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The Stage is Set for Laughter

Three Comedic Plays Coming to Boyne High School as CMU Summer Theatre Returns

By Jim Akans

Boyne High School's Performing Arts Center will set the stage for three excellent comedic theatre performances this summer as the Central Michigan University's Summer Theatre returns.

A troupe of 11 CMU students will be presenting three plays at three locations around the state of Michigan this summer; Mount Pleasant, Waterford, and at our own Boyne City High School. The event offers a wonderful opportunity to turn off the television, take a break from the golf links, or dock the boat for a few hours and spend an evening enjoying the theatre arts. It also a chance to have a dose or two

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Parades, Fireworks, Friendship & Fun



Get Ready for a Fantastic Fourth in the North!

By Jim Akans

This is one of the "hottest" weekends to be right here in beautiful Northern Michigan.

If you love fireworks, nothing compares to the grandeur of witnessing those dramatic bursts of color set against a brilliant northern night sky. There will be dazzling fireworks displays on Friday and Saturday evenings over the fourth weekend in several Northern Michigan communities, providing an opportunity to take in a couple of shows if you choose this year.

If parades are your passion, several communities will feature a procession down Main Street this coming 4th weekend, with festively decorative floats and smiling, friendly faces reminding locals and visitors alike why life just feels better here in the north.

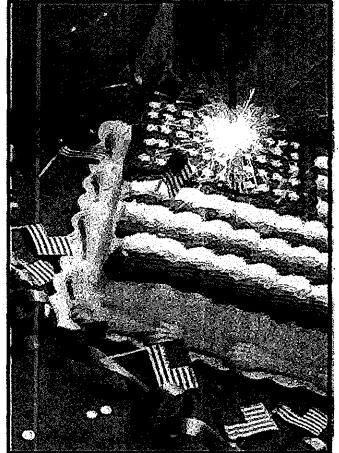
Or maybe it's food that finagles your fancy. From the holi-

day's basic staple; the good old hot dog with chips or fries, to virtually any type of cuisine you can imagine, there will be community-held picnics, countless park facilities available for family get-togethers, and of course, a tremendous selection of restaurants offering a wide variety of mouth-watering fare to tantalize the taste buds of connoisseurs of every age.

In Bay Harbor, Fireworks, including a laser light show, will take place on July 3rd at the Village at Bay Harbor. There will be a parade on the 4th featuring floats, GEM (Global Electronic Motorcars) vehicles, horses and lots of candy for the kids.

Boyne City will be bustling all weekend long, starting with a party on Friday that will include inflatable bouncing toys and more for the kids at Veterans Park, the 32nd Annual Waterside Arts and Crafts Show, an All-Class Reunion for Boyne City Schools, and "Stroll the Streets" music on

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Fourth of July fun facts

Do you know why the United States colors are red, white and blue? This is the explanation that was given when the

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EVENINGS AT THE GAZEBO
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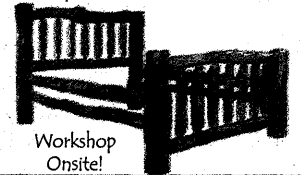
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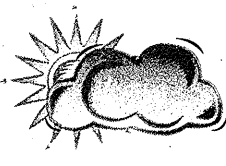


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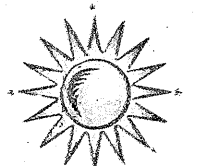
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EAST JORDAN

Friday Night Concert Series

Enjoy the summer and the music at Memorial Park on July 10 at 7pm featuring Charles Root Fusion.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Remembering the reason behind the fireworks, picnics and parades

By Mike Dunn

From the early years of our nation, the Fourth of July has been associated with "pomp and parade." Fireworks displays as part of the celebration came a bit later, in the early 1800s, but they have long been associated with Independence Day as well. The Fourth has become a day for family outings, picnics, barbecues, displaying of flags, downtown parades where high school bands play patriotic tunes and military veterans wear their uniforms, and, of course, fireworks across the night sky.

Former President John Adams, one of our country's Founding Fathers, encouraged this kind of festive atmosphere, saying the Fourth of July "ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

As we celebrate the Fourth, though, it behooves us to recall the reason behind the festive activities. It was 232 years ago that this nation was born under duress. The brave decision of the Continental Congress, declaring independence from Great Britain, by far the world's greatest military power, led directly to war and ultimately to liberty.

At the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, the U.S. consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of the British monarchy. There was a great deal of unrest and dissatisfaction among colonists leading up to the formal declaration, mostly centering



On July 4, Americans everywhere celebrate the brave decision of the Founding Fathers to declare independence from Great Britain in 1776.

around the taxes being levied by King George III. The great rallying cry of the colonists was "No Taxation Without Representation." The colonists felt that they had no say in the British Parliament.

King George was aware of this unrest but did little to alleviate the ill will. Instead, he stirred the pot by sending extra troops to the colonies to help control any rebellion. King George's highhanded manner of handling the colonists' complaints led ultimately to what Americans refer to as the Revolutionary War or the War for Independence.

In 1774, the 13 colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia to form what became known as the First Continental Congress. This provided a firm foundation for what would be to come.

In April of 1775, as King George's troops advanced on Concord, Mass., Paul Revere rode through the night warning the colonists that "The British are coming." The subsequent battle that took place at Concord marked the unofficial start of the American Revolution. The battle became famous for "the shot heard round the world."

the frustrated colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia once again to form the Second Continental Congress. In June, a committee was formed to compose a former Declaration of Independence, an acknowledgement that the path of diplomacy with the British was not working. The committee included Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Philip Livingston, with Jefferson as the chairman.

On June 28, 1776, Jefferson presented the first draft of the declaration to congress. Numerous revisions were made to the original draft.

On July 4, 1776, a vote was taken late in the afternoon to accept or reject the revised document. Of the 13 colonies, 9 voted in favor of the Declaration. Of the four who didn't vote in favor, Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted no while Delaware and New York abstained. John Hancock, the president of the Continental Congress, was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence. As history students know, Hancock signed his name in large letters - "with a great flourish" -- so "King George can read that without spectacles!"

On July 6, The Pennsylvania Evening Post is the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence. On July 8, the first public reading of the declaration takes place in Philadelphia's Independence Square.

It was not until August of 1776 that the signing of the Declaration of Independence was completed. The Fourth of July remains the date that marks the official anniversary of the birth of the U.S., however.

On July 4, 1777, the first Independence Day celebration took place, though we have no particulars about the activities that marked that first anniversary. As the years went by, the traditions of parades, picnics and fireworks became firmly established and very much a part of Americana.

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Boyne-Char Road first priority in 2010

Construction on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road will begin in early 2010, if the road commission board and the county board of commissioners approve the recommendation of the steering committee charged with prioritizing road repairs.

John Vron dran, chairman of the steering committee that was appointed by the road commission board, said on Monday that the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road is the "first priority" for repair and improvements in the year 2010. He said the steering committee would make that recommendation.

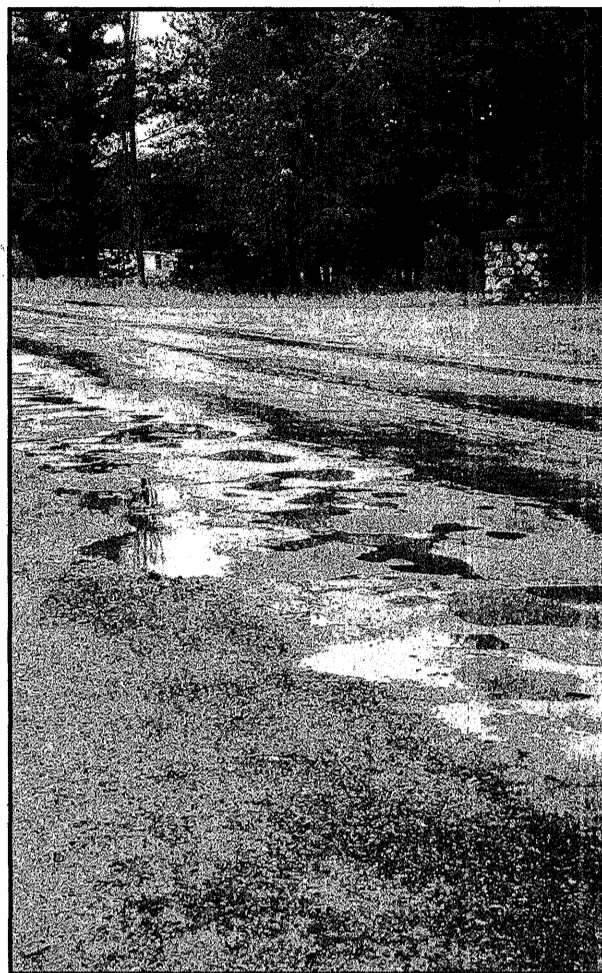
The funds will come from the millage and we'll get as much done as we can," Vron dran said. He was speaking of the countywide road repair millage that voters approved in November 2008.

With the county's three cities (Boyne City,

East Jordan and Charlevoix) opting out of the road repair millage, the expected total that the road commission will have to work with is approximately \$1.5 million. The repairs will be limited to one of the worst sections of the road, most likely from Nelson Road, which is located just south of Young State Park, to Horton Bay. That would reconstruct approximately four miles.

The Boyne City-Charlevoix Road is 13 miles long and the estimated total cost of the road repairs and reconstruction is \$6.8 million.

The road commission has improved or plans to improve many roads in Charlevoix County using funds from the Recovery and Reinvestment Act.



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BOYNE CITY

4th of July Festival
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EAST JORDAN

Otis Pottery 12th Annual Open House
 Art and chamber music weekend. Featuring pottery by David, June and Andrew Giff. Paintings by Daniel Roache. Chamber music concerts by Frances Shelly, flute; Dorothy Vogel, piano; Joan Holland, flute; David Holland, viola. Concerts July 3, 4 and 5 at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday and 4pm on Sunday. Enjoy music composed by Telemann, Mozart, Berlioz, Debussy and others. No charge. Join us for dessert afterwards in the garden at Otis Pottery, 01691 M466 North.

BOYNE CITY

Pork Roast Dinner
 The Masonic Lodge at 212 N. Lake St. is hosting a Pork Roast Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on July 4th. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$5 for children under 8. The full dinner includes strawberry shortcake for dessert.

EAST JORDAN

Senior Picnic
 Area seniors are invited to attend the Charlevoix County Senior Picnic on July 8 sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church, East Jordan, 11 a.m.

BOYNE CITY

Boyne Thunder returns
 The roar of thunder returns to Boyne City for the sixth annual Boyne Thunder Poker Run on July 10 and 11. The event, which started as a fund raiser for Camp Quality, has grown into a premier boating event for northwest Lower Michigan and now attracts some of the most awe-inspiring, high performance boats ever to churn the waters of Lake Charlevoix and northern Lake Michigan. The event, a Main Street initiative, has raised more than \$140,000 for Camp Quality, a camp for children suffering from cancer. Downtown Boyne City will again celebrate Boyne Thunder with "Stroll the Streets," an evening of music and boat and car displays on Friday, July 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. Also that evening, there is a benefit dinner and auction beginning at 6 p.m. in Veterans Park. Tickets are \$50 and are available at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce office.

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One Less Thing to Worry About

Hometown Heroes helping Hometown Heroes

By Jane Booze

One less thing to worry about is sisters Gail Bingham and Connie Roberts' philosophy. If you can't fix all the problems – tackle the ones you can.

It started as a discussion they were having about Ken and Lori Doty. Ken and Lori are both long-time fans of East Jordan high school sports. Ken coached Junior Varsity for years, and considers the boys he coached to be his kids.

But now Doty's are facing a giant.

Some history: In January of 2007, Lori was called to her parent's home in Mancelona. Her younger brother was dying of cancer. She remembers standing in her living room, looking at her then-fiancé, Ken Doty. That very afternoon, Ken was scheduled to start his first treatment for cancer.

"I remember just looking at him, and saying, 'You mean you can't go with me, and I can't go with you?'" she said. Ten days later Lori's brother died, but Ken's battle had just begun.

Regardless, they were married in August of that year. They had a simple ceremony, planned around Oldies Night at the Polish Festival in Boyne Falls, where they had danced for the first time. They had known each other for years, but that dance was special. In its honor, they celebrated after the wedding at the polka tent.

"We didn't have to pay for a band, and all our friends were there," laughed Lori, recalling their borrowed reception.

Ken continued to wage a mortal war against cancer, which so racked his body that he would sometimes leave his work as a Charlevoix County building department head and come home for lunch just to throw up. Then he would go back to work. Some mornings he was racked with nausea – but still he would manage to go to work.

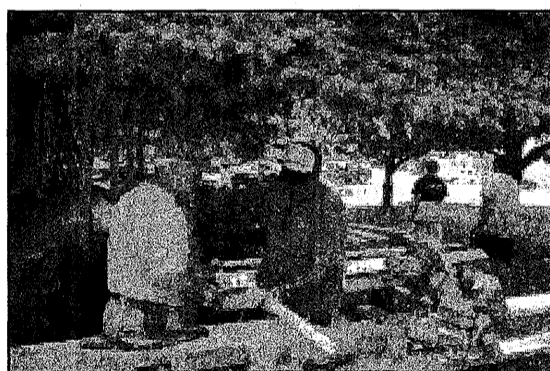
Work was stressful. The county was making cuts, and Ken had to make cuts in his own department, including laying off workers. It took its toll on him.

In January of 2009, the cuts took a deeper toll, and Ken Doty lost his own job. In some ways it was good to have a break from the pressures of employment, but the job loss was devastating emotionally and practically for the couple, as medical and other bills mounted with a deeply reduced income. Ken continued his fight, but lost considerable weight and weakened.

Recently, Ken's doctors said enough is enough. The chemotherapy was not working, and they told Ken to take a "medical break." They said they would talk to him in September. What they didn't say was whether he has until September.



A full crew, including nearly a dozen high school students, showed up at the Doty house on Saturday, June 27, ready to re-side.



Perry Bennett and Dave Skrocki prepare some siding trim.

That's where Gail and Connie came in.

The Doty house needed to be sided. Had needed it since last fall, but Ken's deteriorating health prevented him from doing the work he would have loved to do.

On Thursday, June 25, Gail and Connie were talking about the Dotys, and concluded that something must be done. They began to plan a benefit dinner and silent auction, but first – something practical. So they got on the phone.

As a result of their efforts, and the expertise of four local contractors – Marty Ernst, Rick Roberts, Dave Skrocki and Mike Skop, along with many of their crew and a dozen high school students – a full team showed up at the Doty house on Saturday, June 27, ready to re-side. At least some of the workers were there all day Saturday, and part of the day Sunday, finishing the job.

"It's one less thing they have to worry about," said Gail. She noted that the crew of 23 included contractors who may charge \$40 an hour for their

"If you can't fix all the problems – tackle the ones you can."

services. "They all have their own things to do today. But they're here, donating their time. It says so much to me – especially the young kids,"

Lori was outside, acknowledging and thanking the workers, and trying not to cry. Ken was inside the house, unable to even come out. He needed to be hospitalized, Lori said, but he wasn't ready to go: not yet. One of his kids was having an open house. He needed to be there. He would reserve his strength and hang on one more day.

That student, of course, was just outside – helping Coach Doty.

When asked why he was there, builder Marty Ernst shook his head at the question. The answer was obvious. "We're helping a guy out," he said simply.

Gail expounded: "This is the way a small community pulls together when there's someone in need," she said.

There is a benefit dinner planned for the Dotys on Wednesday, July 29 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Tourist Park building in East Jordan. Food donations have been made by Glen's Market and Northwestern Bank of Charlevoix. Additional food will be donated by the members of the benefit committee. The committee is looking for donations for a silent auction, and will be having a can drive the evening of the benefit.

LOCAL NEWS

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Horton Bay Parade Cancelled This Year

Planners Change Schedule to Every Other Year

By Brittney Moody

In order to keep up with their "zany" parade's reputation, the Horton Bay parade will not take place this year, switching to an every-other-year schedule.

"There is a lot of disappointment and a lot of people can't understand why," said Chip Lorenger, owner of the Horton Bay General Store. "A lot of people are adamant that we have to have the parade because there has always been one."

Lorenger, along with Sue and Bob Metzger, has organized the parade the past couple of years.

"I'm kind of bitter sweet about it, I'd like to have it every year but it's going to be nice to have a break," Lorenger said.

Although a massive crowd has still lined the strip in Horton Bay to watch the parade, the partici-

pants in the parade have decreased dramatically over the past couple of years. Lorenger questioned the unstable economic times for the loss in participants.

"The parade used to take an hour to an hour and a half to get done, now it's down to twenty-five minutes, and people didn't come out for just twenty-five minutes in the heat and to have trouble parking," Lorenger said. "We want to make it worth it."

It seems unusual that a village with such few year-round residents could pull a consistent 3,000 people to watch a celebration, but that has been one of the great qualities of the parade. One quality in particular they do not wish to fade.

"The parades are always funny, they're different than any other parade," said Lindsey Reynolds, who grew up in Horton Bay and has attended the parade annually.

"I think it's sad it won't be put on this year, it's part of my Fourth of July, but I understand it takes a lot of work," Reynolds said.

Instead of celebrating with a parade this year, Lorenger noted that residents would be taking part in a "non parade" starting at 1 p.m. in which local village folk wave at the passing cars.

"We're going to be on the leading edge of the rest of the villages," Lorenger said.

Although a couple of people offered to step up and aid the parade this year, the decision was already made to take the year off. Lorenger did say it would be nice next year to have "fresh blood with fresh ideas".

"We don't want to disappoint the people who come out, we want to present them with something they can't see elsewhere," Lorenger said. With some extra time to mull over original ideas for the parade and gain participants, Lorenger expects the 2010 Horton Bay parade to be a great success.

"But rain or shine we're going to have a non parade this year," Lorenger said.

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Chamber office. If you would like to participate in the South Arm Classic Boat and car Show call Darrin Podskalny at 231-536-0630 or at darrin@charter.net.

BOYNE CITY

Stroll the Streets

Another season of Stroll the Streets fills downtown Boyne City with music and fun every Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. Music will range from traditional folk, blue grass and jazz to rock. Special activities include magicians, caricature artists, face painting and balloon twisting. This event is organized by the Boyne City Main Street Program. July 3 - Acoustic Stew, Kristen Glasgow, Rob Johnson, The Kowalske Family, TNT and Twister Joe. July 4 - The Bostrom Brothers, Gail Gerrie, The Kowalske Family, Tropical Tom w/ Mikey the Singing Monkey and Twister Joe.

CHARLEVOIX

11th Annual Garden Walk

You are invited to visit 6 private gardens and the gardens at Castle Farms on July 15. This year's theme is A Palette of Charlevoix Gardens. Tickets for the Garden Walk are \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of the walk. Tickets can be purchased in Charlevoix at Consign Design, Round Lake Book Store, Shop of the Gulls and Halfway to the Top in downtown Charlevoix; Esperance, US 31 North, Castle Farms and Marvin's Gardens on M-66; Mary's of Boyne in downtown Boyne City; EJ Shoppe in downtown East Jordan; and from Garden Club members. On the day of the Walk, tickets can be purchased at the gardens. If you wish to order tickets, call 231-237-4294. The Garden Walk is open July 15 from 10am to 4pm.

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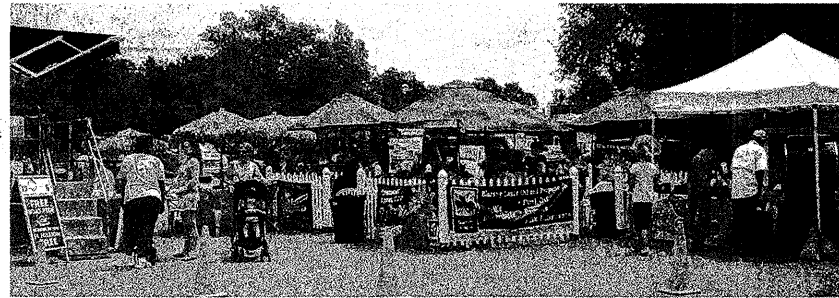
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East Jordan EZ Mart hosts summer tour

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- At four events, the BP Fishing Simulator will be on-site for customers to experience.

EZ Mart invites local customers to join these events as they thank their loyal customers in this unique way.

Classic Boats, Activities, Food & Entertainment

East Jordan Hosts South Arm Classic Boat Show, Saturday, July 11th.

By Darrin Podskalny

The South Arm Classic Boat Show will take place in East Jordan on Saturday, July 11, at the East Jordan City Marina dock area. This free, family-oriented boat show will be a dry land display of both boats and trailers, as well as in-water displays of boats, on the shore of picturesque Lake Charlevoix.

This event will consist of some of the biggest names in Classic Boats. The display of boats will cover Vintage Fiberglass to Mahogany Runabouts. Makes include Lyman, Thompson, Century, Chris Craft, Aristo Craft, Wondercraft, Skipper-Craft, and a Canadian Fishing Boat. Also included will be a 1962 Century Resorter - the last one off of the production line of this make.

Chris Smith - from Holland, MI, the grandson of Christopher Columbus Smith, founder of Chris Craft, will also be there displaying his Chris Craft Sea Skiff and promoting his book, Chris Smith: An Odyssey - A Collection of Short Stories. He

is full of great knowledge of these boats and enjoys talking about them to anyone who might have questions.

Participants will be traveling from different areas of the state - the Detroit area, Saginaw area, Alpena, Holland, Grand Rapids, as well as many areas from northern Michigan. There will be more than 45 boats on display.

This show is a great family event, with a boat building table for kids and a display of these classic watercrafts both in and out of the water. There will be musical entertainment as well as a barbeque provided by the Lions Club. There will also be on display antique outboards, kayaks, canoes, riverboats, along with cottage and boat-themed merchandize available for purchase.

Come on down to the marina to see these beautiful mahogany and classic fiberglass boats and watercraft items, and also boat-building activities

where kids can build their own boat. During this event, live musical entertainment will be provided at the band pavilion, casual conversation with other boat enthusiasts, as well as an opportunity to visit East Jordan's quaint downtown area shops, parks and art galleries - all within one block of the show location.

Classic Autos will be on display in the adjacent Memorial Park parking area. There is no entrance fee

for cars, and the parking of these vehicles will begin between 9 and 10 am.

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The poker run begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 11, with boaters making stops at Beaver Island, Harbor Springs, Petoskey, and Bay Harbor before returning to Horton Bay for the last card stop. Boyne Thunder concludes Saturday evening with a barbecue dinner in Veterans Park beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$35.

BOYNE CITY

Champagne Cruise

One of the best venues to watch the Boyne Thunder event is on the Champagne Cruise, where you are invited to come aboard one of the yachts that have generously been donated for the day by area boat owners. On board you will be served beverages and hors d'oeuvres while you cruise about Lake Charlevoix, viewing all of the action from your vantage on the water. Later, your yacht will join up with all of the other Champagne boats for a "raft off" in Horton Bay. There you will be treated to the arrival and card-pickup by all of the Thunder Boats making their last stop. The Champagne Cruise will then visit Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club for a reception. The cost of the Champagne Cruise is \$75 donation to Camp Quality. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Main Street office at 231-582-9009.

CHARLEVOIX

Get Down Swing And Boogie Woogie

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's Symphony on the Green Presents music from the WWII era at Pelican Airways Hangar on July 10. Great music and food at \$125 per person to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital's Community Health Outreach programming.

BOYNE CITY

Swim School Registration

Boyne Area 4-H Swim School is still taking registrations at the MSU Extension Center, 319 N. Lake St. in the City Hall building. Call 582-6232 for information. 4-H Performing Arts Camp will be held at three locations including July 6-10 and July 13-17 at the City Hall Auditorium in Boyne City. Classes will also be held in East Jordan July 20-24 and July 27-31 and in Charlevoix Aug. 3-7 and the 10-13. The class is taught by Carol Langon-Bissonnet, a veteran of dozens of television and dramatic productions.

CHARLEVOIX

Symphony on the Green

Tickets are available for this years "Symphony on the Green" on July 10. The event is sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation. For more information on the event call 231-547-8501. This year's event will help support the Hospital outreach programs.

EAST JORDAN

South Arm Classic Boat and Car Show

Attend the Classic Boat and Car Show on July 11 at Memorial Park from 10am-3pm. Sign up 9-10am no fee to register. Registration applications are available at the

Enjoy an Evening of Art and Music at Otis Pottery

EAST JORDAN - Otis Pottery is celebrating this July 4th weekend with its 12th Annual Open House. Visitors are welcome to come all weekend long to view new pottery as well as an exhibition of two-dimensional art by Daniel Roache. Guests always enjoy the chamber music concerts held on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Pottery owners David and June Otis have always enjoyed music as well as art, and twelve years ago they decided to start hosting Chamber Music concerts in their studio to merge the two interests. Their good friend, Fran Shelly, principal flutist of the Wichita Symphony Orchestra and Professor of Flute at Wichita State University, has played every year since then, and additional musicians are invited each year to perform. This year, David and June are looking forward to performances by three musicians teaching at Interlochen, Joan Holland, harpist, David Holland, violist, and Dorothy Vogel, pianist. Joan is also principal harpist for the Midland (MI) Symphony Orchestra and Associate Professor of Harp at University of Michigan and David Holland is an Instructor of Viola at Central Michigan University. The two will join Shelly in a performance of Debussys Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp as well as solos and duets. Pianist Dorothy Vogel, private instructor in Traverse City has been performing at the Otis open house for seven years, and will join again this year for another two evenings. The foursome plan a variety of pieces from composers Telemann, Mozart, Berlioz, Albeniz, Vaughn-Williams, Gnattali and others. Concerts will take place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Sunday afternoon the Northern Michigan Flute



Andrew, David, and June Otis work in stoneware clay and will celebrate July 4th with their 12th annual open house.

Choir will perform at 4 pm in the studio.

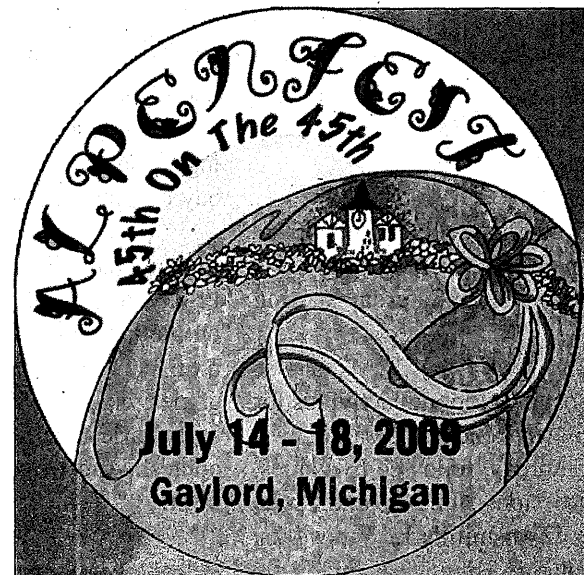
Featured two-dimensional artist this year is Daniel Roache of Petoskey. Roache enjoys creating large painted metal sculptures as well as colorful watercolors. Of his work he says, I try to create art complex enough that it can be visited again and again, always revealing something new. His watercolors will be on display for the weekend, and Roache will give a brief introduction to his work during the evening programs.

The backdrop for the event is the working studio of David, June and Andrew Otis. The front two gallery rooms display new work by all three artists, and the studio gives visitors a peek into their daily workshop. Guests sit among kilns and shelves of green ware, and on Sunday, they can even see a demonstration on the pottery wheel. The atmosphere is informal and celebratory, and always a free event for the public.

"I feel very gratified at being able to do something that shows our appreciation to the community and vacationers. They have been so supportive of the pottery, and we are glad we can welcome them to this event each year," said June.

"This fulfills our love for chamber music," said David. "And," he adds with a grin, "the pottery is cleaned up only once per year, and that is during the Open House." The pottery will be open all day Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 pm on Sunday. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to get a good seat and browse the displays. After the concert, guests are welcomed into the back garden for tea and coffee and fresh strawberries and cake. The event draws crowds of about 100 people each night, and the Otises are hoping for a similar turnout this year.

Otis Pottery is located one mile south of the Ironton Ferry on M-66 North. For more information, call (231) 536-7856, or visit www.otispottery.net for a map and directions.



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pre-register by calling by phoning 582-6482 or emailing info@northernlakes.net. The class fee is \$20.

EAST JORDAN

Concerts in the Park

The Jordan Valley Community Band presents Concerts in the Park on each Thursday in July from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the Memorial Park Bandshell. Rain location Senior Center.

BOYNE CITY

Meeting to focus on future of Boyne's downtown

Business owners and residents are invited to attend an evening workshop session focusing on the future of the Boyne City business district. Sponsored by the Main Street / Downtown Development Authority, the meeting is July 23 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the city hall auditorium. In 1995 the City of Boyne City created a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to help revitalize and enhance our community's central business district. The original DDA plan was for 15 years and during that time much has been accomplished but more work remains. The DDA/Main Street board has started the process, like many other Michigan communities have done and are doing, to extend its program of work for at least another 15 years. Extending the DDA/Main Street will not raise property taxes but will allow the community to continue to direct tax dollars for public projects in the DDA district. For more information about the DDA / Main Street program and the upcoming public meetings, contact the Main Street office at 582-9009 or email mainstreet@boyncity.com.

BOYNE FALLS

Kid Rock Returns

Kid Rock is returning to Boyne Mountain for a live concert on Saturday, Aug. 15. Tickets go on sale this Saturday, June 27 at 10 a.m. for \$45 each

BOYNE CITY

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

The nation's largest, most successful nonprofit event, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, is coming to Charlevoix County for the 4th annual event. More than 5,000 communities have already started fighting back against cancer through Relay for Life, and Charlevoix County will join in this worldwide movement to end cancer from 10 a.m. August 15 to 10 a.m. Aug. 16 at Castle Farms. Activities will include a cancer survivor celebration and victory lap, a lunaria ceremony to help honor and remember everyone touched by the disease and a Fight Back ceremony to empower community members to take action against cancer. Anyone interested in learning more about this moving, 24-hour experience should contact Lindsey Malpass-Skop at 231.536.7959 or visit <http://www.relayforlife.org>. If you have a question about cancer or Relay, contact the American Cancer Society at 1.800.ACS.2345. The Society provides patient support and information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week because cancer never sleeps.

Parades, fireworks, friendship and fun ...

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Water and Lake Streets Friday and Saturday.

There will be a 10K Running Race on Saturday morning, and the Grand Parade will head down Water and Lake Streets starting at 10 am. Live music will fill Veterans Park from 11 am until 7 pm, the Kiwanis Club will have children's games from noon until 2 pm, the Boyne River will see a Raft Race and a Duck Race around 2 pm, a Soap Box Derby will be held on Park and Cedar Streets at 4 pm, and the Masonic Lodge will host a Pork Loin Roast Dinner from 5 pm until 9 pm. Whew! Fireworks will sparkle over Lake Charlevoix beginning promptly at dusk.

Charlevoix will also be presenting a grand parade on Saturday starting at 10 am.

Cheboygan is also the place to be on the weekend of the Fourth. The town will present a parade starting at 10 am sharp on Saturday, beginning at the County Building and heading north on Main (aka Huron Street), subject to road construction. Fireworks will begin at dusk on Saturday evening set off from the fairgrounds.

Fireworks will be shot off over Otsego Lake from Otsego County Park on Friday evening, July 3rd, featuring the first-ever synchronized patriotic music accompaniment simulcast on Eagle Radio 101.5 F.M. Gather family and friends, turn up the radio, and prepare to be amazed!

Otsego Lake will also be the site of the annual Boat Parade, starting at 4 pm on Saturday. The regatta is always a "boatload of fun" for participants and spectators.

Grayling will present a "Historical 4th of July Celebration" at Hartwick Pines Logging Museum as well as a parade that will take place downtown starting at 11 am on Saturday. Fireworks will be fired at the Grayling Country Club at dusk, and prime viewing spots include the City Park as well as throughout the downtown area.

Beautiful Harbor Springs is an excellent place to celebrate America's independence. Weekend festivities include the 34th Annual 4th of July Art Fair featuring local and national artisans at Zorn Park. The parade will begin at 1 pm on Saturday, starting at Zoll and Main, and proceed to State Street, head down Bay Street and back to Zoll Street. After the parade, bagpipers will march down Bay Street and through Stafford Pier



Restaurant where they will hold a brief concert. After an Independence Day 5K run, fireworks will take place at dusk.

In Indian River, fireworks will be set off at Columbus Beach on Friday evening, and there will be a parade downtown on Saturday starting at 11 am.

Johannesburg will host a plethora of activities for the entire family this weekend. The parade will begin at 11 am on Saturday, followed by games, festivities, food concessions, and Arts and Crafts vendors at Charlton Township Park. Fireworks, with musical soundtrack simulcast on Eagle 101.5 fm, will begin at dusk.

There will also be a Fourth of July parade in downtown Lewiston on Saturday, starting at the elementary school at 4 pm.

It's an All-American 4th of July this Saturday in Mackinaw City. From 1 until 3 pm, there will be games for all ages on the Marian Lawn. Later in the evening, the Straits Area Concert Band will

begin their 26th season with a performance at Conkling Heritage Park starting at 9 pm, preceding a majestic fireworks display, fired over the bay on Lake Huron, will begin at dusk.

Manelona will be celebrating the 4th of July on Friday, July 3rd, at Schuss Village, with activities on the lawn outside Ivan's Restaurant from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm. Events will include: Inflatable games, chairlift rides, outdoor BBQ, face paintings, caricature artist, and a Margarita making contest. And of course, fireworks will begin at dusk.

Petoskey will be the site of a 4th of July car show, with raffles, prizes and food, hosted by the Petoskey Eagles Club on Water Street from 9 am until 4 pm. There will also be a parade through downtown starting at 6 pm, with entertainment on the waterfront immediately following. Capping off the evening, fireworks will begin at dusk.

Enjoy the 4th safely, northern Michigan ... Happy Birthday America!

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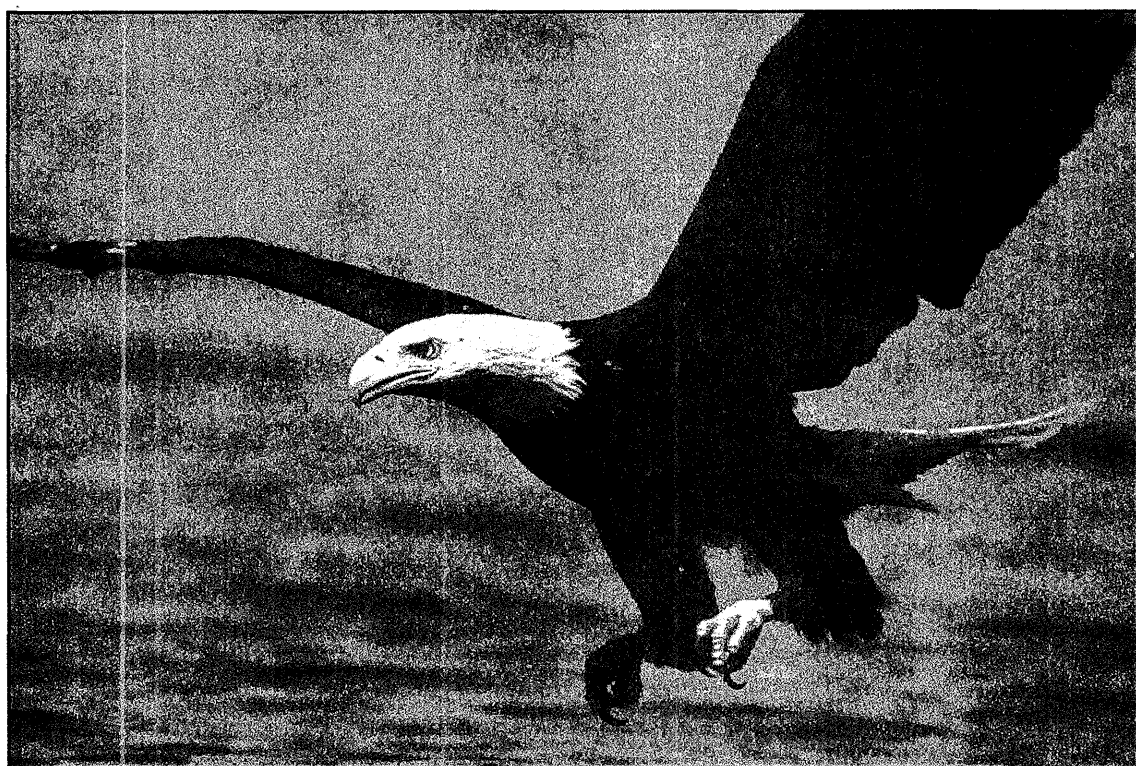
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Fun Fourth of July facts

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The majestic bald eagle is the national symbol of the U.S. If Benjamin Franklin had his way, though, the turkey would have been our national symbol.

Great Seal of the United States was selected: White for purity and innocence; Red for valor and hardiness; Blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Here are some other fun facts and trivia associated with the Fourth of July and the great history of our nation:

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national symbol of the U.S.; fortunately, he was outvoted by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who selected the bald eagle.
- An estimated 150 million hot dogs will be consumed during various celebrations this Friday. That's roughly 1 dog for every two people in the U.S.
- Betsy Ross sewed the first American flag, as stu-

dents of history well know. It is not clear who actually designed the flag, however. Some historians suggest it was Francis Hopkinson, a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

- Benedict Arnold is known to students of U.S. history as an infamous traitor. He was, in fact, one of the finest generals in the Continental Army before he defected. Without him, the Colonists may have lost the war! One of Arnold's greatest military exploits came in 1776 when he built a fleet and successfully engaged the much bigger and more experienced British Navy on Lake Champlain. In 1777, his brilliant battlefield leadership at Saratoga not only forced the British to surrender but persuaded the French to join the war on the American side. Ironically, Arnold switched his allegiance to the

British in 1780 partly because he disapproved of the French alliance.

- Little know historical fact: There were two Boston tea parties. The famous "tea party" that everyone knows about took place on Dec. 16, 1773 when four or five dozen "Sons of Liberty" disguised as Mohawks threw chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest the 3 cents per pound tax levied by Britain. Not as many people are aware that the tea party was repeated on March 7, 1774. The two tea parties cost the British some serious loot, about \$3 million in today's currency.
- Interesting facts about bald eagles: They mate for life but if one dies, the survivor will accept a new mate; bald eagles have few natural enemies and live only in North America; they get their distinctive white head and tail feathers when they are 4-5 years of age; it is a felony to shoot an eagle.
- Not all members of the Continental Congress favored a formal Declaration of Independence in 1776. Those who did favor the action were fervent, however. One representative rode 80 miles by horseback to reach Philadelphia and break a tie in support of independence.
- The original U.S. flag has 13 stripes representing the original 13 colonies (7 red and 6 white). The 13 stars appear in a circle indicating that all of the colonies were equal.
- In 1776 there were 2.5 million people in the 13 colonies of America's new nation. On the Fourth of July this year, there are more than 300 million people in 50 states.
- The first Fourth of July party ever held at the White House occurred in 1801. It wasn't until 1941 that the Fourth of July was declared a federal holiday.
- Boston had its first fireworks display in 1805.
- The 13 original colonies included: Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Virginia.

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EAST JORDAN

Children's Play Group

The library and the Women's Resource Center collaborated together to promote reading to young children during play group. Mary Sivula, leader of the play group and Library Assistant, Robin Moyer implemented the program. It is a free program available for children from birth to four years old and is held every Wednesday from 9:30am to 11am in the library's community room. Activities, games and projects are offered for children.

EAST JORDAN

East Jordan Farmers Market

Enjoy the freshness each Thursday now thru October from 9am to 1pm at Sportsmen's Park. Accepts Project Fresh, contact Shirley Vollbach at 231-536-2526

BOYNE CITY

Artsy benches appear around Boyne City downtown

Three new benches from the American Red Cross have been placed in downtown Boyne City. The benches are hand-painted and will be auctioned off this summer as part of the "Garden Party - Benches Take Root," fund-raiser for the Northern Michigan chapter of the Red Cross. The benches are located at Pat O'Brien Real Estate, 128 Water St.; Boyne Arts Collective, 210 Lake St.; and the Boyne Chamber, 28 Lake St. The benches were painted by Boyne City artists, Chris Knight, Anne Thurston and Jerry Douglas. Other benches and chairs are on display throughout Charlevoix, Antrim, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties until August 1, when they will be moved to North Central Michigan College in Petoskey where they will all be displayed for the days leading up to the auction. The auction event, supporting local Red Cross programs, will be held Wednesday, August 5 at the college. If you are interested in sponsoring a bench, the Red Cross invites you to contact Bess Bleyaert at 231-348-7666 or via email at bess@arcnlm.org.

ELLSWORTH

Ellsworth Farmers Market

Enjoy the fresh offerings from local growers every Saturday, 8am-Noon through October

Jordan Valley District Library Summer Reading Program

By Robin Moyer, Library Assistant

Be Creative this July at the Jordan Valley District Library. The 2009 Summer Reading Program is July 1- July 31. Children, suggested ages 5-12 will win prizes for reading, have a scavenger hunt and enjoy special entertainment on Wednesdays. Registration is required to win prizes. Sign-up begins July 1. For more information call the library at 231-536-7131 or visit the website www.jvdl.info. The library welcomes children of all abilities. All programs are free of charge.

Be Creative AT Jordan Valley District Library Schedule All events are held in East Jordan, at the Library, One Library Lane. The special entertainment is free, suggested ages 5-12 and the public is welcome, no sign-up required. 231-536-7131

July 1 SIGN-UP for the reading program begins 10:30-12 noon Tale of Despereaux (rated G)

July 8 10:30-11:30 Tom Woodruff illustrator, storytelling

with audience participation 11:30-12 noon Color your Summer Reading t-shirt

July 15 10:30-11:30 Sue Harrison's Palamzoo Puppets, songs, stories and puppetry

July 15-21 Library Scavenger Hunt

July 22 10:30-11:30 Acting Up Theater Co. performs Bec-READ-active Scavenger Hunt prize drawing 11:30-12 noon Last chance to color your Summer Reading t-shirt

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Proceeding of the East Jordan City Commission

The East Jordan City Commission met June 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.; Mayor Postma presiding with all members of Commission present. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amount of \$296,824.55.

Further Commission Action: Acknowledged Receipt of the Cash on Hand Report, May 2009; Acknowledged Receipt of the Monthly Zoning Activity Report, May 2009; Acknowledged Receipt of the Monthly Public Safety Reports as follows: Police March - May 2009, Fire Dept. April 2009, and EMS May 2009; Approved Elm Pointe Rental Request for Niki Kenny; Approved Tourist Park Building Rental Request for Joe Goergen; Approved Civic Center Rental Request for Harry Michael Burr; approved purchase of new 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Dept. in the amount of \$29,928.93; Approved Resolution 110-2009; Authorized the revision of Policy #155 with revisions to come back before Commission in July; and Approved Resolution #113-2009.

Copies of the minutes of the above meeting are posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

Cheltzi M. Wilson, City Clerk

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CMU Summer Theatre

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of one of life's most invigorating elixirs; laughter.

"A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking" is the first play in the series, presented on Thursday, July 9th. The play is written by John Ford Noonan (who had actresses Susan Sarandon and Eileen Brennan in mind when he wrote it) and directed by Timothy Connors. The play explores a developing, unlikely friendship between two unique women (is there any other kind?), one recently moving from Texas to the other's native, upscale New York City area neighborhood.

On Friday, July 10th, the CMU performers will present "Red Herring," a sort of murder mystery/comedy mix written by Michael Hollinger and directed by Keeley Stanley-Bohn. This tale interweaves three love stories with Cold War era spies, homicide, Senator Joe McCarthy's daughter, and of course, humor; providing something to peak the interest of virtually any audience member's taste.

The final performance on Saturday, July

11th is titled "The Complete History of America (Abridged)" and is a brief (100 minutes or so) journey through America's past utilizing the troupe's talents exercising the devices of pun, parody and song. The play is written by Adam Long, Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, and directed by Steve Berglund. Among the quick costume changes and historical twists and turns, some actual history is even thrown in!

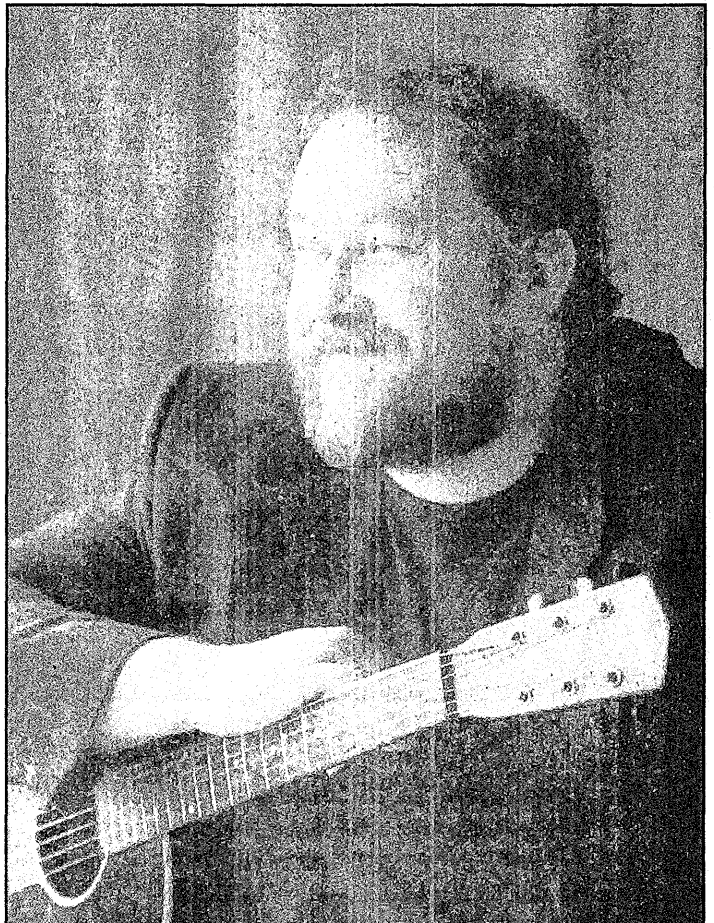
The curtain will rise for each performance at 8 pm, and tickets, available at the door, the Boyne Area Chamber, Local Flavor Bookstore and Country Now & Then, are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students or seniors 62 years of age and up. The Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center is located at 1035 Boyne Avenue (M-75).

Don't miss the fun, the laughs, and the opportunity to see this excellent theatre troupe in action!

SummerTheatrePhoto- CMU Summer Theatre cast will present three plays in Boyne City starting on July 9th.

Joel Mabus performs at Aten Place on July 3rd

Aten Place is proud to present nationally known folksinger, Joel Mabus, in concert on Friday, July 3rd. Singer, songwriter and instrumentalist Joel Mabus is a maverick in the folk music world. He defies any easy pigeonhole. By turns, he picks a mountain banjo to accompany an ancient ballad, sings a witty song about modern life, plays a sweet Irish melody on guitar, swings a hot jazz number, and then reaches deep for a soulful expression of values in a troubled world. He tops it all with a fiddle tune or old Carter family song -- all skillfully blended into a seamless flow. One fan said "Its music from the heart that hits you right between the eyes."



A mainstay on the folk circuit these past 30 years, Joel has 18 albums to his credit; the latest are Retold (2008) - new recordings of his early hits and The Joel Mabus Omnibus (2008) - a reissue of two early albums. He has performed in concert with such folk music stars as John Prine, Joan Baez and Tom Paxton, and has been featured at the top folk clubs and festivals, such as the Philadelphia Folk Festival and Vancouver Folk Festival.

Aten Place is located 1/2 mile south of Cherry Hill Road on Old Mackinaw Trail in Boyne Falls. The venue is a ninety-five year old oak frame barn with seating

for 180, overlooking the Boyne River valley, in the shadow of Boyne Mountain. All tickets are \$10 at the door. Tickets go on sale at 6:00 pm the day of the concert, with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aten Place is a non-profit endeavor, and no food or beverage is sold on the premises. Many patrons bring snacks and desserts to share at intermission. There is also a covered picnic pavilion for those who wish to come early and enjoy the grounds and peaceful setting.

For more information on this summer's schedule go to www.atenplace.com or call Bill or Maxine Aten at 231-549-2076.

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Sad, Warm, Thought-Provoking Film Explores Family Dynamics during Life and Death Struggle

By Jim Akans

This is one of "those" films. It's the kind that leaves nary a dry eye in the house and touches a wide spectrum of emotions...exploring traditional family dynamics when faced with the most horrible of prospects; the impending death of a child due to terminal illness.

The focus of the film is 11 year old Anna Fitzgerald, brought into the world through in vitro fertilization, her genes specifically tailored to make her the perfect donor for her older sister Kate Fitzgerald, who has been diagnosed with childhood leukemia.

Her parents, Sarah and Brian, intended Anna would be a life-prolonging miracle for their older daughter, but as Anna comes of age, she apparently decides not to continue in this role and seeks the assistance of a well-known attorney, Campell Alexander, to earn her medical emancipation from her parent's wishes.

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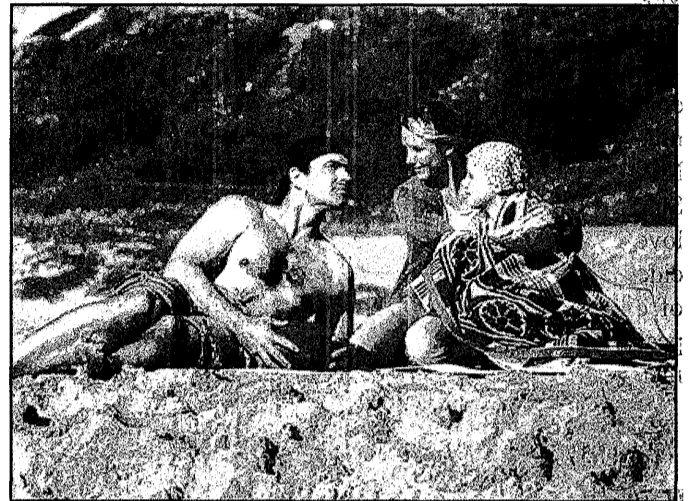
sound a bit far-fetched, but with the extraordinary leaps in the science of genetic engineering and advancements in medical technology, the idea of purposely creating humans to supply "parts" to those who are ailing is certainly not beyond the imagination. What makes this film especially disturbing is that this drama unfolds within a nuclear family, where each decision has a potentially devastating impact on each member of the family. The result is a movie that demands audience engagement.

My Sister's Keeper is based on a popular novel by Jodi Picoult, and for those who have read the book, be forewarned; the film does stray from the novel, particularly at the end. However, those I spoke with who had read the book found the movie ending to be quite satisfactory.

The acting is extraordinary, with Cameron Diaz as the Sarah Fitzgerald, Abigail Breslin (Little Miss Sunshine) as Anna, and Alec Baldwin as Campbell Alexander providing stand-out performances. Joan Cusack also does a wonderful job as Judge De Salvo, overseeing the court case to decide the fate of Anna's medical rights.

The film is rated PG-13, and includes some offensive language, disturbing images in relation to Kate's illness, and a bit of brief sexual content. But it is the subject matter of the film itself, the struggle between life and death and the implications of creating a human being to mitigate the effects of a terminal illness that make this a movie primarily suited to more mature viewers.

This is a powerful drama, wrenching emotions and challenging conventional moral standards. My



Sister's Keeper is a movie that will stay with you long after the screen fades to black.

Exit Comments;

"Beautifully done, I haven't cried that much at a movie in a long time," Dee, Denny and Kari - Bellaire

"It was sad, and I was surprised by the ending" Joe & Alisha - Lakes of the North

"Ending was different than the book, but I liked it" Amy - Gaylord

"Awesome movie. It was good that Anna stood up for her rights," Morgan & Jodie - Gaylord

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DISTRICT COURT

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

Anita Louise Breidenbaugh, 47, Gibsonton FL. Driving without a license. Sentenced to pay \$250 in fines and costs.

Peter Allen Dadovich, 34, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$650 in fines and costs. Sentenced to serve 93 days in jail with credit for 17 days, serve 13 days, 63 days held in abeyance; one year probation.

David Edward Stokford, 44, East Jordan. Assault. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, 91 days held in abeyance; nine months on probation.

Hannah Megan Bradley, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to perform community service work. Six months on probation.

William Harley-Junior Daniels, 28, Boyne City. Sex offender failure to register. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

Michael Joseph Wilczynski, 20, Wolverine Lake. Breaking and entering. Sentenced to pay \$400 in fines and costs and \$250 in restitution. Sentenced to five days of community service work.

Frederick Alexander Wiser Jr., 22, Boyne City. Disorderly person/drunken. Sentenced to \$400 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 28 days, 60 days held in abeyance. Six months on probation.

Robert William Karki, 59, East Jordan. Driving while intoxicated, 2nd. Sentenced to pay \$1,130. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 334 days held in abeyance, 30 hours of community service work; two years on probation.

Christofer Michael Bryant, 35, Boyne Falls. Domestic violence. Sentenced to pay \$600 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 12 days on work release; one year on probation.

ASSUMED NAMES

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

Sole Bello Tans, 119 Antrim St., Charlevoix.

Pleasure Horse.com, 1600 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Merri Chris Leese.

Pay it Forward, 27890 Barneys Lake Road, Beaver Island, by Elizabeth McCafferty

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Vincent Roy Schneider, 25, Leshana, NE, and Stephanie Louise Sowers, 26, Charlevoix.

Bradley Richard Crawford, 31, Severna Park, MD and Tracy Marie Brown, 34, Westminster, CO.

Jeffrey Paul Cooper, 49, Boyne City and Rebecca Kay Katz, 49, Boyne City.

Eric Acker Eleazer 40, Chicago, IL and Julie Lynne Hiipakka, 36, Chicago, IL.

Robert Glen Daly Jr., 42, Broadlands, VA and Bridget Ann Schlaff, 37, Broadlands, VA

Nathan Edward Browe, 26, Charlevoix and Kelly Lenore Reid, 25, Charlevoix.

Stroll the Streets kicks off



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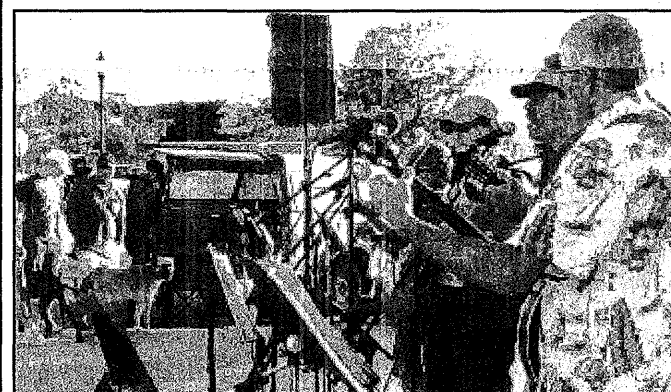
by B. J. Conley-Hettler

Boyne City's popular Stroll the Streets kicked off for the summer on Friday, June 26, and brought a crowd of people downtown on a perfect Northern Michigan summer day.

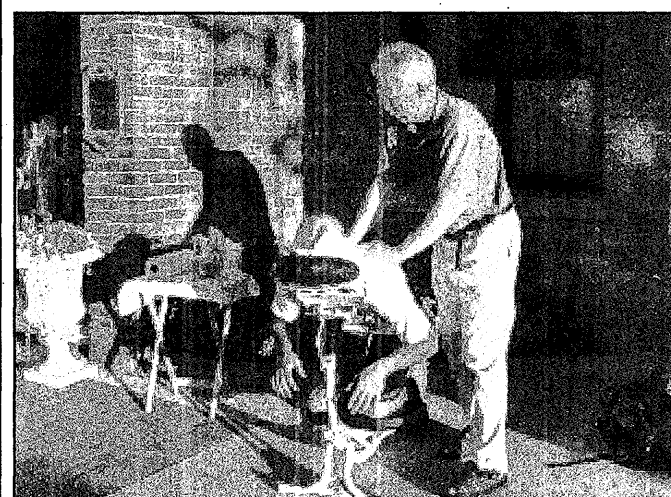
Area residents and visitors browsed the shops, enjoyed ice cream, listened to a variety of live music and, strolled. The family event offers face painting, balloon twisting and much more for the kids. Businesses stay open late to participate.

Stroll the Streets is organized by the Main Street Program. This year marks the sixth year for the community event. It is funded by contributions from Boyne City businesses. For more information call the Main Street office at 231-582-9009. Volunteers are always needed and those who are interested may call the office.

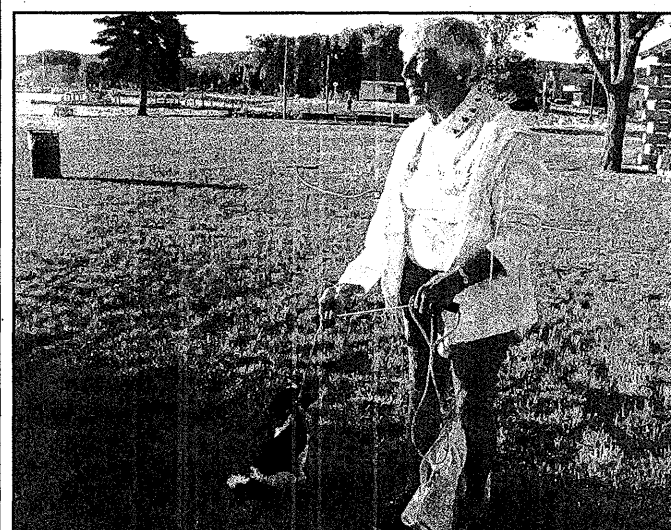
Stroll the Streets continues every Friday from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.



One of the bands at Stoll the Streets that entertained the crowd on Friday was the Lake Street Ramblers.



Greg O'Brien of the Sun for the Soul salon in Boyne City was giving mini-back rubs during the Stroll the Streets event.



Sally Cyr of the Boyne City area couldn't get very far before someone stopped her to pet her new dog, Cricket, but she didn't seem to mind. The two were attending Friday's Stroll the Streets in Boyne City. The event is every Friday this summer from 6-9 p.m. and features musicians, shopping, activities for the kids, food and fun.

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McMurray cruises in triathlon

Former Petoskey track and cross country standout beat out 125-person field in annual Jordan Valley Triathlon

By Mike Dunn

EAST JORDAN — It was a picture-perfect day for a triathlon. As 125 Jordan Valley Triathlon participants converged on Tourist Park in East Jordan in Saturday's early morning hours, the sun shined brilliantly in the sky and temperatures hovered in the low 70s. The welcoming weather proved to be a harbinger of a triathlon that would go off like clockwork.

Ben McMurray of Petoskey, a former Northmen standout in track and cross country and recent Alma College graduate, would employ his long legs and race-expanded lungs to cruise to the top spot. McMurray led nearly from start to finish, completing the hilly, challenging course—featuring a 0.3-mile swim, 19.9-mile bike and 3-mile run—in 1 hour, 20 minutes, 52 seconds. He came out of the water well ahead of the rest of the field and maintained a healthy lead the rest of the way.

Jack Deegan of Harbor Springs, who has been taking part in the triathlon here since the 1980s, spent most of the race chasing McMurray. Deegan, a fine athlete in his own right, came in three minutes behind McMurray (1:23:53) to finish as runner-up.

Though Deegan gave a valiant effort, it was clear early on that no one was going to catch McMurray on this day.

"My strategy was to try and pull ahead early and see what happens," said McMurray, who also competed in track and cross country for Alma and is presently in training for an Ironman event in Wisconsin. "I knew I had the lead after the swim but I didn't know how far behind me anyone was. I got on the bike and kept expecting someone to catch up to me at some point but it didn't happen. Once I got to the run I was pretty confident I would

win."

This was McMurray's second time doing the triathlon. He finished in the top 10 in 2006 with a slower time.

Deegan, an attorney for the Petoskey firm of Plunkett and Cooney, has finished as runner-up in other years in addition to numerous top-five finishes. He has never won the event, though.

"I'm always one guy oversleeping away from winning," he said with a laugh after Saturday's race.

Deegan, a broad smile seemingly always evident, said he enjoys the camaraderie of the event as much as the competition.

"I love coming here every year," he said. "I have a lot of buddies who run in this and we have a blast every time we get together. Plus, this is the

"This is the best triathlon in the state. No triathlon anywhere is better organized than this one."

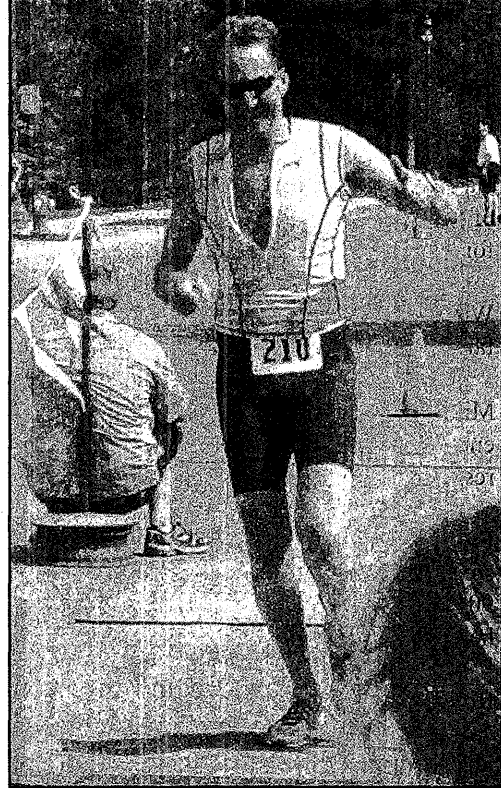
*-- Jack Deegan,
Harbor Springs*

best triathlon in the state. No triathlon anywhere is better organized than this one. It's a short race but it's very hilly."

Glenn Goodman of Bellaire (1:24:56) was third, followed by Zach Baker of Interlochen (1:26:05), Bill Crook of Charlevoix (1:27:21) and Phil Kauppi of Mount Pleasant (1:28:13). Sam Dyste of East Jordan (1:38:14) came in second in the 25-29 age group while Jon Boss of Charlevoix



Ben McMurray of Petoskey crosses the finish line well ahead of the rest of the 125-person field Saturday in the Jordan Valley Triathlon (photo by Mike Dunn)



Smiling Jack Deegan gives the thumbs up gesture as he crosses the finish line as the 2009 Jordan Valley Triathlon runner-up. (photo by Mike Dunn)



Jordan Valley Triathlon female champion Cindy Duby discards her helmet Saturday after completing the bike portion of the event. (photo by Mike Dunn)



Triathletes emerge from the water after completing the first leg of Saturday's triathlon, a 0.3-mile swim. (photo by Mike Dunn)



A female competitor brings her bike out of the first transition area Saturday and prepares to start the 19.9-mile bike portion of the triathlon. (photo by Mike Dunn)

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McMurray is victor ... continued from previous page

(1:41:41) came in fourth. Daniel Mann of Charlevoix (1:34:33) was fourth in the 35-39 group and Joe Decker of East Jordan (1:44:02) was second in the 40-44 division.

Greg Benjamin of Harbor Springs claimed the trophy as the male masters champion, crossing the finish in 1:31:14. Hap Wright of Boyne City (1:50:02) was the top finisher in the 60-64 age group while Billy Atkins of East Jordan (1:44:27) was fourth in the 50-54 division and Robert Grove of Boyne City (1:45:05) was third in the 55-59 age group.

Cindy Duby of Traverse City repeated as the overall female champion. Duby, a Northwestern Michigan College academic office employee and longtime participant in the event, recorded a time of 1:32:38.

"This is an emotional course for me," Duby said. "I ran my first triathlon here with my dad 17 years ago and we've been doing it together ever since."

Duby's father, Gary Lee of Traverse City, competed in the 65-older division and came in second in 1:51:09. Lee, 72, has had double knee replacements.

Andrea Collins of East Grand Rapids (1:34:02) and Amanda Vogler of Birmingham (1:38:31) were the second- and third-place female finishers.

Amber Parsons of Charlevoix (1:59:30) was



A male competitor has a helpful spectator pointing the way for him as he runs along the beach en route to the bike station. (photo by Mike Dunn)

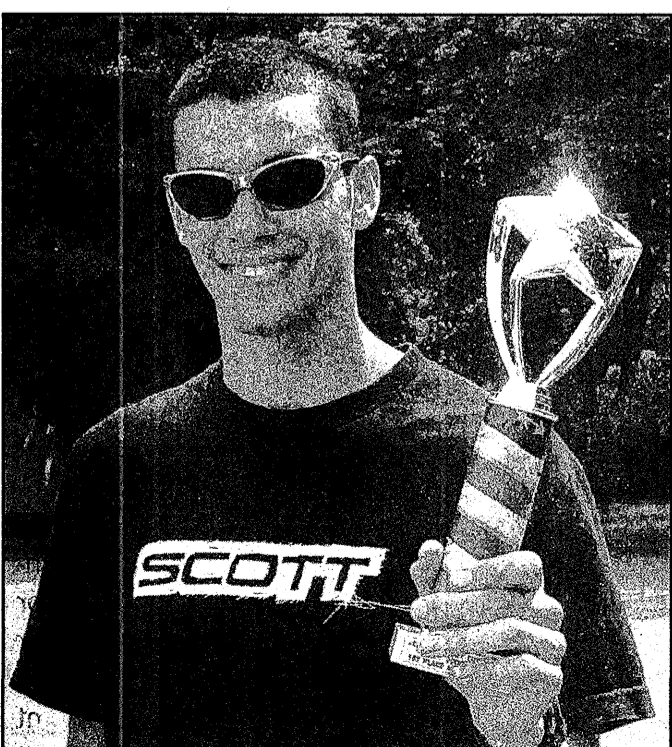
fourth in the 25-29 age division with Stephanie Kerner of Boyne City (2:07:16) in sixth. Ruth Skop of Charlevoix (1:58:47) took seventh in the 40-44 age group while Theresa Reynolds (1:47:42) and Mary Siegwart (1:53:31) of Charlevoix were third and fourth in the 45-49 age group.



A male competitor leaves his bike behind and hurries toward the next transition area to put on running shoes and start on the third and final leg of the triathlon. (photo by Mike Dunn)



Margaret Liederbach, a prep track standout for Petoskey, crosses the finish line Saturday as the first female in her age group. (photo by Mike Dunn)



Ben McMurray of Petoskey displays his first-place trophy. (photo by Mike Dunn)



Cindy Duby of Traverse City displays her first-place trophy. (photo by Mike Dunn)

post script by Mike Dunn

Ingalls stands out on athletic field and in classroom

A distinctive feature I appreciate about the Northern Lakes Conference is its listing of all-academic student-athletes. It's nice to see young people who devote time to athletics also recognized if they also maintain high grades in the classroom.

Earlier this month, the conference released its list of all-academic qualifiers in all sports through the 2008-09 school year. A number of student-athletes from participating schools were honored in three different sports but only one among the six conference schools achieved all-academic status in four sports.

That honor goes to junior Jalyn Ingalls, who made the grade in cross country and volleyball during the fall, basketball in the winter and softball in the spring. Ingalls is more than a scholar who happens to play sports, however. She performed quite well on the field of competition as well, earning first-team all-conference in volleyball and basketball and second team in softball.

Triathlon goes smoothly

While in East Jordan on Saturday for the annual Jordan Valley Triathlon, I heard a number of comments from participants about how much they like the venue and especially how much they appreciate how well it is organized.

One lady I spoke with who has competed in various triathlons in various locations noted how much she enjoys coming to East Jordan each June, partly because the event always flows so smoothly.

"That's not always the case," the veteran triathlete said with a shake of her head. "Here, everything is clearly marked and you always know where you're going. On some courses, you can actually get lost if you're not careful."

Another nice touch is that every person's name and town is announced as they come through the transition from the bike to the run and then again when they cross the finish line.

Tracking trivia

As I was rummaging through some old boxes recently, I came across a book I had completely forgotten about. "The Bathroom Sports Almanac" (copyright 1995 and cleverly compiled by "the Lavatorial Staff of Red-Letter Press") is a tome that fits its title perfectly, a book designed to be enjoyed in every guy's favorite reading room.

There are tidbits of sports trivia for each day of the year, divided into quotes, birthdates, statistics and factoids that are sometimes fascinating, sometimes illuminating and sometimes esoteric. For example, I never would have known that the width of the stripe on an NFL official's uniform is two inches if I hadn't come across it in my trusty almanac. Or that 25 percent of Americans bowl. Or that golf balls were originally made of leather and stuffed with goose feathers. Or ... well, you get the idea.

Here are a few morsels from this week's entries: Richard Petty was born on July 2, 1937 and Jose Conseco came into the world on the same day in 1964; Curley Lambeau bought the rights to the Green Bay Packers for \$50; the 1929 Yankees were the first team to wear numbers on the back of their uniform; at age 15, Joe Nuxhall was the youngest pitcher ever to play Major League baseball, making his debut with Cincinnati in 1944.

LaVanway, Heckendorn are All-State

East Jordan ace hurler LaVanway and hard-hitting Charlevoix third sacker Heckendorn make the grade in Div. 3

By Mike Dunn

Two area baseball players, recent graduates Kevin LaVanway of East Jordan and Michael Heckendorn of Charlevoix, have earned All-State recognition from the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. Both were second-team picks in Division 3.

LaVanway, East Jordan's mound ace and a major key to the Red Devils' drive to a Lake Michigan Conference championship and a fourth straight district title, posted an 11-1 mark in 2009 with a microscopic earned-run-average of 0.59. He recorded three no-hitters during the season, including a near-perfect game against defending league champion Elk Rapids. In the biggest win of the season, LaVanway shined the brightest, earning a three-hit, seven-strikeout shutout over powerful Inland Lakes in districts.

LaVanway, who mixes a lethal combination of a mid-80s fastball, sweeping curve and change-up, struck out a school-record 117 batters and walked just 24. He is continuing his pitching career at either Kalamazoo Valley or Lansing Community College.

The hard-hitting Heckendorn, a staple at third base for the Rayders during his prep career, earned All-State honors with his booming bat and his sweet feet. Heckendorn hammered enemy pitching to the tune of a .445 average with nine extra-base hits, including a pair of homers, and 19 RBIs. He was a terror on the base paths also, using his breakaway speed to successfully steal 28 times.

Team Camp builds team chemistry

Boyne City was among 42 teams participating in 2009 varsity team camp at Gaylord last week

By Mike Dunn

GAYLORD – Some things are always sure to happen during basketball team camp each summer. Gallons of sweat will be spilled and important gains will be made in a variety of areas. The 42 schools that participated in the annual varsity team camp held at Gaylord High School last week, including Boyne City, believe they are better for the experience.

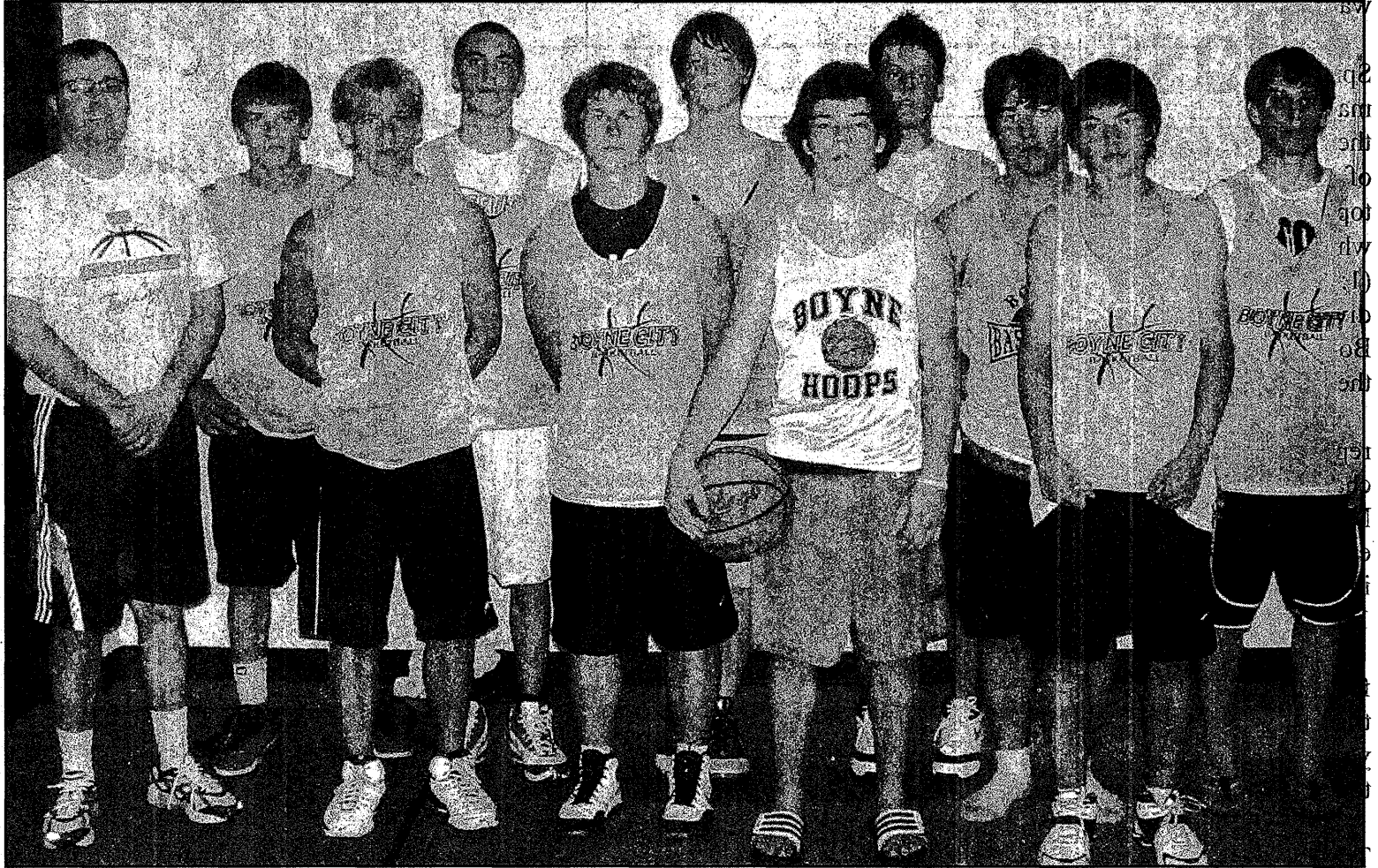
“The kids get to work together and know each other a little more; it’s a good way to promote team chemistry,” said Boyne City coach John Hertel last Wednesday following a 40-minute camp game against Marysville. “It’s also a good way for me to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses.”

That is particularly true for the coming season. Boyne City lost seven seniors off a team that finished 7-15 this past season and reached the district finals against Charlevoix after a thrilling come-from-behind victory over East Jordan in the district opener.

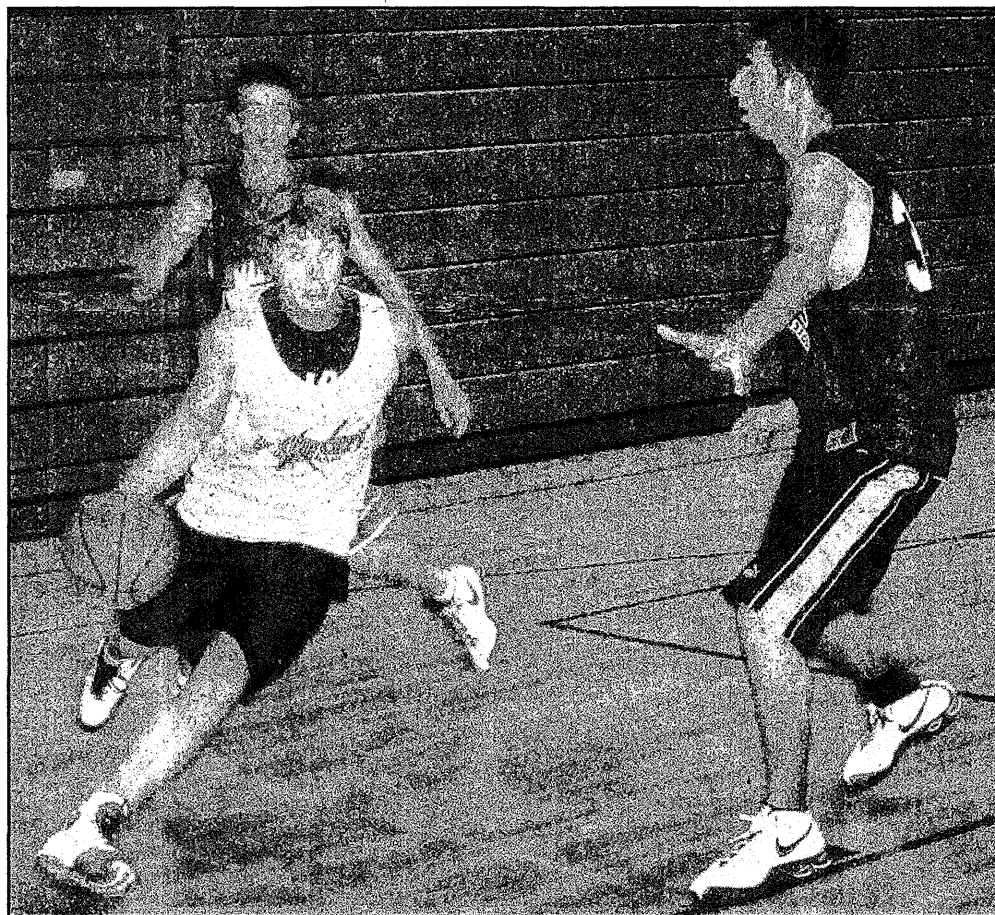
Of the 10 Ramblers who took part in the team camp, five will be seniors in the coming school year: Nick Young, who drained some key 3-pointers in the victory over East Jordan, Parker Ameel, Dalton Looze, Tom Halstead and Evan Osborn. Those five represent most of the varsity experience the Ramblers bring into the next campaign.

Juniors Cody Beebe, Kolbi Shumaker and Caleb Roberts and sophomores Travis Lapeer and Jay Redman are making the jump from the JV.

“We have some holes to fill from graduation,” Hertel acknowledged. “With a young team like ours, you want to strengthen the fundamentals and give the kids the chance to get a



Those participating for Boyne City in the 2009 varsity team camp at Gaylord last week included, front row from left, coach John Hertel, Evan Osborn, Parker Ameel, Nick Young, Travis Lapeer and Kolbi Shumaker; back row: Caleb Roberts, Jay Redman, Cody Beebe, Tom Halstead and Dalton Looze. (photo by Mike Dunn)



Parker Ameel, dribbling at left, has his hand on the ball and his eye on the hoop as he deftly weaves his way around a pair of Marysville defenders during team camp last Wednesday. (photo by Mike Dunn)

“The kids get to work together and know each other a little more.”
– Boyne City coach
John Hertel

grip on the team concept.” Hertel, who stresses the philosophy of everyone joining forces for the benefit of the team, liked some of what he saw during team camp and noted the places that need improvement. “We’ve had ups and downs, but that’s to be expected,” he said. “Hopefully, the kids learned some things and had fun.” What pleased Hertel the most during camp was his team’s “overall energy” and the way the players meshed. “We have lots of interchangeable parts this year,” he said.

Mio’s Lefler is BCAM all-star

Recent graduate is individual academic All-State honoree

MIO – Kayla Lefler of Mio has been selected to join the prestigious girls roster for the 2009 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan all-star game that will be played at Brighton High School on Aug. 1. The BCAM all-star festival annually features some of the state’s top seniors competing in either the Class AB game or the Class CD game.

Lefler, a 2009 graduate and a BCAM individual academic All-State recipient who had a stellar career on the hardwood for coach Joe Breaugh, will be part of the Class CD game set to be played at 11 a.m. She is joined by four other girls from the northern Lower Peninsula: Michelle Edwards of Central Lake, Elizabeth Hamlet of McBain, Ashley Bauman of Manistee Catholic Central and Ashley Slade of Kingsley.

Stephanie Mitchell of Roscommon was selected to play in the Class AB game that begins at 1 p.m. The boys CD game starts at 3 p.m. and the AB game at 5 p.m.

Mio’s Lefler is BCAM all-star

Petoskey business owner will climb Mount Rainier on Aug. 13 to raise funds for Big City Mountaineers organization

PETOSKEY – A Petoskey business owner, Scott Conti of Balanced Health and Fitness, is preparing to scale Mount Rainier in Pierce County, Wash. later this summer and he’s using the venture as an opportunity to raise funds for underprivileged youth.

Conti will be making his charity climb of the 14,411-foot mountain on Aug. 13. His goal is to raise

\$20,000 for Big City Mountaineers, the country’s leading non-profit volunteer organization providing wilderness mentoring programs to underprivileged, at-risk, urban youth. Those who would like to make a pledge may do so by stopping at Balanced Health and Fitness, located just south of Pleasantview Road on M-119 inside the Harbor Plaza between Petoskey and Harbor Springs, by sending a check payable to “Big City Mountaineers” to P.O. Box 2117, Petoskey, MI 49770, or online by visiting summitforsomeone.org.

For more information, call Balanced Health at (231) 881-0019.

Fast facts about Mount Rainier

- Located in Pierce County, Wash. 54 miles southeast of Seattle
- At 14,411 feet, it is the prominent mountain of the Cascade Range
- Has 26 major glaciers and 35 square miles of permanent snowfield
- Capt. George Vancouver, the first European to see the mountain in 1792, named it in honor of his friend, Rear Admiral Peter Rainier
- On March 2, 1899, President McKinley established Mount Rainier National Park as America’s fifth national park

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Classic Victorian in Park-Like Setting



By Jim Akans

This incredible, Victorian home features a level of detail and workmanship that is absolutely extraordinary. Tastefully ornate and richly inviting, this is a residence that is destined to become a family treasure, providing a distinctive place to create a lifestyle full of wonderful memories for many years to come.

Offering a spacious 3,450 square feet of living area, the home has been meticulously renovated, including the elegant updating the kitchen and bath areas. Great care was taken to retain the original flavor and charm of the old-world craftsmanship that only a vintage home of this caliber can embody.

A stunningly beautiful fireplace with custom wood surround that has graining that must be seen to believe. The first floor also contains a formal dining area, den, half-bath, master bedroom suite including full bath, and the aforementioned updated kitchen featuring solid surface countertops, custom cabinetry, and upgraded appliances including range/oven, refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave.

The second level includes three generously sized bedrooms that will easily accommodate the growing family, or provide first-class accommodations for guests. The woodwork throughout the home, including hardwood flooring, moldings and archways, is exquisitely crafted and has aged to perfection, providing an unparalleled level of warmth and dis-

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The main level of the home features an enormous living room, anchored by

tion to the interior décor.

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The property is situated on 126 feet of Boyne River frontage, which, combined with the park-like grounds surrounding the home, create an outdoor ambience perfectly suited to the grand stage set by the residence itself.

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For a more information or to arrange for a tour of this home, please call Don Toffolo at 231-582-1700 or email at don@patobrien.com.

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This property has it all, great view, backs up to state land, good building sites among giant pines or build a walkout home facing Osman Rd. Future income with pine trees that are close to harvest. Property has high land, mix of trees, a little low land with a seasonal road north end of property. GREAT for hunting, horses ride into State Forest or down into Pigeon River Forest. MLS #261723
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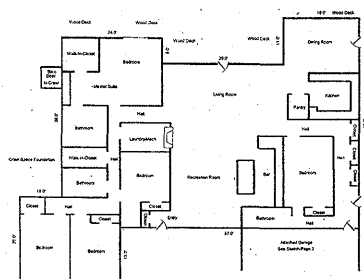
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SPORTS BRIEFS

East Jordan hosts Hoop School '09

EAST JORDAN – The annual girls basketball camp for those entering third- through eighth-grade is slated for Monday through Thursday, July 13-16. Hoop School '09, under the direction of Sara Heise, extends each day from 1-4 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$45.

Charlevoix Blue Chip Football Camp

CHARLEVOIX -- The second annual Charlevoix Blue Chip Football Camp will take place Wednesday and Thursday, July 15-16, for students entering grades four through eight. The camp will be held at Charlevoix Middle School from 6:30 – 8:30p.m. Camp check-in will begin Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Director of the camp will be William Cleaver, a former St. Mary and Gaylord High School head coach who compiled a 78-34 record over the past 11 years.

The purpose of the camp is to develop football skills in all aspects of football – passing, catching, pass coverage, pass drops, blocking, tackling and position techniques.

Pre-registration fee for camp is \$40, which includes a T-shirt. Mail completed registration, including fee to P.O. Box 1171, Gaylord, MI 49734. Make checks payable to Blue Chip Football Camp. Registration the day of camp is \$45. From every registration, \$5 goes toward Charlevoix's Pop Warner Program.

In addition to Cleaver, other present and former Gaylord High School, Charlevoix High School and college coaches will be present.

Campers must bring gym shoes or football cleats and workout clothes.

For more information, contact William Cleaver at (989) 614-6026.

BoyneThunder slated for July 10-11

BOYNE CITY – Boyne City Main Street is hosting the sixth annual BoyneThunder Poker Run on Friday and Saturday, July 10-11. Each year, the event brings high-performance boats from across the Midwest to the beautiful shore of Lake Charlevoix.

BoyneThunder begins in Boyne City and continues to Charlevoix, Beaver Island, Harbor Springs and Bay Harbor before returning to the Boyne City marina for the Thunder Feast by the lake.

For information about BoyneThunder, call (231) 582-9002 or e-mail mainstreet@boynecity.com.

Mackinaw triathlon set for July 26

MACKINAW CITY – The annual Mackinaw Multi-Sports Mix Triathlon takes place on Sunday, July 26, starting 8 a.m. at Waywatum Park (located under the water tower next to Shepler's Ferry).

The event features an 800-meter swim, a 30-kilometer bike and a 5-kilometer run. For those who prefer not to swim, there is also a course featuring a 2-mile run, a 30K bike and a 5K run. There is also the option of just doing the 5K run.

Kenny Krell of 3 Disciplines Racing, which is hosting the event, calls the Mackinaw Multi-Sports Mix "a great escape race right in the middle of the season." It is a biker's race with a scenic course winding along both lakes with a clear view of the other competitors. One nice aspect of the swimming portion of the event, says Krell, is that "you can easily see down 30 feet to the bottom." The 5K run is flat and fast.

The entry fee is \$70 prior to July 24. On the weekend of the race, the fee is \$90. It is \$5 less for those 17 and under or 55 and older. Packet pickup takes place the day of the race from 6-7:30 a.m. A \$10 one-day USAT license is available for all participants who are not USAT members.

For more information or to register, call (231) 546-2229 or visit www.3disciplines.com.

Alpenfest Run is July 18

GAYLORD — The 33rd annual Alpenfest Run takes place this year on Saturday, July 18, in conjunction with the annual Alpenfest celebration. The event features a 10-mile run, a 4-mile run and a 1-mile fun run and starts from the downtown pavilion on Court St. at 7:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$20 for the 4-mile or 10-mile races and \$7 for the 1-mile fun run.

Registration sheets are available at the Otsego County Community Center on Center St. For more information, contact Otsego County Parks & Rec at (989) 732-6521.

Those who will be participating now have the option of raising money for cancer research at the same time. Pledge sheets are available and participants can collect individually or as part of a team. For information or to make a pledge, contact Dan Smith at (989) 732-1441.

Petoskey soccer team camp July 20-24

PETOSKEY – The Petoskey Team Camp 2009 for boys and girls teams is slated for Monday through Friday, July 20-24, at the Click Road fields. The camp, hosted by Petoskey soccer coach Scott Batchelor, goes from 6-8 p.m. daily.

The \$75 registration fee is due by July 3. Teams are asked to bring their own ball. For information, visit the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association (PYSA) Web site. Make checks payable to Petoskey Soccer and send to Scott Batchelor, 3852 Powell Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

T.C. 4-on-4 soccer tourney upcoming

TRAVERSE CITY -- The inaugural Fast Break 4x4 soccer tournament is slated for the weekend of Aug. 1-2 at Bowers Harbor Park on Old Mission Peninsula. Players in five different age groups (U12, U14, 15-18, 19-39, 40+) will compete for their division championship.

The cost is \$120 for each team of four player, with up to four substitutes permitted. For more information, go to www.gtsoccerleague.org/fastbreak/ or contact Tyler Champt at (231) 534-4689 or fastbreak4v4@gtsoccerleague.org.

Cheboygan Salmon Tournament set for Aug. 1

CHEBOYGAN – The 11th annual Cheboygan Salmon Tournament is slated for Saturday, Aug. 1. There will be a shotgun start at 6 a.m. with all boats launching from the Cheboygan River. The boats are due back in the harbor by 2 p.m. The weigh-in station opens at 1 p.m.

Captains may check in starting at 4 p.m. on July 31 at the tent at Gordon Turner Park. Each captain must be registered and checked in by 6 p.m. The mandatory captains' meeting take place in the tent from 6-7 p.m. Four dinner tickets will be received for captain and crew at check-in. The dinner, including beer, pop and various foods, extends from 5-9 p.m. under the big tent.

The prize money (based on 100 boats) is divided among the top 20 finishers. The top prize is \$3,000 with \$1,700 for second, \$1,200 for third, \$800 for fourth, \$600 for fifth, etc. There is also prize money for the largest salmon by weight (top prize \$1,000), largest steelhead (\$300), largest lake trout (\$300) and largest brown trout (\$300). There is also a \$250 prize for the mystery weight fish.

The entry fee of \$175 includes the four dinner tickets for July 31. For information or to register, call Steve at (231) 818-1235 or Pete at (231) 627-5143.

Swinging for Wish golf scramble Sept. 21

GAYLORD – The "Swinging for a Wish" golf scramble is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 21, at the Tom Fazio course of Treetops Resort. The event raises money for the Make-A-Wish foundation of Michigan.

The four-person scramble begins at 10:30 a.m. For details, call Michael Rey at (989) 731-8828 or send an e-mail to mrey@treetops.com.

Announcing upcoming events

The Charlevoix County News offers readers a forum for announcing upcoming events. Send information about upcoming golf outings, soccer tournaments, auto shows, softball tournaments, road races, youth events, etc. and the News will get the word out in Sports Briefs.

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Parrish, Steenwyk join all-stars

Recent graduates are chosen to participate in annual BCAM all-star game this summer

By Mike Dunn

Two area boys basketball players from two of the premier programs in northern Michigan, Thomas Parrish of Charlevoix and Jarod Steenwyk of Ellsworth, have been selected to be part of the prestigious boys roster for the 2009 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan all-star game that will be played at Brighton High School on Aug. 1. The BCAM all-star festival annually features some of the state's top seniors competing in either the Class AB game or the Class CD game.

Parrish, a 6-foot-3 point guard who had a stellar career on the hardwood for coach Keith Haske, and Steenwyk, an integral part of the successful Lancer teams coached by Tex Drenth, including this year's team that went 24-1 and advanced to the quarterfinals, will both be part of the Class CD game set to be played at 3 p.m. The pair are joined by four others from the northern Lower Peninsula: Wade Luxford of Frankfort, Holden Greiner and Corey Williams of Traverse City St. Francis, and Jordan Janowiak of Manistee Catholic Central.

Gabe Rivera of Ludington and Ben Simons of Cadillac were selected to play in the Class AB game that begins at 5 p.m. The girls all-star games are played prior to the boys. The girls CD game starts at 11 a.m. and the AB game at 1 p.m.

Blanco, Hanel, Fila are All-State

Mancelona's Blanco is first-team in Div. 3 while I-Lakes' Hanel is second-team Div. 3 and Harbor Light's Fila is second-team Div. 4

By Mike Dunn

Three baseball players from the area achieved All-State recognition from the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association last week. Mancelona mound ace Greg Blanco earned first-team honors in Div. 3 while Inland Lakes catcher Jordan Hanel was a second team pick in Div. 3 and Harbor Light Christian hurler Mark Fila was a second-team choice in Div. 4. All three recently completed their senior year.

The 6-foot-3, 175-pound Blanco had a perfect 13-0 record this season while helping the Ironmen to their best season in school history. With Blanco winning 13 and posting a miniscule ERA of 0.62, Mancelona repeated as Ski Valley champs and won a district title. Mancelona lost a heart-breaker, 2-1 to Lincoln-Alcona in the regional championship to finish with a 28-1 log.

Blanco, possessing a lethal mix of an 89-mph fastball, killer curve and change-up, befuddled opposing hitters all season long. He finished with 134 strikeouts. In the regional semifinals, he prevailed in an old-fashioned pitchers' duel against fellow All-State hurler Kevin LaVanway of Ellsworth, twirling a two-hit shutout.

Blanco, who will pitch next year for Spring Arbor, was a killer at the plate as well, leading the team with a whopping .506 average and, if that wasn't enough, he was a terror the base paths also, stealing an amazing 57 bases.

The hard-hitting Hanel had a remarkable season for Inland Lakes, ripping 49 hits and knocking in an incredible 60 runs for the Bulldogs, who finished with a 28-5 record. Hanel's horror for opposing hurlers, consistently made solid contact at the plate, accumulating a .569 average with 19 extra-base hits, including 14 doubles and four home runs. He or struck out nine times in 86 plate appearances and he was a defensive asset as well, using his howitzer of an arm to throw out 25 of 28 runners foolish enough to try and steal on him.

The flame-throwing Fila capped a brilliant prep career with the Swordsmen. Fila recorded a 9-3 record while helping Harbor Light to claim its third-straight Northern Lakes Conference championship along with a fourth-straight district title and berth in the regional finals against Norway. Fila fired an 11-strikeout, one-hit shutout over Ellsworth in the league-clinching victory and a no-hitter in a mercy shortened victory over Pellston in the district title game. Fila notched 114 K's and walked just 28 while posting an ERA of less than one run per game.

Boyne's 4th of July Festival

Thousands expected for parade, fireworks and more

By Jim Baumann, Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce

The Boyne City 4th of July Festival draws thousands of people to town for a giant parade at 10 a.m., evening fireworks plus a dozen other activities. Highlights include the 32nd Annual Waterside Arts and Crafts Show, 2-mile and 10k running races, a wacky raft race and duck race in the Boyne River, lots of food, live music and children's games.

The festival is centered in Veterans Memorial Park on the shore of Lake Charlevoix. There will be live music in the park all day topped off by "Stroll the Streets" from 6 to 9 p.m. July 3 and 4 with at least 6 bands, musicians and entertainers performing on the streets of downtown.

The Boyne Area Chamber office at 28 S. Lake St. has application and registration forms for all of the fun events that make up this busy day. This includes tickets for the Duck Race and registration forms for the parade, running race, arts and crafts show and raft race. The applications are also available on the new 4th of July website, www.boyne4thofjuly.com. You may also call 231-582-6222 for further information.

> **DUCK RACE** - Tickets are now on sale for \$10 for the Chamber's annual Duck Race at 2:30 p.m. in the Boyne River. Hundreds of spectators will be watching and cheering as 800 rubber ducks float down the river to the finish line behind Red Mesa Grill. Each duck is numbered, and the lucky owner of the fastest duck will win \$1,000. Second prize is \$250, third prize \$100, and 4th through 10th prizes are \$50 each. To purchase tickets visit the Chamber office at 28 S. Lake Street. If you purchase five or more tickets, we will accept Master Card or Visa, and phone orders will also be accepted. Local folksinger Adolph Cwik will again perform his "Legend of the Duck Race" and other songs beginning at 1:30.

> **2-MILE AND 10K RACES** - The Independence Day Run include 2-mile and 10K races, and serves as a major fund-raiser for the fireworks. Last year's race attracted more than 400 runners competing on a course that starts at Citizens Bank, 120 N. Lake St., at 7:30 a.m. and finish in front of the Bread Box Bakery. Entry fee is \$20 in advance or \$25 on July 4th. Race registrations can be returned to the Chamber office in advance or racers can register from 6 to 7 pm. Friday, July 3, in Sunset Park behind the Chamber office. Anyone who has pre-registered may also pick up their race bib at this time. Race day registration begins at 6:30 a.m., also at Sunset Park. The first 450 entrants will receive commemorative race T-shirts, and medals are awarded to the top finishers in each race and the top 3 in each age group: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. Post-race refreshments and door prizes are also provided.

> **RAFT RACE** is wet, wild, crazy and mainly fun, starting at 2 p.m. at the Old Mill Pond, upstream on the Boyne River. The rules are: (1) Have fun, (2) Get wet, (3) Get the crowd wet, (4) Try to beat Marty Moody. To register, call Moody at 582-2606 or just show up at 2 p.m. with your raft.

> **PLAYHOUSE RAFFLE** - Tickets are available at the Chamber office for the annual raffle for a children's playhouse, with proceeds benefiting the 4th of July Festival. The playhouse is on display next to the Chamber office at 28 S. Lake Street. It was built by the high school Building Trades Class with materials donated by F.O. Barden Lumber and Matelski Lumber. The drawing will be held at 10 a.m. July 7 at the Chamber office. Tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. You do not need to be present to win.

> **PORK ROAST DINNER** - The Masonic Lodge at 212 N. Lake St. is hosting a Pork Loin Roast Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on July 4th. Admission is \$9 adults and \$5 for children under 8. The full dinner includes strawberry shortcake for dessert.

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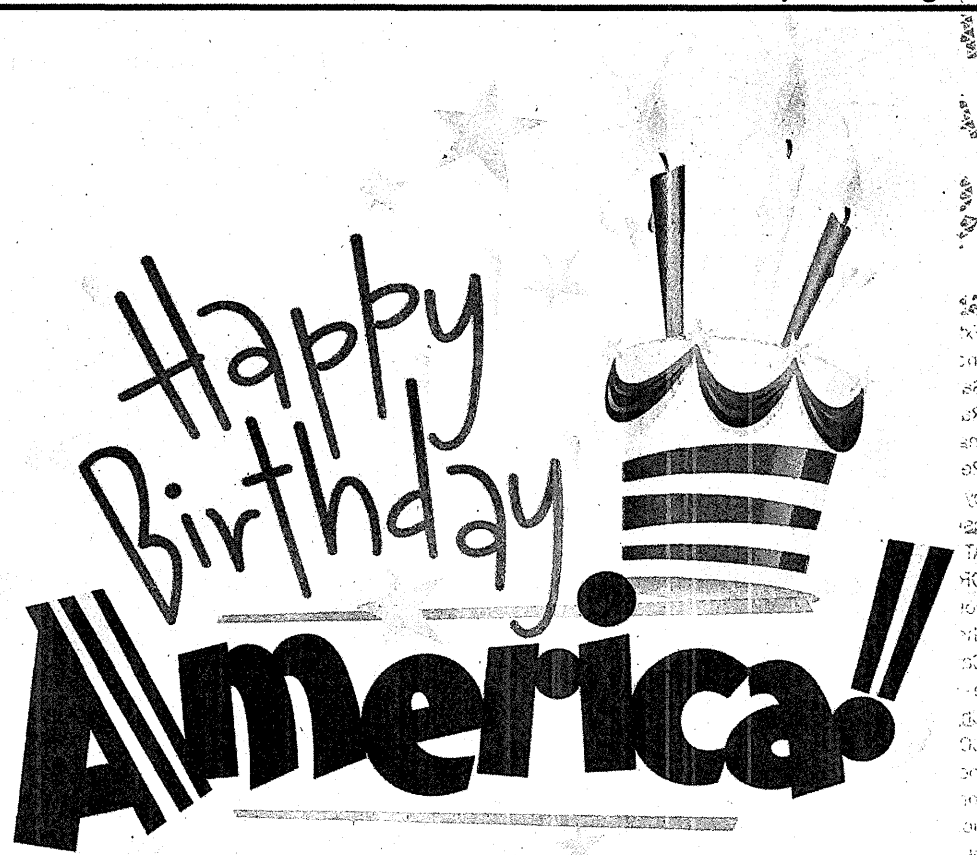
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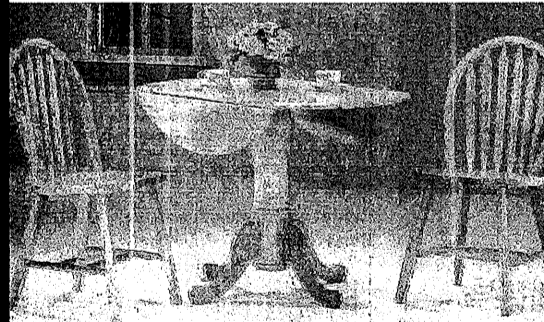
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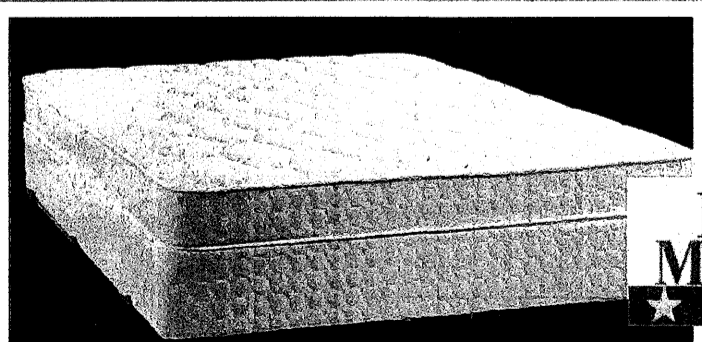
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