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Think you're tired of winter?



Photo by Vic Ruggles

Recent storms and heavy snow have forced deer to yard up in hopes of better weather to come. Cedar swamps provide cover from winters worst weather but not much in the way of food as local wildlife faces its biggest challenges to survive at this time of the year.

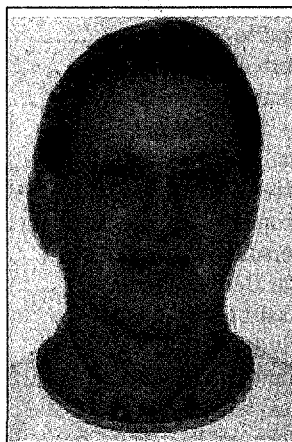
City Manager reflects on One Water Street

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — With all the controversy swirling around One Water Street, City Manager Michael Cain talked about the project and the community's reaction. Citizens voted 687 to 146 on Jan. 15 rescinding the parking exempt zone amendment that was approved by the majority of city commissioners in Sept. 2007.

Cain, 47, has been the City Manager of Boyne City for a little over five years and has brought in over \$2 million in federal and state grants during his term. The funds have been used for updating and reconstructing roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure improvements. The city has also been the recipient of both the federal Environmental Protection Agency's "Green Community" designation and the Arbor Day Foundation's "Tree City USA" designation.

Cain feels the community has spoken and simply didn't see the project as a fit. "I think that's something we need to listen to and as we are trying to work with whoever may come forward next, whether it's these developers or somebody else, it's something we have to take into account," Cain said. "We have our ordinances which are on the books that say generally what can and can't happen there and you have people



Michael Cain

approach you with ideas. Honestly, from a staff perspective we thought that it was going to work."

Cain acknowledged that there is no way the project will go forward after the parking referendum and the judge's decision and is looking back to see where some things might have been missed and where things went wrong. Cain said he will learn from this process and incorporate the issues in future discussions on the site and overall with the community.

"Ever since I have been here we have really tried hard to communicate with the voters and with the residents of the community for what do we want Boyne to be. Boyne has got to be what the citizens of Boyne want," Cain explained. "I think with regards to the referendum on the parking, there was a big signal that was sent that we need to pay attention to."

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Board has three candidates for two seats

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Public Schools' Board of Education announced that three candidates have filed for the two open seats on the board. The three candidates are incumbent Ed Vondra, Marty Moody and Kelly Looze. Board member Deb Noblett is not running.

The deadline for candidates to file with the county clerk was Feb. 13. The school board election is May 6. The board terms are for four years.

The May 6 ballot will have a proposal for renewal of 18 mills and a proposal for renewal of one mill in case of a Headlee rollback. The mills are levied on nonhomestead property and businesses only, said school district superintendent Bob Alger.

In a unanimous vote, the board approved extending Alger's superintendent contract for another year.

WEATHER

Wednesday, February 20
Hi: 14 Lo: 4
Condition: Snow

Thursday, February 21
Hi: 19 Lo: 11
Condition: Cloudy

Friday, February 22
Hi: 24 Lo: 15
Condition: Few Snow Showers

Saturday, February 23
Hi: 27 Lo: 19
Condition: Few Snow Showers

Sunday, February 24
Hi: 31 Lo: 26
Condition: Partly Cloudy

Monday, February 25
Hi: 31 Lo: 21
Condition: Few Snow Showers

Tuesday, February 26
Hi: 24 Lo: 15
Condition: Few Snow Showers

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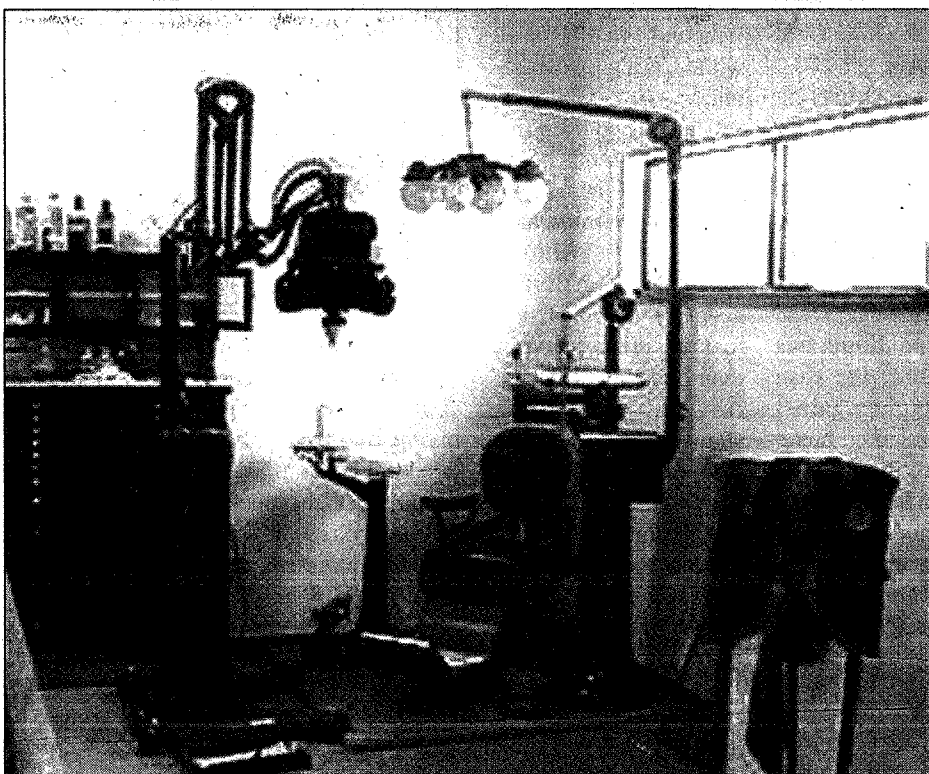
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Boyne City starting a new Historical Society

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Historical Commission Board is holding a meeting on March 17 to discuss the start of a new Historical Society. It has been close to 20 years since Boyne had a society, a stark contrast to what all museums have in place.

"A lot of members passed on and the group never kept moving forward, they either moved out of the area or passed away so it dissolved," Michele Hewitt, the Deputy Treasurer of the city said of the Historical Society. "As we try to determine what it will take to really bring our museum to a working museum, we have



Courtesy photo

Dental section of the Historical Museum.

Charlevoix Sheriff details changes over 31 years

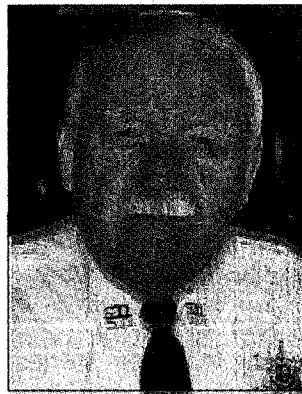
By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — George Thomas Lasater has certainly seen a lot over his 31 years as Sheriff of Charlevoix County. He has worked his entire career as the Sheriff covering Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan.

Lasater started out in 1977 and his duties are much the same today as they were when he began his ca-

reer. His responsibilities include maintaining the county jail, road patrol, investigations, court security, transportation of prisoners, marine and snowmobile patrol, the K-9 unit, Emergency Response Team, dive team, bike patrol and serving warrants.

That is where the similarities end. Lasater said the majority of crimes in 1977 were larcenies and alcohol related issues, in 2008 that figure now includes domes-



George Lasater

tic violence, drugs, criminal sexual conduct and assaults.

Another mind boggling figure is the amount of general complaints compared to 30 years ago. In 1977, Lasater found 967 grievances and that number has ballooned to 15,523 calls for 2007.

During Lasater's first 15 years after starting his job, injuries to Sheriffs and officers where treatment was required was six. During the past fifteen years the number is now 61.

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Statements will be heard at murder trial

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — Statements made to detectives by an East Jordan man prior to his arrest will be admissible at his trial on the charge that he murdered his brother.

Attorneys for defendant Charles Merriman hoped to convince 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas that many of the statements made during a yearlong investigation were given involuntarily. Attorney Dan Hartman said at a Feb. 13 hearing that numerous searches, conversations and interviews with Charlevoix County Sheriff's detectives wore Merriman down

and that his wishes to stay silent were ignored by police.

"His (Merriman) life was on hold for a year and the delay over time made for stress," Hartman said. "He was drained. Over time his participation becomes less and less voluntary."

But detectives Michael Wheat and Chuck Vondra testified that Merriman began the conversations much of the time.

"For a person who said he wanted to remain silent, he sure talked a lot," Vondra said from the stand.

Wheat testified that on July 26, 2007, Merriman called him three times in addition to an interview with him.

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Boyne City set to comply with judge's decision

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — A judge's finding of wrongful actions taken by the city's Zoning Board of Appeals and its Planning Commission were discussed by the city's Board of Commissioners at its Feb. 12 meeting.

The action required of the ZBA by Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas will be addressed

at the ZBA's March 4 meeting, said city manager Michael Cain. The planning commission will review the issue at its March 17 meeting.

The decision handed down by Judge Pajtas on Jan. 16, found that the city's zoning ordinance was violated when commissioners allowed One Water Street developers to include in their proposed plans the construction of residences on the shoreline of Lake Charlevoix. The violation concerned those residences that were not situ-

ated above stores or offices.

Other violations were the planning commission's failure to make the required findings to modify the off-street parking requirements of the zoning ordinance, and chairman Jim Knurick's vote on the same issue on both boards, resulting in a conflict of interest.

Currently, members may serve on more than one board, but the problem is making a determination about when to

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BCPD REPORT

Boyer City Police Department Weekly Report
Feb. 8 - 14

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Parking Violations	3
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Suspicious Situations	4
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Burglary-Forced Entry	1
Vehicle Unlock	2
Assist Other Agency	1
Animal	1
Non Traffic Accident	1
Traffic Accidents	1

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Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Activity
Feb. 8 - 14

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Private Property Damage Accident	2
Property Damage Accident	6
Personal Injury Accident	1
Car Deer Accident	6
Assist Other Agency	10
Civil Complaint	7
Annoying/Harassing	3
Residential Property Check	4
Business Property Check	3
911 Hang Up Check	6
Paper Service	18
Trespass	2
Keys Locked in Vehicle	13
Vehicle In Ditch	21
Attempt to Locate Person	2
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Road Hazard	5
Assault	2
Death	1
Snowmobile Accident	1
Unlawful driving away of a Motor Vehicle	1
Juvenile Complaint	1
Mental Subject	1

BC SENIOR CENTER

Welcome to the Boyne Area Senior Center. Lunch is served at noon Monday through Friday. Bingo follows lunch on Monday and Thursday. Line dancing is held every Wednesday.

Wednesday, Feb. 20, the menu planned for lunch is BBQ pork with a bun, mixed veggies, parsley potatoes, apple and a chocolate brownie. Line dancing will begin the day at 10 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21, chicken a la king, California blend vegetables, stewed tomatoes and apple pie will be served. To begin the day Roger Hartson will set up his keyboard at 11 a.m. and play until noon. Bingo will follow lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22, Karaoke will begin at 11 a.m. For lunch the menu will be cook's choice.

Monday, Feb. 25, spaghetti with meat, corn, peas, and mandarin oranges will be served. A baked goods sale and a 50/50 drawing will also be held. Bingo will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26, is homemade soup, a full salad bar and sandwiches. A craft class will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, chicken cacciatore will be served with pickled beets, mixed veggies and oranges.

Milk, coffee or tea and bread is served each day. The suggested donation for lunch is \$2 for 60 and over, or \$4 under 60. To contact the senior center call 231-582-6682. The phone number for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is 231-237-0103. If you are outside of the calling area, call toll free 1-866-428-5185.

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 & salad bar.

Thursday, Feb. 21, we will be serving chicken a la king.

Friday, Feb. 22, is cook's choice.

Monday, Feb. 25, we will be serving spaghetti and at 1 p.m. we will have a craft class to make Easter bonnets for our Easter progressive lunch in March.

Tuesday, Feb. 26, we will be serving baked chicken and at 1 p.m. is our paint class - all levels welcome.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, we celebrate birthdays with music by Roger Hartson, and chicken cacciatore.

Thursday, Feb. 28, Salisbury steak is on the menu and we will have a meal certificate drawing.

Friday, Feb. 29, we will be serving tuna casserole.

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.

Sheriff

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Lasater points to how the public's view of the police has changed over the years for this alarming increase.

"I'm a product of the fifties where people respected the police but today unfortunately there are many circles in our society that have no respect for the police," Lasater said. "Jumping back to the seventies and early eighties, our shift from 3 to 11:00 p.m. sometimes not one complaint would come in. The midnight shift was

pretty much a dead shift, hardly anything ever happened. Now, it's just one thing after another."

Another startling trend has been the changes in the jail statistics.

"As a Sheriff, I feel the jail has some reflection on what is going on in the county," Lasater explained. "In 1977, the number of inmates in jail on an average day was around five to seven people. They were mostly male, very seldom did you see a female, and the average age was 25 to 28 years old. The attitude

was they broke the law, wanted to serve their time and get on with life."

Lasater said the inmates in 2007 on a regular day jumped to between 50 and 70 people with a profile of male and female ages 17 to 25. The Sheriff said they generally did not feel responsible for their actions and are very adversarial.

"The attitude now is you have violated my civil rights and I will sue you," Lasater commented. "In 1977, every time I inspected the cells I knew 90 percent of the

people there. Now we are so mobile and have so many new folks in the county and some just passing through that I probably know 10 percent. I think that's just an indication that things are changing in Northern Michigan."

One of the most important things to the Sheriff is the safety of children. Lasater preaches to his officers to do their part in making sure the law is enforced to keep the children of Charlevoix County safe.

"When I'm riding

around the county and see children walking or riding their bicycles, there is not really a worry yet that they will be hurt, kidnapped, molested or whatever term you want to use," Lasater said. "I think we have a mission to keep that the way it is. Children should feel safe to walk down to the store and that is a mission I take very seriously."

Another trend has been the treatment of senior citizens. According to Lasater, there are a number of fraudulent schemes aimed at the elderly and

the police have taken notice.

"It is very important to me to protect our senior citizens. There are so many scams out there and unfortunately some of our citizens are being taken advantage of," Lasater added. "Those of us in law enforcement have an obligation to educate and inform not just senior citizens but the general public."

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City

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Cain said he hasn't received that much feedback but has talked to people on both sides of the equation, some happy with the decision and others that wanted to see the project move forward. He is listening to all of the messages but noted the voters reflected their input very strongly with regards to the parking referendum.

"I think the parking referendum was a message about more than just the parking with regards to other issues that were related to the One Water Street, you have to kind of read between the lines to try and figure out exactly what the messages were that was being sent," Cain commented.

According to Cain, the

project had changed quite a bit from its initial plans. Cain called it two different projects in some respects with part land based development and a water based portion.

"There was a lot of land based development that was talked about where you've got the buildings that were going to go up with the combination of the retail, the commercial and the residential and all that type of stuff that was going in," Cain said. "Those changed dramatically. Actually some more buildings went up as the plans evolved. Some of it was based on recommendations from staff and things of that nature but they always wanted to do residential on the waterfront and I think there was

a feeling that with the mixed use that it was complying with intent of the zoning ordinance. Obviously the judge had the final word on that and he said no that wasn't the interpretation that we should be using."

Cain said the water based portion which is the marina component through the Department of Environmental Quality was also a source of controversy. He also said property owners have claimed they owned some property at the end of One Water Street and that has also been debated as Cain attempts to work through each of those issues.

The marina has basically been in the hands of the DEQ and the developer.

"To be candid I think in the last few years here with the removal of the sewer treatment plant on Front Street down by Peninsula Beach with regards to the opening up the new corridors at Sunset Park that we did this last summer, we've done more in the last couple of years to increase view corridors," Cain added.

"People are very sensitive to what the view is, if your standing at the Dilworth and your looking down Water Street toward the lake, what are you going to see, water or boats? That is an issue that is still out there and they're working to go forward with regard to the marina permit on that."

Now that the issue has been decided Cain said there are a couple of an-

swers to what the next step is with regards to the development. Cain feels it's in the hands of the property owners and the developers as they look at what the ordinance says and what the judge ruled to see what options are out there for the property while conforming to the zoning ordinance.

Cain again stated he will learn from this process and make sure they follow the judge's intent of what his ruling is on the law and identify what was missed and why it was overlooked.

"I firmly believe that everybody on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals and the city staff thought they were complying with the ordinances and the requirements. I firmly

believe that nobody thought they were playing any games or pulling the wool over anybody's eyes, certainly not kowtowing to the developer," Cain emphasized. "Rumor is easy to get started and it can be a heck of a story at times, our challenge is to try and say here's what we did, why we did it and where we are coming from. As we found out in this case there are sometimes we get it wrong, we're human like anybody else. I think the intent is there on the staff, the boards and commissions to do what's best for the community."

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Trial

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An arrest warrant was issued on Aug. 29, 2007, for Merriman charging him with the murder of his brother, William Merriman. William has not been seen or heard from since June 2006, according to court records. However, even though no body has been found, the case was brought against Charles based on blood DNA found at the Merriman home. Blood was found on an axe, carpeting and a door, among other places in the house. Charles told

investigators that William had cut his hand while tearing up carpeting.

Charles had been living in the parents' home on Phelps Road and 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, court records show.

Detective Wheat testified that Merriman is "very intelligent," and is educated with a teaching degree.

"He moved in with

his parents and it's believed they supported him," Wheat said. "He has no driver's license, no bank account or credit card of his own and no known job within the last 25 years," Wheat said.

But Hartman told the judge that Merriman is a non-functioning adult who lacks the social skills necessary to live his life and that he had lived in isolation.

During at least one of the searches of the Merriman house and property by police, Merriman was told by

detectives that he was not under arrest at that time and was free to leave the premises. But if he wanted to be on his property during the search he would have to stay with one of the detectives.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema supported the detectives' testimony that Merriman was aware of his actions.

"He didn't have to stay in the (detective's) car," Jarema said. "He was told by two attor-

neys not to say anything, but he did. Merriman made a choice to speak, he chose to exercise the option of talking. There was no abuse or coercion, he chose to do what he did."

Judge Pajtas read the standards for determining whether statements are voluntary or involuntary. The standards include whether there has been abuse or threats of abuse, a lack of education or mental intelligence, the duration of questioning, and

whether there are diverse pressures that affect the defendant's ability to resist or think clearly.

"In this situation the defendant was not in custody and invoked his silence, but continued to speak with the officers," Pajtas said.

In conclusion, the judge said that the court believed the statements were made of Merriman's own free will and denied the defendant's motion to suppress.

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Walloon Lake Church to host marriage conference

Walloon Lake Community Church will host "A Growing Marriage" conference on Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This conference, hosted by Dr. Gary Chapman, author of "The Five Love Languages," is designed to strengthen marriages using laughter and bible-based principles. Dr. Chapman helps couples to understand differences, work through them and strengthen their relationship.

"A Growing Marriage" is not a formal dry marriage conference. It's a time of fun and discovery to help couples build the love relationship of their dreams. It's a day of laughter and learning.

Five high-energy sessions include topics such as:

- Communication 101
- Rekindling Love/The Five Love Languages
- Initiating Positive Change in a Marriage
- Making Sex a Mutual Joy
- How to Share the Things that Bug You

Engaged couples will come away with ideas and insights to

prepare them for marriage and enhance other relationships. Married couples will benefit from the insights gained at the seminar that will help them minister more effectively to their mate, family and friends.

Whether a couple has been married for 60 years or getting married in six months, they will get solutions they can use. This is also a good opportunity for youth approaching marrying age to experience the fundamentals needed to have a successful marriage. Dr. Chapman uses humor to bring sound advice to attendees, while giving valuable tips to break unhealthy patterns and choose steps to develop a happy marriage.

Tickets are available through the Walloon Lake Community Church at a reduced rate of \$35 per person until Wednesday March 12th, after which they will only be available at the door for \$50 per person. If you need more information or to order tickets, please call the church office at 231-535-2288.

Special heart health event focuses on prevention

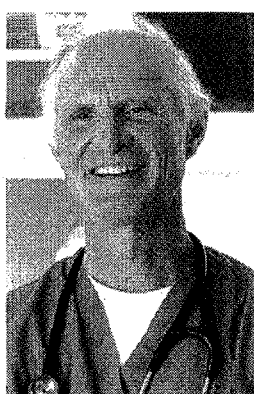
PETOSKEY — Look over at your spouse or your parent. Chances are that one of you will develop heart disease.

But it doesn't have to happen. Of the six main risk factors for heart disease, most can be controlled by the patient by lowering or eliminating the risk.

During an upcoming special Health Lecture Series program, the basics of heart disease prevention and treatment will be discussed by local physicians Wendy H. Walker, MD, family medicine specialist with Little Traverse Primary Care, and Patrick M. Maloney, MD, cardiologist with Michigan Heart and Vascular Specialists in Petoskey.

The Heart Health Event, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27, is the next in a series of health lectures sponsored by Northern Michigan Regional Hospital and The Spa at The Inn at Bay Harbor, where it will be held.

"Nearly 50 percent of men and women will develop heart disease,"



Patrick Maloney, MD



Wendy Walker, MD

said Walker. "Because of this and because of the prevalence of the risk factors — diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, obesity, physical inactivity and cigarette smoking — dealing with heart disease is what I do with more than 75 percent of my time."

Admission to the event is free and the program begins at 5:30 p.m. with healthy cooking and fitness demos, mini-spa services including chair massage, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and complementary cardiovascular screening.

their risk of dying of heart disease is much higher."

Dr. Maloney will present Heart Disease: The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly. "This is not just intended for people with heart disease," says Maloney. "We all need to do a better job with prevention. I will be discussing how heart disease has changed over the last century, and the ugly reality of the future if we don't begin to make some changes."

Theresa Green, Director of Community Health and Wellness at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, said the all-encompassing Heart Health Event will be an informative evening for attendees.

"National Heart Month is an annual event in February and we like to have a special heart-month event planned," said Green. "Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the adult population. Our goal is to let people know about prevention and early detection." No registration is re-

quired to attend the event, however to receive your personal, complementary cardiovascular screening appointment, which will include total cholesterol, HDL, glucose, blood pressure, pulse and height-body composition, call HealthAccess at 800-248-6777. Space for this offering is limited.

Sponsors for this event include: Boyne and The Spa at The Inn at Bay Harbor, Cardiology Consultants, The Cardiovascular Surgery Specialists, Center for Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine, Great Lakes Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery, Michigan Heart & Vascular Specialists and Northern Michigan Regional Hospital.

Three more sessions are planned in the Health Lecture Series at The Spa at The Inn at Bay Harbor: March 12, sleep disorders and the importance of sleep; April 23, peripheral artery disease; and May 14, stroke prevention and early detection and treatment.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Film series

The Wagbo Peace Center's THINK! Film series presents "Arctic Tale," Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m., in the Jordan Valley Library Community Room. Please use the rear entrance.

"Arctic Tale," set in the vast snow kingdom at the top of the world, is a real-life adventure from the people who brought you "March of the Penguins." Join narrator Queen Latifah as she follows two very different Arctic creatures, Nunu, a polar bear cub, and Seela, the walrus pup. Armed only with their natural instincts and mothers' guidance, these inspiring animals face countless challenges in a beautiful icebound world that is rapidly melting beneath them. Presented by National Geographic Films, this is a film appropriate for children and enjoyable for the whole family. Screened at the 2007 Traverse City Film Festival. Rated G. 1 hour 36 minutes.

Whether you believe global warming exists or not, there is no disagreement that energy saving measures can positively benefit our planet. Please plan to stay afterward to discuss actions suggested in the film that you can, or may already be taking, to conserve energy.

Low cost movie snacks available for sale. Admission is free, donations are appreciated.

Think! Films are always on the 3rd Wednesday each month. Our next feature on March 19 will be "The Fog of War," eleven lessons from the life of Robert S. McNamara, a best documentary Oscar winner.

Sponsored by the Wagbo Peace Center and the Jordan Valley Library Friends. For more information call 231-588-6391.

Calling all knitters, crocheters and quilters
Operation Christmas Child, also

known as the shoebox ministry, has been reaching children all over the globe since 1993 with the love and truth of Jesus Christ. Yearly, shoeboxes are packed to the brim with goodies such as crayons, soap, small games, stuffed animals and hand made items. The list is endless to make up a beautiful gift for a child in need. Since its beginning, over 54 million children have been touched along with countless adults. Individuals are affected on both sides of the box, not just the recipients, but the senders as well.

In 2006, Dianna DeYoung, the area coordinator for Northern Michigan was helping to sort through the boxes before they were to be shipped out. While at the processing center, she saw beautiful hand knitted items that were to go into some of the boxes. She knew right then that the Lord had a plan for these hand made goodies. Thus began the knitting, crocheting and quilting project. From the moment the word was put out people began getting involved all over Northern Michigan, so much so, that there were almost 2000 hand-made items for distribution in 2007.

If you knit, crochet or quilt, why not get involved in this dynamic ministry and give them a tangible gift of your love and care. Even if you have never packed a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child before, or do not have a desire to, you can still contribute your gifts and talents through some yarn or fabric pieced together.

For more information on how you can become involved, either through the ways mentioned above, another way, or if you would just like to know more, please contact: Dianna DeYoung, Area Coordinator for Northern Michigan, Operation Christmas Child, 231-922-9881, or email occtc@yahoo.com.

STUDENT NEWS

East Jordan essay winners announced

Three students from East Jordan Middle School have been named local winners in the 39th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school, are Brooklynn Richards, first; Lissa Vincent, second; and Ellen Boyer, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Brooklynn's name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Brooklynn Richards's first-place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. Savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top

governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top ten statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth-grade students from over 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2007-2008 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2007-2008 contest was "My Personal Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth-grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

IRS rebates starting in May

LUIS D. GARCIA
IRS MEDIA RELATIONS

DETROIT — The Internal Revenue Service advises taxpayers that in most cases they will not have to do anything extra this year to get the economic stimulus payments beginning in May.

"It's simple," said IRS spokesperson, Luis D. Garcia. "If you have a payment headed your way just file your 2007 tax return and sit tight, we at the IRS will do the rest."

The IRS will use information on the 2007 tax return filed by the taxpayer to determine eligibility and calculate the amount of the stimulus payments.

The IRS will begin sending more than 130 million taxpayers their payments beginning in early May after the current tax season concludes. Payments will continue over several weeks during the

spring and summer. IRS will announce a payment schedule for taxpayers in the near future.

Stimulus payments will be direct deposited for taxpayers selecting that option when filing their 2007 tax returns. Taxpayers who have already filed with direct deposit won't need to do anything else to receive the stimulus payment. For taxpayers who haven't filed their 2007 returns yet, the IRS reminds them that direct deposit is the fastest and safest way to get both tax refunds and stimulus payments.

Most taxpayers just need to file a 2007 tax return as usual. No other action, extra form or call is necessary. The IRS website, www.irs.gov, will be the best information source for all updates and taxpayer questions.

In most cases, the payment will equal the amount of tax lia-

bility on the tax return, with a maximum amount of \$600 for individuals (\$1,200 for taxpayers who file a joint return). Eligible taxpayers who qualify for a payment will receive an additional \$300 for each child who qualifies for the child tax credit.

The law also allows for payments for select taxpayers who have no tax liability, such as those who receive Social Security benefits, low-income workers or veterans' disability recipients, pension or survivors' benefits received from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2007. These taxpayers will be eligible to receive a payment of \$300 (\$600 on a joint return) if they had at least \$3,000 of qual-

ifying income.

Recipients of Social Security, certain Railroad Retirement and certain veterans' benefits should report their 2007 benefits on Line 14a of Form 1040A or Line 20a of Form 1040. Taxpayers who already have filed but failed to report these benefits can file an amended return by using Form 1040X.

"Folks that receive Social Security or veterans' benefits and don't normally file a tax return may not realize they will need to file to get their payment," Garcia said. "IRS will be working closely with Veterans Affairs, the Social Security Administration and other groups to make sure the word gets out to everyone that needs to know."

Payments to higher income taxpayers will be reduced by 5 percent of the amount of adjusted gross income above \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for those filing jointly.

The IRS will mail two informational notices to taxpayers advising them of the stimulus payments. However, taxpayers should be alert for tax rebate scams such as telephone calls or e-mails claiming to be from the IRS and asking for sensitive financial information. The IRS will not call or e-mail taxpayers about these payments nor will it ask for financial information. Scam e-mails and information about scam calls should be forwarded to phishing@irs.gov.

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes
Pharmacist

Kids that sleep less are heavier.

School-aged children who averaged fewer than 8.5 hours of sleep per night were 20% more likely to be obese when compared to those who got more than 9.5 hours of sleep. If children are tired they are less likely to run around and get physical exercise. Also, being tired may lead to irritability and they may eat more junk food to lift their mood. Finally, researchers believe there may be a connection between sleep and metabolism. Lack of sleep may alter production of the hormones, leptin and insulin, that regulate appetite and metabolism. Study authors recommend keeping a consistent sleep schedule for children.

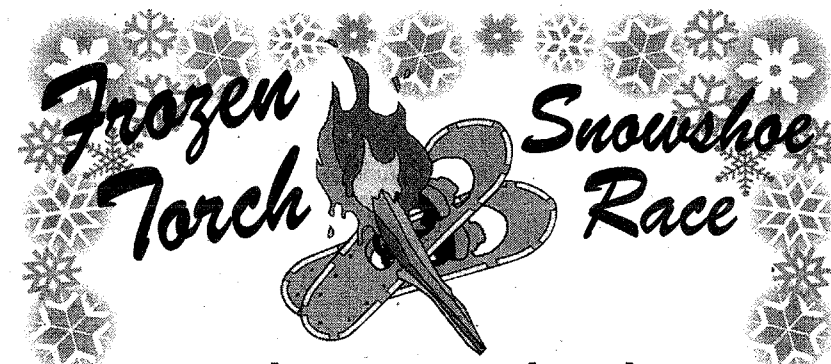
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Mental Health Corner



Depression: Shades of Grays and Blacks...Depression is a common and debilitating mental health illness that results in a variety of impairments. Depression may arise from biological/genetic, psychological, social isolation, and environmental factors. The mood state usually is bleak, pessimistic, and despairing. A deep sense of futility and/or the belief that the ability to experience pleasure is permanently gone. Emotional state reflects harsh self-criticism, feelings of inferiority, worthlessness, and guilt. Thinking is described as an inability to make decisions, ruminations of failure(s), suicidal ideas, and impaired memory. Physical complaints are restlessness, headache, body pain, weight loss or gain, fatigue, low energy, and insomnia. Relationships might be disrupted by overwhelming neediness, a person's withdrawal, and/or demanding hostility. Today treatment for depression is quite acceptable. However, it is not always easy to step to the plate and say, "I need help". Never the less successful outcomes combine social support, the use of therapeutic medication and counseling. Move the Gray and Black shades out and get back to enjoying life...

Tammy Croy McMillian, Ph.D.
231-82-0553



Snowshoe racers and outdoor enthusiasts are invited to race through the great north woods of Michigan and alongside Torch Lake on February 23, 2008! Besides having a good time and a great workout, the proceeds will go toward sending deserving Antrim County youth to day camp next summer. There will be 5K and 10K options, as well as an opportunity to participate in a free fun walk!

Start/Finish: Kresge Lodge, YMCA Camp Hayo-Went-Ha
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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

EDITORIAL

Happy Birthday Citizen-Journal

Today the Citizen-Journal turns 129 years old. Unlike most birthdays when we get older, this is one we are very happy to celebrate and bask in our experience. We have had several names and owners over the years but since 1881 we have proudly served Boyne City, East Jordan and the surrounding areas and look forward to the next century of outstanding coverage.

One of our mottos has been "hometown paper" for our citizens and we also pride ourselves on recording the history of this proud community whether it is good or bad. We will always be committed to this goal and while the changes in media continue to evolve the staff of this newspaper will always put the city first.

Obviously we have seen some changes to our paper starting in 1974 when the Northland County Press changed our name to the Charlevoix County Press. In 1994, Hugh and Susan Conklin bought the Press and named it The Citizen which had primarily been the name over our long history.

The East Jordan Journal was also purchased in 1997 by the Conklin's and two years later both papers were sold to 21st Century Newspapers before being merged in 2001 to create the Citizen-Journal as it is known and hopefully loved today.

In 2004, the Journal Register Co. then purchased the paper and with our five sister newspapers form Up North Publications which is a division of Morning Star Publications.

So to say we have seen our share of changes over the past 129 years is an understatement. We hope you have enjoyed the coverage of our local sports and government but beyond that showing the achievements, hardships, tribulations and high jinks that this great town has to offer.

Here is to the next 129 years and once again Happy Birthday Citizen-Journal.

NEIGHBORS

Sue and Morrie Hobbs had a wonderful Valentine's Day. Those two always do, but this year, they were honored with quite a surprise thanks to Henry Erber's great idea in following a thought of "What would Boyne City do without Sue Hobbs?" He got on the internet and asked everybody to chip in a few bucks to treat Sue and Morrie to a nice Valentine's Day dinner in Boyne City. Sue, who has a tendency to shy away from taking most of the credit for saving Boyne from a traffic disaster and also saving our lakeshore view from a "block" of condos sure deserved a treat.



By Nancy Northup

Getting the money was easy. Tracking Sue down was another story. She had been staying home tending to Morrie, who'd undergone total hip surgery last week. Sue was overwhelmed when Henry told her what had been going on to surprise her. The response was great.

A benefit was held Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Boyne City Eagles for Michael Huff who is a cancer patient at NMRH. The Eagles and the Huff family would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support and for braving the blizzard to make this benefit a success.

Heartfelt sympathies go out to the family and friends of Judy Everest of Boyne City who passed away unexpectedly this past week.

Deer Meadows had a good turnout for their Valentine's Day potluck dinner on Thursday. Carolyn McCleary and Ruth Sheets did a great job of making it a festive affair with their decorations of beautiful "heart" cards and red ice cubes in the punch.

Residents of Litzenger Place enjoyed a very nice Valentine's Day potluck chicken dinner, with many delicious accompaniment dishes. There were four couples honored with special Valentine's Day cookies and everybody got candy.

Shirley Howie returned home on Feb. 14, Valentines Day, after being in the hospital for three days where she underwent a heart cauterization and had a stent put in. She is doing well and feels wonderful.

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

LETTER POLICY

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

Letters should be limited to 350 words and must contain the author's name and daytime phone number, which will be used for verification purposes only and will not be published. Photocopied submissions are not acceptable.

Letters will be published on a space available basis and will receive priority according to potential interest, timeliness in connection with other events, or whether similar letters from other authors have been published previously.

The Citizen-Journal reserves the right to edit all letters for length, grammar and clarity, as well as the right to reject any letter. Submissions could be rejected for the following reasons: Lack of the author's phone number; Letters thanking specific individuals, businesses or those thanking public employees; Letters seeking donations; Form letters; Poetry; False or libelous statements; Quotations of scripture; Endorsements of political candidates; or Letters attacking a private individual or business.

Letters published in the Citizen-Journal represent the opinions of the author, who is responsible for the factual accuracy of statements made in the letter, and do not necessarily reflect those of The Citizen-Journal, Up North Publications or Journal Register Co. staff members.

Deadline for letters to the editor, as well as other community news items, is each Friday at 5 p.m.

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



Yoga for the apathetic

There are two kinds of people in this world: Those who love gym class and those of us who would opt for dental work in lieu of a game of dodge ball. Some find it cathartic and invigorating to break a sweat. I find it vaguely repugnant. But over the years it became apparent, even to me, that a body bereft of some sort of maintenance will eventually succumb to the ravages of time and cheesecake.

By the time I reached this epiphany, a physical fitness mania had exploded upon our cultural landscape. No longer were the employees at Jack La-Lane's perfectly coiffed girls in black leotards, teetering on high heels and demonstrating toe-touches to a handful of oddball neophytes. Now they were perfectly coiffed girls in sweatbands and leg warmers, leading a burgeoning roomful of disciples through routines so complicated and difficult to execute as to require a resume including a stint with the Rockettes.

I took up aerobics. I planted myself in the back row and flailed away to the theme music from "Flashdance" in a fuzzy approximation of the initiated. No matter how many classes I attended I could never achieve any semblance of expertise. And that was the problem. No one would mistake me for a zealot, but I do expect to improve with practice, and that progress is my impetus to continue. I optimistically assume that with enough time and diligence that I will develop an affinity for whatever project I've undertaken. Perhaps not at a level that would allow me to compete on the world stage, but at least to the point where I won't endanger the well being of anyone within my hectic radius.

But this was never to be. I did manage to generate enough physical momentum to achieve the desired effect of muscle tone and weight loss, but I hated every minute of it. I never reached the fabled plateau where a second wind would boost me to a new level of competence. I couldn't seem to embrace the "no pain, no gain" concept with the enthusiasm displayed by the rest of the class. It was a torturous ordeal that left me svelte, but queasy. Only the cool-down and the part where I'd walk back to my car, blissful in the knowledge that it was over and I could have a cigarette, kept me going. That, and the results, which were sufficient to keep me in mini skirts well

MORE OR LESS



By Christine Gwidt

past the time when decorum and good sense would dictate otherwise.

Who knows when I drifted away from the herd? One week I was attending classes almost daily and the next week I was in a cafe, drinking wine and eating ravioli in cream sauce, engaged in cerebral discourse with fascinating, albeit flabby, friends and loosening my waistband. Those were the good times. And my hard work at the gym bought me a brief but blissful sabbatical in which to indulge my true nature.

But it didn't last long. When I reluctantly considered the repercussions of continued indolence, I allowed that aerobics would not be an option this time. Like a bad boyfriend who had worn me to the point

of apathy, our relationship was over. I embraced and then quickly abandoned the next phase of endeavor which involved a bicycle in harrowing combination with urban traffic. Pilates was excruciating. Jogging was akin to public exhibitionism. Free weights were so... so heavy.

My flair for sitting cross-legged led me to yoga. I was beguiled by the slow, graceful postures and the absence of beat-heavy disco music. An instructor who whispered directions was divine respite from the shrieking cheerleaders who led the aerobics classes. Although I try, my wandering western mind resists the spiritual discipline of yoga. Except for a vacuous period in mid-1971, I don't think that it's ever been empty enough to serve as a vessel for significant enlightenment. But I enjoy the physical challenge and the moderation, and I'm encouraged by this.

And my priorities are different now. I concede that I've outgrown mini skirts, but I'd like to preserve the capacity to sneeze without triggering back spasms. I hope to continue to clip my toenails well into my golden years and I understand that flexibility is key to keeping this dream alive. I will never again be as young as I am today, but who cares? As long as I retain the resilience to bend and lift the cheesecake from the bottom shelf of the refrigerator, I'm happy.

Christine Gwidt welcomes reader's comments. Email her at moreorlesschristine@yahoo.com.

YOUR VOICE

Injection well information

To the editor:
On February 7 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved an application for the Beeland Group, a subsidiary of CMS Land (CMS), to construct a Class 1 injection well near Alba, Michigan.

There has been considerable discussion and debate concerning this application. I would like to provide additional facts concerning the company's decision to seek this permit.

The Bay Harbor resort and two public parks were created as a brownfield project at the site of an abandoned cement production facility. While no longer a partner in the project, CMS entered into an agreement with the EPA in early 2005 to address environmental issues associated with elevated pH readings along portions of the Lake Michigan shoreline.

To date, CMS has installed more than 3,600 feet of collection lines in the development and Resort Township's East Park to collect water with elevated pH readings. These lines have been extremely successful and have effectively eliminated public health and safety concerns at both locations. While the collected water is classified as non-hazardous, it must be disposed of in accordance with strict state and federal requirements - the approved disposal well meets those requirements.

Facts concerning the well:
Based on historical documentation of well operations in Northern Michigan, experts identified the proposed location as an area close to the environmental project with the appropriate geology to locate the well. The current operation of the 109 other wells, including three Class 2 disposal wells located in a two mile radius of the proposed site supports the science behind the site location.

The water collected at the environmental project will be disposed of more than 2,100 feet below the surface into a brine layer that is naturally

present. By comparison, area drinking water sources are predominately located within 200 feet of the surface. There are two low permeable rock formations above the disposal zone to further protect drinking and irrigation water sources.

Numerous above and below ground safety features - including double casing of the injection pipe to prevent leaks - are required in the construction of the well. In addition, strict operating procedures and environmental reporting are required by state and federal agencies.

Deep well technology has been proven through wide use for more than 50 years and the U.S. Government has found Class 1 wells are safer than virtually all other waste disposal practices. I want to emphasize that the proposed well is intended for short-term and ultimately back-up use for disposal of the collected water. CMS continues to work with state and federal regulators to develop a long term plan to handle the water locally.

The well application was submitted over a year ago to state and federal regulators and has undergone an exhaustive review period that included an extended public comment period, an environmental justice survey that resulted in no concerns, and three additional rounds of application questions answered by CMS.

CMS understands and respects the healthy debate surrounding this application and we share the same concern for the environment. That is why we relied on science to identify a safe location for the well.

CMS is committed to operating the well safely and in accordance with all state and federal regulations. We are also fully committed to operate the well only as an interim measure and ultimately as a back-up to a permanent solution at the site, pending approval from state and federal regulators to implement appropriate local water disposal remedies.

—David Menzies
Senior Vice President CMS Land Company
Jackson, MI



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YOUR VOICE

Economic stimulus

To the editor:
A recent letter to the editor expressed concerns about Congress' economic stimulus package. Obviously, with an approval rating hovering near 20 percent, the primary impetus for Congress to pass this package is their own survival. "Vote for me - I gave you money" is not a worthy campaign slogan.

The writer finds fault with the way the stimulus package is structured. She suggests more food stamps or extended unemployment benefits, and would gladly give up her "middle class" check. Let me posit the obvious: government is

the most inefficient way to get help to the people who really need it.

Therefore, to the writer and all who agree they don't really need their checks — please consider contributing to one of the outstanding food banks in Bellaire, Ellsworth, or Mancelona. These fine organizations can multiply the value of your check many times over and efficiently help the people who need it most.

Another criticism of the stimulus package, not mentioned by the writer, was that it didn't help many disabled veterans. For citizens who honor and appreciate our wonderful veterans, and who feel their

checks could be put to better use, please consider donating them to a local VFW or American Legion post — groups who spend endless hours helping veterans in a variety of ways. Again, much more efficient than the government.

The options are many, but the end result is the same. Open-hearted citizens who care for the folks next door will always reap tremendous benefits for all involved. We are called to love one another — let's respond to that call directly, not depend on the government to do it for us.

—Julie Buckmaster
Central Lake

HAPPENINGS

Share the Warmth benefit soup supper

Good Samaritan Family Services will sponsor a soup supper Thursday, Feb. 21, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ellsworth Elementary School.

Join us for soup, salad, dinner rolls, and homemade dessert. Soup and dinner rolls provided by your favorite area restaurants. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

Proceeds go to Good Samaritan's "Utility Help Fund." Many families in our area are struggling to keep the lights on and have heat for their homes.

Give the gift of life
American Red Cross blood drives are scheduled for Feb. 22, at East Jordan High School, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Feb. 25, at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City, from 12 to 5:45 p.m.; and Feb. 29, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For information on a blood drive in any of the 65 counties served by the Great Lakes Region, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org. Blood drive times and locations are subject to change.

Lenten fish dinners return
St. Matthew Church will hold their annual Friday Lenten fish dinners on Feb. 22, 29 and March 7 and 13, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at the church, 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City.

The menu includes: parmesan-encrusted tilapia, lightly breaded baked cod, hash browns, cole slaw, rolls and desserts with macaroni and cheese and applesauce.

The cost of the fish dinner is \$7.50, child portion of macaroni and cheese is \$3.50, children 5 years and under eat free.

Proceeds will benefit the Ministerial Associations Deacon's Fund and the Compassionate Hearts Program to help the less fortunate in our area, plus the general operations of the church.

Films at Jordan River Watershed
Join us at the Jordan River Watershed Center,

101 Union Street, East Jordan, for the second installment of a three-part series, Planet Earth, The Future, Part 2 — "Into the Wilderness" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24. These are stand-alone features, so don't worry if you missed the first part, "Saving Species." Refreshments and a lively discussion to follow. Contact Heidi @ 231-676-4003 with any questions.

Senior driver safety course offered

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital will host an AARP Driver Safety Program on Monday, Feb. 25, and Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. both days. (a two-session course)

The class is designed for drivers 50 years of age and older, although any age can attend. It discusses normal age-related physical changes that impact driving, such as eyesight, hearing, and reaction time, in an effort to make seniors safer drivers for more years. Traffic situations most challenging for seniors will be discussed. Fee: \$10 Pre-registration for the Healthstyles classes is requested and can be arranged by calling HealthAccess at 800-248-6777.

Winter animal survival

Come to Grass River Natural Area and discover how animals survive northern Michigan winters. Search for clues of their presence and habits. Learn to recognize their tracks. This class will be held on Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m. To register, please contact the GRNA office at 231-533-8314.

"The Prodigals" to perform in Boyne

The March Patron Concert Series at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center has the Celtic Rock-Fusion band "The Prodigals" coming to kick Boyne Country into a rocking St. Patrick's Day mood.

Hailing mainly from Ireland with a firm footing in the N.Y. area rock scene, The Prodigals rock Boyne at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 6.

Don't miss this high energy Celtic rock band - get your tickets now at Boyne Country Books or call 231-582-3180.

Questions? Call the Performing Arts Center Manager, Bob Wollenberg at 231-620-5769.

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.

Civil Air Patrol meets

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 231-5822360.

Sunday breakfast

The East Jordan Snowmobile Club will be serving Sunday 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.

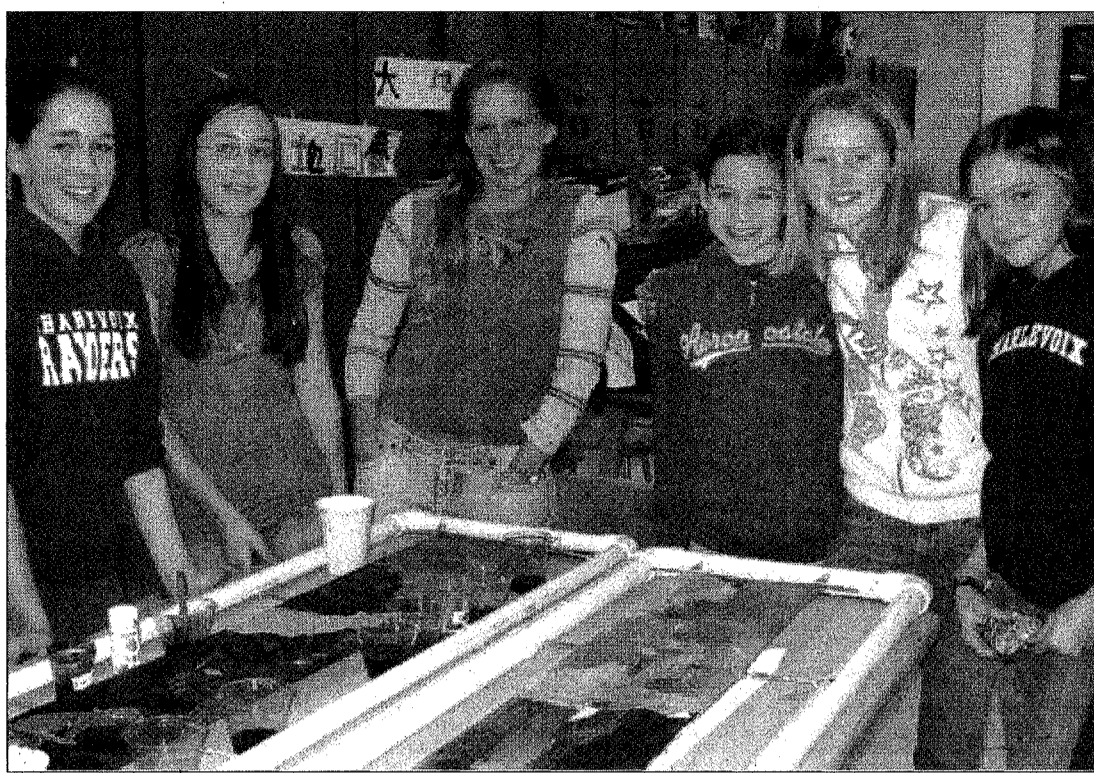
Food pantry hours

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.

Kidz Create; Issues that matter

"Kidz Create—Issues that Matter," an exhibit designed by and for the school age "kid," opens Sunday, Feb. 24, with a special reception at the Jordan River Arts Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan. Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m. The objective of the project is to expand and enhance the art experience of the school age student and at the same time help create an awareness of problems the students may face now and in the future.

Fourteen schools in the JRAC service area were invited to participate. Several schools groups' excited about the concept, chose to participate. They are Beaver Island Elementary, Bellaire High School, Boyne Falls School, Charlevoix Middle School, Ellsworth High School and Elementary, and East Jordan High, Middle and fourth grade. Teachers and students decided their own issue that will enhance their own curriculum making the project more personal. The subject matters are as diverse as the techniques and materials used to express



Charlevoix Middle School students standing behind their project. (l-r) Mersedz Schmidt, Rachel Cole, visiting artist Joey Haderer, Allie Hodge, Delaney Hodge, and Cora Taylor

their issue, including computer generated work and creative writing. Students worked individually, in small groups or in class or the entire school.

Adult experts went to the school to help with the projects. Paul King, architect from Poineau Woodworkers, Inc. visited Ellsworth elementary school to discuss architecture as this

group choose "green" shelters for their issue. Nancy Cunningham, director for the Boyne River Project, discussed area invasive species with the fourth grade at East Jordan, and Joey Haderer, silk artist, helped the Charlevoix middle school students taught by Caroline Smith develop a project of animals threatened by environmental issues as climate change, pollu-

tion, and habitat destruction. John Stevens and Jane Diller, project directors, traveled to the schools to aid students explore ideas, techniques, and materials. Some of the other issues chosen are: recycling, peace, healthy foods, nature first, Great Lakes water, and political issues.

This project has been made possible, being fully funded, by the

Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Bay Harbor Foundation. The exhibit will be open daily from 1-4 p.m. and runs through March 21. School groups are encouraged to come to the art center for exploration of the exhibit and a hands on experience. Adult groups are also invited and other times can be arranged by calling Jane Diller, 231-582-6399

Designers earn industry certification

BOYNE CITY — Nancy Blandford, CMKBD, ASID, of Built in Design, and Robin Berry, CMKBD, CAPS, of Berry Nice Kitchens, both located in Boyne City, announced that they have earned certification as a Certified Master Kitchen and Bath Designers from the National Kitchen & Bath Association, the leading trade association for the kitchen

and bath industry. The highest level of achievement offered by the NKBA, the CMKBD certification recognizes a professional's extraordinary achievement as an exemplary designer and utmost dedication to the kitchen and bath industry. The premiere hallmark for kitchen and bath professionals, NKBA Certification is based on written examinations and extensive

industry experience. The CMKBD must possess both their Certified Kitchen Designer and Certified Bathroom Designer certifications, as well as a minimum of 17 years of industry experience. Additionally, a CMKBD must successfully complete 100 NKBA Education hours and submit three examples of design excellence by third party endorsement.



Nancy Blandford and Robin Berry

COUNTY RECORDS

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 33rd Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix:

Jerry Wayne Quance, 52, Boyne Falls. Driving while under the influence of alcohol, 3rd offense. Sentenced to pay \$370 in fines and costs and

sentenced to the Michigan Department of Corrections for a minimum of 38 months and a maximum of 60 months with credit for 70 days in jail.

Margaret Robin Baldwin, 37, Harbor Springs. Embezzlement-five counts. Sentenced to pay \$180 in

finest and costs and \$200,000 in restitution. Sentenced to the Michigan Department of Corrections for a minimum of 30 months and a maximum of 10 years with credit for one day in jail.

Assumed Names
The following businesses recently filed

with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:
EZ Storage, P.O. Box 442, Charlevoix, by Y & T Properties, LLC and Gale Neff.
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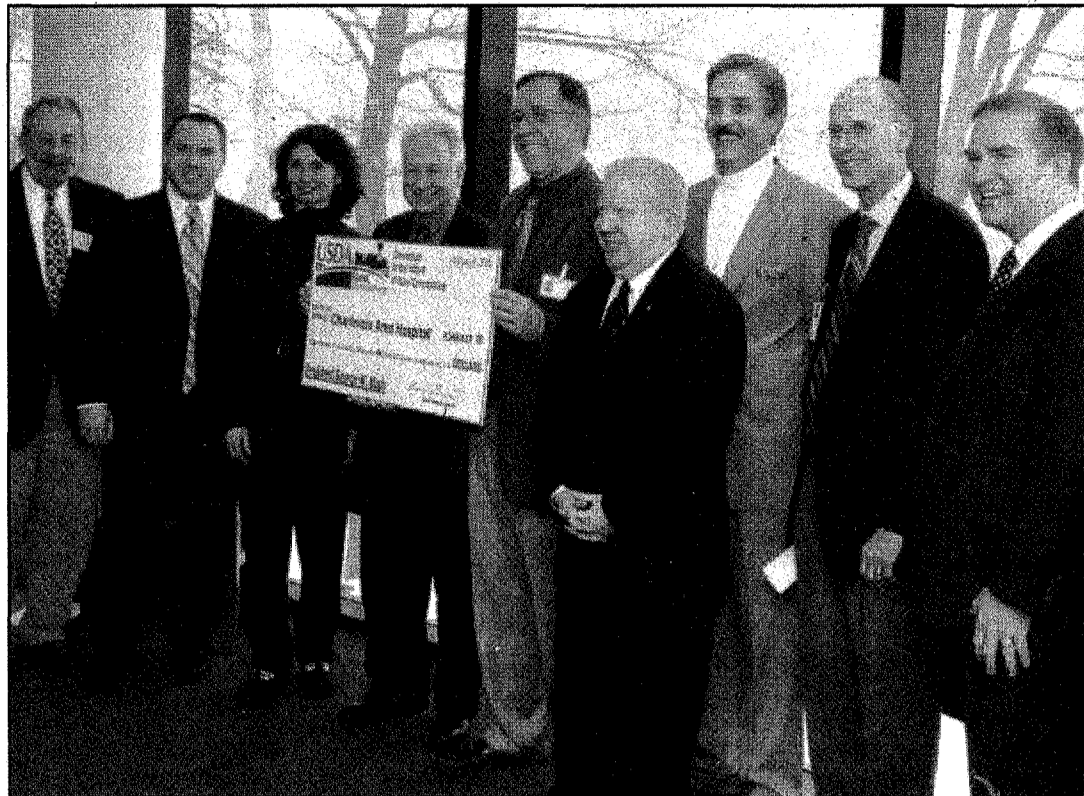
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Boyer City achieves national Main Street accreditation

LANSING — The Boyer City Main Street Program has been awarded national accreditation through the Cool Cities Michigan Main Street Program. The announcement was made recently by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority which oversees the Main Street Program.

"This award is a result of work the program is accomplishing and the support we receive from the community," said Main Street Board Chair Bob Carlile. "Since we joined the Main Street program, many projects have been completed which have made a big difference for downtown Boyer City and the community. It has been a cooperative effort with our business community, dedicated volunteers, city staff and Main Street's board of directors."

Boyer City was one of four communities to receive national accreditation. The other communities are Niles, Marshall and Calumet.

The Michigan Main Street program is part of Governor Granholm's efforts to create vibrant communities across the state. This effort is based on numerous recent studies showing that investing in our downtowns creates vibrant centers where people want to live, work and invest, making our state economically stronger.

Recent accomplishments of the program include new holiday decorations for downtown, continuation of the popular Stroll the Streets, organization of Boyer Thunder, securing facade grants for two downtown buildings, and working with the Creating Entrepreneurial Communities initiative through Michigan State University.

The underlying premise of the Main Street program, according to MSHDA, is to encourage community economic development through:

- Organization: getting everyone working toward the same goal and assembling the appropriate human and financial resources to implement a Main Street revitalization program.

- Promotion: selling a positive image of the commercial district and encouraging consumers and investors to live, work, shop, play and

invest in the Main Street district.

- Design: getting Main Street into top physical shape. Capitalizing on its best assets, such as historic buildings and pedestrian-oriented streets, is just part of the story.

- Economic restructuring: strengthening a community's existing economic assets while expanding and diversifying its economic base.

The four communities chosen are evaluated annually using a year-end evaluation process and accreditation criteria intended to assist each community in performing up to national accreditation standards as prescribed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center.

"Programs like Michigan Main Street go a long way in not only helping revitalize traditional downtowns, but also in making them a more desirable place to live, work and invest," said Michael R. DeVos, executive director of MSHDA. "Economic vitality of our vibrant communities and downtowns is the cornerstone of continuing economic success for the entire state."

In total, there are 14 communities participating in the Cool Cities Michigan Main Street program through MSHDA's CATEam. The other communities are Portland, Muskegon, Clare, Ishpeming, Howell, Grand Haven, Midland, Old Town Lansing, Iron Mountain, and Scottville.

MSHDA is a quasi-state agency that provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve safe and decent affordable housing, engage in community economic development activities, and address homeless issues. MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds and notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues.

For more information about the Boyer City Main Street Program contact executive director Hugh Conklin at 231-582-9009. For information on MSHDA programs and initiatives, visit the agency's web site at www.michigan.gov/mshda.

Church events

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

Church of the Nativity

Reverend Peggy Natterman will officiate at the Third Sunday of Lent 10 a.m. Eucharist at Episcopal Church of the Nativity. During Black History Month, the church music will include African-American selections from the "Lift Every Voice" hymnal, as well as Lenten hymns from the 1982 Hymnal. Coffee hour will immediately follow the service in the church undercroft.

Lenten "soup, sandwich and study" continues each Wednesday at 6 p.m. Soup will be supplied, and participants should bring a sandwich. Rick Warren's "A Purpose-Driven Life" is being studied by the group during Lent.

Church of the Nativity is located at 209 Main St. in Boyer City. For information, call the church answering machine at 231-582-5045, leaving your name and telephone number. A member of the church will return your call.

Lakeshore Community Church

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

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

5294.

Lakeshore Community Free Clinic is a ministry of Lakeshore Community Church and is open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone who does not have insurance, or is underinsured is welcome to utilize this service. Dr. Richard Mansfield and Kathy Helsley, along with many volunteers from the community, continue to help make this possible. The clinic is run strictly on donations. If you are interested in donating to the Free Clinic, send your donation to PO Box 933, Boyer 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.boyncitynaz.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 Pas-

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

Boyer City, Boyer Falls United Methodist Church

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

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

First Presbyterian

Boyer City First Presbyterian Church invites the community to worship with them at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday at 401 South Park Street, Boyer City, featuring contemporary worship on the last Sunday of each month and traditional services on other Sundays. This

Sunday, Feb. 24, Pastor Jonathan Mays' message will be Hope Does Not Disappoint from Romans 5:1-11.

Nursery is provided and Sunday School for ages 4-11 meets during the worship service. Adult class meets from 9-10 a.m., youth meet from 9:30-10:20. The Lord's Supper is celebrated during worship the first Sunday of each month. Bible Study, 9 a.m. Tuesdays, Hill House. Brown Bag Lunch Prayer, noon Wednesdays, Faulman Hall.

Wednesday Lenten Dinners begin Feb. 20 through March 19, 6:30-8 p.m., and will feature dinner for the whole family and conversations about *Making Space for God*. Call 231-582-7983 for more information.

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church will hold a Soup Supper on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and 27, from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a short Lenten service from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

While warming up with some soup, feel free to ask questions about our church services and events. You may leave at any time.

Sunday services start at 8 a.m. for early service, 10:30 a.m. for late service, with a Bible school for all ages from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, please call the church at 231-582-9301, in Boyer City.

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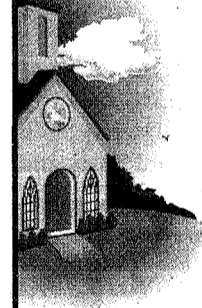
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DEATH NOTICE

Lynn Donaven-Crager, age 66 of Boyer City, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyer City, where a gathering of family and friends will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of the Straits or Charlevoix County Humane Society.

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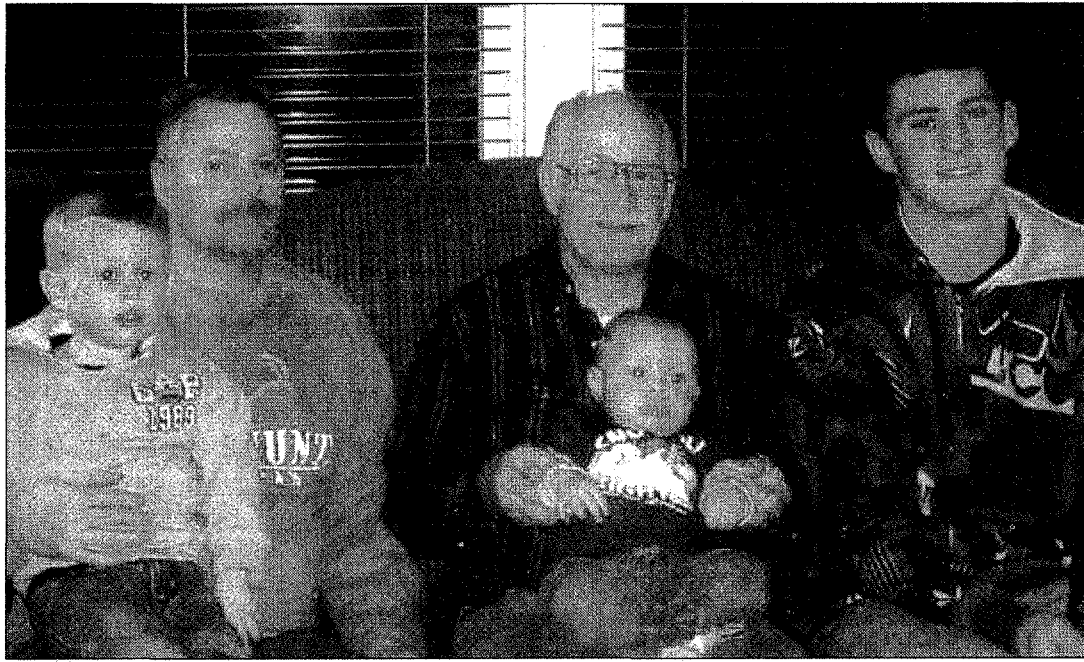
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Surprise visit

Anthony and Sadie DeNike and sons, Mason, 2, and Cadmen, 4 1/2 months, recently surprised his father, Tom DeNike II, with a visit from Colorado. Four generations of DeNikes gathered for a photo of the occasion. (l-r) Grandfather, Tom DeNike II holding Mason; great-grandfather, Tom DeNike, holding Cadmen; and Anthony DeNike.

STUDENT NEWS

East Jordan High School

NAME: Meghan Thomas
PARENTS: Kevin and Karen Thomas
GRADE: 12th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, cross-country, track, soccer, SADD

FAVORITE CLASS(ES): English, drama, and student mentoring

FUTURE PLANS: Attend a university

STAFF COMMENTS: "Meghan has been doing an excellent job in FST. She has been asking good questions

and getting her homework done on time. I appreciate Meghan's hard work in this class and I enjoy her pleasant personality." Mrs. Russell

"Meghan is really a talented writer; I always enjoy reading her essays and journals. She is an intelligent and insightful student." Mrs. Richardson

"I've had the pleasure of having Meghan in my EDP for the past four years. She is a young woman who is talented in so many areas - both academic and athletic. I know that whatever career she chooses, she will go on to do well." Mrs. McPherson

"Meghan brings energy and enthusiasm to everything she does - making her a joy to teach." Mr. Essenberg

"Meghan Thomas is a creative intelligent and very together student. She has an infectious attitude and gives everything she does her best shot. In the classroom students look to her as a leader and she is always willing to take risks and raise the standards for her own achievement a little higher. She is a pleasure to teach." Mrs. Tinney



Boyne City High School

NAME: Blake Kroondyk
PARENTS: Bob and Liz Kroondyk
GRADE: 10th

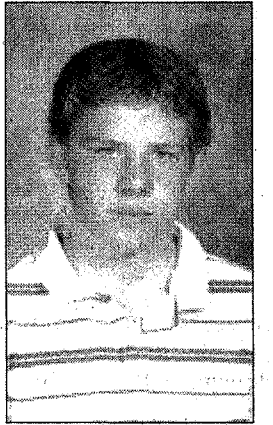
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Soccer, tennis and a spectator for most sports

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Hockey, movies, computer and other games. I enjoy being a life guard at Boyne Mt.

FUTURE PLANS: Graduating from high school with honors

STAFF COMMENTS: "Blake has shown a high level of academic dedication in my sophomore English class. He demonstrates a respectful attitude to staff and his cohorts and works well in a variety of learning environments." Jeanne Heath, English Department

"Blake is a consistently interesting student. He brings a great sense of humor and a sharp analytical mind to biology each day. His work is carefully done and of high quality. One of the nicest things that I have noticed about Blake is that he is a better student with each passing challenge that he is given. Biologically speaking, I'd like to clone him. Good job buddy." Dale Thomason, Math and Sciences



Lights of Love raises money for Hospice

Margaret Lasater of Hospice of NW Michigan, accepts a check for \$7,000 from Candy Greene of Eta Nu Boyne Women's Club. The fundraiser, Lights of Love, was held in December. Kathy Henricks represents the Lights of Love Committee.



February is responsible fatherhood awareness month in Michigan

DUANE MICHAEL WILSON, LMSW
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed February as being Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month in Michigan to heighten public awareness that involved fathers matter when it comes to improving child outcomes.

Research is telling us is that when children have both mother and father positively involved in their lives,

outcomes improve and children become more successful. It only makes sense that this is the case when we look back at how the different genders parent and the balance that two parents provide a child.

Have you ever witnessed a man gently tossing his child in the air? What do you think the typical mother's response is to the act? Over the years that I have spoken on the topic of fatherhood, I've asked these questions and can tell you

that most people have witnessed such an interaction between a father and his child. The typical female response is to gasp or cringe at the sight of the event. I love this scenario because it demonstrates the different approaches men and women bring to parenting. Men and women truly do parent differently and that's a good thing.

As I have talked about the different style of male and female parenting, I often say that males parent

using a risk-taking mode, while females parent using a protection mode. The father who playfully tosses his child is teaching his child risk-taking. The mother who cringes in response is teaching self protection. A father is more apt to allow his two-year-old toddler to work at turning a door handle while the mother is more apt to assist and open the door for the child. Both parenting styles are important in health child development.

We all know that too much risk taking is as problematic as is too much protection.

There is an overwhelming amount of research that supports the fact that the further we get from the two parent model of child rearing, the worse our children are doing. There are many reasons why more men than women are not positively involved with their children. One major reason has to do with the fact that society seems to generally view mothers as

the more important parent, which leads to men and women not having the same standing.

Responsible Fatherhood Awareness Month encourages us to recognize the importance of responsible fatherhood, as nurturing fathers strengthen Michigan families. Support and promote male parent involvement and in doing so you are supporting children with the parenting they need and deserve to thrive.

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Drew Nohel, Steve Robinson advance to regional tournament

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

MUNISING — Drew Nohel and Steve Robinson extended their seasons for at least one more week.

The pair of Boyne City wrestlers advanced out of districts to regional competition with fourth place finishes at the Division 4 individual district tournament in Munising last Saturday.

Nohel at 152 pounds and 189-pounder Robinson will compete at the Division 4 regional this Saturday at Rogers City.

Coming one match short of qualifying for regionals were Cody Wilmot (145) and Adam Brown (112).

Nohel and Robinson are the first wrestlers to represent Boyne City at the regional tournament.

"It's nice to see Drew and Steve's hard work pay off, and achieve one of their goals for the season," coach Don Nohel said.

"And it's exciting for our kids and our program to take it to the next level."

On top of all that, both Robinson and Nohel will be back next season. Nohel has two more years remaining in his high school career.

Nohel drew a bye in the first round, and then tore up Brock Lewis of Rudyard for a 13-4 decision to reach the quarterfinals.

Dalton Gauthier of Iron Mountain defeated Nohel, 14-2, in the next round. Nohel bounced back with a 7-2 victory over Kevin Arnold of Norway, but lost to Tyler Oja of St. Ignace, 9-6.

Robinson, who'll be a senior next year, defeated Steve Opsahl of Iron Mountain, 9-6.

But he lost to Derek Marshall of St. Ignace by a technical fall in 6 minutes. The match was called with Robinson trailing, 15-0.

He came back to pin

Conrad Jewitt of Manistique in 21 seconds, but in a rematch with Opsahl lost by a pin in 1:10.

Brown lost to Luke Benbow of Iron Mountain by a 6-0 decision, beat Bill McArthur of Munising by a 9-4 decision and lost by a pin to Jacob Perry of Rudyard in 4:14.

Wilmot was pinned by Matt Hill of Munising in 3:28, then won by a fall in 4:09 over Justin Bahman of Gwinn. He lost by a pin to Dustin Hein of Rogers City in 1:59.

Nathan Haley had a bye into the second round of the 119-pound class, where he was defeated by a fall in 1:15 by T.J. Sobek of Rogers City. The freshman finished the year 3-8.

Josh McGeorge, a junior, lost by a pin to Ben Tulgestke of Rogers City in the opening round of the 140-pound class. He ended the year 0-10.

Josh Hernandez, the only senior in the starting group, had a first-round bye and then had to drop out in the second round when he suffered an injury, defaulting to Devin Pommer-ville of Rogers City.

Rogers City won the team title, blitzing Onaway 75-3 in the finals.

Onaway defeated Boyne City, 25-16, in the semifinals.

Boyne City forfeited the 103-pound class, and the two teams double voided six other weights.

Haley picked up one of the Ramblers' wins thanks to a void by Onaway at 119.

Wilmot won a 13-4 major decision over Jacob Droste at 145 and Nohel pinned Regi Weemhoff in 3:05 at 152.

"Our biggest concern for next year is filling all the weight classes," coach Nohel said.

"It's impossible to compete as a team when you're giving up so many points on voids."

Boyne boys win two out of three games

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY -- Winning two out of three games last week lifted the Boyne City boys basketball team to an 8-10 record with two games left in the regular season.

The Ramblers opened the week last Monday with a 64-51 victory at Kalkaska in a makeup game.

Kalkaska actually led 20-19 at the end of the first quarter, but the Ramblers outscored the Blazers 14-10 in the second period and took a 33-30 halftime lead.

Applying even more defensive pressure on the Blazers in the third period, Boyne enjoyed an 18-9 advantage and entered the fourth quarter with a 51-39 lead.

Robby Jensen fired in 20 points, Josh Konecki contributed 15 and Dan Remsburg added 11.

Travis Schuba led the Blazers with a game-high 22 points, while John Kasza finished with 10.

Schuba buried four 3-point shots in the first quarter, and three were from well beyond the arc.

"We felt that we played well to stay within one at the end of the first quarter with Schuba's shooting display," Boyne coach John Hertel said.

"In the second and third quarters we held Schuba to four points, and they all came on free throws.

"Stephen Redmer guarded Schuba, and he did a great job. It was

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Brennan third in state Team second by one point

By CHIP CORWIN
SPORTS EDITOR

WALLOON LAKE — East Jordan senior Mac Brennan solidified his status as one of the top cross-country skiers in the state on Saturday, and now he wants prove he's one of the best in the country.

Brennan and teammate Brendan Baic, a sophomore at Boyne City, have already qualified for the U.S. Junior Olympics to be held in Anchorage, Alaska on March 3-9.

On Saturday, the two competed as part of the Lake Michigan team (which takes its members from Lake Michigan Conference schools) in the Michigan high school cross country skiing state championships, held at Boyne Valley Lodge in Walloon Lake.

Brennan was in second place by just two seconds after the morning's freestyle event, and he finished in third place overall with a combined time (freestyle plus classic) of 25:45.

Baic finished seventh overall with a combined time 27:10.

Teammate Ross Williams, a freshman at Elk Rapids, finished 11th in 28:09. Marquette's Tom McFadden won with a combined time of 25:02.

In the girls race, East Jordan freshman Brady Brennan finished 17th with a combined time of 34:12. Olivia Orr from Houghton won in a combined time of 26:12.

"It was a great day," head coach Nick Baic said. "Conditions were good, and the races went well...The kids skied pretty good."

Baic was encouraged by Mac Brennan's performance.

"Mac did well," he said. "He was only two seconds behind a guy (in freestyle) who had a lot faster skis, and he had the best classic he's had (this season)."

"He beat a lot of guys who had beaten him earlier this year."

On Sunday, with the team title on the line in the sprint events, things got even more interesting.

No times are kept in the sprints, with skiers advancing through four rounds in head to head

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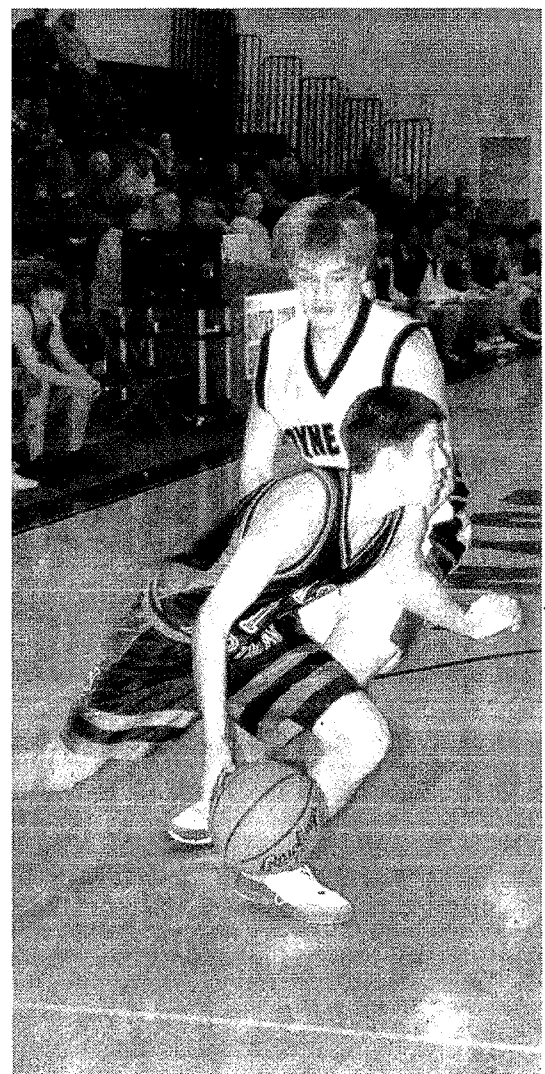


Mac Brennan, a senior at East Jordan, skis to a second-place finish in the freestyle event at the Michigan high school cross country skiing state championships held at Boyne Valley Lodge in Walloon Lake on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Photo by Chip Corwin

Red Devils top Ramblers, 50-43

East Jordan has most wins since '96



East Jordan's Michael Hines drives the baseline past Boyne City's Ryan Musser in last Wednesday's matchup.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

By CHIP CORWIN
SPORTS EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — In the first quarter, which ended with Boyne ahead 18-15, it looked like the team that scored last would win. In the second quarter, it looked like the winning team would be the one that just scored at all.

Boyne City and East Jordan shot a combined 2-for-23 in the second quarter on Wednesday night, with neither team scoring a field goal for the last 6:40 of the first half.

While the anemic offense on both sides still left Boyne with a five-point halftime lead, 22-17, it nonetheless left Boyne City head coach John Hertel wondering what could have been.

"We let some (scoring) opportunities get away in the first half, and that frustration carried over into the second half," he said. "We felt good about the way we were playing (coming in), but we weren't able to sustain it for 32 minutes."

Boyne initially got off to a good start in the third quarter, with Robby Jensen hitting a 3-pointer from the left

elbow to extend the lead to eight. East Jordan's Adam Daneff and James Brown responded with two baskets to cut the lead to four with seven minutes to play in the third.

Baskets by Trevor Krugel held East Jordan at bay over the next three minutes, but Scott Hansen hit a pull-up jumper with 2:00 to go in the third that tied the game at 30, and Boyne would never hold the lead again.

"The team played their hardest," Daneff said after the game. "It was a good win. We just really hustled on defense ... and we really crashed the offensive boards."

The third quarter ended with East Jordan ahead, 32-30, after another inside bucket from Brown.

The fourth quarter featured Boyne's Krugel and Josh Konecki trading baskets with Daneff and Marshall Page from East Jordan.

Krugel made a basket with 5:30 left in the game to pull Boyne within one, 35-36, but Page responded with a free throw and then two inside buckets after a Ryan Musser free

throw to extend East Jordan's lead to 42-35.

A basket off an offensive rebound by Krugel put the Ramblers within 45-43 with 40 seconds left, but East Jordan sophomore Teddy Snowden iced the game down the stretch, hitting both of his free throw attempts to push the lead back to four points with only 28 seconds left. Additional free throws by Snowden and Daneff put the final score at 50-43.

"It's a pretty big win for us," East Jordan head coach Darrin Weber said after the game. "Defensively we made some adjustments, and we shut them down pretty big. We held Jensen to one bucket in the second half. That was key for us."

The win gives East Jordan 11 on the season, the most they've had since 1996, and also avenges a loss earlier in the year to the Ramblers.

"It's a great rivalry game," Weber said. "Fortunately, we had a few more shots go in and hit free throws down the stretch. It's pretty big for a sopho-

more (Snowden) to step up and hit free throws in a big game."

The game became physical at times, with eight charges being called on the two teams combined.

"The way the game was called had an impact on the overall game," Hertel said. "It got pretty rugged." Hertel didn't think the officiating contributed to the loss, but he thought it kept the game low-scoring.

"It was a hard game to get a flow to," he said.

Those sentiments were echoed by Weber. "It's better to win ugly than not win at all," he said, referring to the charges. "We're happy to escape (with a win)."

The loss was a setback for the Ramblers, who had just come off a win over Kalkaska.

"It was a big game, and we really wanted to win," Hertel said. "We need to move forward."

"We have to put it (the loss) behind us. We still have a chance for a third place finish (in the LMC), which is a good accomplishment in this conference."

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Simeri leads Rambler contingency to state finals EJ's Rowley still undefeated in GS

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

MARQUETTE -- Just a little short.

Boasting one of its best boys ski teams in many years, the Boyne City Ramblers had their sights set on a spot in the state championships.

Only, it didn't happen.

Petoskey's boys won the Division 2 regional title at Marquette

Mountain with an easy 77-102 victory over Harbor Springs. Iron Mountain finished third with 108.

That left Boyne City out in the cold, so to speak. The Ramblers needed to finish in the top three to qualify for the state finals, which will be on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Boyne Mountain.

Boyne came in fourth with 118 points, while Charlevoix-East Jordan

finished seventh with 246.

Nick Simeri qualified for the state meet as an individual in both the slalom and giant slalom to pace the Ramblers.

Simeri finished third in the slalom with a combined time of 1:19.10 and was sixth in the giant slalom with a time of 1:01.36.

The Ramblers finished one point behind Charlevoix-East Jordan

in the girls meet. 114-115. Houghton won the regional, scoring 80 points. Petoskey took second with 104 and Charlevoix-East Jordan also qualified with a third place finish.

Katherine Rowley paced Charlevoix-East Jordan, winning the giant slalom in 1:01.95. She has yet to be beaten in the event. For good measure, she finished second in the slalom with a time of 1:22.94.

Elizabeth Hofweber was 14th in the giant slalom (1:07.44), Mary Gocha took 20th place (1:08.31) and Elizabeth Hasseld was 24th (1:09.54). In the slalom it was Hasseld finishing 11th (1:31.46), Emily Bajko placing 20th (1:31.46) and Hofweber taking 22nd (1:39.14).

Morgan Harding qualified for state as an individual for the Ramblers in the giant slalom

with a sixth place in a combined time of 1:05.67.

Joining her at state will be Rambler teammates Allison Wright who was seventh in 1:05.57 and Cristina Roland, who was ninth in 1:05.76.

Roland and Wright also qualified for state as individuals in the slalom. Roland was fifth (1:26.93) and Wright seventh (1:30.86).

Rambler girls lose finale, ready for district tourney

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY -- Despite losing the final game of the regular season to Sault Ste. Marie, 45-28, the Boyne City girls basketball feels it's ready for the district tournament at Harbor Springs.

Although no Rambler scored more than 9 points in the contest, everyone got a chance to play, and that was important in coach Scott Hausler's mind.

"It was just one of those nights," Hausler said. "The girls worked hard, it was senior night and everybody played."

"Of course, you never like to lose. But, it was a good way for the seniors to finish their careers at home."

Boyne finished the regular season 12-8, and was scheduled to play in the district tournament at Harbor Springs.

name at Harbor Springs.

Hausler had hoped to take the team to Harbor Springs for its allotted practice on Sunday, but wasn't too confident they'd make the trip after freezing rain made road conditions hazardous early in the morning.

The Ramblers played the winner of Monday night's game between Lincoln Alcona and Hale on Tuesday night.

"I've seen Lincoln Alcona once this year, but we will definitely go up there and watch them," Hausler said.

As far as the Ramblers' strategy for the tournament, Hausler is emphasizing a stronger defensive effort.

"Not looking ahead at all, but Lincoln Alcona has some good athletes," Hausler said, indicating who he believes would win Monday's game.

"It doesn't look like

they have too much as far as perimeter shooting, but they try to pound it inside.

"We're going to definitely have to pick it up on defense. Should we win that game, Whittemore-Prescott has two girls 6-foot-1."

Jessica Knysz is right around 6-1, and will be expected to mix it up inside.

Lincoln Alcona and Whittemore-Prescott both like to walk the ball up the floor and run a set-up offense.

Both teams like to play zone defense.

"So, we're going to try and get the game up tempo a little bit, and push the ball up the floor," Hausler said.

"We'll do some pressing to try to get them out of their game plan. We have to take care of what we can... play hard, play good defense."

"Hopefully, the rest will take care of itself."

East Jordan finishes 16-4

Defeats Grayling, Ellsworth

By CHIP CORWIN
SPORTS EDITOR

ELLSWORTH — East Jordan picked up two more wins last week to end the regular season with a 16-4 record, having beaten everyone on their schedule at least once besides Kingsley, who they only played one time.

After starting the season 1-3, East Jordan won 15 of their last 16 games, a run that included an 11-game winning streak over top teams like Boyne City, Kalkaska, Charlevoix, and Petoskey.

Boyne beat the Red Devils on Feb. 7, but since then East Jordan

has regained their winning way.

On Monday, the Red Devils beat Grayling 63-35 in a makeup game, and on Thursday they played the role of bad Valentine's date by beating the host Ellsworth Lancers, 48-32.

"It was a nice way to close out our season," East Jordan head coach Sean Ferguson said in an email after the Ellsworth game. "16-4 is quite an accomplishment, and we are proud of what we have done so far."

Against Grayling, East Jordan bounded out to a 28-16 halftime lead and built on that margin throughout the game. They outscored the Vikings 17-5 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Katherine Rowley had a double-double with 23 points and 13 rebounds.

"Rowley had a mon-

ster night," Ferguson said. "Her 23 points were a career high for her. (Treasure) Timmons and (Sarah) Kupovits played solid inside, and Meghan (Thomas) and Cassie (Crick) played well."

But despite the convincing margin of victory, Ferguson was not totally pleased with his team's performance.

"We played very well defensively in the back court, but when Grayling was able to get the ball across half court we stopped moving our feet and started reaching," he said.

"We must capitalize better when our opponents make mistakes, especially come district time," Ferguson said, referring to eight times that East Jordan forced a turnover but didn't score.

Thomas added 14 points and 6 steals for

East Jordan, and Timmons hauled down 10 rebounds.

Grayling was led by Sam Schreiber with 10 points.

Shaina Peters had 27 points in leading the Red Devils to a 51-34 victory in the JV game.

The Red Devils had a tougher time getting their offense going against Ellsworth, but they still outscored the Lancers in each quarter and eventually pulled away for a 48-32 win.

"Ellsworth's zone gave us some problems, so we were glad Treasure (Timmons) came to play. Meghan (Thomas) gave us another consistent effort, and Cassie (Crick) was able to knock down some shots," Ferguson said. Timmons had a double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Thomas and Crick added 14 and 11

points, respectively.

Ferguson said that East Jordan's defensive troubles at Grayling also existed at Ellsworth.

"We have to do a better job of moving our feet on defense," he said. "The last few games we have been reaching. That has to stop! Other than Treasure, we didn't rebound all that well, and that has to improve. Ellsworth really executed their offense well, and we got caught chasing. We must iron that out before next week. I thought Ellsworth played really well."

East Jordan plays Charlevoix (tonight) in the district semifinals at T.C. St. Francis after defeating Mancelona 54-21 on Monday in the first round. Complete results were not available by press time.

NMSA RESULTS

Results of the Northern Michigan Ski Academy Saturday Night Feb 16th Giant Slalom Race at Boyne Mountain

Girls:

7 & under: 1-Annika Bergquist, Boyne City; 2-Abbey Scholten, Charlevoix; 3-Jenna Good, Charlevoix

8&9: 1-Winter V-necki, Gaylord; 2-Kylee Scholten, Charlevoix; 3-Abby Bohnet, Petoskey

10 & 11: 1-Mia Cic-

coretti, Boyne Falls; 2-Stephanie Sylvain, Harbor Springs; 3-Britte Bonter, Harbor Springs

12 & 13: 1-Lacey Hofweber, East Jordan; 2-Reilly Philliben, Boyne Falls; 3-Lexi Harding, Boyne City

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-Brad Klingler, Charlevoix; 3-Griffin Powers, Boyne City

10 & 11: 1-Shea Fuhrman, Harbor Springs; 2-Kory Skop, Boyne Falls; 3-Brett Siegwart, Charlevoix

12 & 13: 1-Ben Loomis, Petoskey; 2-Brian Erhart, Petoskey; 3-Collin Kruzel, Boyne City

14 & over: 1-Dean Hague, Boyne City; 2-Neil Anderson, Boyne City; 3-Joe Loomis, Petoskey

Boyne

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great to get that contribution off the bench against a player of that caliber. It was a really good road win for us."

Kalkaska won the junior varsity game, 37-36. T.J. Wandrie had 13 points for the Ramblers. The Ramblers won the freshman game, 59-49. Caleb Roberts scored 21, Kolbi Schumaker had 13 and Cody Beebe added 11 for the Ramblers.

Boyne City lost the rematch with East Jordan, whom the Ramblers defeated earlier this season, 60-43 last Wednesday (see related story).

Jensen lit it up against Elk Rapids for

20 points last Friday night as the Ramblers recorded a 60-47 win.

He also pulled down 15 rebounds and dished out 4 assists in addition to hitting three 3-point shots. Kruzel added 16 points and 5 rebounds. Remsburg contributed 10 points.

Sam Wittbrodt and Charlie Hoch each scored 12 points for the Elks.

Boyne pulled away from a 13-10 first quarter lead for a more substantial 33-24 halftime bulge.

The Ramblers' cushion swelled to 20 points, 50-30, after three quarters and the Elks got no closer than 13 the rest of the way.

"I think probably the thing that was most en-

joyable about the Elk Rapids game was we had so many guys who contributed to the win," Hertel said.

"We probably subbed more frequently and had good team chemistry offensively and defensively."

The Ramblers are tied for third in the Lake Michigan Conference with their 7-6 record.

In the junior varsity game it was Boyne City winning, 67-47, with Young scoring 16 points.

Elk Rapids won the freshman game, 60-53. Roberts finished with 15 points for the Ramblers.

Boyne City is home against Grayling on Tuesday night.

Ski

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competitions. In the final race, Mac Brennan and Brendan Baic found themselves competing against two racers from Marquette, including newly-minted state champion Tom McFadden.

Baic was in the lead going down the final hill, but a Marquette skier knocked his pole out and it broke, forcing Baic to ski the rest of the race with only one pole.

With only one pole, Baic faded to fourth and was passed by Brennan on the outside and McFadden on the inside. With the inside track, McFadden was able to hold off a charging Brennan and win the sprint event with Brennan a close second.

The sprint event counts in overall team

score, and Baic and Brennan's finishes put Lake Michigan in second place overall, only one point behind Traverse City Central.

Coach Baic is now looking forward to the Junior Olympics.

The team is currently skiing around 100 kilometers a week. Coach Baic said that the week before nationals they'll only ski around 30-40.

"We didn't really taper a lot (for Saturday)," coach Baic said. "It was an important race, but we're training these guys for nationals."

"I'm really excited," Brennan said about the trip to Anchorage. "I'm excited to see where I'm at on a national level."

"I'm not really sure where I'm going to be at, but I'd like a top ten finish," he continued. "It's not out of the

question, but it's a big goal."

Coach Baic thinks that Brennan's best chances for a top ten finish are in the distance events, a 15K classic and a 10K freestyle. Brennan runs cross country for East Jordan in the fall, so the distance events play to his strengths. Recently, he won the Vasa 12K freestyle.

On the other end of the spectrum is Brendan Baic, whose strengths lie in the sprint events.

"It (nationals) should be good," coach Baic said. "Mac's got a good chance of doing well, and Brendan showed he's the fastest sprinter we have."

"We'll just train hard and do the best we can. To finish in the top 50 is to do really well, but a great race and a top 10 finish is possible."

Boys: Ellsworth 69, Boyne Falls 26

Three Ellsworth players shot for double figures to lead the Lancers to a 69-26 Northern Lakes Conference victory over the Boyne Falls boys varsity basketball team on Friday, Feb. 15.

Jared Danbert tossed in 16 points, Jarod Steenwyck hit for 15 points and Tyler In-galls added 11 as Ellsworth jumped to a 23-11 first quarter lead. The Trojans then out scored the Loggers 27-6 in the second quarter. Ellsworth led the game 60-21 going into the final quarter.

"They pretty much took it to us from the first quarter to the fourth quarter," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla. "They outplayed us the whole game."

Chad Deming led Boyne Falls with seven points, while Justin Grubaugh chipped in with five rebounds.

Boyne Falls JV 41, Ellsworth JV 26

The Boyne Falls junior varsity squad trailed 21-15 in the first half, but the Loggers bounced back to defeat Ellsworth 41-26.

Jared Mathers (19 points, 10 rebounds), James Brown (10 points, 6 rebounds) and

Reggie Fiel 7 points) led the Loggers.

"We overcame a slow start with some great defense and effort in the second half," said Boyne Falls coach Alan Massey. "Justin Aytes and Thomas Rahn really came through for us and Reggie Fiel showed a lot of toughness."

Mackinaw City 63, Boyne Falls 51

Logan Paquette poured in a game high 23 points to lead Mackinaw City to a 63-51 conference win over Boyne Falls on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The Comets led the Loggers 15-14 after one quarter, increased the margin to 35-24 at the half and led the contest 50-36 at the end of three quarters.

Josh Haskin paced Boyne Falls with 18 points and eight boards, while Deming added 14 points.

"Overall we played pretty well. We had a stretch in the second quarter where we couldn't score. That's when they got the lead on us," said Hamilla.

Boyne Falls (8-9 overall, 7-6 NLC) will host Central Lake to close out the regular season on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Boyne Falls JV 36, Mackinaw City 32

Devils

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East Jordan, meanwhile, is hoping the win can provide some momentum heading into districts.

"The last games (on the schedule) are really tough," Daneff said. "It's a tough end to the regular season, but it will get us ready for districts."

Daneff led East Jordan with 19 points, and

Page added 13.

Kruzel led Boyne City with 19 points, and Jensen and Konecki added 9 each.

East Jordan played at T.C. St. Francis on Feb. 19 and plays their last home game on Feb. 21 against St. Ignace. Boyne was at home against Grayling last night (Tuesday), and they host Cedarville tomorrow (Thursday).

Boyne won the JV

game, 62-56. Parker Ameen had 18 points. Dalton Looze added 13, TJ Wondric knocked down 12, and Nick Young chipped in

10.

East Jordan was led by Josh Williams with 15 points. Tony Pente-cost added 12.

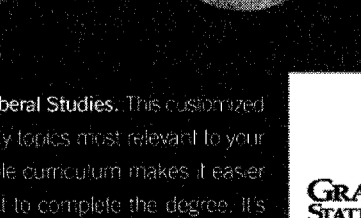


Last Friday, East Jordan

lost to Charlevoix, 73-70. Daneff led the Red Devils with 17 points. Complete details were not available by press time.

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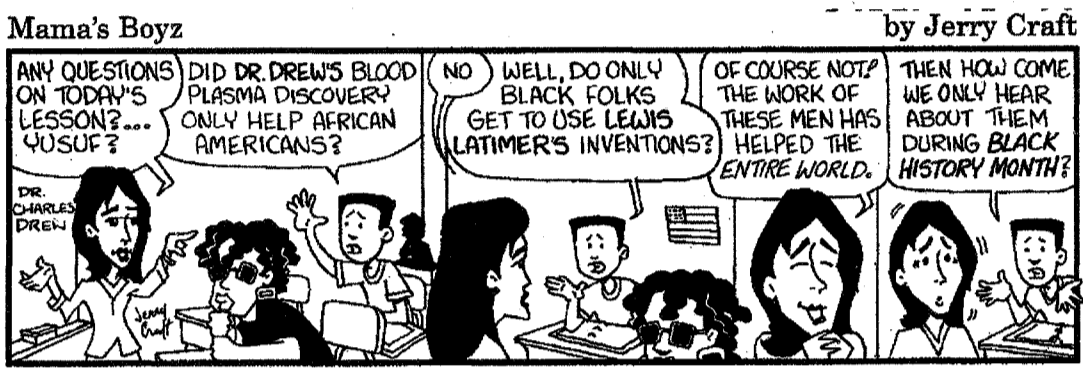
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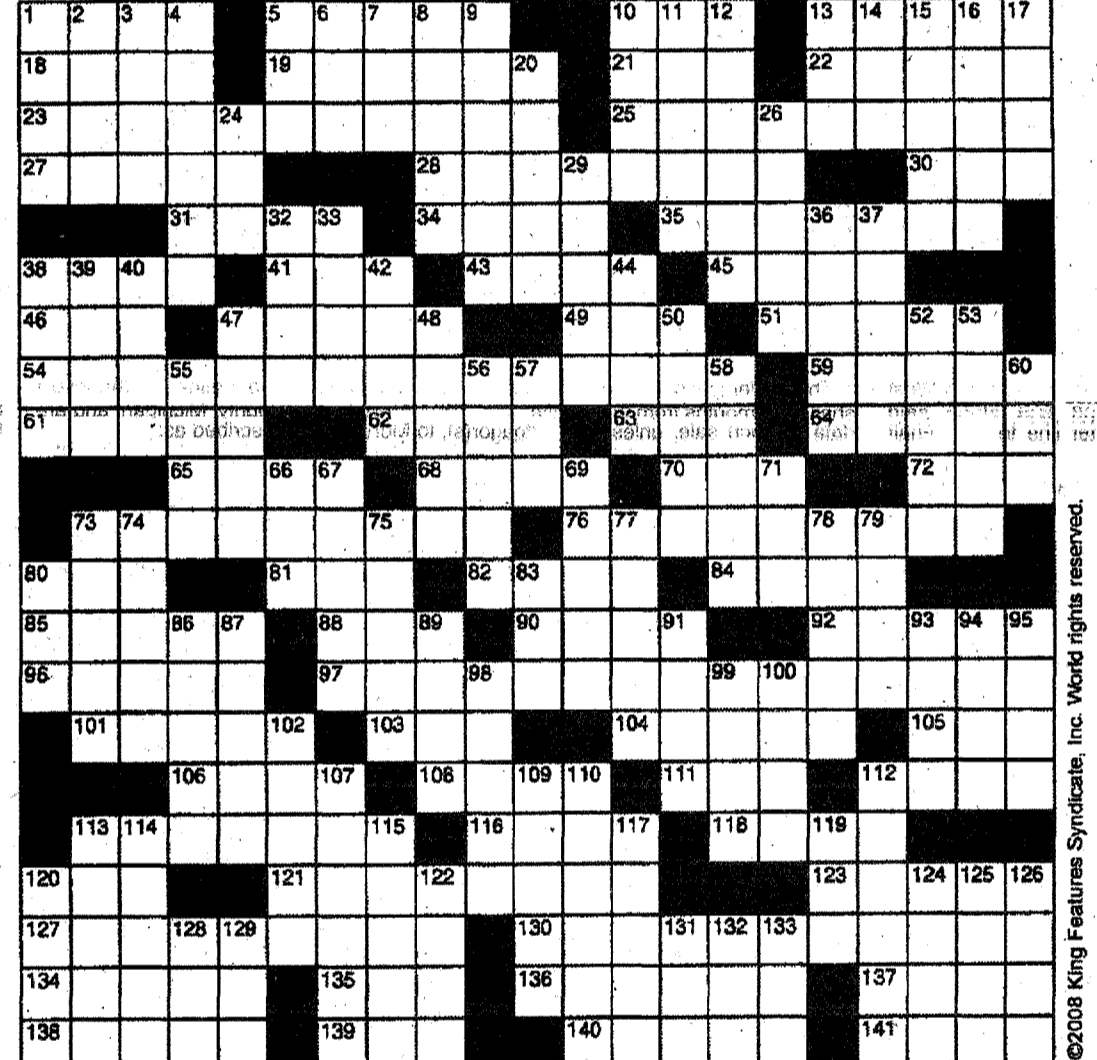
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COMICS & CONUNDRUMS



Super Crossword WHIRLED TOUR

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hollywood clasher
 - 5 Out of line
 - 10 Palindromic Parseghian
 - 13 Harlem export
 - 18 78 Bujold thriller
 - 19 Lavished
 - 21 Waggle
 - 22 Meyerbeer masterpiece
 - 23 West Indian trouble-maker?
 - 25 Mideastern show tune?
 - 27 Aquatic animal
 - 28 Appraise
 - 30 Compass pt.
 - 31 Vacation sensation
 - 34 Citrus fruit
 - 35 Brand or Chamberlain
 - 38 Thames town
 - 41 Son of Noah
 - 43 Touch down
 - 45 "Dinah" (58 hit)
 - 46 Opening
 - 47 — acid
 - 49 One — customer
 - 51 Gambols
 - 54 Speechless, in South-east Asia?
 - 59 Church members
 - 61 Hold up
 - 62 Pro bono
 - 63 Summer quencher
 - 64 Gawik
 - 65 Israeli dance
 - 68 TV's "Life"
 - 70 Brenda or Brandon
 - 72 "Unforgettable" name
 - 73 South American designer?
 - 76 Scandinavian sugar substitute?
 - 80 Muir or Miniver
 - 81 By means of
 - 82 Nobelist
 - 84 — gin lizz
 - 85 Gam and Wilson
 - 88 Exec's deg.
 - 90 Concept
 - 92 Pointless
 - 96 Adult insect
 - 97 Central American song?
 - 101 Addis —
 - 103 Rock's —
 - 104 Ointment
 - 105 Ornamental vine
 - 106 Whip, for one
 - 108 Family members,
 - 111 Hum bug?
 - 112 Perplexed
 - 113 Artist
 - Vincent
 - 116 Stagger
 - 118 Haul
 - 120 Impresario
 - Hurok
 - 121 Self-assurance
 - 123 Biblical kingdom
 - 127 Caribbean entree?
 - 130 African palenquins?
 - 134 Where the buoys are
 - 135 Fr. holy woman
 - 136 Beethoven symphony
 - 137 Ginger cookie
 - 138 Swelling
 - 139 Aunt or niece
 - 140 Bestow
 - 141 "Guarding —" ('94 film)
- DOWN**
- 1 Narcissus' nymph
 - 2 Big kid?
 - 3 Fall to mention
 - 4 Glossy cloth
 - 5 Garment part
 - 6 — Paulo,
 - 7 Relatives
 - 8 Actress
 - Georgia
 - 9 Plant pest
 - 10 Hunt's "Ben Adhem"
 - 11 Director
 - Polanski
 - 12 Let up
 - 13 Anderson's "High —"
 - 14 News org.
 - 15 Raze
 - 16 Musical of 1919
 - 17 Unwind a rind
 - 20 Stage stuff
 - 24 Levin or Remsen
 - 26 Extremely infrequently?
 - 29 Slowly, to Sibelius
 - 32 Dispel
 - 33 Head set?
 - 36 Sacred cows
 - 37 Paul of "The Burning Bed"
 - 38 "Heavens to Betsy!"
 - 39 "Little Man —" ('91 film)
 - 40 Fall birthstone
 - 42 Irritate
 - 44 Mrs. David Copperfield
 - 47 "Blue —" ('77 hit)
 - 48 It's walked at Windsor
 - 50 Baffle
 - 52 Nero's instrument
 - 53 Scarecrow stuffing
 - 55 Bolger/Haley co-star
 - 56 Singer Della
 - 57 Moisten
 - 58 Starts a lawn
 - 60 Still
 - 66 Gun the engine
 - 67 Out on —
 - 69 Stage whisper
 - 71 Sushi candidate
 - 73 — donna
 - 74 Cornerstone abbr.
 - 76 Tag
 - 77 Literary person
 - 78 Din
 - 79 Easter ends it
 - 80 Med. test
 - 83 Taylor or Trotta
 - 86 "F Troop" corporal
 - 87 Edna Ferber novel
 - 89 Crooked
 - 91 Spirited steed
 - 93 Baudelaire's buddies
 - 94 Church area
 - 95 "Orinoco Flow" singer
 - 98 Grenoble's river
 - 99 Beseeched
 - 100 Done
 - 102 Take on
 - 107 Way out
 - 109 On edge
 - 110 Anchored
 - 112 Taken way back?
 - 113 Endorse, with "or"
 - 114 "The Sandbox" playwright
 - 115 Wasteland
 - 117 Enticed
 - 119 Timber tree
 - 120 Sailboat, e.g.
 - 122 —Ball (arcade game)
 - 124 Mozart's "— kleine Nachtmusik"
 - 125 Some underwear
 - 126 Snake charmer's crew
 - 128 Bond rating
 - 129 NBC comedy showcase
 - 131 Support
 - 132 Sgt. or cpl.
 - 133 Cornfield cry



TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

- Top 10 Video Rentals**
1. War
 2. Rush Hour 3
 3. The Kingdom
 4. The Simpsons Movie
 5. Resident Evil: Extinction
- Top 10 DVD Sales**
1. The Simpsons Movie
 2. Rush Hour 3

6. The Heartbreak Kid
7. The Bourne Ultimatum
8. Shoot 'Em Up
9. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
10. Stardust
3. The Kingdom (Universal)
4. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
5. Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End
6. The Bourne Ultimatum
7. Superbad
8. High School Musical 2
9. Ratatouille
10. Eastern Promises

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel bolder as each new success falls into place. But caution is still advised through the end of the week. Until then, a step-by-step approach is best.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That cooperation you request could come at too high a price. Since few can beat the Bovine at being clever and resourceful, why not see what you can do on your own?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor a quieter time spent getting closer to the people who are especially important to you. There's always much more to learn and appreciate about each other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The concerned Crab will act to resolve workplace misunderstandings before they get out of hand and cause more-serious problems. Co-workers rally to support your efforts.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What the Big Cat might see as a disturbing act of disloyalty might just be a failure of communication on both sides. Take time for mediation rather than confrontation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be more patient with those who seem unwilling to accept your version of what's right. The fact is, there's a lot more to learn on all sides of this issue.

LIBRA

(September 23 to October 22) It should be easier to assess the facts you'll need to make an important decision. But don't commit if you still have doubts. There could be more you need to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your excitement level remains high as you continue working on that new project. Expect some setbacks. But on the whole, all will move pretty much on schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It might be wise to be more prudent with expenses right now. But your financial situation should soon clear up, and you could be back shopping, happily as ever.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might prefer sticking with your current schedule. But some newly emerging information could persuade you to consider a change. Keep an open mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reject a suggested change. But it could be wise to go with the flow, at least for a while. You can always return to your first plan if you like.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're bolstered by both the practical and poetic sides of your nature as you maneuver through some unsettled emotional situations. Things ease up by week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: People reach out to your generosity and wisdom, and consider you a treasured and trusted friend.

Moments in time

- On Feb. 10, 1920,** "Kathleen Mavourneen," starring Theda Bara, provokes a riot when it opens in San Francisco. Rioters sacked the Sun Theater in protest of the film's portrayal of the Irish poor.
- On Feb. 4, 1941,** the United Service Organization is founded to offer support for U.S. service members and their families. The USO sent many actors, musicians and other performers to entertain the troops. Comedian Bob Hope made annual trips to entertain overseas troops from World War II through Desert Storm in 1991.
- On Feb. 6, 1952,** King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies at the royal estate at Sandringham. Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of the king's two daughters, was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27.
- On Feb. 7, 1964,** the Beatles arrive in New York from London on their first visit to the United States. Two days later, an estimated 40 percent of the U.S. population tuned in to watch the band's appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show."
- On Feb. 9, 1973,** Max Yasgur, owner of the 600-acre farm where the Woodstock music festival took place in August 1969, dies in Florida at age 53. More than 400,000 people attended the three-day festival in upstate New York. Concert organizers had expected only 50,000 to show up.
- On Feb. 8, 1983,** gunmen steal the champion Irish race horse Shergar from a stud farm owned by the Aga Khan in County Kildare, Ireland. The 5-year-old thoroughbred stallion was worth \$13.5 million. The kidnappers demanded a ransom of more than \$2 million. Despite a highly publicized search by authorities, Shergar was never seen again and no ransom was paid.
- On Feb. 5, 1994,** Byron de la Beckwith is convicted of the assassination of civil-rights leader Medgar Evers 31 years earlier in Jackson, Miss. Beckwith, widely recognized as the killer, was prosecuted for murder in 1964. However, two all-white juries deadlocked and refused to convict.

Sudoku Answers

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Super Crossword Answers

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HATTER	MONGER	OMAN	RIVER
OTTIE	REVAL	UATE	ENR
ELTON	BIAM	LAND	DEDE
GAP	BORIC	TOA	DOMPS
ATA	LOFOR	WARDS	LAITY
DELIA	FIRE	MADE	GITARE
DELIA	HORA	GETA	LEB
PERU	LLIS	SWEDEN	LOD
MARS	WIA	ELTE	SIDE
RITIAS	WBA	IDEA	BUNAN
IMAGO	DEL	ZEMR	POSTMAN
AMABA	LOS	SALIVE	IIVY
TRIDE	PETE	BOE	ASIFA
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top 10 movies

1. The Bucket List
2. First Sunday
3. Juno
4. National Treasure: Book of Secrets
5. Alvin and the Chipmunks
6. I Am Legend
7. One Missed Call
8. P.S. I Love You
9. The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie
10. Atonement

Historical

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a lot of things that need to be done. We just don't have the manpower to do it."

Hewitt, who is also a Board member on the Historical Commission, is attempting to start up the new Historical Society in part to get new members and volunteers. The museum needs vital equipment like a computer and a program to get the museum's artifacts catalogued. Only some of the museum's items are online right now and other problems include storage, layout, duplications on the floor and no shelving racks to properly display the pieces.

"Other museums are not so hands on and we need to protect some of the things. We have to put them behind something... We have a lot of artifacts from the area; we don't have the proper storage to take some of these items, put them away and do more of a revolving display," Hewitt commented. "Unfortunately, everything we have is out there or in my office so we have a lot of stuff that's not on the floor. We can't get it cataloged."

There is no timetable for any type of improvements and Hewitt is look-

ing to take some small steps moving forward. This project to develop the museum has been in the works for years and is an ongoing process. Hewitt would love to just simply get an old computer or small donation to get the ball rolling.

"We are trying to set some goals, trying to get our new board members up to speed for what we've done in the past. We would like to do some more fundraising, let people know what our wish list is and what our needs are," Hewitt added. "Our one goal right now is to get the society started and try to build our numbers there."

There is a vacancy for a new board member and applications can be picked up at City Hall. Currently Hewitt, Shirley Howie, Eleanor Stackus, Cheryl Stackus, Betty Shaver and Nancy Fulkerson from the library sit on the Historical Commission Board that oversees the operations of the museum. Since the museum was built the board has been in existence and active but need to fill the last slot to be fully effective.

"We are appointed by the city officials so you have to apply as a regular board member and

then you're appointed by the City Commission. There are just too few members to do the work that is there and we are just trying to get back to where we should be," Hewitt said. "We just have to have people to support us and work with us to keep things going and active."

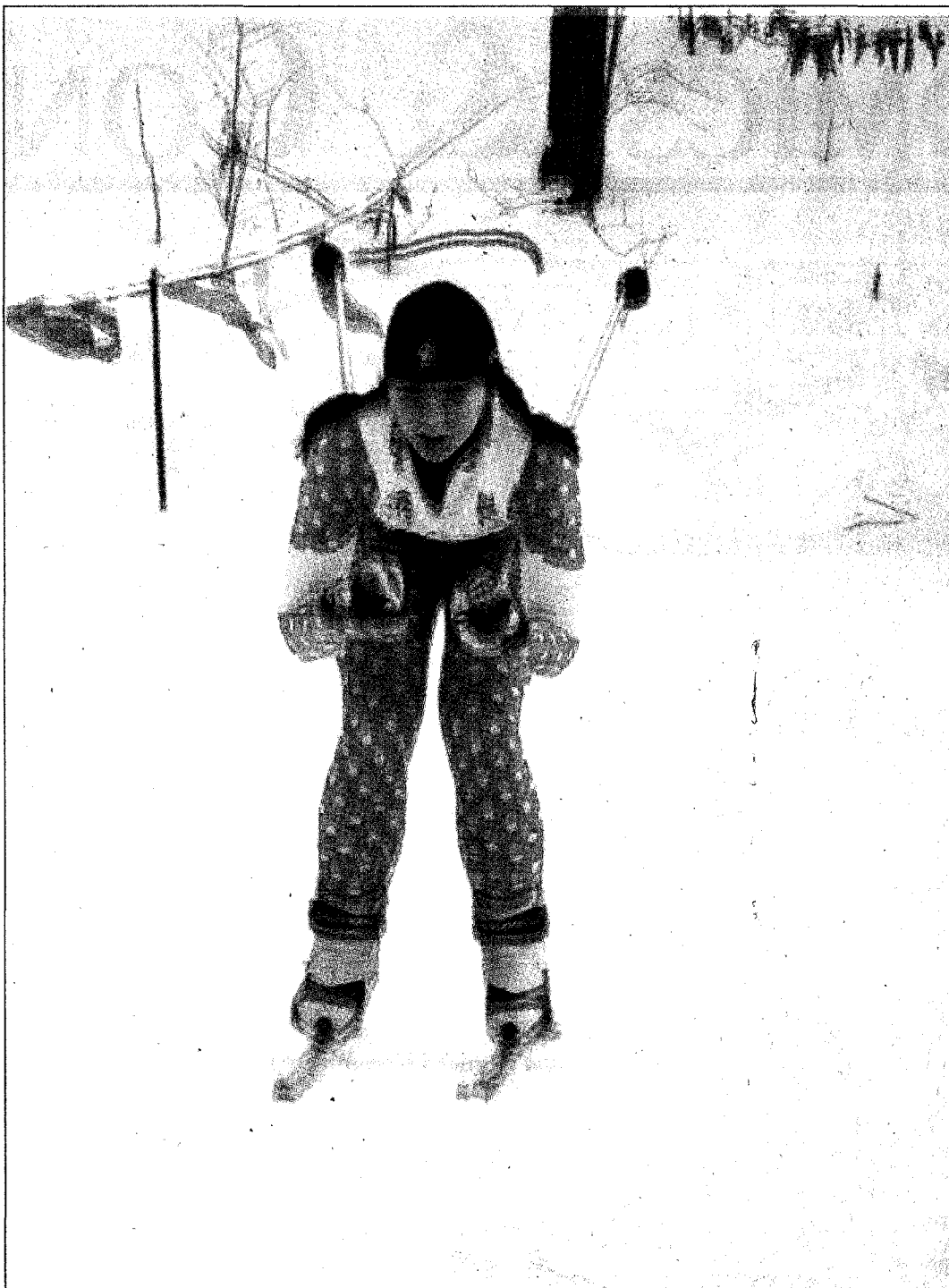
Right now the museum is located at City Hall and there are no plans to move to a bigger historic building where most museums are located. The bright side to having the museum at City Hall is the convenience and allowing people to come in everyday they are open without hiring a full time person.

There is a sign outside to direct the public to the museum and there is no charge to see the exhibits.

"I have been part of Boyne City history for a long time, my compassion and my heart are behind it 100 percent," Hewitt said.

The March 17 meeting will be held at the Historical Museum and for more information you can contact Hewitt at 231-582-0335.

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



Pink power

East Jordan freshman Brady Brennan skis down the final hill at the Michigan high school cross country skiing state championships held at Boyne Valley Lodge in Walloon Lake on Saturday, Feb. 16. Brennan finished 17th overall with a combined time of 34:12.

Decision

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refrain from voting about an issue on more than one board.

Commissioner Ron Grunch gave suggestions to prevent conflicts of interest in the future. "I think the boards could be made independent so we don't run into this kind of thing again," Grunch said. "I really strongly think we should change our charter."

Mayor Eleanor Stackus said changing the city charter has been discussed several times in the past. The charter went into effect in May

1960.

"It's not something we can do overnight," Stackus said. "We've checked several times and we couldn't do it."

Cain said it could be changed, but he believed it could not be modified without a vote of the people.

"I will do some research on what needs to be done," he said. "I'll try to have a response to commissioners by the March 2 meeting."

Cain also reviewed the results of the election on Jan. 15 when city voters overturned the city commissioners'

approval of the boundaries established for the parking exempt zone.

"As a result of that vote those boundaries no longer exist," Cain said. "There has been some discussion in the community regarding whether the city should revisit creating the parking exempt zone, without the section in the One Water Street property area. If and when we should revisit that issue is a matter that should be given some thought by the city commission and the planning commission in the coming months."

Eta Nu presents check to Friends of the Library



Kathy Sheehan of Eta Nu Boyne Women's Club presents a check for \$500 to Cindi Malin of Friends of the Boyne District Library. The check was presented during the children's mural dedication.



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