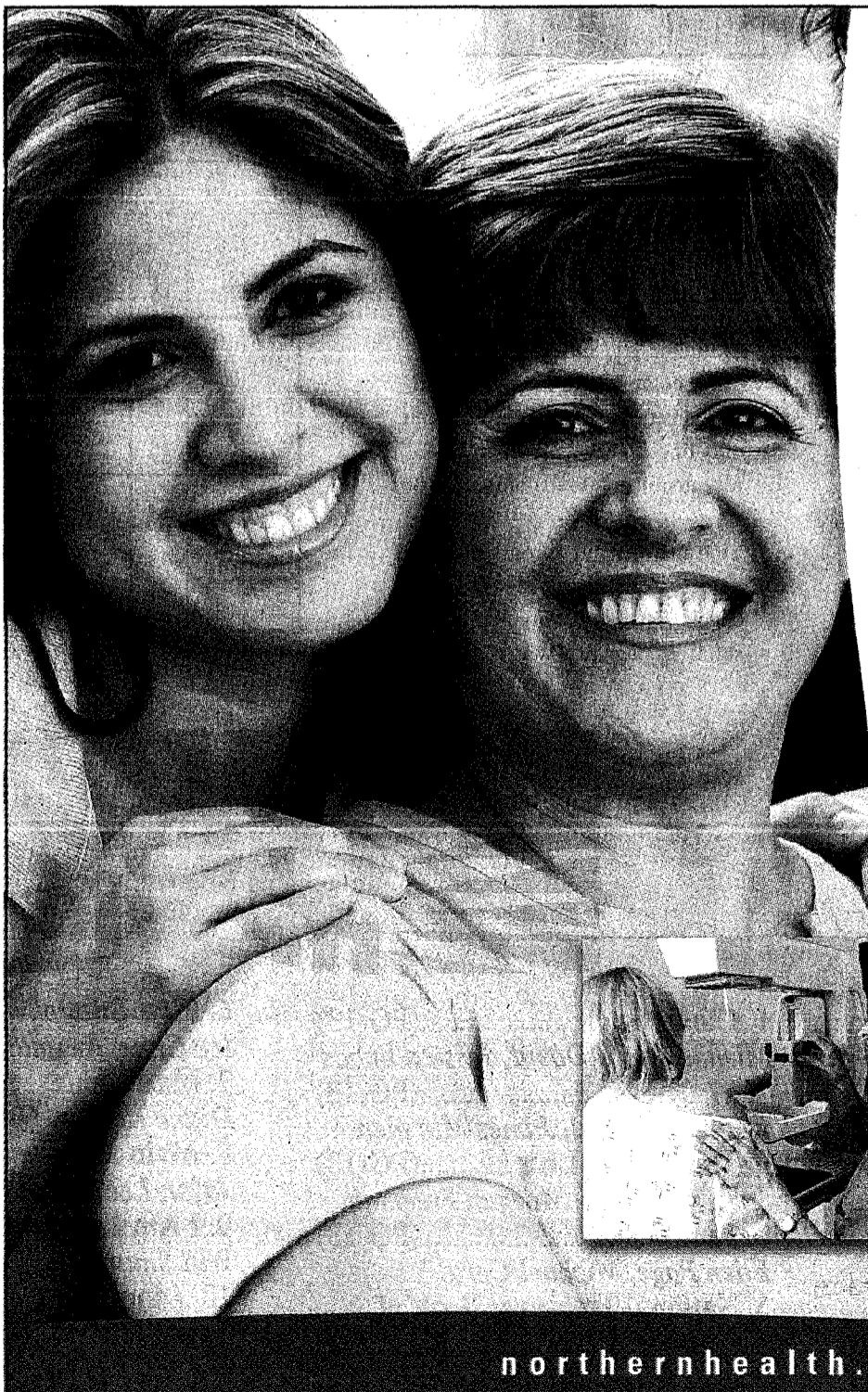
Service Officer will be in the Charlevoix County Building Feb. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the Boyne City Legion on Feb. 28 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Sons of the American Legion adjutant Mark Smith reported SAL membership stands at 13 or 92.86%. Veterans Appreciation Day 2008 will be May 14.

We are accepting items from the public to be sent to our troops overseas at the post on Saturdays between 3-9 p.m., and Blue Star Banners and troop support

ribbons are available to the public. The next regular meeting will be held Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the post home and will be preceded by the Veteran of

the Month ceremonies at 6:15 p.m., and followed by a potluck supper in their honor. Area veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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