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The members of the Jordan Valley Community Band pause for a photo during a break in their rehearsal recently at the East Jordan High School. The band is getting ready for its upcoming performances in June and July.

## A notable milestone

### Jordan Valley Community Band marks 20th anniversary

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EAST JORDAN — Becky Palmiter and the musicians she directs in the Jordan Valley Community Band are on a mission: Help keep a style of music from fading into obscurity and have some fun doing it.

As the band marks its 20th anniversary this year, it appears they've had some success on both accounts.

Palmiter, a Boyne City resident and one of the band's founders, said the band had its genesis in a conversation she had with her friend and fellow high school band director Rita LaVictoire at a district band festival. Palmiter, who at the time was the director of the Boyne City High School band said LaVictoire, then the director of the Ellsworth High School band, came to her with

an idea to start a community band in the East Jordan area.

"We were both very busy with our own bands," Palmiter said. "But Rita said she knew of another area band director, East Jordan's Jeff LaRue who would be willing to direct the community band."

It wasn't long after that conversation they had assembled a group of about a dozen musicians and had started rehearsals.

Today the band numbers about 30, and although the band is named for the Jordan Valley, its musicians come from all over Northern Michigan.

Palmiter said that the band has had musicians of all ages — from as young as seventh grade to senior citizens. She said musicians come from all walks of life, but a very common demographic is the recent retiree or "empty-nester" who has some newfound free time and he or she digs the long-forgotten band instrument out of the closet or attic.

One such person is Boyne City resident and retired Boyne City Schools teacher Dee Kelly who joined the band about five years ago. Kelly, who taught music for part of her career, said she'd been interested in playing her clarinet in the band for some time, but didn't have the time until after she retired.

Armand Drapeau, president of the band's board of directors said he hadn't played his trumpet for about 35 years before he picked it up again shortly before joining the band about 10 years ago. "I was pretty rusty at first, but it comes back pretty quickly," Drapeau said.

Palmiter said many of the band's members are "die-hards" who are members of several community bands in Northern Michigan, making the rounds between Harbor Springs, Charlevoix and East Jordan.

But for Palmiter, and many of her bandmates, participating in the band is about

more than just having an opportunity to play. Its also about helping preserve the "concert band" style of music.

"We mostly play music that was written in the 40s through the 80s and a lot of it isn't very popular nowadays," Palmiter said.

She said the band's repertoire includes Sousa marches, patriotic music, big band, swing, Dixie, Broadway and movie tunes.

"I like music that tells a story all on its own," Palmiter said, pointing to a patriotic piece the band recently performed titled "At Dawn They Slept."

"You could her the water lapping at the shore and other elements of the story right in the music," she said.

"We try to gear our performances to our audiences," Palmiter said. "Our goal is to send them out whistling our tunes."

Palmiter said it's gratifying to see the band mark its 20-year anniversary.

"Based on the world we live in today where everything is so 'one-time-use,' where things come and go overnight, it's good to know this is something we've been able to carry on."

She also noted that the band owes much of its longevity to its dedicated members who are willing to give their time and talents to the effort.

"Some of our members miss dinner every Thursday night," Palmiter said. "We also owe

a lot to all the spouses who take care of things at home so we can step away and enjoy something that we love."

The band's regular performances include one in early December and one in May, performing "Concerts in the Park" on Thursdays in July in East Jordan's Memorial Park and playing in the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival parade.

Palmiter said the band is always interested in expanding its ranks. Anyone interested in joining the band may contact Palmiter at 582-3734.

The band rehearses on Thursdays from February through June and September through November at East Jordan High School.

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## Boyne City Elementary School Spring performance of 'The Little Red Hen'



Boyne City Elementary School kindergarten student Caylee Chew sings as she plays the title role in her class' recent spring performance of "The Little Red Hen."



Boyne City Elementary School kindergarten students Caleb Core (left) and Lizzi McHugh play the roles of the pig and dog respectively in their class' recent spring performance of "The Little Red Hen."



Students in Boyne City Elementary School's kindergarten class sing during their recent spring performance of "The Little Red Hen."

## Boyne City American Legion news

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, on May 7, the following discussions, reports and actions were presented or acted upon:

— Discussed pending Michigan Senate Bill 250 concerning veterans services provided by 11 service organizations. If passed into law, Bill 250 would require each county to tax property owners up to 1/10 of a mill to pay benefits now being paid by the county and any surplus at the end of the year would be taken by the state and placed in the general fund. The Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Committee rejected the proposed Bill 250 as did the Charlevoix County Commissioners as it would be just another hidden tax by the state, only this time on the backs of veterans. Also, an executive order was signed by the governor that cut \$1 million of state funding to the service organization that has prompted layoffs of service officers who travel the state assisting veterans and their families in filing for benefits at county VA offices, local posts, VA clinics and VA hospitals.

— The post received a thank-you card from the family of Thomas James Raddle for conducting his funeral service.

— The chaplain reported on area veterans who are sick, disabled, shut-in or have answered the final call and stated that there are 18 veterans in Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

— The honor guard conducted a graveside service for Joseph J. Winter Jr. and Veteran of the Month ceremonies for John Marcus Cassidy and Paul Francis Cassidy.

— The Petoskey News-

Review/Generations published Veteran of the Month Harold Irving Hamlin Jr. and The News-Review published Boyne City American Legion News for April.

— It was moved, supported and carried to donate an American flag to the Boyne City Senior Center.

— The post election of officers was conducted and the new officers will be installed at the June 4 regular meeting by Past Department Commander Alton Ford.

— Discussed Memorial Day and using the float to transport members from the post to Veterans Memorial Park at 11 a.m. for the Memorial Day Service and World War II monument dedication at noon.

— The Legion Auxiliary president Pat Cosier and member Peg Crozier presented a donation of \$2,000 to the Post general fund.

— Brian Morrison requested the honor guard have a practice on Saturdays. He also requested that Cub Scout Pack 49 be permitted to use the lower level of the post for pack meetings from 6-8 p.m. — that was granted.

— We are accepting items from the public to be sent to our troops overseas, between 3-9 p.m. on Saturdays at the post, and Blue Star Banners and magnetic troop support ribbons, for display on a vehicle, are available to the public.

— The next regular meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. June 4, in the post home and will be preceded by the "Veteran of the Month" ceremonies at 6:15 p.m. to be followed by a potluck supper in their honor. Area veterans are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

## Old City Park meeting slated

BOYNE CITY — City officials will conduct a meeting to discuss upcoming work to be done in and around Old City Park at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, at city hall.

Representatives from the city, its engineering firm C2AE, and consulting firm Mark Robinson and Associates will be present to share information and address questions regarding the projects; including preliminary plans, the process, the construction, and scheduling as well as strategies to minimize the impact of construction on residents and

businesses.

The work will include sewer, water and storm line replacements and upgrades, street reconstruction and new streetscape elements on Park and River streets and landscaping and irrigation work in the park itself.

Preliminary versions of the plans are available for review at city hall and on the events calendar on the city's Web site, [www.boynecity.com](http://www.boynecity.com).

For more information or to comment on these projects please contact Barb Brooks at 582-0336 or [bbrooks@boynecity.com](mailto:bbrooks@boynecity.com).



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# Saturday

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**Veterans and** the rest of the audience stand at attention as the Stars and Stripes are raised while the Boyne City High School Marching Band plays the Star Spangled Banner at the beginning of the Memorial Day ceremony held at Boyne City's Veterans Park.



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**The Boyne City High School Marching Band** provides patriotic music as they march in the Memorial Day parade.



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**Members of the Boyne City American Legion** fire a 21-gun salute during the Memorial Day parade. The parade paused at the Lake Street bridge over the Boyne River for a brief "lost at sea" ceremony.

# Good to be back on the job

Well folks, I am back on the job again. Enjoyed my short "time out" but I missed "doing my job," and all of you so here I am again.



**Nancy Northup**

East Jordan residents, please note that this column is for you, too. All sharing of items in the Neighbors column are more than welcome.

The Monday Study Club, which was founded in 1906, met at the Boyne District Library on May 18 with 21 members attending. As they entered, they were very pleased with the table decorations, blending with the theme for that day, small, dainty and beautiful hand painted teacups, brought in by Irene Hennessey and Donna Sventko, were laid out, ready to be used, and colorful geraniums enhanced the whole table.

Leslie Nelson of Bali Living Imports led the interesting and informative program by handing out brochures and an outline of her presentation, titled, "How much do you know about tea?" The group was fascinated in learning of the history of tea and that even though true teas come from essentially the same plant, there are over 2000 types of tea. Some of the plants grow to be 500 to 600 years old. She explained about oxidizing tea leaves and the many health benefits of drinking tea, especially the white tea. A treat it was, for them all, as she served two different teas

and samples of two cakes and Scottish bread, baked by her husband.

In other business, it was voted on, naming Edna Northup May as an honorary member of the Monday Study Club. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Arlene Tooley Moore at 582-7848.

Co-hostesses for the lovely afternoon were Ruth Sheets and Donna Sventko.

Jan Arasim of Boyne City has returned from Grand Rapids. As a proud grandmother, she also went to Lansing, where she attended the graduation exercises at Michigan State University, in the interest of her granddaughter, Jaclyn Hochstetler.

In spite of the sunny but cold weekend and all of its Mushroom Festival festivities, several volunteers, including Annie Witham, Wilma Bellville, Marvel Gould and Boyne Area Free Clinic Board chairman Mark Moody, stuck it out for the whole day, selling raffle tickets; in raising much needed funds for the free clinic. Their gratitude went out to Boyne Valley Printing for donating the tickets as well as a tarp, keeping the cold wind in their tent to a minimum. Greatly appreciated too, were the KLTZ radio announcements periodically about the generous goody baskets, one for a woman and one for a man, being raffled off. The winners' names will be announced at a later date.

Another special event took place at the Presbyterian Church on May 9. It was a well-received fashion show, given by Mary's

of Boyne. Appreciated indeed was Mary Dunlap in this venture, as another fundraising benefit for the Boyne Area Free Clinic.

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to our neighbor, and the family and friends of a wonderful lady, Eleanor Deitcher, who passed away on Monday, May 18.

Rich and Marvynne May, former Boyne residents, now living in Ray City, Georgia, were here this past week, visiting relatives in the area.

Dorothy Daniels of Litzzenburger Place was admitted to Northern Michigan Hospital this past week.

The Annual May Poppy Day sale by the American Legion Auxiliary unit 227 of East Jordan went real well. They had a good turn out of lots of wonderful volunteers and sold almost all the poppies, thanks to all the great people around town.

On May 23, Bud and Evelyn Hull hosted the fourth Bolser Family Reunion, starting at noon. Every one attending had brought a dish to pass and their own drinks, as well as wrapped auction gifts. Adding to the fun was great music of a band. They enjoyed sharing the meal before the auction started. Games were going on all day. Around 6 p.m., the band started playing again and continued playing until people got all "tuckered out" and started going home. It really was a great day for all!

A great success this past Saturday was the "Hot Dog and a Drink" held at Glen's. The four women were kept busy keeping them com-

ing. Wilma Bellville, Annie Witham, Marvel Gould and Gina Bentley like working for good causes and their efforts on Saturday will benefit the Special Olympics. Good job ladies! The Oral Sutliffs recently spent a few days at Boyne Highlands attending their annual MCM-CFC Conference. (Medical Care Facility). My caller said, "It's always nice to meet old friends once a year and also learn a lot from each other and their facility. The sessions are very rewarding and the evenings are fun doing whatever is planned."

On Wednesday, May 20, Boyne City High School classmates from the classes of 1958 and 1960 met for dinner at Mill Creek Tavern in Comstock Park. Present were Fred and Kris (Rouse) Shassberger, Carol (Reinhardt) Heffington, Paul and Judy (Gunderson) Cobb, all from Grand Rapids and Nelda (Kindy) Stanley from Mancelona. All enjoyed a fine meal and plenty of talk and reminiscing.

Billy Mosher of Rochester spent the holiday weekend here with his mother, Annie Witham. He also enjoyed doing some fishing.

A belated happy birthday goes out to Gary Dunlop who hit the big 5-0 on Monday. There was a special 50th party in his honor at mom and dad, Mary and Bill Dunlop's home late Monday afternoon. Ruth Christy of Litzzenburger Place has returned from spending a couple of weeks visiting her family in Canada. She has four brothers and two sisters there. She visited in the Bright and Amhearstburg, Ontario areas.

Shortly after her return, she received a call that her brother-in-law there had a heart attack since her departure.

The Dave Bricker family was among those attending the well-done opera, "The Little Red Hen" performed by the kindergarten class of 2009 of the Boyne City Elementary School.

John McGeorge of Columbus, Ohio was here over the beautiful Memorial Day weekend visiting his grandmother, Jessie Willson, and other relatives.

Grand Valley State University recently held its graduation, for the Northern Michigan, Traverse City Center, at the Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, Michigan. Several Boyne City women were amongst

the recent graduates. Deanna Avery, receiving a, master of education in Special Education and Sally McKenney, receiving her, bachelor of arts in English. The commencement speaker for the evening, Wendy J. Wenner, PH D., Dean, of College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Grand Valley State University, spoke on "The Gift of Civic Engagement." Thomas J. Hass, PhD., president of Grand Valley State University, presented conferring of degrees.

Grand Valley State University's Traverse City Center opened its doors in the fall of 1995. The university offers degrees from its campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and Holland, and centers in Muskegon and Traverse City.



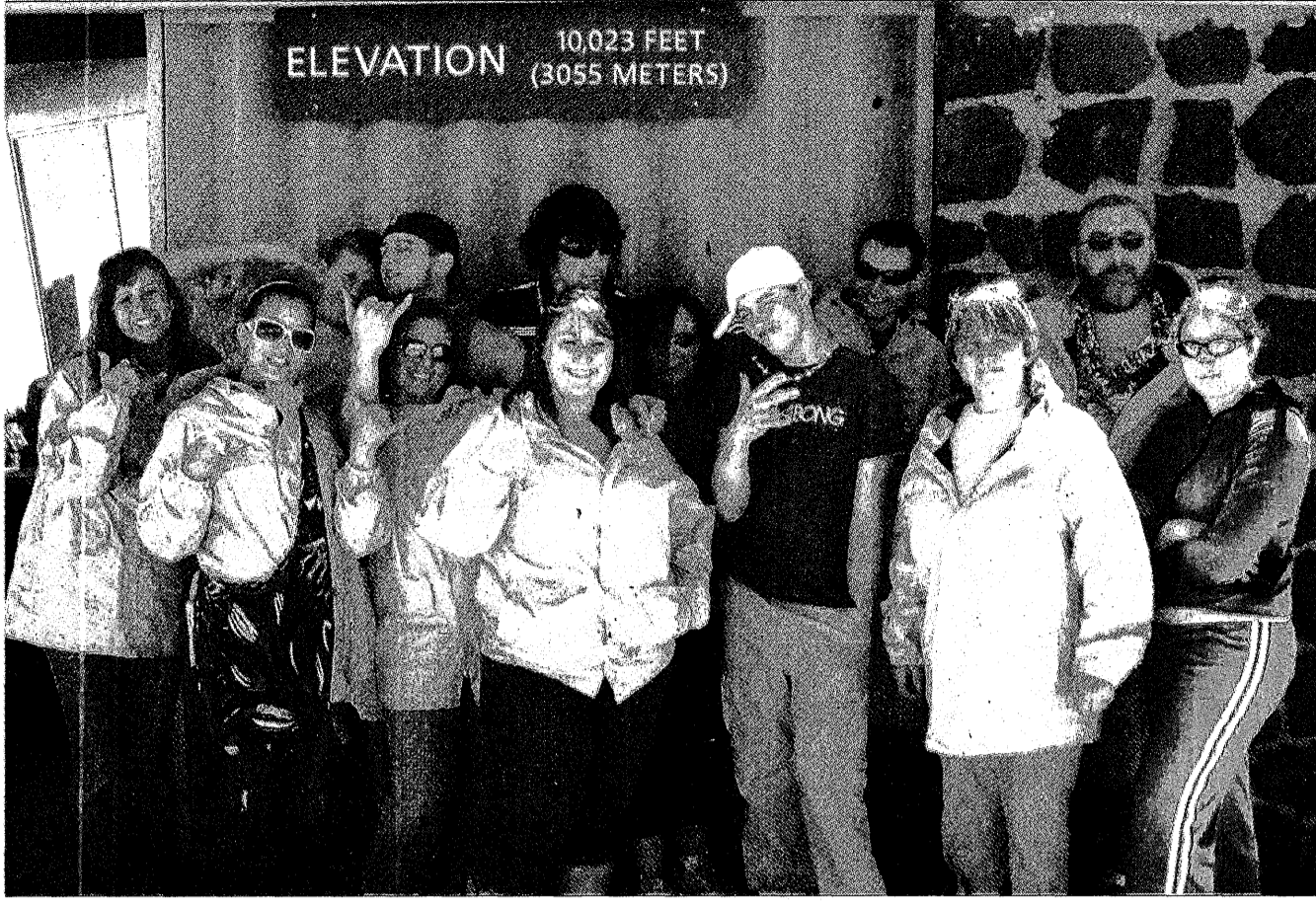
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**Ten** of the 11 seniors from the Boyne Falls Public School and their chaperones gather at the summit of Mount Haleakala in Maui at 10,023 feet on their senior trip to Hawaii. (Back row, from left) Roslyn Fiel, Hunter Brisson, Devin Simon, Justin Grubaugh, class advisor: Janie Guliani, Lance Rypkowski, Boyne Falls School teacher: Jeff Garver, (front) Sharmai Wheaton, Allie Jepsen, Whitney Woiteshek, Jesse Hardin, class advisor: Theresa Fiel and Amber Simon; not pictured: Carlisle Massey.

# 'All I want to do is dance'

## Dance Fever

*"All she wants to do is dance  
And make romance,  
She can feel the heat  
comin' off the street.  
She wants to party,  
She wants to get down,  
All she wants to do is,  
All she wants to do is  
dance."*

— Don Henley

down at the ground and then tipping my head back until my mouth fell open. I augmented my dazzling



**Christine Gwidt**

footwork with choo-choo arm movements and the occasional aberrant 360-degree spin. I suffered this

I can tell you with the conviction wrought from experience that wanting something is just the tip of the iceberg. That naked yearning must be tempered with at least a thimbleful of talent, or even the most fervent dreams will languish at the feet of futility. I understand and accept this premise when it comes to creating a masterpiece of any magnitude. But all I want to do is dance.

From my earliest recollection, I was, and I remain, a terrible dancer. Rock music evokes in me a dangerous performance that is a combination of calisthenics and frenetic spasms resembling a medical emergency. I rotate my arms over my head in a doomed but optimistic attempt to levitate. I shimmy and strut with appalling vigor. I clench my hands and twist hard enough to screw myself into the floor. I leap and spin and frequently land a punch to the face or groin of anyone unlucky enough to stray into my sphere of influence. Aware of this, I am always initially reluctant to unleash the beast, but eventually I will succumb. I love to dance.

For quite some time, I was able to get away with it. In the early '70s, there seemed to be no standard by which to measure one's prowess on the dance floor. It was a free-for-all and I blended. But with the advent of disco, everything changed. Now, more than just a heart full of soul was required to keep pace. These were stylized moves requiring skill and coordination.

For a while, I was able to fake it by severely restricting my natural inclinations. A friend who taught ballroom dancing tried to salvage my leaky boat to no avail. "Stiffen up," he told me, shaking my noodle arms and pinching my waist. "Give me some resistance." The only resistance I had in me was against following his lead. I learned to compromise by shuffling mechanically from foot to foot, looking

stultifying choreography and followed the trends to the best of my limited ability.

Around the time of the Boot Scootin' Boogie, I fell off the wagon. For me, line dancing was the equivalent of marching in a chain gang. It negated all of the physical and emotional freedom that I love. Memorizing and executing the moves was drudgery and I began to revert to my roots. Little by little I recaptured the oblivious joy and wanton flailing of my youth.

Recently, my husband and I attended the wedding of a friend's daughter. At the reception, I could feel the onset of dance lust. My knees were already bending rhythmically as we made our way through the crowd. The band was playing, "Every Little Thing She Does is Magic" and there were a few couples out on the floor.

"Let's dance," I said to Michael, attempting to lure him into a scrimmage.

"Now?" He was glancing around looking for an anchor. "Don't you want to sit down for a minute first?"

I repeated the quote, attributed to Mark Twain, that I always use as my free pass to manic behavior:

"Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth."

Michael rolled his eyes, but he allowed me to drag him to the periphery of the action. "Watch out for the waiters," he said, moving back to a safe distance.

I do dance like nobody's watching, and more often than not, I'm right. Anyone with an ounce of decency will usually look away.

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# Aloha Boyne Falls seniors

The Boyne Falls senior class recently went on the annual class trip to Hawaii. The class of 2009 has been fundraising for this trip for the past four years of high school, working in a concession stand at the local Polish Festival during the first weekend of Au-

gust, working concessions at basketball, softball, and baseball games, and doing two fundraisers each year. Every high school class at Boyne Falls participates in fundraising to make enough money to take their senior trip to Hawaii.

This year's seniors left on

Friday, May 1, and returned on Sunday, May 10. During those 10 days, the seniors enjoyed the beaches, snorkeled with manta rays, parasailed, biked down Mount Haleakala, hiked up Diamond Head in Honolulu and explored the lava fields and the darkness of lava

tubes at the Volcano National Park. They also spent time learning as much as they could about the different Polynesian cultures of Hawaii. During the trip, the class visited Maui, The Valley Isle; Hawai'i, The Big Island; and Oahu, The Gathering Place.



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**Using the trusty broom-and-dustpan technique,** crews from C.H. Smith Company use a pair of front-end loaders to clean up the last bits of rubble of what was once the Fochtman Building at the corner of River and Park streets in Boyne City. Crews recently dismantled the city-owned structure which is the first phase of extensive work slated for in and around Old City Park this year.



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**Boyne City American Legion post 228** Sergeant at Arms, Jerry Adams (center) demonstrates a World War II bazooka and it's shell to Boyne City Middle School students Mary Myers (left) and Dalton Pickles (right) during the recent Veteran's Appreciation Day at the Boyne City American Legion.

## Dr McMillian's Mental Health Corner



### Obsessive Compulsive Personality Pattern

Yes, it is real. To answer the caller from this week, Obsessive Compulsive Personality Patterns creates extreme discomfort for the sufferer, family, friends and employer. The pervasive characteristics of OCP patterns consist of excessive devotion to work and productivity excluding leisure activities. These individuals are overly conscientious, inflexible about values while mercilessly self-critical about one's own mistakes. Being stubborn and unreasonable, they are insistent that tasks be done their way or they become irritated if others introduce creative alternatives. They can be miserly and stingy saving monies to provide for future catastrophes. These individuals find it troublesome even distressful when having to go along with anyone else's ideas. The OCP patterns leave sufferers to make plans way a head of time creating extremely detailed plans without the ability to consider changes. Planning becomes a preoccupation with details, rules, lists and orders that others are often times unaware of at the time. Treatment can be helpful to the sufferer. Furthermore, there can be comorbidity or difficulties that might need addressing such as depression. Tammy McMillian, Ph.D. 582-0553