Boyne Area & East Jordan

A hometown blast in Boyne

Boyne City's annual Fourth of **July celebration** is a time-tested favorite

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BOYNE CITY — If ever there was an event that encapsulated Boyne City's motto of "Hometown feel, small town appeal," the community's annual Americanainfused Fourth of July celebration would be it.

With its day-long slate of traditional Independence Day activities, the event is one of the community's signature events and it draws people from all over.

A lot of people. In fact, Liz Kroondyk, who along with Ann Parks has

for many years co-chaired the Fourth of July committee, said organizers estimate 18,000 people came to town for last year's celebration.

That's a lot of people in a city of 3,500 residents.

But the popularity of the event is no surprise to Kroondyk.

"It's just what people are looking for on the Fourth. It's a good, old-fashioned, Norman Rockwell Fourth of July celebration," Kroondyk said. "It's the Boyne City atmosphere. Boyne City has always been known for its friendliness and welcoming attitude.

And while Kroondyk and the rest of the committee are pleased to see the event bring in so many people, she notes it has always been designed first and foremost with the locals in mind.

She said for many people, the event serves as an annual family reunion. Several in mind.

the festival is so popular is that it offers a day full of "events for everyone" from the road race that kicks off the day at 7:30 a.m. to the grand parade, the Rotary Club's famous chicken dinners, children's activities, music, soapbox derby, arts and crafts show, and many more events, to the fireworks

dusk. But, with this year's event just days away, Kroondyk and the rest of the committee are putting out two pleas to the community

finale that caps of the day at

First, with the stagnate economy, fundraising for the annual fireworks show is down. Kroondyk didn't have exact numbers available, but she said the total is well short of the \$18,000 cost. She said the fireworks for this year's show have already been or-



NEWS-REVIEW/FILE

Capping off a day full of Independence Day events, a large fireworks shell explodes over Lake Charlevoix near Veterans Park on July 4, 2008.

years ago, an all-years Boyne dered, so sluggish fundrais- scheduled for a few-hour City High School class reing won't affect this year's block of time on the Fourth, union was added to the list show. But it could have an so that they can still spend impact on future years.

Secondly, she said the com-Kroondyk said the reason mittee is in desperate need of more volunteers to help share the load in hosting the event each vear.

> 'We're a very small committee and it's shrinking every year," Kroondyk said.

Not wanting the festival to meet the same demise as the nearby Horton Bay parade, which has been mothballed this year because of a lack of organizing volunteers, she's hoping some new people will step forward to see the Boyne City's Fourth of July festival into the future.

Kroondyk said it takes a to staff events throughout said. "Every year a few days the day, that's to say nothing of the organizing work done at other times of the year to prepare for the festival.

Kroondyk noted that, in keeping with the family-oriented spirit of the festival, most volunteers are only boyne4thofjuly.com

time with their families

She said many people on the committee have been involved with organizing the event for many years.

Kroondyk, who has been on the committee for the past 24 years, said seeing everyone enjoying themselves on the Fourth is what keeps her coming back.

"I love fireworks. When I sit down with my family in Veterans Park a couple hours before the fireworks, and the kids are running around, and everyone's having fun, and then the fireworks start and everyone is 'oohing' and 'ahhing;' that's awesome. That's team of about 50 volunteers everything to me," Kroondyk before the Fourth I think 'I can't do this anymore.' Then when the fireworks end and everyone is clapping I say, 'I have to keep doing this."

For more information on the festival, visit www.

4th of July schedule of events

(All events are in Veterans Park unless otherwise noted)

FRIDAY, JULY 3

- 9 a.m.-9 p.m., bouncers and more, Inflatable Alley at Veterans Park

- 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 32nd annual Waterside Arts & Crafts Show

- 1-3 p.m., all-class reunion for Boyne City

- 6-9 p.m., "Stroll the Streets' with music on Water and Lake streets

SATURDAY, JULY 4

All day - food, games, concession stands of non-

-6:30 to 7:15 a.m., running race registration, behind chamber building

— 7:30 a.m., running race, 10k or two-mile. — 8:30 a.m., parade line-up at water works building, Division Street

— 9-9:15 a.m., children's bike and costume line-up, Early Childhood Center parking lot. Judging

at 9:30 a.m. sharp. 9 a.m.-7 p.m., bouncers and more, Inflatable

10 a.m.-6 p.m., 32nd annual Waterside Arts &

Crafts Show - 10 a.m., Grand Parade on Water Street and

Lake Street - 11 a.m., Boyne City Rotary Club chicken bar-

- 11:15 a.m.-7 p.m., live music in Veterans Park - Noon-2 p.m., Kiwanis Club children's games

- 2 p.m., raft race in the Boyne River - 2:30 p.m., rubber duck race in the Boyne River

Chance to win \$1,000 - \$10 tickets at chamber of

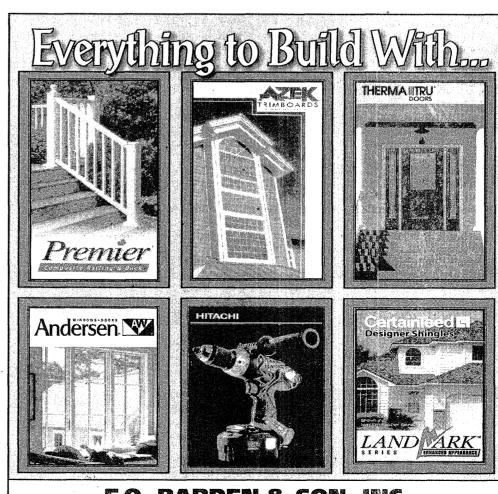
- 4 p.m., soap box derby, Park and Cedar streets - 5-7 p.m., Masonic Lodge pork loin roast dinner, 212 North Lake St.

6-9 p.m., "Stroll the Streets" with music on Water and Lake streets 10:30 p.m., fireworks over Lake Charlevoix

One of the many popular July 4 events is the bicycle decorating contest that is part of the Grand Parade.



Sack races are just one of the many children's events that take place in Veterans Park as part of Boyne City's annual Fourth of July celebration.



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Musical performers Dennis and Allison Palmer sing and play at the Gazebo in Boyne City's Old City Park as the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Evenings at the Gazebo con-

cert series kicked-off recently. Concerts will take place in the park at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday through Aug. 26. For a complete list of scheduled performers visit www.boynechamber.

What is hip?

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"There's cleaning up the evening

And looks at her and savs.

'Hey dar-lin', I can remember when you could stop a clock."

"LittlePink Houses" -John Mellen-

You know you're getting old when your bass player needs a hip replacement. Apparently, those years of performing split jumps onstage and fueling up before gigs on super-sized fastfood rations have taken their toll. No longer cutting the lithe and careless figure of yore, my old friend Miles is scheduled to receive replacement parts.

"I'm actually looking forward to it," he told me during a recent phone call from his home in Cape Canaveral where he is now a genuine rocket scientist. "It's gotten to the point where it hurts all the time and I've been using a cane."

Miles needing a cane. Granted, we haven't seen each other in a while, but he's still acerbic and irreverent and he peppers his speech with hipster slang. He's as loud as ever, and I have ers. We played in seedy dives to hold the phone away from my ear when he laughs.

"Haw haw haw," he brays from 1,500 miles away. "I'm a doddering old coot."

"That's okay, darlin'. I remember when you could stop

This is our little joke. It started years ago when I first heard the John Cougar Mellencamp song "Little Pink Houses." It rankled me that the singer misused the saying, sticking it

into a verse as a compliment. "It means the exact opposite of what he's trying to say. He means to say that he can remember when she was so beautiful that she could stop traffic. He's saying that she was so ugly she could stop a clock. Geez, you'd think that somebody would have caught it before he recorded that song. His manager or a record exec or someone."
"But 'traffic' doesn't rhyme

with 'slop,'" Miles said.
"You're right. And it would be tragic to change a word of moreorlesschristine@gmail. that inspired bit of poetry into com.

something less repugnant. If you want to nitpick, 'clock' doesn't rhyme with 'slop' either. Do you notice how he kind of slurs the last three words? I think he had a feeling it wasn't right and he's trying to mumble over it.'

Why do you care?

"I don't. I'm just saying. Okay, I do care. It drives me crazy."

"Because...?"

"Because the gist of the song is good. It's poignant and true, but that one line is just unforgivable."

"So what? It's just the lyrics. Listen to that bass line."

That's the sort of stuff we used to talk about. It was the mortar that held our big brick friendship together. That, and the music — our version of air and water.

When we played, Miles would bounce and lunge, nodding his head over his bass guitar, his lank brown hair flopping around his face from underneath a tweedy wool cap. He would crowd into me and share the microphone when he was inspired to contribute back-up vocals. We were songwriting partners. I wrote the lyrics and sang the tune to Miles while he picked A cane? It's hard to imagine out the chords on his acoustic guitar. Or he'd come up with a tune and I'd fill in the story. We performed all over Los Angeles with a revolving cast of drummers and guitar playand some semi-illustrious dumps as well. Once we even opened for Santana when they were down on their luck, long after their success with "Black Magic Woman" and a couple of decades before "Smooth" resurrected their career. No doubt, you've never heard of us.

And this shared history is an even stronger bond than the music. It's my theory that this is at least part of the reason people stay married. Here's someone who remembers when your skin was taut and you habitually vaulted up the stairs two at a time. When they look at you, they see a person that has yet to spend an entire afternoon looking

for their reading glasses. So I'm still joined to Miles at his new titanium hip. I hear his voice and I picture him in midair. He calls me kid. We remember when we could stop a clock.

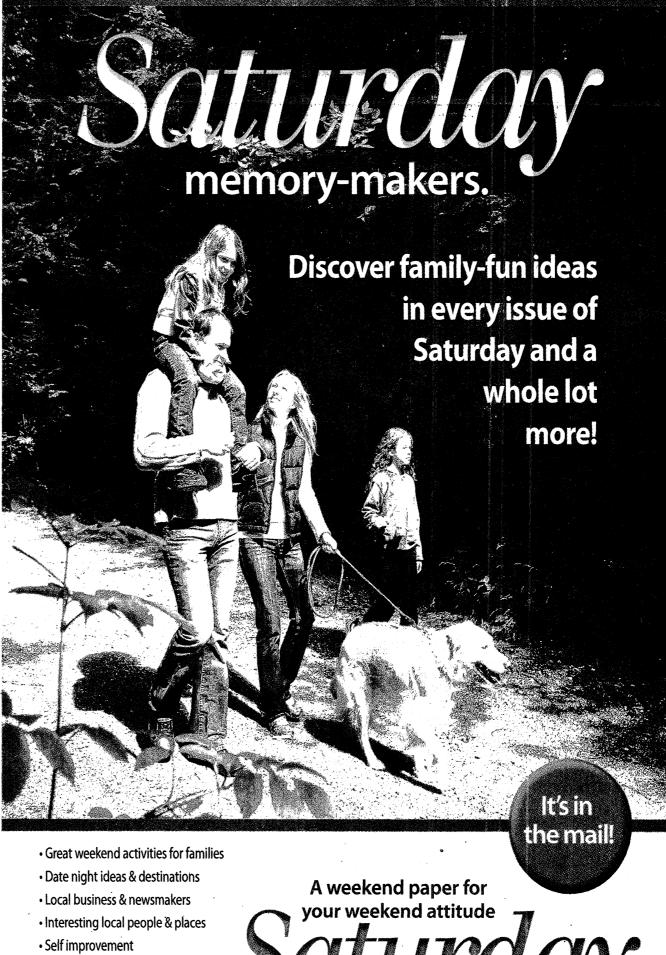
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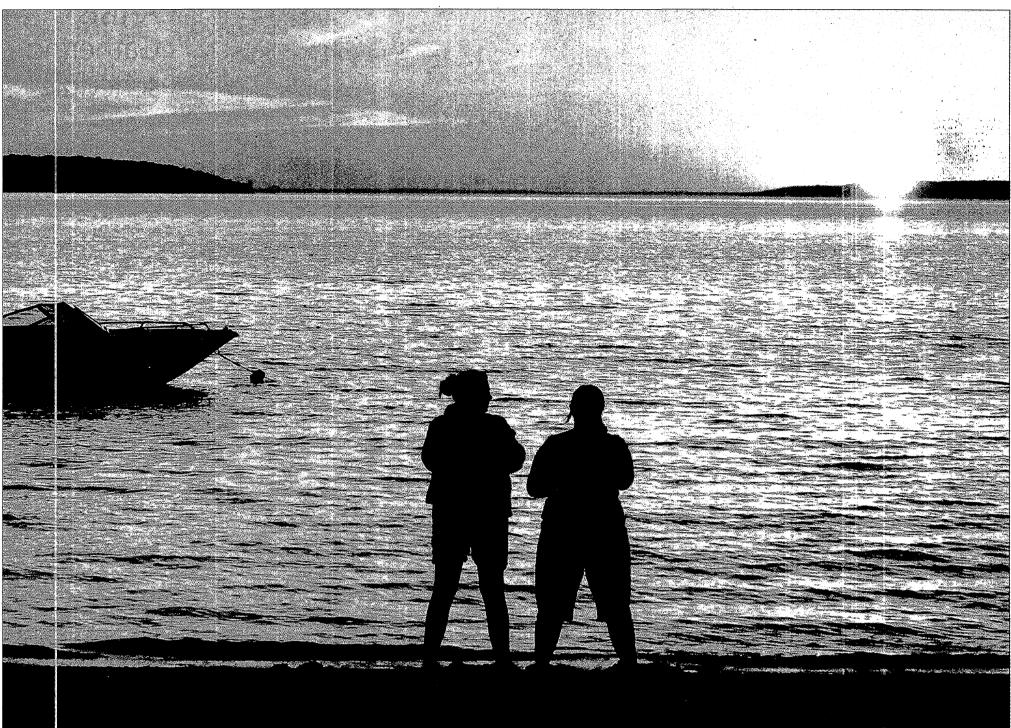
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In a classic Northern Michigan summer scene, two women chat as they stand on the beach at Young State Park watching the sun set at the end of a beautiful sunny day.

Boyne City American Legion news

of Ernest Peterson Post the upcoming year and re-228, held on June 4, 2009, ceive reports as follows: the regular business was suspended and the newly received from the Gaylord elected officers for the Middle School Student 2009-2010 Legion year Council to be used for Lewere installed by past gion programs. department commander commander Donald Klein- vices for Everett Leist and mander Joseph Gerant, John Mathers, finance officer Marvin Potter, service officer Dean Klein- color guard conducted schrodt, judge advocate Memorial Day services Art Cosier, historian Bri-strated Flag folding and an Morrison, sergeant at its meaning, presented arms Fred Leyh, delegate the POW/MIA table cereto department convention mony and participated in Gerald Evans and trustee the World War II Memo-

Kleinschrodt. mander Ford installed the a.m. with lineup at 8:30 newly elected officers of a.m. Ernest Peterson Unit 228 as follows: president Pat celed for Saturday, July 4, Cosier, vice president Pat- because of the many famti Crozier, secretary Pat ily activities of the work-Schmalzried, treasurer ers. Peggy Crozier, chaplain Evelyn Bunting, historian on area veterans who are Ann Reves and sergeant at arms Jean Limron.

commander Kleinschrodt are 16 veterans in Grandconvened an executive vue Medical Care Facilcommittee meeting to dis- ity.

At the regular meeting cuss goals and events for

- A \$500 donation was

The honor guard Alton Ford as follows: conducted graveside serschrodt, first vice com- Eugene Lechowicz and "Veteran of the Month" second vice commander ceremonies for Paul Fran Blue-Star Banners and honor. Area veterans are David Wassenaar, adjutant cis Cassidy and Bernard magnetic troop support welcomed and encouraged Wayne Cassidy.

- The honor guard and lenga, chaplain, at nine locations, demonfor three years Donald rial Dedication ceremony.

- The Fourth of July Past department com- parade start time is 10

- Bingo has been can-

The chaplain reported sick, disabled, shut-in or have answered the final Following adjournment, call and stated that there

Review/Generations published Veteran of

the Month John Marcus Cassidy and the News-Review's Observer published Boyne City American Legion News for May.

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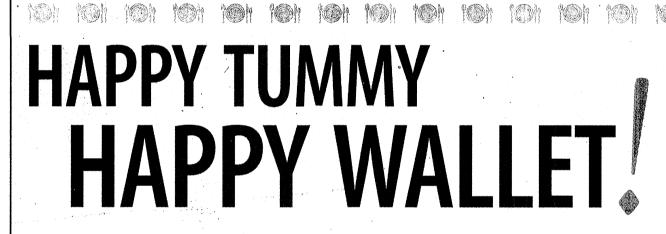
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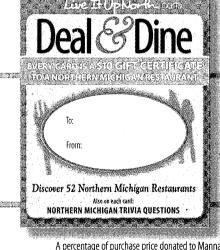
The Petoskey News-ribbons, for display on a vehicle or any metal surface such as storm, garage or refrigerator doors, are available to the public.

The next regular meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 2, in the The Legion is accepting post home and will be preceded by the Veteran of the Month ceremonies at seas, at the post on Satur- 6:15 p.m. to be followed by days between 3-9 p.m., and a potluck supper in their





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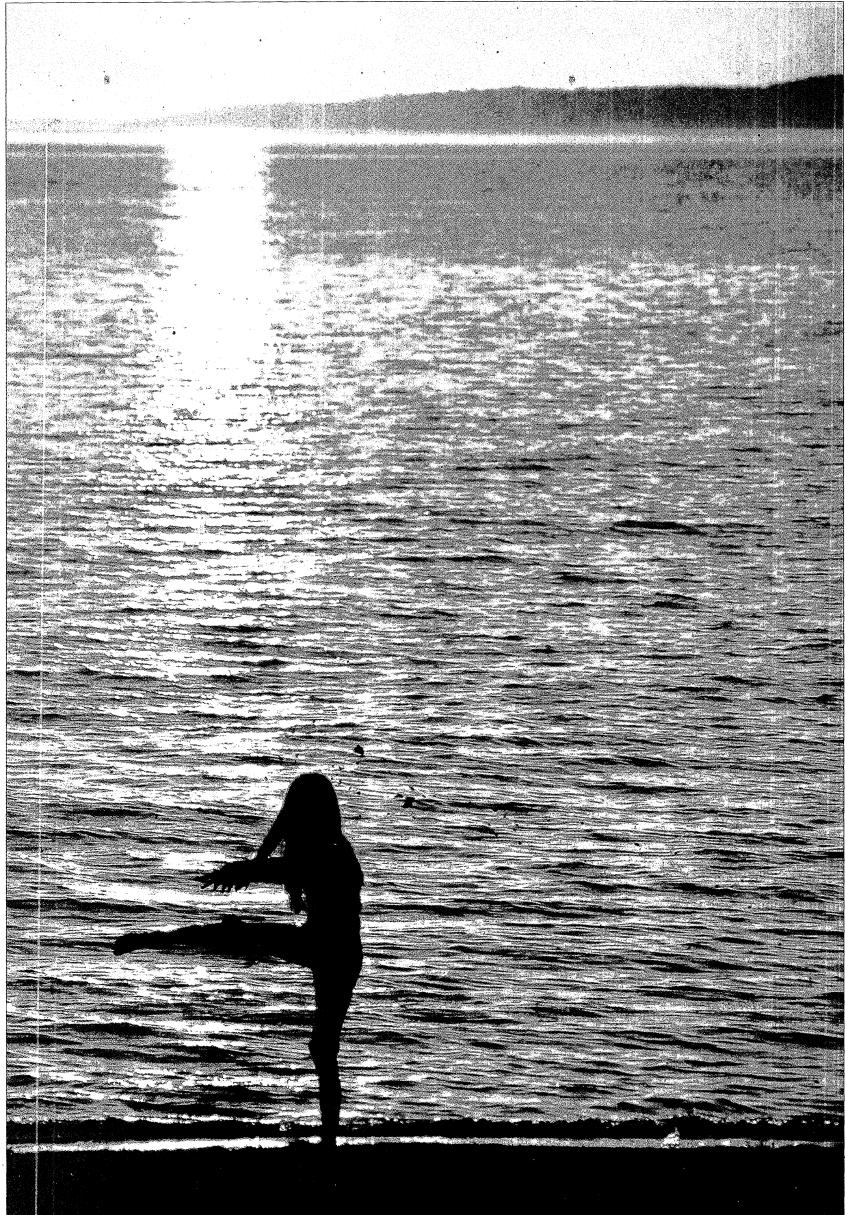
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A gir! throws rock and sand into Lake Charlevoix from the beach at Young State Park as she and her family watch the sun set at the end of a recent sunny

News around the neighborhood

all cars, East Jordan, where are you? Remember that old TV show? Well,

that's what I am attempting to find out with you East Jor-

Neighbors dan residents, but I need e-mail me about things to he rest in peace. share in this column that is meant for you, too!

Nancy

their 61st wedding anni-

Grandvue Auxiliary met June 18 with 14 members and one resident attend-

Social worker, Tammy Sides, explained the services covered for her position. hours a day, she really is This included an Alzheim-feeling much better since er's support group open to her recent surgeries. the public. She announced the next community educafor members and residents September.

her back home.

wife Jan (Coon) both graduated in 1956 from Boyne cation in the fall. City High School. Bill endured Parkinson's disease your help. Please call or for quite some time. May

Food Pantry caretaker of Boyne, Lei Nahinu, sends Congratulations Paul out more praise and appreand Dorothy Pfahler! On ciation to the many who June 12, they celebrated are donating their time as well as money and whatever extra it takes to keep it turned to her home after up and running and meeting the needs in the area.

Good news it is ... that Janet Massey is back on the job at Ace Hardware. Starting out at doing four

Monday Study Club had their last meeting on June tion series open to the pub- 15. There were 16 members lic on June 25, titled Peace attending a lovely lunch at residents joined the Boyne Keith McGeorge were alof Mind (Making Impor- Deer Lake's Beach Haus. tant Decisions Now). From Highlighting the event was 2-4 p.m. officers of the an interesting and inforauxiliary were re-elected mative talk given by James for the year 2009-10. They Bauman, director of the tables. Entertainment was ett and husband Dan, a are Ardith Hawley, presi-chamber of commerce. dent; Helen Deming, vice- He spoke of the updated president; Shirley Howie, projects around town as secretary and Peg Crozier, well as future endeavors. treasurer. The auxiliary Monday Study Club will will have a salad luncheon resume their meetings in

turn in two weeks to take the Kelts cousins. They enjoyed lots of good fun, Several people from food and music. Special memorial service for Bill ris girls from downstate Pearson who died on June wowed everyone with their 12 in Gaylord. He and his Hawaiian dancing. Adam plans to continue his edu-

Dorothy Ward is in the Charlevoix Area Hospital after taking a fall at home.

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Karl Waldner of Dietz Road in Boyne City. Mr. Waldner passed away this past week.

Lillian Cikalo has resuccessful back surgery at the Munson Hospital in Traverse City last week. She is reported to be recuperating very well at

home. Boyne Area Seniors beat the Petoskey Friendship Center Seniors at Wii bowling on Tuesday by 6 points ... yea Boyne!. On Friday, about 8 to 10 Grandvue Area Seniors for "Crunchy Dummy's" a favorite lunch, it a total of 83 around the and the Boyne Area Step-

Saturday at the Pavilion ebrating with water bal-

Andy and Connie hon- in Boyne Falls. About 50, loons and water pistols; it Kathy Rice of Tecumseh ored Adam Lynch, a 2009 throughout Michigan as was a cooling relief to get is here visiting her mother, grad on Saturday with well as Texas and North shot! Arlene Inman and family, an open house, friends Dakota brought in a va-Her husband, Jim, will re- and relatives, including riety of good food for the you at the All School Refamily time. Joann Anderson Biven, was honored rial Park. Old pictures to Boyne City attended the entertainment of the Mor- for her 80th birthday. She share or just see who's all was also pleased that five out of her six children and grandchildren were able to be there. Bonnie Kaminski organized the gathering.

and daughter Brenda Reisor of Prudenville were here on last week's beautiful Saturday; they picked up his Aunt Ruth Sheets and enjoyed a tour of Charlevoix, which included lunch at the Weathervane.

Over this past winter, four babies were born in the Varnum family, this past week, Gen Varnum, Woody, Penny and Jenny Hardy all went to see all the newborns in Ohio. It was like a mini-family reunion, of three generations, as they were joined there by Pam and Mike Smith of Redford, Paul and Amy Hardy of Alabama, and of course, Peggy and ready there. The newborns were twins, a boy and a with all the fixin's, making girl, Eli and Amelia, born to Kasha McGeorge Brackthe lively dancing of the son, Clark, born to Col-Jordan Valley Stompers lins and Steph McGeorge, and another son, Gabriel, born to Patrick and Angel An Anderson-Russell Varnum. The weather was family reunion was on so hot while they were cel-

Hope to be seeing lots of potluck picnic and special union from 1-3 on Friday, July 3, at Veterans Memo-

Items of interest for Nancy's column may be called into her home phone: 582-Henry Davies of Detroit 9174 or e-mailed to neighbors@gtlakes.com before her deadline of every other Wednesday in the Boyne-East Jordan Observer and Charlevoix Courier.

Artists Gathering schedule

The Jordan River Arts Council is announcing the schedule for the summer 2009 Artists Gathering, with the theme of "Vistas and Visions."

Each site has been chosen for its open vista as well as features of interest for those who like a more confined focus. There is no fee, and artists can choose any media to

create. Following is the schedule: July 9 — The House on the Hill, 9661 Lake St., Ellsworth.

July 16 — Lavender Hill Farms, 07354 Horton Bay Road

July 23 — Kiteley's Farm Market, 3805 Brock Road

July 30 — Rex Beach Road/ Antrim Natural Area, public beach and nature preserve. Take U.S. 31 to Atwood past Roval Farms.

Aug. 6-Vistas of Lake Bellaire, west on Cayuga Street to Bellaire Highway

Aug. 13 — Fred Vemeersch' Orchard View, 1344 Vermeersch Road, Central Lake. Aug. 20 — Bellaire Bed and Breakfast, 2112 Park St., Bellaire.

Aug. 27 - Jordan River Watershed Center, 101 Union St., East Jordan.

Directions to each site will be posted at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan.

A full description of each site and directions are available by calling Nancy Carey at 582-6399. Call Karen Kimmel at 582-0593 or Sherry Kay Marshall at 533-9321 for carpooling information.

A host and hostess will be available at each site, with restrooms available. Information can also be found on the JRAC Web site: www.jordanriverarts.com.

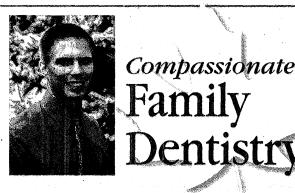
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Binge Eating Disorder Obesity is not an indicator of

psychological suffering. psychological However, communities determined Binge Eating Disorder (BED) describes a certain eating pattern and pathological disturbances. For instance, BED is a sudden, compulsive ingestion of large amounts of food in a short period followed by agitation and severe self-criticism. The diagnostic criterion for BED follows. Eating in a two hour period large amounts of food, feeling out of control, cannot stop eating, eat more rapidly, eat until uncomfortable, eat large amounts of food when not hungry, eating alone, embarrassed by how much you eat, disgusted with oneself, depressed and guilty over eating. There is a distress related to BED and the eating pattern occurs on at least two days a week for six months. Research suggests pattern begins with obesity, then failed dieting cycles, followed by BED, which affects self-identity. If you suffer from BED bring this to your doctor's attention along with seeking psychological intervention.

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