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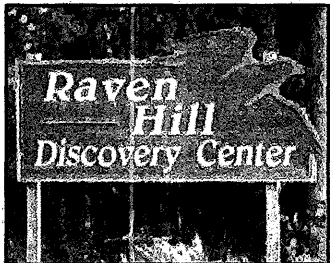
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## Raven Hill Fundraiser Highlights a Musical Theme

Friday Evening's Event at Discovery Center Raises over \$13,000

By Jason Crum

For the past eighteen years Raven Hill Discovery Center has been providing life-long connections for children and adults that link science, history and the arts in a hands-on learning environment. This past Friday marked their 7th fundraiser, and raised over \$13,000 for the Discovery Center.

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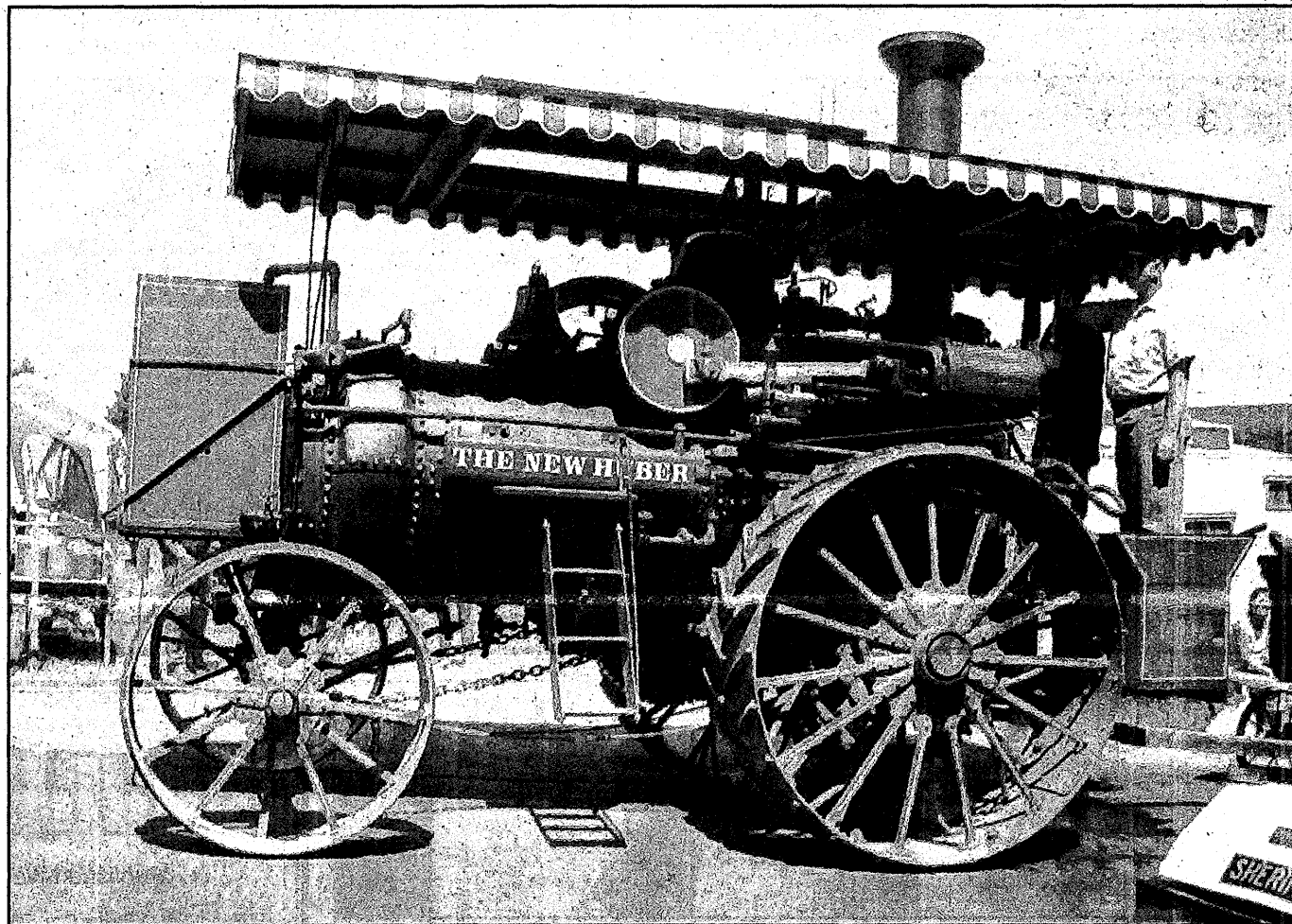
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### This Weekend's Walloon Lake Vintage Tractor, Engine and Crafts Show Brings the Past Alive

By Jim Akans

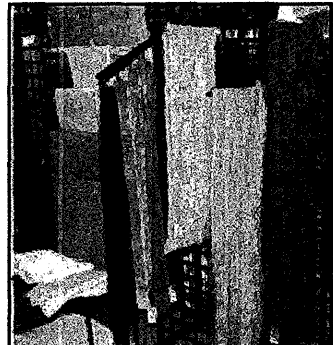
Since 1988, The Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club has been treating area residents and visitors to the area to an annual weekend event that captures the sights, sounds, smells and ambience of the wonders of early 20th Century machinery once again brought to life.

This weekend, starting on Thursday, July 23rd and running through Sunday, July 26th, the 22nd Annual Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers show will return to the Flywheelers Club's grounds located off US 131 just south of Walloon Lake. It is an event designed to thrill young and

old alike, rekindling memories for those who recall the days when these wonderful steam, oil, and gas tractors and machinery (unbridled by the advent of electronic control systems) ruled the roost, and creating lasting impressions of these operating marvels for those who have yet to witness the sheer power of early American engineering technology in action.

There will be daily Parade's of Power, with vintage tractors, threshers and other machinery displaying their might, a functioning Veneer, Wood Shingle and Sawmill powered by the original Ironton Ferry Diesel engine creating veneers

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## Fiber Meets Fashion at the Fiber Arts Festival

By Jim Akans

More than 50 vendors will be displaying goods crafted from organic fibers on Saturday and Sunday, July 25th and 26th at the 5th Annual Fiber Arts Festival held at the majestic Castle Farms facility in Charlevoix.

"My stepfather, Chuck continued on page 7...

## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

### CHARLEVOIX

#### VENETIAN FESTIVAL

For 79 years Charlevoix has hosted one of Northern Michigan's premier festivals, the Venetian Festival. This year's events are July 19 - 25. Music, food, events, contests, shows with free admission. Capped by a fantastic fireworks display on the Round Lake Harbor at dusk on July 25.

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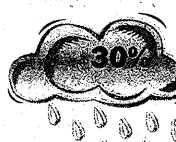
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## PARENTS ARE OFTEN THE CAUSE OF JEALOUSY BETWEEN SIBLINGS



FOCUS ON THE FAMILY with Dr. James Dobson

**QUESTION:** I'm concerned about sibling rivalry between my two daughters. What are the areas of potential conflict that should be handled with care?

**DR. DOBSON:** There are three areas that are most delicate. First, children are extremely sensitive about the matter of physical attractiveness and body characteristics. It is highly inflammatory to commend one child at the expense of the other. Suppose, for example, that Sharon is permitted to hear the casual remark about her sister: "Betty is sure going to be a gorgeous girl." The very fact that Sharon was not mentioned will probably establish the two girls as rivals. If there is a significant difference in beauty between the two, you can be assured that Sharon has already concluded, "Yeah, I'm the ugly one." When her fears are then confirmed by her parents, resentment and jealousy are generated.

Beauty is the most significant fac-

tor in the self-esteem of Western children. Anything that a parent utters on this subject within the hearing of children should be screened carefully. It has the power to make brothers and sisters hate one another.

Second, the matter of intelligence is another sensitive nerve to be handled with care. It is not uncommon to hear parents say in front of their children, "I think the younger boy is actually brighter than his brother." Adults find it difficult to comprehend how powerful that kind of assessment can be in a child's mind. Even when the comments are unplanned and are spoken routinely, they convey how a child is seen within his family. We are all vulnerable to that bit of evidence.

Third, children (and especially boys) are extremely competitive with regard to athletic abilities. Those who are slower, weaker and less coordinated than their brothers are rarely able to accept "second

best" with grace and dignity.

Consider, for example, the following note given to me by the mother of two boys. It was written by her nine-year-old son to his eight-year-old brother the evening after the younger child had beaten him in a race.

Dear Jim:

I am the greatest and your the badest. And I can beat everybody in a race and you can't beat anybody in a race. I'm the smartest and your the dumbest. I'm the best sport player and your the badest sport player. And your also a hog. I can beat anybody up. And that's the truth. And that's the end of this story.

Yours truly,

Richard

This note is humorous to me because Richard's motive was so poorly disguised. He had been badly stung by his humiliation on the field of honor, so he came home and raised the battle flags. He will probably spend the next eight weeks looking for opportunities to fire torpedoes into Jim's soft underbelly. Such is the nature of humankind.

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## Ken Doty Family Benefit Dinner

Potluck, Raffle & Silent Auction on Wednesday, July 29th at East Jordan Tourist Park

By Jane Booze

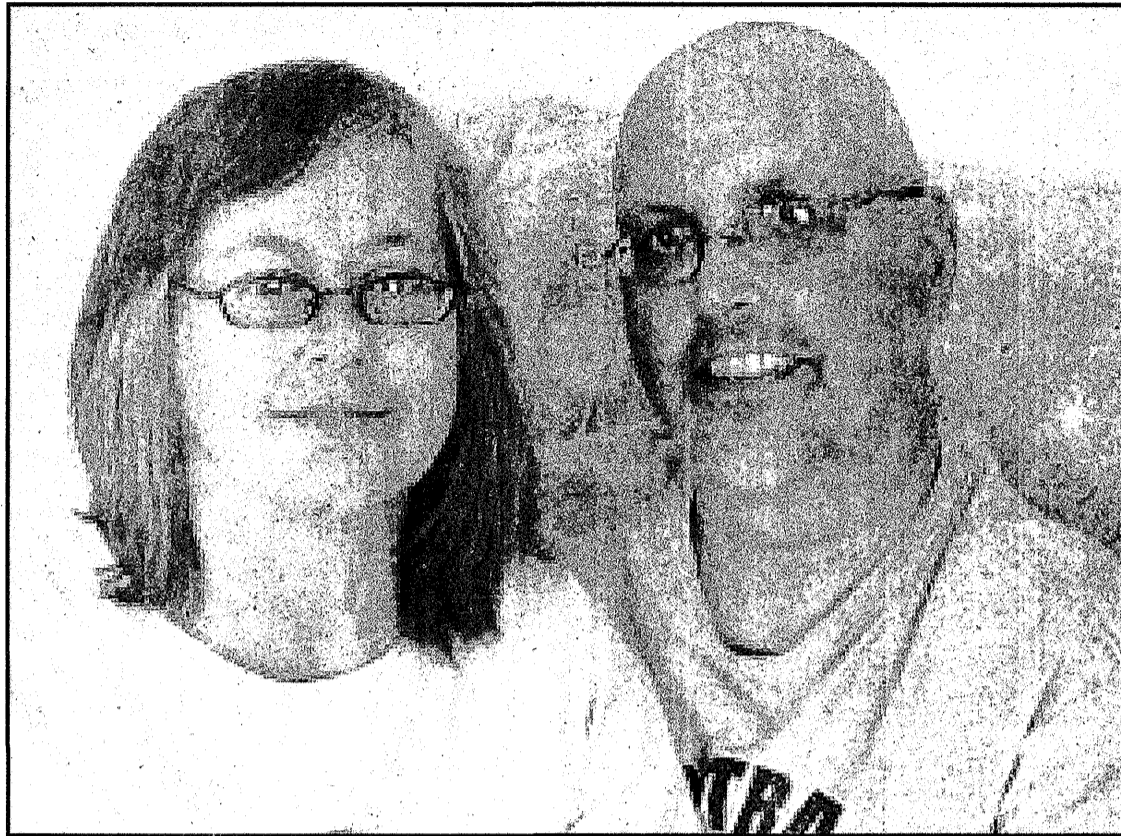
There's nothing like a community potluck, raffle and a silent auction with friends to make an enjoyable summer evening, but the dinner at the East Jordan Tourist Park on Wednesday, July 29 will have a serious note.

It's a benefit dinner for Ken and Lori Doty and their family, Jason Doty (of Boyne City and Boyne Falls), and Kayla and Michael Hines (of East Jordan).

Ken was diagnosed with prostate cancer in September of 2006, and he began treatment in January of 2007 – the same month Lori's 38-year-old brother lost his 2 year battle with cancer. The cancer is stage 4 and has moved to Ken's lymph nodes and bones, according to his wife, Lori Hines-Doty, and is now incurable. However, with treatment, Ken's life may be extended. In that hope, Ken was receiving chemotherapy as a participant in a clinical study at Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

Unfortunately, he was removed from treatment as the cancer continued to grow and spread, understanding that if he is able to participate in further studies in September, he will be called back.

"So we need a miracle for Ken to be feeling well



enough to participate," Lori said.

Adding stress to an already difficult situation, Doty has been unemployed since January.

The benefit dinner will include hamburgers, hot-dogs, salad, chips, desserts and beverages for \$5/ adults, \$3/children 5-12, and \$20/family. Benefit sponsors are also doing a returnable's drive the night of the benefit. So bring your bottles and cans, an appetite and a fistful of cash for the silent auc-

tion. It is another great opportunity to give back to a friend in need.

And if you've met Ken Doty – he is your friend.

Note: If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute, donations may be sent to Ken & Lori Doty, Northwestern Bank of Charlevoix, 1425 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, MI. 49720. And spread the word. Every little bite helps!

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#### BOYNE CITY

#### EVENINGS AT THE GAZEBO

Enjoy the music and the view every Wednesday at the gazebo in Old City Park every Wednesday evening through August. Concerts are from 6:30pm - 8pm. Organized by the Boyne Area Chamber. July 22 - Rob Johnson Blues Band

#### 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.

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### THURSDAY SCHEDULE FOR VENETIAN FESTIVAL

Thursday, July 23rd - Kid's Day at Lake Michigan Beach, 10am to 3pm. Carnival in downtown Charlevoix. Tennis at the Shanahan Fields/Stroud Park Courts. East Park, 6 to 10pm - Tiki Tent Stage, David Cisco, Northwest Academy Jazz, The Fabulous Horndogs, Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wings

#### 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

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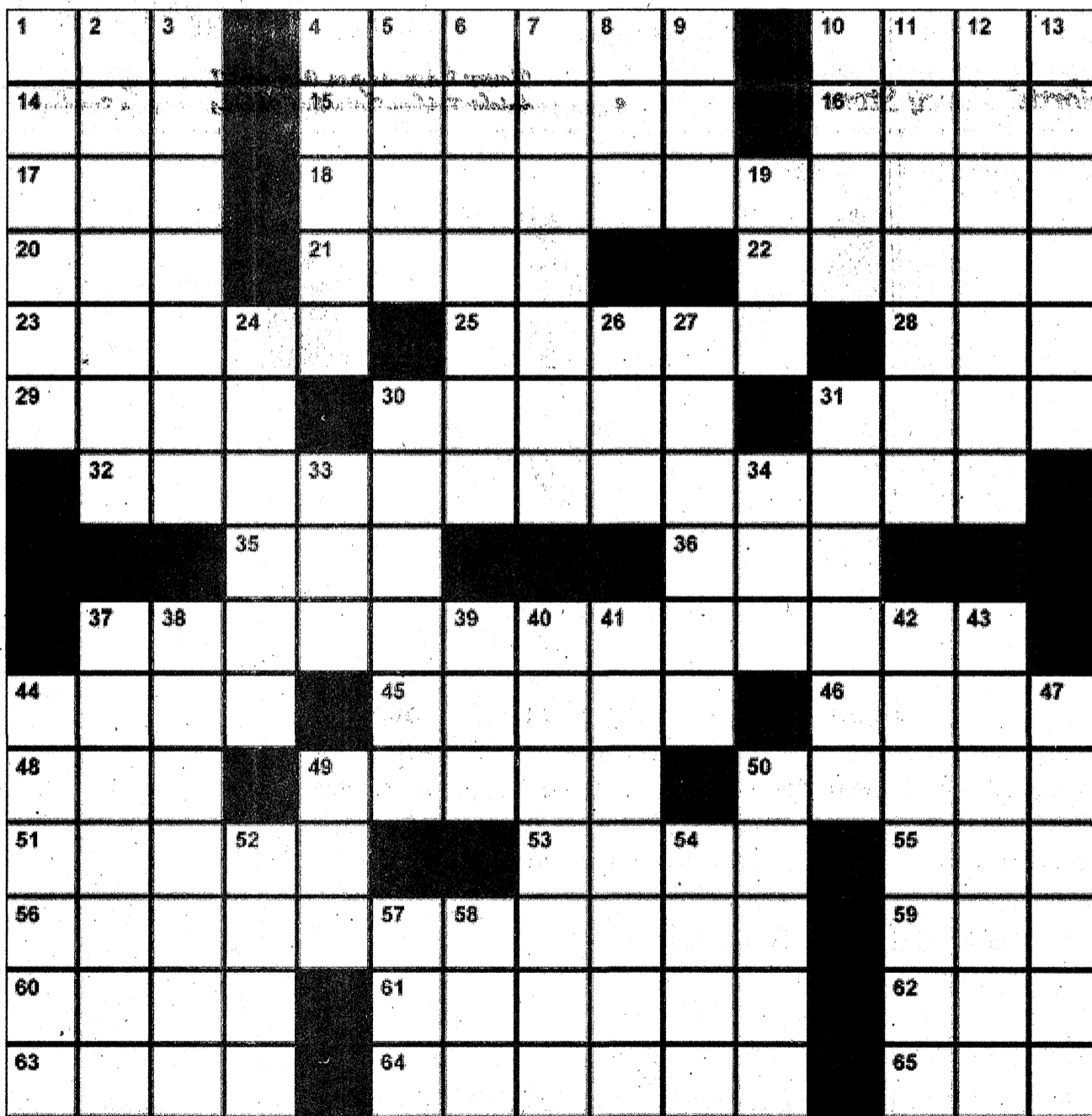
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other Michigan communities have done and are doing, to extend its program of work for at least another 15 years. Extending the DDA/Main Street will not raise property taxes but will allow the community to continue to direct tax dollars for public projects 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@boynecity.com](mailto:mainstreet@boynecity.com).

### WALLOON LAKE

#### ANTIQUE TRACTOR ENGINE AND CRAFT SHOW

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### CHARLEVOIX

#### FRIDAY SCHEDULE FOR VENETIAN FESTIVAL

Friday, July 24th - Carnival in downtown Charlevoix. Basketball Clinic at Charlevoix Middle School. East Park, 6 to 10pm - Tiki Tent Stage, Mitch Girt, Charlie's Root Fusion, Venetian Queen Coronation Ceremony, The Contours. Ferry Beach, 8 to 10pm - Up North Big Band, Night Sky Fireworks (Tentative) dusk on Lake Charlevoix

### BOYNE CITY

#### FRIENDS AND FAMILY FUN FAIR

Friends of the Boyne District Library will be hosting children's games and activities, a children's used book sale, music, clowns, balloons and prizes for all. A crazy quilt raffle will be held at 8PM. July 24

### EAST JORDAN

#### FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy the summer and the music at Memorial Park on July 24 at 7pm featuring Syzy (Acoustic Alternative Rock and Progressive Folk Tunes)

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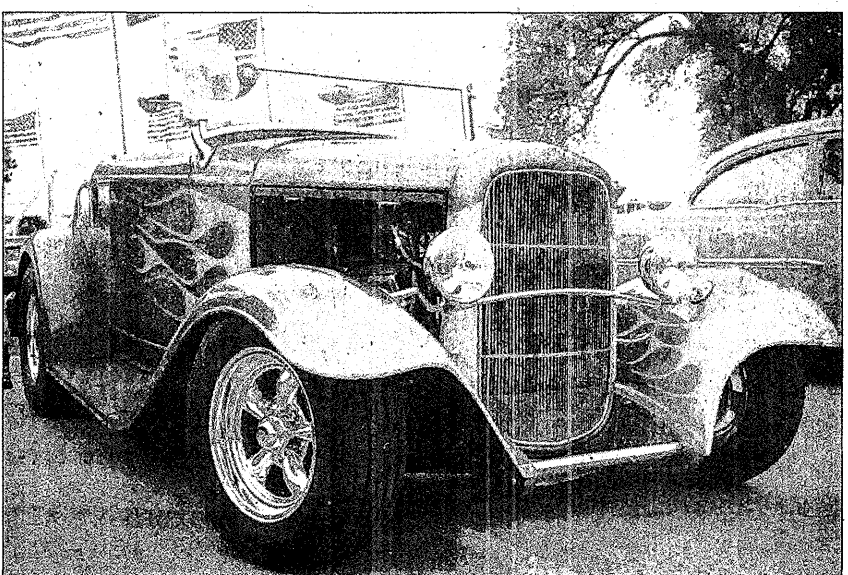
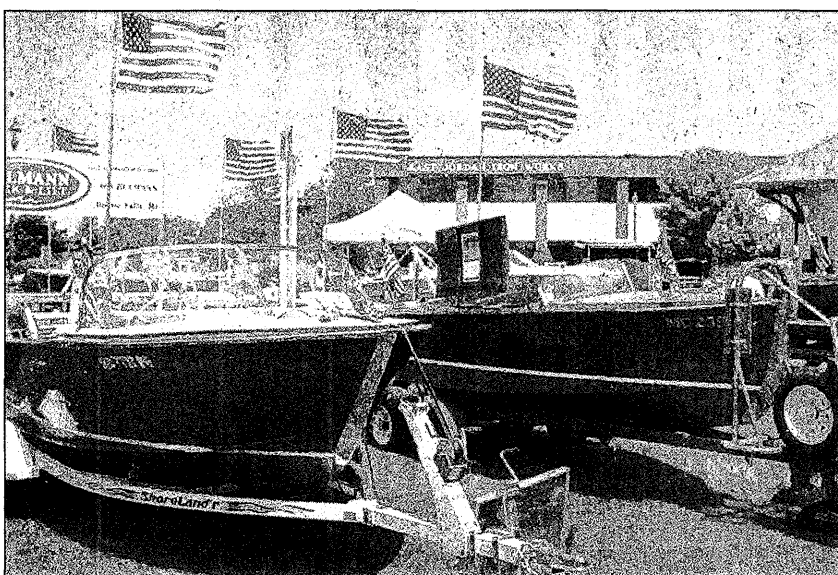
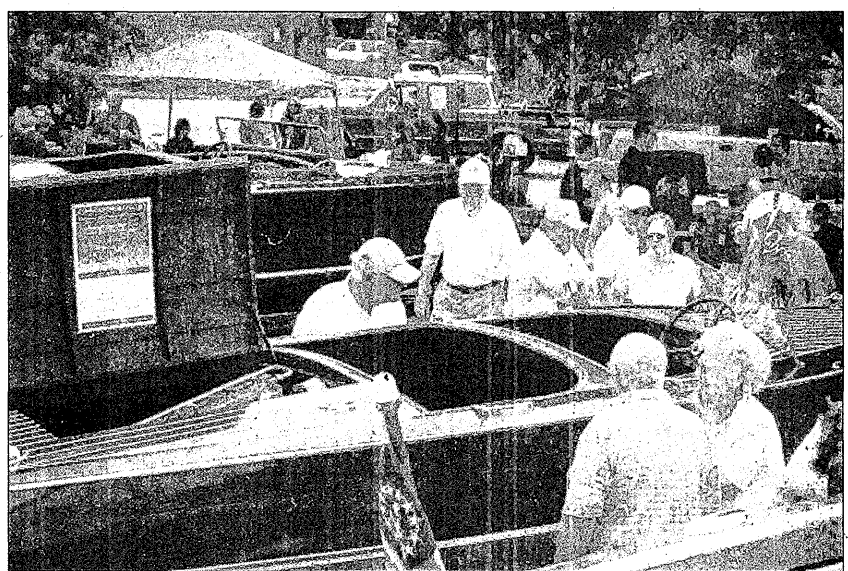
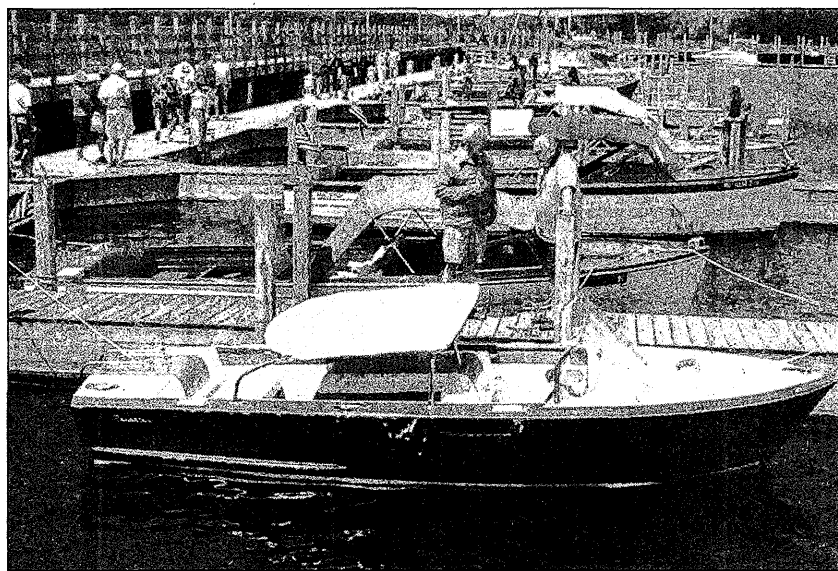
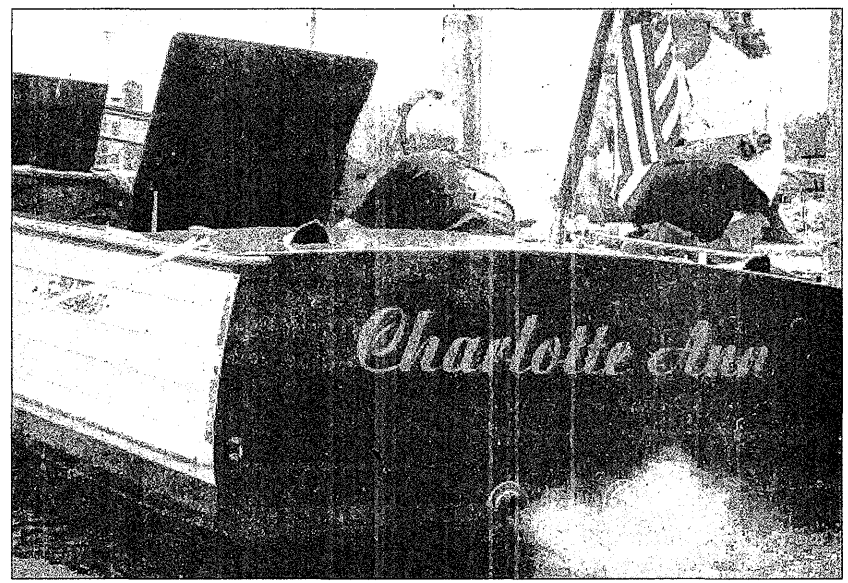
#### FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL

If you think of oatmeal when you think of fiber - think again! It's a shopping extravaganza with more than 50 vendors showcasing hand made goods including sweaters, original lace shawls, hats, mittens, and much more. Live animals, Interactive demonstrations, Sheep dogs at work, Sheep shearing pre-

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# South Arm Classic Boat Show Draws Nearly 1,000 Enthusiasts



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## Northern Michigan's Best Kept RV "Campground" Secret

### The Beaver Creek Resort Experience "Has it All"

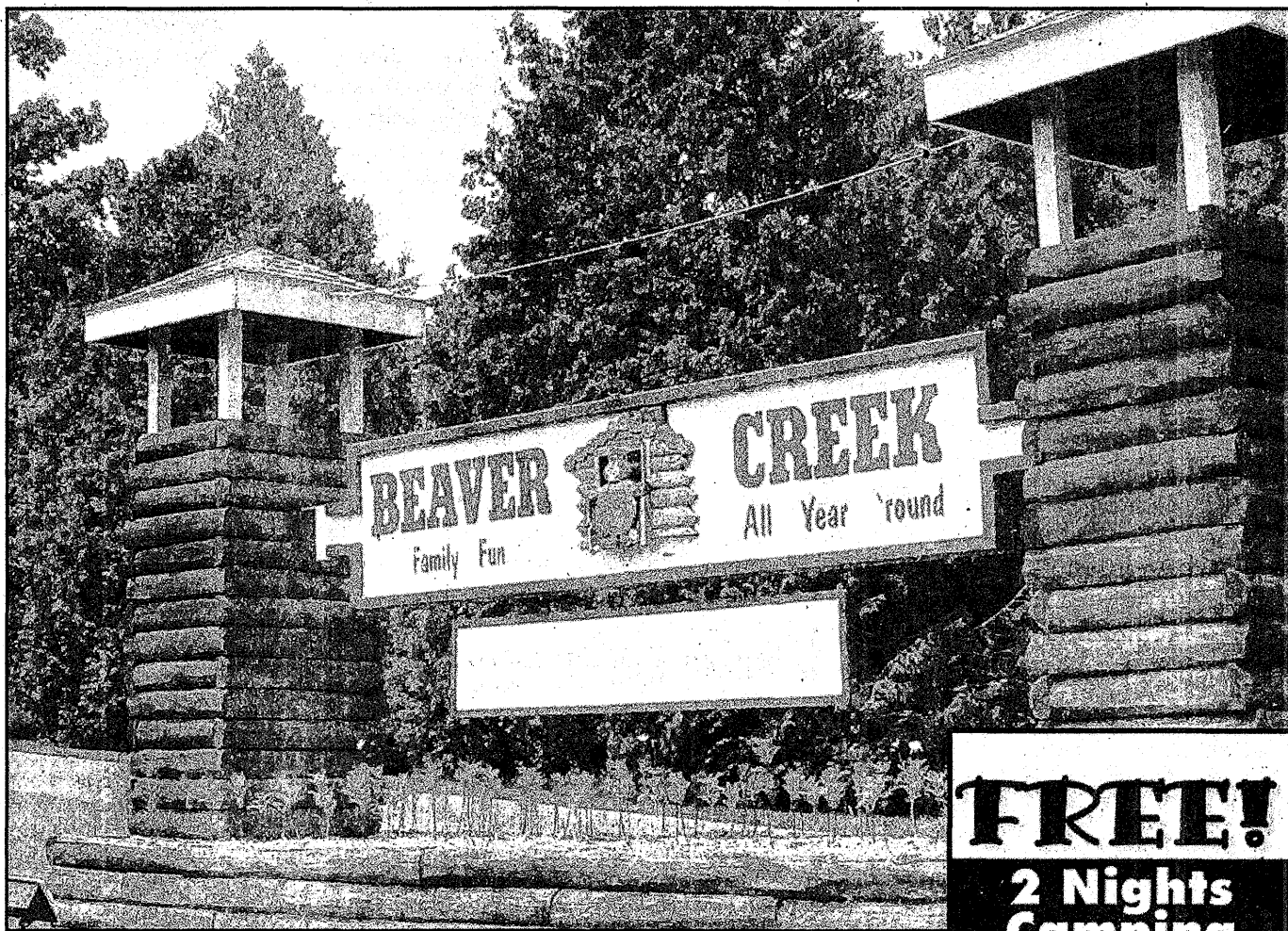
By Jim Akans

Nothing compares to the feeling of the freedom, serenity, and splendor of a Northern Michigan RV camping experience. It combines the best of a traditional camping adventure, reconnecting with the majesty and beauty of the great outdoors, with the luxury, convenience and comfort of a recreational vehicle tailored to the camper's unique needs and desires.

Beaver Creek Resort, located near Otsego Lake just south of Gaylord, Michigan, is an 80 acre facility specifically designed to provide the RV camper with a year-round haven, offering an incredible array of first-class amenities to enjoy.

"I like to tell our members that we have everything in the world to do," observes Dave Ramsey, spokesperson for Beaver Creek, "and if you want to do nothing... we have that to!"

The variety and excellent quality of services and activities available at Beaver Creek is simply amazing. The resort was established in 1984, and is located adjacent to the highly regarded Natural golf course (special golf packages are available to Beaver Creek members). It is also located within a "stones throw"



of all-sports Otsego Lake, but it is the features offered within the resort that keep members coming back year after year.

For those who enjoy frolicking in the water, Beaver Creek has indoor and outdoor swimming pools, hot tub and an amazing 200' water slide that keeps children (and adults) entertained all summer long. If you prefer your water in steam form, the resort also features a soothing indoor Sauna.

Sports enthusiasts will enjoy Beaver Creek's Tennis Court, Volleyball Court, 18 Hole Adventure mini-Golf course, adult lounge with a wide assortment of exercise equipment, or perhaps taking a leisurely paddle

boat excursion around the resort's five-acre lake.

"Children also love our video game room," notes Dave Ramsey, "and we have lots of activities for them, including a craft room, a bike parade, and seasonal activities such as hayrides and a much anticipated Halloween party."

Beaver Creek even has its own Country Store on site, well-stocked with groceries and sundry items so members don't have to travel to town to pick up that "cer-

tain something," although the many shopping and entertainment opportunities in Gaylord are just a few miles away.

Beaver Creek Resort is the perfect "get away" RV camping opportunity for those seeking a luxury retreat in beautiful Northern Michigan. Members also enjoy special deals at a multitude of other RV resorts around the country, though when it's as good as it gets at Beaver Creek, why would anyone want to stay elsewhere!

### LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

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sentations, Fashion show July 25 and 26 at Castle Farms.

#### CHARLEVOIX

#### SATURDAY SCHEDULE FOR VENETIAN FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 25th - Carnival in downtown Charlevoix, Venetian Street Parade on Bridge Street, 11am - Drenth Memorial Footrace, 5K, 10K, & Family 1 mile Run/Walk, 8:30am in downtown Charlevoix. Ryan Shay Mile, following the Drenth Memorial Footrace. Volleyball, 12pm at Ferry Beach. East Park, 12:30 to 2:30pm - Sault Ste Marie Pipe Band, Zion Lion. Bridge Park, 12:30pm - Plymouth Fife Drum Corps East Park, 6 to 11pm - Tiki Tent Stage, Tom Zipp, Soul Express, KIDS From Wisconsin, Venetian Boat Parade, Harbor Fireworks at dusk on Round Lake

#### EAST JORDAN

#### MEET THE CANDIDATES

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 28, 7pm to attend "Meet the Candidates" forum at the East Jordan Auditorium. Candidates running for East Jordan City Commission will be participating in this East Jordan Chamber sponsored questions, answer and presentation event. The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, August 4. Polls are open from 7am - 8pm at the Civic Center. Registered voters in the City of East Jordan vote in this election.

#### BOYNE CITY

#### CHILDREN OF THE WORLD SING IN HARMONY

The Rolnicka Praha Children's Choir and the Kalamazoo Children's Choir join for this concert July 29 at 8pm at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center. The concert is part of the Children of the World in Harmony Festival that will be presented in several Northern Michigan communities. Choirs and dance ensembles from Mongolia, China, Mexico, Kenya, the United States, Canada, Czech Republic, and Vietnam will be represented. Performing in Boyne City will be the Rolnicka Praha Children's Choir and the Kalamazoo Children's Choir. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. They are available at the door at Local Flavor Bookstore, phone 582-7499.

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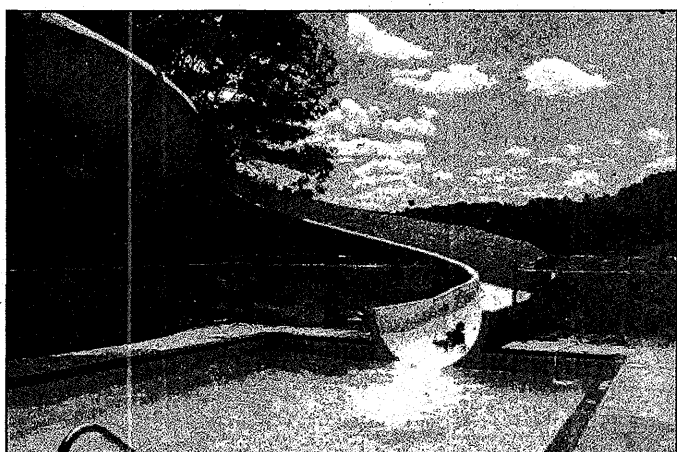
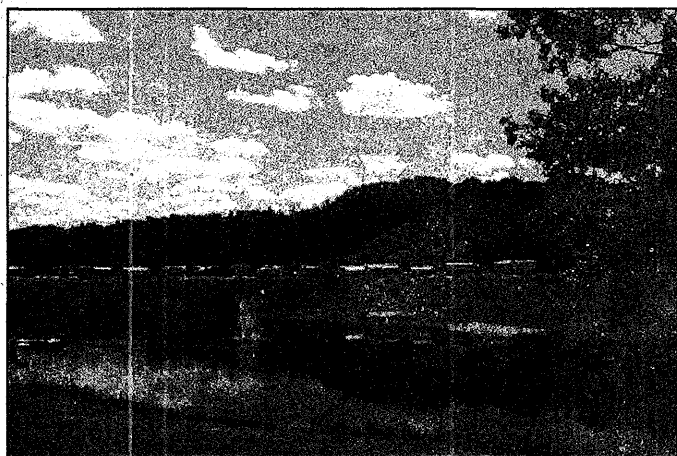
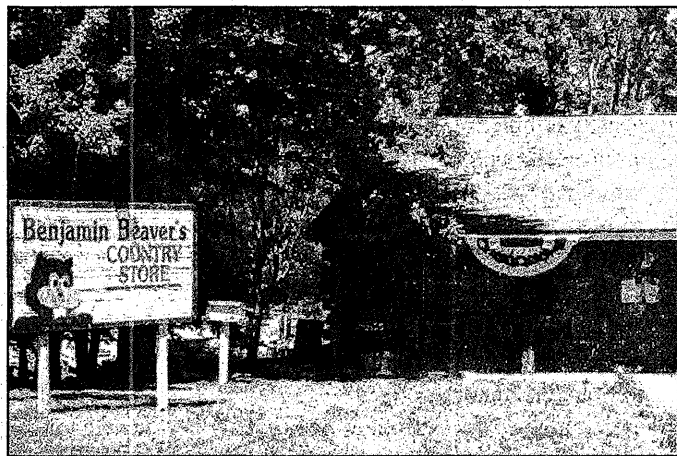
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### BOYNE CITY

#### EVENINGS AT THE GAZEBO

Enjoy the music and the view every Wednesday at the gazebo in Old City Park every Wednesday evening through August. Concerts are from 6:30pm - 8pm. Organized by the Boyne Area Chamber. July 29 - Brett Mitchell & the giant GHOST - Award winners, family entertainment, pop to rock.

### EAST JORDAN

#### POP WARNER FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

East Jordan Pop Warner Final Registration is July 30 and July 31 from 6 - 8pm in the Basement of East Jordan City Hall (Spring St. entry). Any questions please call Matt 231-675-3817 or 231-536-3693

### CHARLEVOIX

#### HEALTH SCREENINGS

Charlevoix Area Hospital continues to offer walk-in health screenings on the first Wednesday of each month. The Wellness Wednesday hours are: 10am until 1pm and from 1:45pm until 4pm. Health Screens include: Cholesterol and blood Glucose levels, Body Mass Index (BMI) score, and a Blood Pressure reading. Cost for the service is \$12.00. Participants will receive a blood pressure log, a pedometer, and all test results at the time of the screen. Health Consultation and educational materials will be tailored to individual results by a Registered Nurse. Appointments can be made in advance by calling the Office of Community Health Education at: 231-547-8906.

### BOYNE CITY

#### RIDE THE CHARX

Join us on a bicycle ride around Lake Charlevoix including Charlevoix, Emmet, and Antrim Counties on Saturday, August 1. You may join your riding friends for lunch for \$10. Prior registration is encouraged.

### BOYNE FALLS

#### POLISH FESTIVAL

Enjoy the music, parades, contests, carnival rides and the Polka tent at the 35th annual Boyne Falls Polish Festival August 6, 7, 8 and 9

### EAST JORDAN

#### FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy the summer and the music at Memorial Park on July 31 at 7pm featuring Full Circle (Rock-n-Roll)

### EAST JORDAN

#### PORTSIDE ARTS FAIR

47th Annual Portside Arts Fair at Elm Point Estate on

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# Antique Flywheelers ...

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Claire Howard models the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheeler's Club T-Shirt. All Photos Courtesy of Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers

and materials for baskets made on site, working blacksmiths, several demonstrations, and a special Garden Tractor Safari each evening for the children.

And while witnessing this phenomenal machin-

ery in action is certainly a sight to behold, there is much, much more for event attendees to peruse during their visit to the show.

A huge Arts and Crafts show, and Flea Market with as many as 100 vendors will also be open to visitors from Thursday through Sunday. This is a rare opportunity to witness skilled artisans plying their craft using spinning wheels, making old-fashioned straw brooms, creating wire jewelry, making soap, caning chairs, hooking rugs and more. There will even be a Vintage Fashion Show (which will undoubtedly have some of us checking the closet when we get home) during the event.

As if all this activity isn't enough entertainment to enjoy, there will also be plenty of first-class live music throughout the weekend.

Friday's line-up starts at noon with The Goddards, and continues with Line Dancing, Rich Kozlowski, the Oompah Band and wraps up with Joe Collet & Friends starting at 7 pm. On Saturday, Kelly Shively kicks off the entertainment at 11:30 am, followed by Sarah Schafer with Jessica Dominic, the Maple Sugar Band and Horton Creek takes the stage from 7 pm until 10 pm. Sunday, there will be a non-denominational church service on the grounds in the morning, and Dale Vizina & Friends, the Maple Sugar Band, and local music teacher Judy Slocum and her Students will wrap things up.

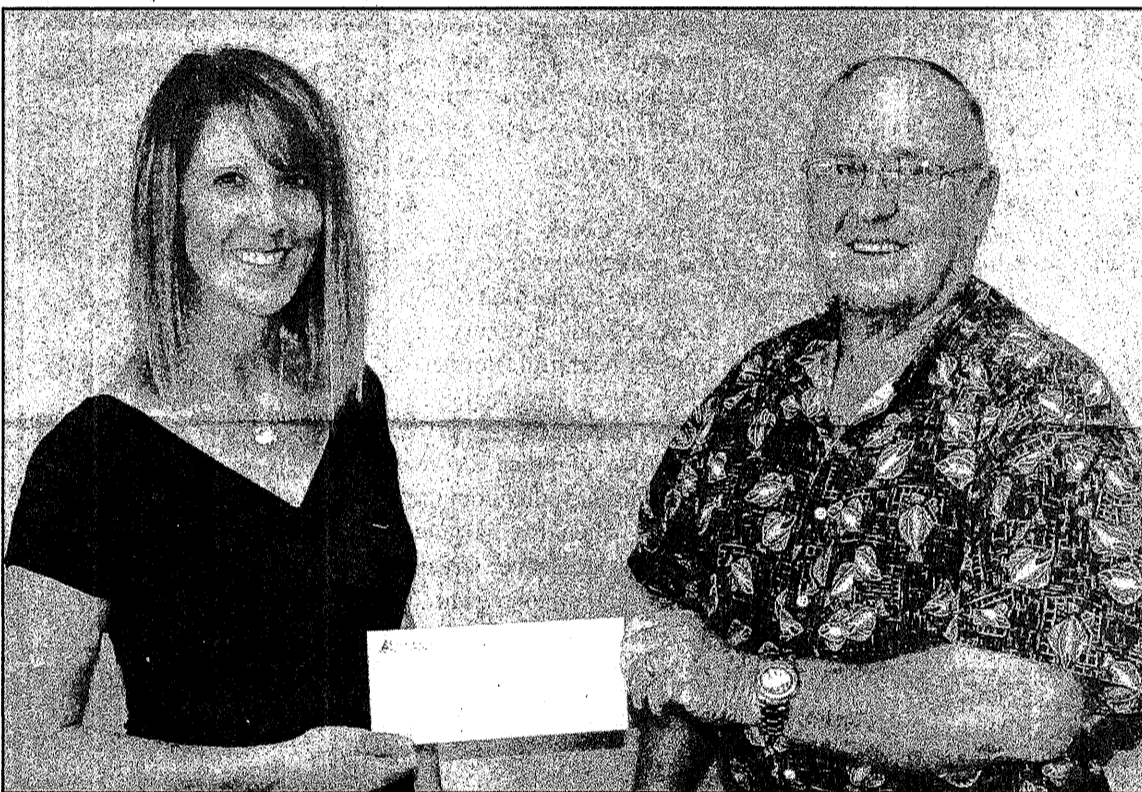
All day Thursday and Friday, there will be an opportunity for visitors to join in and "blow their own musical horns" at the Open Mic. This will be on the Main Stage on Thursday and on Friday morning, and on the Upper Stage all day Friday. So slap on a new set of strings, dust off the vocal chords, and share your talents!

Fun, with a solid dose of American cultural history, will definitely be in ample supply at the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers 22nd Annual Show. Admission is a mere \$5 donation, there are basic camping facilities available for \$25 per person, plenty of delicious food offered at the show, and parking is free.

See you there!



Un-styled John Deere Tractors will be the events 2009 Feature Tractor.



## LOCAL FLYWHEELERS RECEIVE \$4,000 GRANT

A \$4,000 grant will help the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club fund their next student harvest days program to be held this fall at their site between Walloon Lake and Boyne Falls. Club member C.E. Hermonson accepts the grant check from Shari Joles with the Great Lakes Energy People Fund.

# Romantic Music in Memorial Park

## The Songs of Bonnie & Francois Warm a Crisp East Jordan Evening in July

Friday evening in East Jordan sunlight filtered through the trees in Memorial Park - accompanied by a little slanting rain, carried sideways on a stiff breeze off Lake Charlevoix. Mostly it was sunny, and from the band shell, Bonnie and François of Quebec City warmed the air with decades of romantic songs, while assembled lovers and lovers of music hummed along.

Locals, of course, were prepared: Lawn chairs were lumpy with people in winter jackets huddled under blan-

kets. They braved the cool evening and the smattering of raindrops to enjoy the talents of local girl Bonnie (Omlund) Deschamps and François Brière.

Bonnie & François have been entertaining East Jordan music aficionados for years - a tribute to Bonnie's roots (she graduated from East Jordan High School). But their homes are in Québec, where the duo performs at festivals, special events and conventions.

For both, music was a part of their growing up years, from singing around the dining room table, to high school band, to church organist in Bonnie's case, and army band in François'.

A fire lit, neither of the two got very

far away from music. François, a pioneer in computer science, quickly found a way to integrate technology and music. Bonnie continued to sing, teach, accompany, direct and sing some more - comfortable wherever the music was.

They began to perform together in 1995, with voices and François' tenor sax, and have delighted audiences at more than 275 outdoor concerts a year ever since. Both compose and arrange music, together producing 17 albums on their own record label and continue to sell their music literally all over the world.

But Friday night they belonged to East Jordan alone. Audience and performers alike faced the unseasonably crisp July breeze with serenity -

though one had the advantage of blankets. From music lovers who always attend East Jordan's Friday nights' Music in the Park, to romantics, to former classmates, it was a crowd whose lack of size was compensated with enthusiasm (though mostly not for dancing, despite Bonnie's encouragement).

Bonnie & François performed songs based on the "great 20th Century song writers from the 1920s through the 1960s," crooning two lovely hours away, while the cool night receded in the warmth of enduring love... songs.

Learn more about Bonnie & François at [songs4you.site.voila.fr](http://songs4you.site.voila.fr)

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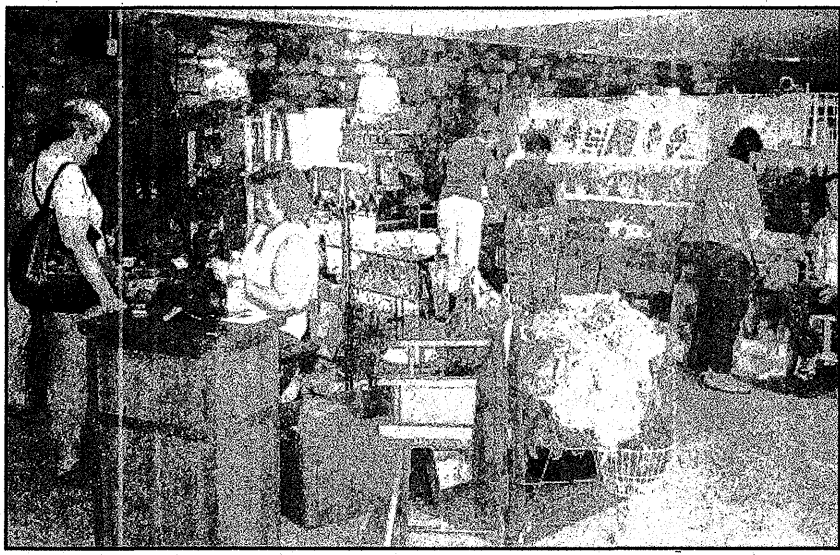
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## Fiber Arts Festival ... Continued from front page



McDermott, and Jan Sheridan Hoover founded this event five years ago," states Jodi Riddle, event organizer. "Last year, more than 1,500 people attended to view the wonderful selection of goods offered by our vendors and see demonstrations of what is involved in creating the wide selection of apparel, rugs, yarns, knitting accessories and many other natural fiber products on display."

In addition to the incredible range of fiber related products, there will also be a petting zoo featuring animals such as bunnies, sheep and goats. This is always a big hit for the children, as well as adults who haven't had the opportunity to touch and see these extraordinary animals up close.

Spinning, weaving and knitting interactive demonstrations at the Fiber Arts Festival are also fascinating activities to witness and participate in for all ages. There will be vendors displaying their talents at natural dyeing and felting, sheep dogs at work, and presentations of how sheep are shorn to provide fibers for some of the many products on hand.

"Most of these products are made from animals that people raise themselves," notes Jodi, "not mass-produced goods. Many people attending the event return year after year, and come from all over the state of Michigan, and even some from as far away as Arizona. Castle Farms is a beautiful, elegant venue for the festival and for those who have never been here, the atmosphere is very unique and special."

Musical entertainment will be provided by Cairn to Cairn, featuring the flutist Kelly McDermott and guitarist/singer Terry Farmer. Their performance embraces a wide variety of genres, including Celtic, folk, carols and original material. Food will be available from Black Morel Custom Catering, and don't miss the popular Fiber Art Fashion Show, featuring original designs, several of which are created using fiber from Michigan farms, that will take place each afternoon.

For more information, please call at 231-237-0884 or visit [www.castle-farms.com](http://www.castle-farms.com).

FiberArtsPhotos (courtesy of Fiber Arts Festival).

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M-66, Aug. 1 and 2 from 10am - 5pm

### CHARLEVOIX

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS OUTDOOR ART AUCTION

Garden Party: Benches Take Root a premier auction event benefiting the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross. Local artists created beautiful benches and chairs which are currently on display in the community. These unique works of art will be auctioned on Aug 5 at North Central Michigan College at 6pm. For reservations call 231-348-7666. Maps locating all the benches and chairs are available at the chamber office. To view the benches or for more information go to [www.arcnlm.org](http://www.arcnlm.org).

### CHARLEVOIX

#### HOSPITAL GUILD'S SILENT AUCTION

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's Annual Silent Auction will be on August 6, from 10am to 3pm. The public is cordially invited to browse and bid as there's something for everyone.

### EAST JORDAN

#### MOONLIT RIVER TRIP

Friends of the Jordan are hosting a Friday Moonlit River Trip on Aug. 7 at 8:30 PM

### CHARLEVOIX

#### ANNUAL WATERFRONT ART FAIR

On August 8th, the Charlevoix Council for the Arts invites you to attend the 51st Annual Waterfront Art Fair.

### BOYNE CITY

#### ANTIQUÉ CAR SHOW AND FLEA MARKET

36th Annual Antique Auto Show and Flea Market held August 8 and 9 at Veteran's Memorial Park, Boyne City. Admission free for spectators! Food on the grounds. Saturday 8am to 4pm, Sunday 8am to 3pm.

### EAST JORDAN

#### DUCKY DERBY

Annual Ducky Derby to be held on Sunday, August 9 at 3pm in Sportsman Park. Crossroads Resale Shop is a non-profit organization, dedicated to helping those in need in our community. Please help us to help others by volunteering at the store, donating good used clothing and household items or by purchasing a Ducky Derby ticket. Only 125 tickets will be sold at \$100.00 each. Tickets may be purchased individually or you may want to "buddy up" with a friend or group of friends. Proceeds will go into our capital improvements fund for the purpose of continuing the

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## Stupak Vote Helps to Secure \$30.8 Million for Northern Michigan

### Energy and Water Projects, Includes Charlevoix Harbor

WASHINGTON — U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) voted Friday, July 17, in support of the Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which includes \$30.8 million for Northern Michigan projects. H.R. 3183 provides funding for the U.S. Department of Energy, Army Corps of Engineers and related federal agencies. The bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 320 to 97 and now awaits

consideration in the U.S. Senate.

The bill includes \$203,000 for the Charlevoix harbor. Funding will be used to remove obstructions in the harbor and to map the channel. Sand blowing over the structures causes sediment build up that requires annual clearing.

"The Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water bill makes a significant investment in Northern Michigan, particularly the infrastructure and maintenance needs of our navigable waterways," Stupak said. "The First Congressional District touches three of the five Great Lakes and is nearly completely surrounded by water. It is fitting that the bulk of water infrastructure spending for

Michigan be directed to Northern Michigan and I was pleased to help provide this critical investment."

Other projects include \$23,010,000 for the Corps of Engineers to operate and maintain the Soo Locks. Funding will be used to improve the efficiency of the locks and reduce the risks of downtime and vessel delays. Work will focus on the Poe and MacArthur locks, as well as other infrastructure at the facility, and \$2,612,000 for surveillance of Michigan's northern boundary waters, including monitoring of water levels and other coordinated activities with the International Joint Commission (IJC).

## UP-BEAT



*The Charlevoix County News makes it a point every week to publish the positive side of news in Charlevoix County. We are surrounded by negative news, but readers find the Charlevoix County News will find a refreshing change especially in today's climate. If you have something positive to share, let us know. E-Mail us at [Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com](mailto:Office@CharlevoixCountyNews.com).*

## Cheer Up

By Dave Baragrey 1

"You should develop a more positive outlook on life."  
"You should smile more."  
"You should be more positive."

Do you ever hear comments like those? Have you wondered if the people making them were really more worried about their own happiness than they were in your frame of mind? Let's be honest. That's probably the case. People tell others to "cheer up" because they're feel awkward around folks who are angry, sad, disappointed or anything else but happy. They don't necessarily want you to be perky because it's great for you. They want to see that shift, in some cases, for their own personal reasons.

Not everyone's that way, though. Sometimes you cross paths with folks who really are interested in your well-being they recognize the advantages of a positive outlook and they want that for you because they care about you as a person. Drop the suspicious act! It does happen.

Don't dismiss those calls to develop a happier perspective. Regardless of the motivation behind those recommendations, there is real value to positive thinking. Don't think of those calling for you to make a change as "bitter", consider the possibility that they may be legitimately interested in offering you a chance to develop a more rewarding life.

First, there's plenty of evidence to suggest that your thought patters and visible expression can have a substantial impact you life. Those who look for the bright side, we've learned, are more likely to do so successfully than are others.

Second, a positive attitude makes you more attractive. Even if you're not looking for a love connection, it makes a difference. It makes you more approachable and it gives you a certain sense of security that also facilitates more interaction with others. That has real value on both personal and professional levels.

Third, a positive perspective empowers you. It gives you the sense of confidence necessary try new things and to work harder ongoing tasks. Having a good outlook on life can create some very real changes for you in this regard. Many people find that things about which once only dreamed can suddenly become a reality.

Here is a quote to keep in mind  
*"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this inner light."* ~Albert Schweitzer

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### Dr McMillian's Mental Health Corner



#### Social Phobia

Social Phobia is classified as an anxiety disorder. Prominent features are marked by a chronic fear of negative evaluation by others, inhibition, withdrawal, and avoidance of social contacts. Research suggests prevalence ranges from 2.8% to 13%. Individuals with social phobia make negative predictions about social events and then underestimate their social performance while overestimating negative outcomes when interacting with others. Studies show that anticipation of social outings alters brain regions reflecting changes in associated neural activity. It is thought that temperament can play a role in social phobia. Intervention teaches reframing of social information for the sufferer with social phobia. Those with severe social phobia where depression is quite prevalent benefit significantly from the use of psychological intervention and psychotropic medication.

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paving of the parking lot, making a safer area outside and a cleaner area inside for our shoppers.

### CHARLEVOIX

#### CHARLEVOIX POOL AUCTION

The 20th Annual Charlevoix Pool Auction will take place at Castle Farms on Aug. 9. For additional information, call 547.0982.

### BOYNE CITY

#### DANCIN' IN THE STREETS

SoBo, the newly named South Boyne business district, presents the 5th annual Dancin' in the Streets Thursday, July 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Acoustic Stew will entertain just south of the corner of Lake and Main Streets. The event is sponsored by Cindi Franco's, Lake Street Market and Eyes on Main. Organizer Cindi Mallin says, "Bring your chairs, grab a sandwich, put on your dancing' shows and join us for an evening of fun." Dancin' in the Streets will return Aug. 27 when The Sun Dogs will be performing.

### CHARLEVOIX

#### SIDEWALK SALES

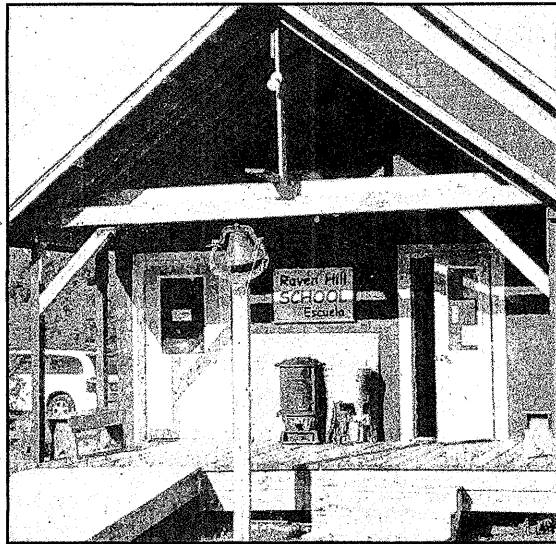
Bargains, bargains and more during the Sidewalk Sales in Charlevoix. Merchants move their wares to the sidewalk so that you can just stroll along and choose your merchandise Aug. 13-15.

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# Raven Hill Fundraiser Highlights

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are planned around a central theme that is based on new attractions or exhibits. This year, there was a musical theme as Raven Hill showed off their new outdoor exhibit, The Earth Tones Music Garden that connects the science of sound and the history of instruments to the art of music. The garden's musical instruments include a 40 foot friction harp, stone lithophone, Amadinda, whale drum, slap tubes, giant chimes and more,



Vintage Schoolhouse under renovation.



Susan Howard holds a Red Tailed Boa.



The Sweet Wood Recorder Ensemble

all which can be played separately or used in concert.

Raven Hill Discovery Center was founded by Cheri and Tim Leach, a husband and wife team who were both science teachers before pursuing their vision of the Discovery Center. Raven Hill has grown over the years, adding new exhibits as funds allow.

The original vision of Raven Hill Discovery Center was to make learning fun for children. Adults that come to visit, though, soon realize that everyone is a child at Raven Hill. Board Chairperson, Amy Gillard, threw out a challenge during the fundraiser, daring anyone to "spend just an hour" at Raven Hill, implying that there is so much to see and do, that it will entertain the whole family for an entire afternoon.

Other exhibits at Raven Hill Discovery Center include the Alternative Energy House, which is run completely by solar energy, a tree house, built in the shape of a maple leaf, around 4 living maple trees. There is a hands on museum, where

visitors may manipulate prisms in a laser beam, climb inside a kaleidoscope, weave on a loom, ride a generator bike to turn on lights, build sculptures, arches, and towers on a huge magnet table, and more.

Raven Hill is also home to many exotic animals that started out as pets, but were later rescued by Raven Hill when the owners abandoned them. Visitors have the opportunity to feed the giant Sulcata Tortoises or hold a Red Tailed Boa.

As grant money has become more scarce and difficult to obtain, Raven Hill has had to rely on donations and events like their fundraiser, in order to keep adding exhibits. Cheri Leach said this year's fundraiser was a great success and wanted to "thank all of the volunteers and contributors for the myriad of support."

If you would like to learn more about Raven Hill Discovery Center, you can visit their web site at [www.ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org](http://www.ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org) or call them at 877.833.4254

# Home for Flagpole Remains Undecided

By B. J. Conley-Hetler

CHARLEVOIX — At its July 20 meeting, Charlevoix City Council took up where it left off at its last meeting in a discussion of the humungous flagpole that the city possesses.

At 70-feet in height, the city hasn't decided whether to keep the pole and if so, where to place it, or whether to give it to the veterans' VFW Hall. The pole was originally located at Big Rock Nuclear Plant.

Some council members are considering East Park as its location, while

others said it is too tall for the park. Charlie Butcher of the VFW told council the veterans would like to have the pole.

"We were the first to be offered this flagpole," Butcher said. "Giving it to some other entity doesn't sit too well with the veterans. We'll put it in the

front yard at the VFW and we'll raise whatever money we need to (for placement costs)."

In the end, council postponed a decision "indefinitely" to allow time for researching the costs involved in preparing the pole and maintaining it.

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### BOYNE FALLS

#### KID ROCK RETURNS

Kid Rock is returning to Boyne Mountain for a live concert on Saturday, Aug. 15.

### CHARLEVOIX

#### 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 luminaria 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.

### EAST JORDAN

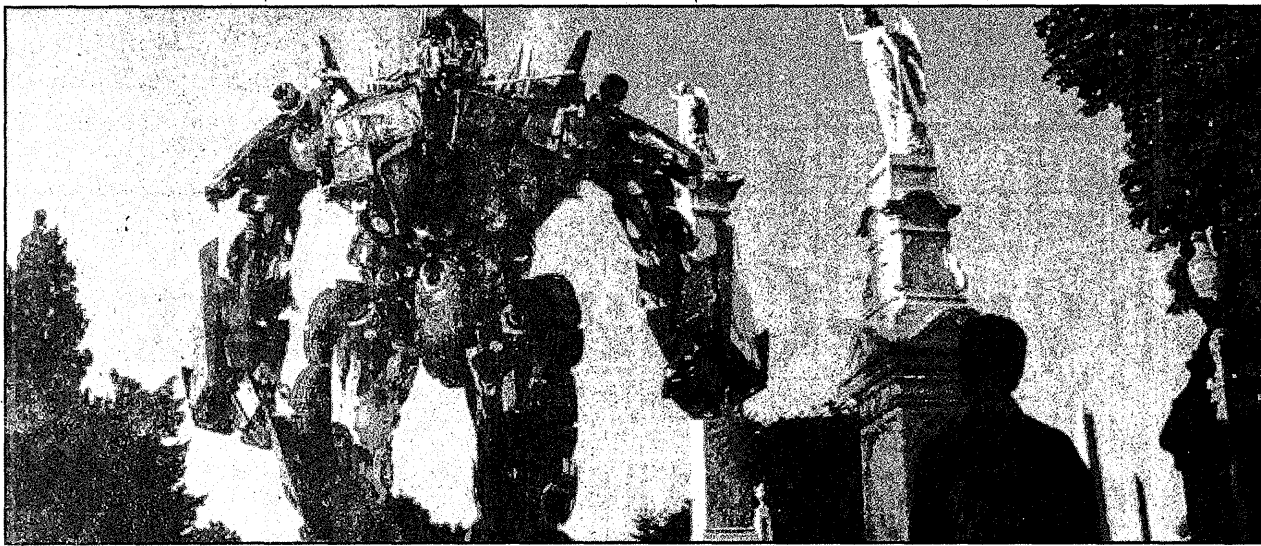
#### CHILDREN'S PLAY GROUP

The library and the Women's Resource Center collaborate together to promote reading to young children during play group. Mary Sivula, leader of the play group and Library Assistant, Robin Moyer imple-

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# Heavy Metal Dudes Return in Transformers 2

By Jim Akans



## Revenge of the Fallen Aimed at More Mature Audiences

I confess, I did not see the original Transformers movie, so I thought I might have some catching up to do to keep pace with this second installment of the live action series. It is loosely based on the action figures that have been popular for so long my kids who played with them now have children of their own.

Not too worry, this film has so many twists and turns in the plot line even audience members who had seen the original often seemed as confused as I was. But this movie isn't really about storyline, it's about action, and lest there be any downtime... more action.

You see, thousands of years ago a legion of transformers (warlike robots that have unassuming forms, typically

very cool looking cars and trucks, as their disguises), visited Earth in search of "Energon" sources. They left behind an extremely nasty machine (hidden in a very ancient structure) designed to sap all the energy from the sun when activated.

Jump to present day, and the bad-guy transformers, also known as Decepticons, have come back to our planet to locate the key that will activate the "Sun Harvester" and... well, that would make the prospect for our survival not too good.

Fortunately, the good-guy transformers, Autobots, have come to our defense and more specifically, protect recent college freshman teen Sam Witwicky, who has the code imbedded in his mind that would activate the deadly Sun Harvester.

There's a love story thrown in as well, in Sam's budding relationship with the gorgeous Mikaela Banes, who is also wise to all this transformer/alien business. There are a few other colorful characters who aid young Sam in his quest to save the planet and bring some light-heartedness to the picture.

While all of this is going on, there are countless, (go ahead, try to count them if you like), battles between Decepticons, Autobots and the United States military, with more firepower than can fit on the screen, more vehicles destroyed than the Big 3 can sell in good month, and more buildings leveled than the aftermath of a 8.0 magnitude earthquake. If you enjoy bombastic special effects, the meandering storyline won't be problem.

Transformers 2 is rated PG-13, and is definitely aimed a more mature audiences. There's a bit of foul language, obviously some violence and intense action, and a pretty

good amount of sexual references and innuendo, something we referred to as "eye candy" back when my kids were playing with transformer figures.

#### Exit Comments:

- "It was crazy...intense with action," Bill & Janice - Gaylord
- "Better than the first one...aimed at an older crowd," Ron & Melissa - Grayling
- "Cool action and good story," Cody & LeAnne, Gaylord
- "Storyline could have been clearer, kind of went everywhere," Mike - Cedar Lake

#### Exit Poll - Which Did You Prefer?



Movie; 70%



Popcorn; 30%

# LOCAL MOVIE LISTINGS

### Gaylord Cinema West July 24-30

**G-Force - PG (90)**  
Voices - Nicholas Cage - Penelope Cruz  
At: 2:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:00

**The Proposal - PG-13 (108)**  
Starring - Sandra Bullock - Martin Akermans  
At: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

**The Ugly Truth - R (96)**  
Starring - Katherine Heigl - Gerard Butler  
At: 2:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:00

**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs - PG (94)**  
Voices - Ray Romano - Denis Leary  
At: 2:00, 4:00, 7:00

**Orphan - R (123)**  
Voices - Peter Sarsgard - Isabella Fuhrman  
At: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

**Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince - PG (153)**  
Starring - Emma Watson - Daniel Radcliffe  
At: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40

### Courtyard Cinema July 24-30

**G-Force - PG (90)**  
Voices - Nicholas Cage - Penelope Cruz  
At: 2:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:00

**The Proposal - PG-13 (108)**  
Starring - Sandra Bullock - Martin Akermans  
At: 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

**The Ugly Truth - R (96)**  
Starring - Katherine Heigl - Gerard Butler  
At: 2:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:00

**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs - PG (94)**  
Voices - Ray Romano - Denis Leary  
At: 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:00

**Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince - PG (153)**  
Starring - Emma Watson - Daniel Radcliffe  
At: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:40

### Petoskey Cinema July 24-30

**The Hangover - R (103)**  
Starring - Bradley Cooper - Heather Graham  
At: 2:30, 5:00, 7:00

**Orphan - R (123)**  
Voices - Peter Sarsgard - Isabella Fuhrman  
At: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15

**The Ugly Truth - R (96)**  
Starring - Katherine Heigl - Gerard Butler  
At: 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9:00

**The Proposal - PG-13 (108)**  
Starring - Sandra Bullock - Martin Akermans  
At: 12:00, 2:15, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15

**Transformers PG-13 (150)**  
(Revenge of the Fallen)  
Starring - Shia LeBeouf - Josh Duhamel  
At: 11:45, 9:00

**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs - PG (94)**  
Voices - Ray Romano - Denis Leary  
At: 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9:00

**G-Force - PG (90)**  
Voices - Nicholas Cage - Penelope Cruz  
At: 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9:00

**Public Enemies - R (141)**  
Starring - Johnny Depp - Christian Bale  
At: 11:45, 2:30, 6:45, 9:30

**Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince - PG (153)**  
Starring - Emma Watson - Daniel Radcliffe  
At: 11:45, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 6:45, 7:00, 9:30, 9:45

### Bellaire Cinema July 24-30

**The Proposal - PG-13 (108)**  
Starring - Sandra Bullock - Martin Akermans  
At: 7:00, 9:15

**Harry Potter & The Half-Blood Prince - PG (153)**  
Starring - Emma Watson - Daniel Radcliffe  
At: 7:00, 9:35

### Kingston Cinema July 24-30

**G-Force - PG (90)**  
Voices - Nicholas Cage - Penelope Cruz  
At: 1:00, 3:00 7:00, 9:00

**The Proposal - PG-13 (108)**  
Starring - Sandra Bullock - Martin Akermans  
At: 1:00, 3:15, 7:00, 9:15

**The Ugly Truth - R (96)**  
Starring - Katherine Heigl - Gerard Butler  
At: 1:00, 3:00 7:00, 9:00

**Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs - PG (94)**  
Voices - Ray Romano - Denis Leary  
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ment 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.

### 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 S. 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](mailto:bess@arcnlm.org).

### CHARLEVOIX

#### KINDERMUSIK, SUMMER READING CLUB

Kindermusik helps your child develop early literacy and language skills; acquire reasoning and early math skills; increase self-control; cultivate a lifelong love of music and have a fun time at the Charlevoix Public Library. An adult/child interactive program through July 28. 6:30 - 7pm - ages birth to 3 years 7:15 - 7:45 pm - ages 4-5 years. Pre-registration in required, 231-237-7350

### BOYNE CITY

#### AVALANCHE PARK PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

A public input meeting to review and comment on preliminary plans for Avalanche Park will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at City Hall. The City of Boyne City is organizing this meeting to discuss the public's interests regarding the ultimate proposed scope of development for this unique park property. Representatives from the City and the consulting firm Mark Robinson & Associates will be present to lead discussion and receive further input regarding master plan development. For more information or to comment on this project please contact City of Boyne City, Executive Assistant Barb Brooks at 231.582.0336 or [bbrooks@boyncity.com](mailto:bbrooks@boyncity.com).

# Boyne schools set for new year

By B. J. Conley-Hetler

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Public Schools Board of Education elected its officers for the 2009-2010 school year, at its July meeting.

Board President Ken Schrader remains as president, Marty Moody is vice president, Ross McLane is treasurer, Ed Vondra replaces Jerry Kelts, who re-

tired from the school board after many years of service, as board secretary. Trustees are Bea Reinhardt, Richard Mansfield and Jeff Mercer.

The Board member compensation rate is \$32.61 per regular and special board meeting, and \$19.55 per committee meeting.

Teacher substitute rate of pay was voted in at \$72 a day for

one assignment with a 1-to-5 day duration, \$107.50 for a 6-to-15 day assignment, and \$140.50 for 16 or more days.

Bus drivers will receive \$21.65 per run, library aide rate is \$9 per hour and a school aide or paraprofessional will receive \$7 per hour.

Athletic event prices are the same as last year. Gate fees are

\$3 for students, \$5 for adults, \$15 per family and \$2 for senior citizens (age 60 and over).

School superintendent, Bob Alger, said he has not received any resignations or retirements from teachers, but if the school district does, he said they hope not to have to fill the position, depending on the certification.

# Boyne-Charlevoix Road Worst Route for Accidents

By B. J. Conley-Hetler

The Charlevoix County Road Commission board will hear a recommendation from its steering committee to begin improvements to the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road as soon as weather permits in the spring of 2010. Chairman of the committee, John Vron dran, said the announcement would be made at an August 6 meeting at the Road Commission building in Boyne City.

The Boyne City-Charlevoix Road has the dubious distinction as the

county road that has, by far, the most traffic crashes and injuries resulting from crashes.

Records from the Michigan State Police show that for the years 2004 through June of 2009, the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road (or C56) was the location of 346 motor vehicle crashes, most of them single car accidents. The number does not include vehicle versus deer. The numbers reflect vehicles crashing into each other or vehicles crashing into a tree or other fixed object.

The traffic crashes for the same time

period for some of the other county primary roads are: the Boyne City-East Jordan Road with 150 crashes, Ellsworth Road at 83 crashes, Thumb Lake Road at 153 crashes, Springvale Road at 47 traffic crashes and Marion Center Road with three crashes.

Of the 346 crashes on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, 48 people sustained injuries. The Boyne City-East Jordan Road crashes had 15 injuries, Ellsworth Road had 14 injuries and two fatalities. Injuries on the Thumb Lake Road numbered nine and Springvale Road crashes

had four injured people. There were no injuries on Marion Center Road.

Driver violations that contributed to or caused the accident include driving left of center, failure to yield and, most common, speeding, according to statistics obtained from the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

Most of the crashes, 54 percent in the case of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, occurred on dry pavement. Snowy conditions accounted for 18 percent.

# Charlevoix County Records

### District Court

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

Donald Joseph LaCross, 32, East Jordan, Operating a motor vehicle while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs and to serve 12 days in jail with credit for four days.

Alexander Richard Capizzi, 18, Grand Rapids. Driving while license suspended. Sentenced to pay \$500 in fines and costs.

### Assumed Names

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

- Rising Corporation, 34717 Kings Hwy., Beaver Island, by Kevin A. Bousquet.
- Eternity Home & Cottage Care, 3160 Jaquay Road, Boyne City, by Matthew Bowman.
- Bridge Street Salon, 1406 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Erna Elaine DeNise
- Parallel North, 805 S. Park St., Boyne City, by Damien Scott Leist.

Foster Boat Works, 101 Michigan Ave., Charlevoix, by Northern Quarters Management, LLC, by Judith K. Winter.

Charlevoix Rental Co., 101 Michigan Ave., Charlevoix, by Judith K. Winter. Not to Shabby, 7234 Rogers Road, East Jordan, by Lisa Huckle.

### Marriage Licenses

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

- Randolph Jay Dowker, 30, East Jordan and Angie B. Owens, 32, East Jordan.
- Richard Marshall Hodgson II, 47, Charlevoix and Perry Elizabeth Irish, 44, Charlevoix.
- Shane Joseph Tison, 23, Boyne City and Rachael Kimberly Bennett, 25, Boyne City.
- Jeffrey Lee Fannin, 27, Boyne City and Danielle Renee Looze, 34, Boyne City.
- Ryan David Seeley, 29, Boyne City and Tara Lynn Reese, 25, Boyne City.

## Boyne City Police Department Weekly Report for 14-21, 2009

| Offense               | Amount | Offense               | Amount |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| Obstructing Justice   | 1      | Vehicle Unlocks       | 2      |
| Narcotics Complaint   | 2      | Civil Dispute         | 3      |
| Noise Complaint       | 1      | Burglary              | 1      |
| Fraud-Bad checks      | 3      | Driving Complaints    | 2      |
| Trespass              | 1      | Lost/Found Property   | 6      |
| Illegal Dumping       | 1      | Assist other Agency   | 2      |
| Parking Violations    | 2      | Health & Safety       | 1      |
| Breaking and Entering | 1      | Suspicious Situations | 13     |
| Unlawful Entry        | 1      | Disturbance           | 1      |
| Threats Complaint     | 1      | General Assistance    | 10     |
| Fireworks Complaint   | 1      | Traffic Accident      | 4      |
| Animal Complaint      | 1      | Non-Traffic Accident  | 2      |
| Larceny               | 1      | Hit & Run Accident    | 1      |

## East Jordan Police Department Weekly Report for July 14-21, 2009

| Offense                | Amount | Offense                   | Amount |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| Traffic Offenses       | 7      | Threats                   | 1      |
| Larceny                | 3      | Illegal Fireworks         | 1      |
| Lock/Unlock Parks      | 35     | Fail to Appear Warrant    | 1      |
| Animals                | 3      | Child Neglect             | 1      |
| Suspicious Sit/Vehicle | 6      | Bond Violation            | 1      |
| Parking Violation      | 3      | Private Property Accident | 1      |
| Assist Citizen         | 5      | Operate While Intoxicated |        |
| Public Relations       | 1      | Arrest                    | 1      |
| Assist Other Agencies  | 4      | Violation of Controlled   |        |
| Disorderly Person      | 1      | Substance                 | 1      |
| Traffic Accident       | 1      | Grass Ordinance Violation | 2      |
| Car/Deer Accident      | 1      | Boat Violation            | 1      |
| Lost/Found Property    | 4      |                           |        |

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District 8 Superminor Championship:

## EAST JORDAN ALL-STARS FALL IN FINALS

EJ Superminor (9-10) had great run in 2009, advancing all the way to district semifinals before losing to Alpena

By Mike Dunn

LEWISTON – It was a great run. The East Jordan Superminor (9-10) all-stars advanced out of pool play this year, winning three straight, then came from behind to edge District 8 favorite Traverse City West in extra innings in the quarterfinals. The thrill-packed playoff journey finally ended in Lewiston on Wednesday, July 15, when East Jordan was outscored in the district semifinals by

group of kids they were.

“You never let down,” he said. “This has been a great experience for all of you and it’s been a lot of fun.”

The fun would have continued if not for Alpena, a team packed with players who can flat out pound the ball. Alpena scored 11 runs and there wasn’t a cheap one in the bunch; the Alpena kids hit the ball hard up and down the lineup.

“They’re a very good

*“They’re a bunch of gamers and they have a bright future ahead of them. I’m really looking forward to watching this group continue on. They’re gonna win a lot more games.”*

*-Coach Denny Skrocki*



East Jordan coach Denny Skrocki waves his son Jake Skrocki home during the six-run uprising in the bottom of the fourth Saturday against Alpena. (photo by Rob DeForge of RDSportsPhoto.com)

a heavy-hitting Alpena team, 11-8.

After the game, coach Denny Skrocki reminded his players that they had come a long way.

“There were 17 teams that started out and you were one of the Final Four,” he told the youngsters gathered in the dugout following the tough defeat. “You can all be proud of that.”

Skrocki told the players how much he and fellow coach Brett Seese enjoyed spending the last month with them and what a great

team,” Skrocki said. “You don’t get this far down the line without being good. They hit the ball really well.”

East Jordan hit the ball hard also, though not quite hard enough to generate all the runs required to outslug Alpena.

The offensive fireworks started for East Jordan in the bottom of the first when Nick Seese came to the plate. Nitro Nick, the team’s sweet-swinging catcher, put one into orbit, propelling a fastball high and far to dead

center field. The ball might still be in flight somewhere if not for the scoreboard. The ball was still traveling at a high rate of speed when it clanged hard off the scoreboard for a majestic two-run homer.

Colin Petrie, who had singled with two out, scored ahead of Seese to give East Jordan a sudden 2-1 lead.

Alpena scored two runs in the third inning to take a 3-2 lead and three more in the fourth inning to push the

lead to 6-2.

This East Jordan team has been known for its resiliency, though, and rallied to reclaim the lead in the bottom of the fourth, sending 11 batters to the plate and scoring six times.

Jake Skrocki and Matt Berish connected for back-to-back hits to start things off and then Steven Spence slammed a double to knock in Skrocki with the first run of the frame. Ryan LaVanway knocked in Berish with a fielder’s

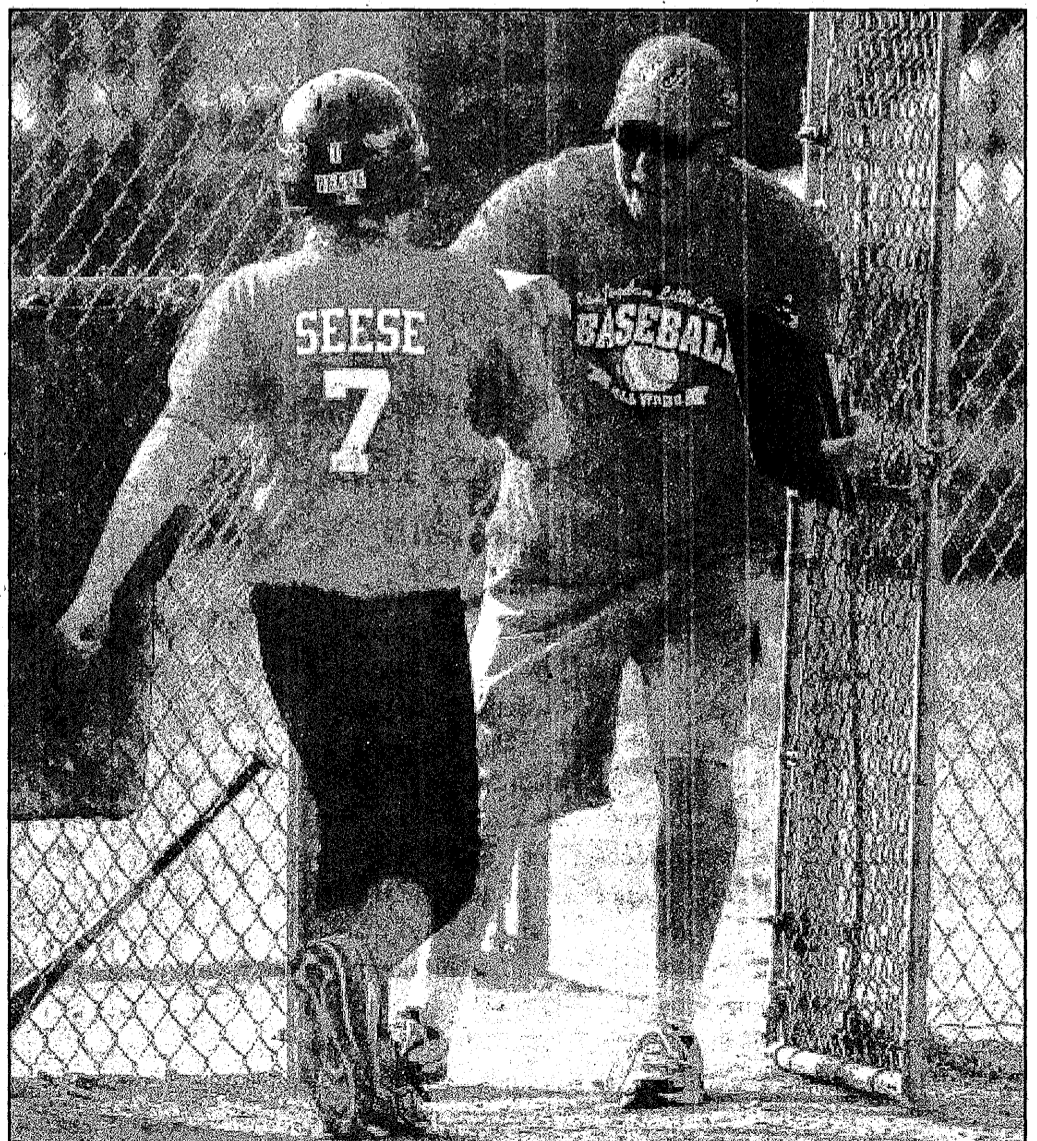
choice grounder and Travis Fessler lined a single to center to chase home Spence, trimming the Alpena lead to just one run, 6-5.

Colin Shepard then rapped his second single of the game. With Fessler and

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East Jordan slugger Nitro Nick Seese is congratulated by coach Denny Skrocki as he comes to the dugout following his mammoth two-run Scoreboard Blast in the first inning Saturday against Alpena. (photo by Rob DeForge of RDSportsPhoto.com)



East Jordan pitcher Colin Petrie has his eye on the mitt of catcher Trey Peterson as he stretches to deliver a pitch Saturday in the District 8 title game. (photo by Rob DeForge of RDSportsPhoto.com)

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Shepard on base, Trey Peterson hit the ball hard but right at the Alpena shortstop for the second out of the inning. Petrie, East Jordan's line drive machine, then came up and laced a hard single through the middle to knock in Fessler with the tying run.

The menacing figure of Seese was now in the batter's box and Alpena wisely didn't give him anything to hit. After Seese walked, Skrocki stepped up for the second time in the inning and, for the second time, he connected, rapping a single to right to knock in both Shepard and Petrie.

When the inning finally came to an end, East Jordan owned an 8-6 lead on the scoreboard.

Alpena wouldn't be denied in this one, though. The Alpena boys, some of whom looked like linebackers for the varsity Wildcats, scored three runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth to take an insurmountable 11-8 lead.

Fessler doubled in the bottom of the fifth but was stranded, and Seese and Skrocki reached base in the sixth but weren't able to cross the plate.

In the end, it was the heavy hitting of Alpena that made the difference. The pitchers for both teams did a good job of keeping the ball around the plate. The hitters on both teams did a good job of putting the ball in play. Alpena did a better

job of getting the runners home and that was the statistic that counted the most.

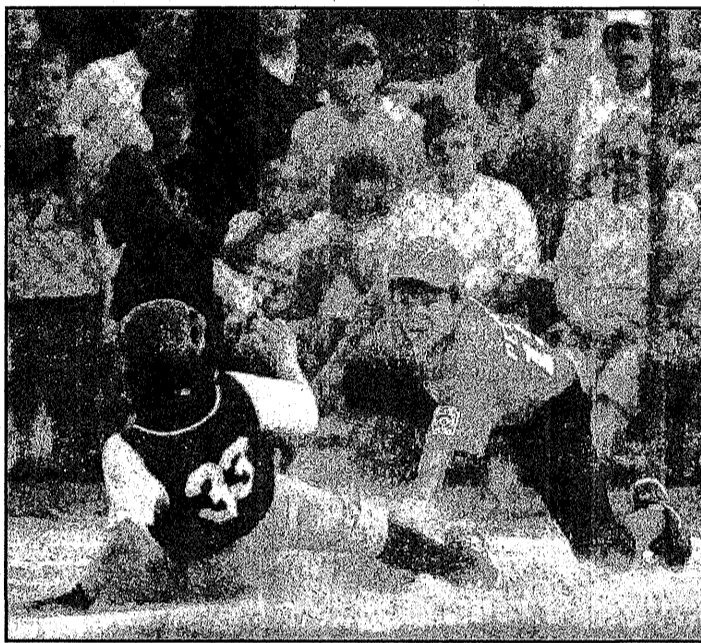
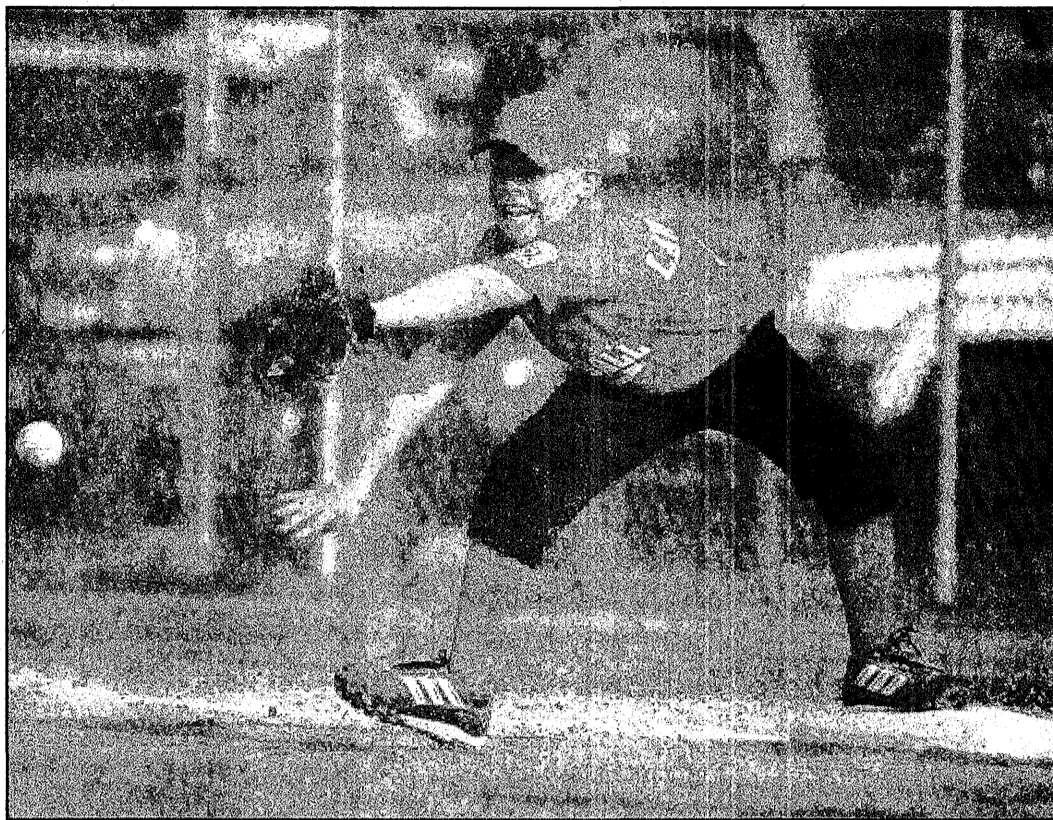
"It's been a great run," coach Skrocki said. "The kids have come a long way from the first practice. In the beginning, they got down on themselves a little but they learned how to overcome that and keep things positive. They're a bunch of gamers and they have a bright future ahead of them. I'm really looking forward to watching this group continue on. They're gonna win a lot more games."

Seese, Shepard, Petrie, Skrocki and Fessler had two hits apiece against Alpena. Petrie and Skrocki shared the pitching duties. Petrie also turned in a web gem while playing left field in the top of the fifth, tracking down a long fly to record the out.

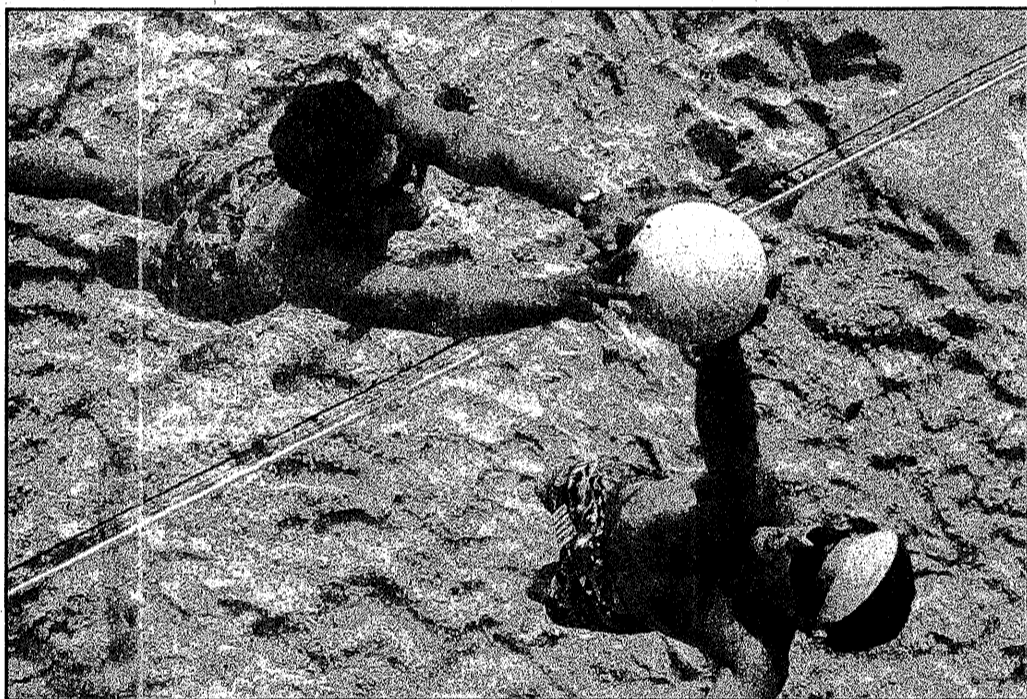
Colin Petrie and Jake Skrocki shared the pitching duties for East Jordan.

Brody Nowak led Alpena at the plate, going 4-for-5 with a triple, two RBIs and four runs scored. Catcher Camren Cosbitt also had four hits with a double and scored three times. Alpena went on to win the district championship, edging Gaylord 8-7 on Saturday in Lewiston.

The 2009 East Jordan Superminor roster included Colin Shepard, Trey Peterson, Colin Petrie, Nick Seese, Jake Skrocki, Colin Bajko, Kaleb Raymond, Ryan LaVanway, Travis Fessler, Steven Spence and Matt Berish.



East Jordan second baseman Jake LaVanway covers the bag at first base, above, and takes a throw from pitcher Colin Petrie after a bunt attempt in the second inning. East Jordan pitcher Colin Petrie tags out Alpena base runner Matt Tucker at home plate in the second inning of Saturday's district title game. (photos by Rob DeForge of RDSportsPhoto.com)



## Charlevoix volleyball tourney Saturday

Beach co-ed tourney is part of Venetian Festival fun

CHARLEVOIX – A co-ed beach volleyball tournament will be held at the Ferry Avenue Beach in Charlevoix this Saturday, July 25, in conjunction with the town's Venetian Festival. Teams must play three male and three female players on the sand courts.

The tourney starts in the afternoon following the annual parade. Registration forms are available at City Hall. Teams may also register at the courts at 1 p.m. on the day of the event. For more information, call Chris Seymour at (231) 547-6513.

The annual Venetian Festival co-ed beach volleyball tournament is this Saturday at the Ferry Avenue Beach

## DNR cuts back on deer check stations

Budgetary restraints force DNR to close more than half its 125 check stations this fall

LANSING -- The Department of Natural Resources today announced that it will operate far fewer check stations for deer this fall and they will be open significantly fewer hours.

The DNR's plans are to close more than half of its 125 check stations and operate the remaining stations only during the Nov. 15-30 firearms season. During other hunting seasons -- archery, youth and muzzleloader -- hunters will have to take their deer to DNR operation service centers during select hours.

"We just don't have the funds to staff check stations at our past levels," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason, who estimated the changes will save the division more

than a half million dollars. "We can't afford to keep doing business the way we have in the past."

The decision to reduce check stations was necessary in the wake of increasing budget cuts in both General Fund and Game and Fish Protection Fund dollars. DNR Wildlife Division officials say that reducing check stations will not impact the quality of biological information collected and the mail survey will continue to provide the harvest data necessary to make management decisions.

The final list of check stations for the upcoming firearm deer season and their hours of operation will be announced as fall approaches.

DNR Fishing Report:

## Good time to pursue walleye

Early morning and late evening is the best time using spinners or crank bait

Warm stable weather would help improve fishing. Night temperatures in the mid 40s and daytime temperatures in the low 70s coupled with constant northwest winds is great weather for anglers, but it does not help fishing one bit at all. Catch rates are usually best on the day before storms are forecast.

Here is the report for the Northwest Lower Peninsula:

Petoskey - Lake trout are hitting on cowbells. Many of those fish are coming at depths around 80 to 120 feet deep with some suspended as high as 35 feet. Salmon reports are few and far between but some were caught.

Lake Charlevoix - The Mayfly hatch is in full swing. Walleye are biting at night on trolled minnow type plugs and bass can be found deeper along the drop-offs. Some perch were caught in the weedy areas close to shore.

Lake Bellaire - Walleye anglers are out in full force. Early morning and late evening were best when trolling near the Fisherman's Paradise

Public Access, the South Bay and along the narrows in the Northwest Arm. Most are trolling crawler harnesses, spoons and rapalas while others are jiggging spoons or a jig with leeches or crawlers. Bass anglers are casting spinners or crank baits in 4 to 20 feet of water. Fish ranging from 10 to 20 inches were caught. For pike, try casting crank baits in 3 to 5 feet of water near the mouth of the Intermediate River. Small perch were caught when still-fishing in the Northwest Arm or near the Intermediate River.

Traverse City - In the East Bay, lake trout have been taken when trolling spoons near the bottom in 100 feet of water. In the West Bay, lake trout can be found south of Lee Point along the break. Smallmouth bass are on the move so anglers will need to cover some water to find fish.

Elk River - The action has slowed with only a few smallmouth bass caught.

Boardman River - Had slow fishing except for some rock bass, carp and smallmouth bass found just below the Union Street Dam.

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## EJ JUNIOR GIRLS CAPTURE DISTRICT!

Tense 2-1 victory over West Branch gives 13-14 all-star girls the title and opportunity to play in State Tournament in Grayling

By Mike Dunn

**ROSCOMMON** – The East Jordan Junior All-Stars (13-14) played for the District 8 softball championship on Sunday in Roscommon and came away with the crown, edging a very good West Branch team, 2-1, in a tense battle. With the win, East Jordan advances to the Junior Girls State Tournament which begins Friday in Grayling.

The East Jordan girls prevailed behind the 1-2 pitching punch of Lissa Vincent and Valerie Peters. The potent pair of strikeout pitchers combined for 15 K's while limiting the pow-

erful West Branch hitters to just one run and no hits. Vincent, the winning pitcher, recorded eight strikeouts in four innings of work with her razor-sharp deliveries and permitted just two walks, and Peters powered her way to seven strikeouts in three innings with three walks.

West Branch was doing some pretty good pitching of its own but East Jordan still managed three hits and the two runs needed to gain the narrow victory and clinch the district crown. Fortunately, the East Jordan offense wasn't up the river without a Crick. Emily Crick cracked a booming double while sweet-swing-

ing Aubrey Goodrich and Tascha Warrington each slammed timely singles to lead East Jordan at the plate.

District 8 is the host district for the Junior Girls State Tournament that begins on Friday at the Grayling High School softball field. Opening ceremonies commence at 9:30 a.m. with pool play to determine who advances to the semifinals.

The East Jordan All-Stars are slated to play on Friday at 6:30 p.m., on Saturday at 4 p.m. and on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The semifinals will be held Monday at 11 a.m. and



The 2009 East Jordan Junior Girls All-Stars include, front row from left, Emily Crick, Kara LaVanway, Valerie Peters, Jordyn Bacchus and Kayly Zimmer; back row: coach Christy Skrocki, Lissa Vincent, Stevie Bartig, Tascha Warrington, Katelyn Vincent, Aubrey Goodrich, coach Scott Bartig and Manager Matt Vincent.

1:30 p.m. and the state championship game for Junior girls will be at 5:00 p.m.

The 2009 East Jordan All-Star roster features Valerie Peters, Stevie Bartig,

Kara LaVanway, Emily Crick, Jordan Bacchus, Lissa Vincent, Katelyn Vincent, Kayly Zimmer, Aubrey Goodrich and Tascha Warrington and is coached by Christy Skrocki,

Scott Bartig and Manager Matt Vincent.

To follow the girls online, visit [www.eteamz.com/midistrict8/index](http://www.eteamz.com/midistrict8/index).

## EJ GARDEN CLUB HELPS COMMUNITY

Late Bloomers members share bounty from vegetable gardens with Care & Share Program



Jordan Valley Late Bloomers Garden Club members display some of their handiwork. Included in the photo, from left, are Linda Noll, Gayle Gots, Kay Holley, Irene Ferguson, Mary Patrick, Kathy Waskiewicz, Lynn Carson, Brenda Malpass and Tracy Malpass. (photo courtesy of Garden Club)



Food pantry director Janet Schiemann, left, receives a basket from Lynn Carson of the Jordan Valley Late Bloomers Garden Club. (photo courtesy of Garden Club)

**EAST JORDAN** -- Earlier this spring, members of the Jordan Valley Late Bloomers Garden Club expanded their goal of giving back to the community. In addition to maintaining one of the gardens at the East Jordan Memorial Park, members were encouraged to share the bounty of their personal vegetable gardens with the East Jordan Care & Share Program. It seemed only fitting to incorporate their club's mission of service to include providing fresh produce for the Food Pantry.

And, when the club accepted the City's invitation to adopt a planter box on Main Street for the summer, they continued their theme of community service by planting a variety of herbs to also be harvested for the Food Pantry. Herbs such as chives, sage, thyme, rosemary, nasturtiums, basil, and parsley mingle with colorful annuals and thrive under the care of garden club members who take turns weeding, pruning, and preparing them for delivery.

Other past garden club service projects include the Hospice and Holiday Auctions, the Jr. Master Gardener's Program, and the Jordan Valley District Library Garden. The club meets monthly throughout the winter, with field trips and special programs through the summer. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Brenda at (231) 536-2437.

### EAST JORDAN WOMAN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF JULY 9

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|------------------------------------|-------|
| Village Graphics .....             | 8 - 0 |
| Marty's Cones & Carryout .....     | 8 - 1 |
| Main Street Hair Cottage.....      | 6 - 3 |
| Olstrom Excavating .....           | 5 - 4 |
| East Jordan Iron Works.....        | 5 - 4 |
| Boh Welding .....                  | 3 - 4 |
| Murray's Body Shop.....            | 2 - 6 |
| Hellebuyck Masonry.....            | 1 - 8 |
| Lyle Loveless Custom Builder ..... | 0 - 8 |

**Monday, July 6:**

Village Graphics 10, Olstrom Excavating 3  
EJIW 24, Hellebuyck Masonry 0  
Marty's Cones and Carryout 6, Main Street Hair Cottage 4 (Marty's won despite hitting in three double plays!)

**Tuesday, July 7:**

Hellebuyck Masonry 21, Lyle Loveless Custom Builders 20  
Main Street Hair Cottage 23, Murray's Body Shop 11 (Murray's closed to within 11-8 before Main Street came up with a 10-run inning for the win)  
Village Graphics 9, Marty's Cones and Carryout 4

**Thursday, July 9:**

Main Street Hair Cottage 21, Hellebuyck Masonry 10  
Olstrom Excavating 11, Murray's Body Shop 1  
Boh Welding 29, Lyle Loveless Custom Builders 3

## Local runners fare well in Gaylord

Westbrook of Boyne Falls and Harbaugh of Boyne City claim first in their respective age groups

**GAYLORD** – Erica Westbrook, 14, of Boyne Falls participated Saturday in the Alpenfest Run in Gaylord and fared well, coming in first in her age group in the 4-mile race.

Erica turned in a time of 29 minutes, 3 seconds to finish first in the female 13-14 age group. Erica's time was good for a respectable 30th place overall out of 219 runners.

Tom Harbaugh of Boyne City also had a good day. Harbaugh, 60, took part in the 10-mile race and finished in the top 15 out of 124 runners. His time of 1:09:11 was also good for first place in the 60-64 age group.

# LOCAL SPORTS

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## FOR BABY BOOMERS, MOON LANDING WAS SPECIAL THRILL

It was 40 years ago this week. Not many who are part of my generation will forget where they were on the afternoon of July 20, 1969 when Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon.

I was 14 years old at the time and living in a row home in Philadelphia. My best friend Russ Hayes and I were across the street from my home, sitting outside on the steps that led to Russ's house. My Dad opened the door and called for me to come in and watch the moon landing. I'll always be glad he did and grateful that I was somewhere close by when he opened the door.

As I recall, I stood by our trusty black-and-white TV in the living room and watched history unfold before my eyes. It was indeed a thrilling sight to watch Armstrong descend the ladder outside the lunar module and put the first boot print on the moon. His voice was somewhat garbled but I could hear his words clearly enough: "That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind."

It's difficult to relate how important of an event it seemed at the time. Not just because America was able to put a man on the moon – something that had seemed utterly impossible just a few short years before – but because it was a symbol of America's supremacy in the world. Going to the moon made us better and stronger somehow. It was indicative of our ability to beat the dreaded Russians in the space race, to have the upper hand in the event of nuclear war, and to prevent the spread of Communism.

For Baby Boomers like me, those were noble goals. As a teenager watching Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walking on the moon and actually planting an American flag on the moon's surface was a glorious affirmation of patriotism and the greatness of our country.

### Seese's might shot

While we're on the subject of launching rockets ... I suspect the rocket that East Jordan All-Star Nick Seese launched last week in Lewiston will be talked about for some time to come. You just don't see a 10-year-old hit a ball harder and farther than Nick did against Alpena in the Superminor District 8 semifinals.

Contrary to rumor, Seese's blast did not put the Lewiston scoreboard out of commission. It did put a nice ding in it, though.

As it turned out, Seese's Scoreboard Blast wasn't quite enough to put East Jordan over the top against the powerful Alpena squad. It certainly was the stuff of memory, though.

### More fun facts ...

Some tidbits gleaned from this week's entries in the Bathroom Sports Almanac ...

The late Chuck Daly, former coach of the Pistons, was born on July 20, 1930, just two weeks before Neil Armstrong came into the world on August 5.

Did you know the average life span of a baseball in a Major League game is five pitches?

On July 21, 1979, Seve Ballesteros of Spain won his first British Open, shooting 283 at Royal Lythan, England, to beat out Ben Crenshaw and defending champ Jack Nicklaus.

### Final word ...

Before he left the Apollo 11 lunar module, Buzz Aldrin secretly took Communion, consisting of a wafer and a thimbleful of wine that his pastor had prepared for him. Why did he do it secretly? Because atheist Madelyn Murray O'Hair was suing NASA at the time.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### East Jordan Pop Warner registration dates

EAST JORDAN – The registration dates for the East Jordan Pop Warner League are Thursday and Friday, July 30-31, from 6-8 p.m. The registration will be held in the basement of the East Jordan City Hall. (Use the Spring Street entry.)

For information, contact Matt Walton at (231) 675-3871 or (231) 536-3693.

### East Jordan 5K run/walk slated for Aug. 22

EAST JORDAN – The first-ever East Jordan "South Arm Shuffle" 5K-run/walk is slated for Saturday, Aug. 22, at 8 a.m. The event, hosted by the East Jordan Lioness Club, begins and ends at the Community Park. Proceeds from the event benefit the Lioness Community Projects.

The early registration fee is \$15 if postmarked by Aug. 8. After that date, the entry fee is \$20. The first 100 who register are guaranteed a T-shirt.

To register, log on to [ej5k.cccwifi.com](http://ej5k.cccwifi.com). Registration forms are also available at Lakeside Chiropractic and Charlevoix State Bank in East Jordan.

For more information, contact JoAnne Thomas at (231) 536-9992 or via e-mail at [joanne@ejminet.com](mailto:joanne@ejminet.com).

### Mackinaw triathlon set for Sunday

MACKINAW CITY – The annual Mackinaw Multi-Sports Mix Triathlon takes place this 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](http://www.3disciplines.com).

### Youth hockey skills camp Aug. 3-6

GAYLORD – A youth hockey skills camp will be held at the Otsego County Sportsplex on Monday through Thursday, Aug. 3-6, from 5-7 p.m. each day. The on-ice session lasts from 5-6:30 p.m. with an off-ice session from 6:30-7 p.m.

This camp, for Mite, Squirt, Pee wee and Bantam-level players, is designed to improve skating, passing, and shooting skills and is run by former Gaylord All-State standouts Will Weber and Nick Michaels. Weber, a 6-foot-3 defenseman, was selected 23rd overall in the 2007 NHL Draft by the Columbus Blue Jackets. He is currently playing for the Miami of Ohio University Redhaws, one of the top collegiate programs in the nation, where he is entering his sophomore season.

Michaels, one of the most durable and resilient players to lace on skates for Gaylord, finished four productive years of varsity hockey at or near the top of many statistical categories. He also earned All-State honors as a senior. A variety of qualified coaches will Weber and Michaels with the camp.

The fee is \$150 per player and all players completing the week will receive a camp

T-shirt. Report cards with a summary of the players' progress as well as suggestions to improve in specific areas will be mailed to each player following the camp.

Contact the Otsego County Sportsplex office to register. Registration forms are now available at the Sportsplex. Checks can be made payable to Nick Michaels. The Sportsplex office can be reached at (989) 731-3546.

### Conti scaling mountain to raise funds for charity

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](http://summitforsomeone.org).

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

### Timbertown Festival 3-on-3 hoops

LEWISTON – The annual Timbertown Festival in Lewiston will include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament for the second year in a row. The event will be held in conjunction with the festival on Saturday, Aug. 1, in downtown Lewiston.

Games are slated to begin at 10 a.m. The male and female age brackets are divided from third through 12th grade and there is an adult division as well. The four-player team registration fee is \$60 before July 19 and that includes a T-shirt for each player. After July 19, the fee is \$80 and does not include a T-shirt. On-court registration can be done on Friday, July 31, from 6-7:30 p.m.

For information and registration forms, visit [www.lewistonchamber.com](http://www.lewistonchamber.com). Registration forms are also available at Lewiston True Value Hardware and Lumber.

Area businesses wishing to help sponsor the event and have their name on the official T-shirt can e-mail [montmor1@nemichigan.com](mailto:montmor1@nemichigan.com).

### 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.

### Top O'Michigan Marathon Boat Races Aug. 8-9

INDIAN RIVER – The annual Top O'Michigan Outboard Marathon National Boat Races will be held on the Inland Waterway during the weekend of August 8-9. This race, billed as "the toughest outboard race in the world," has been run at Indian River for 51 consecutive years.

The 87-mile marathon, which was first run on the Inland Route in 1947, draws racers from all across the nation and Canada and sometimes from other countries such as Japan, Bermuda and Ecuador. There are lots of good locations along the route for spectators to view the race.

Go to the Top O'Michigan Outboard Racing Club website for details about the course, the classes and more information.

### Loon Golf Invitational Aug. 22-23

GAYLORD – A top prize of three days and two nights at The Rio All Suites Hotel in Las Vegas, along with two rounds of golf at the famed Rio Secco, is offered for the winners of each flight of the third annual Loon Golf Course Invitational set for Aug. 22-23. The Loon course is located south of Gaylord, across from the entrance to Michaywe.

The two-person team format features a handicap scramble on Saturday and a handicap best ball on Sunday. Players must have a USGA handicap with 80 percent of the handicap will be used to figure each team handicap.

Teams will be flighted after the first round. There will be two flights for the men and one for women with the winners in each of the flights getting the Vegas trip.

The \$450 fee also includes two rounds of golf, range, tournament gift, special events, dinner and raffle ticket for a set of Nike clubs. A hole-in-one car is provided by Gaylord Ford Lincoln Mercury and there is also a hole-in-one set of Cleveland clubs. There is a closest-to-the-pin ball toss contest from the upper deck of the clubhouse to the 18th green and a putting contest as well.

For information, call (989) 732-4454 or toll free at (877) 732-4455. Entries will be received until the field reaches 44 teams.

### 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@tree-tops.com](mailto:mrey@tree-tops.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.

Include the date, time, location, registration fee and contact information (phone number, e-mail address and/or Web site) and send to [sports@charlevoixcountynews.com](mailto:sports@charlevoixcountynews.com) or via fax at (888) 240-5499.

### Reporting league scores and results

The Charlevoix County News is happy to report the results of area golf leagues, bowling leagues, road races, soccer tournaments, youth baseball and softball events and other such activities.

Include the date and location of the event with the results and include a contact number in case there are questions. Send to [sports@charlevoixcountynews.com](mailto:sports@charlevoixcountynews.com) or via fax at (888) 240-5499.

# Real Estate & Classifieds



## Don't fear the bottom line

By Martha Mishler

A lot of people are keeping a weather eye on the real estate forecast, hoping to recognize the fabled market "bottom." It's a great idea, of course, except conventional wisdom tells us this: We'll know we hit the bottom when the prices start to go back up.

The bottom, as they say in real estate, lasts approximately 3 seconds. But that's not wholly true.

Here's another perspective: In the last few months, prices have been holding pretty steady. Of course there's no guarantee they won't drop farther, but the plateau is a market indicator.

So where does that leave you, the ultimate bargain hunter?

Don't be afraid to sign on the dotted line. If you are serious about investing in real estate, this is a good time to do it. I have two suggestions: Determine your own personal "bottom" – the maximum you would be willing to pay for a given property. And two, once you've decided, make the offer.

That's it. Signing on the bottom line doesn't obligate you to accept a counter-offer, it merely obligates you to your own "highest and best" should it be accepted.

Here's how I see the real estate market. While I am not predicting a further reduction in values, I recognize that it is possible. But if you make an offer you are comfortable with, it's accepted, and the transaction takes place, EVEN IF the market reduces more, there simply isn't a lot more room to drop. I am convinced a buyer will not lose money as long as he or she is not looking to flip the home at a profit in a big hurry.

It is true that in most cases, properties are taking longer to sell. It's not a great buy-to-flip market, and it never will be as long as sellers outnumber buyers. But it is a great investment market, as long as you're not planning to re-sell immediately.

While I stand behind those suggestions, I would add a caveat. We have potential buyers making one low-ball offer after another and coming up empty-handed. And this is also an indicator that we may be at the bottom. Sellers – including bank-owned properties – will negotiate, but they are not necessarily desperate.

So as you contemplate an offer, make it as attractive as you are reasonably able. If a home started out at \$140,000 and is now listed at \$90,000 (and that's happening), it is probably unreasonable to offer \$50,000. If \$50,000 is what you can reasonably afford, look at other properties – again, there are definitely deals in your price range.

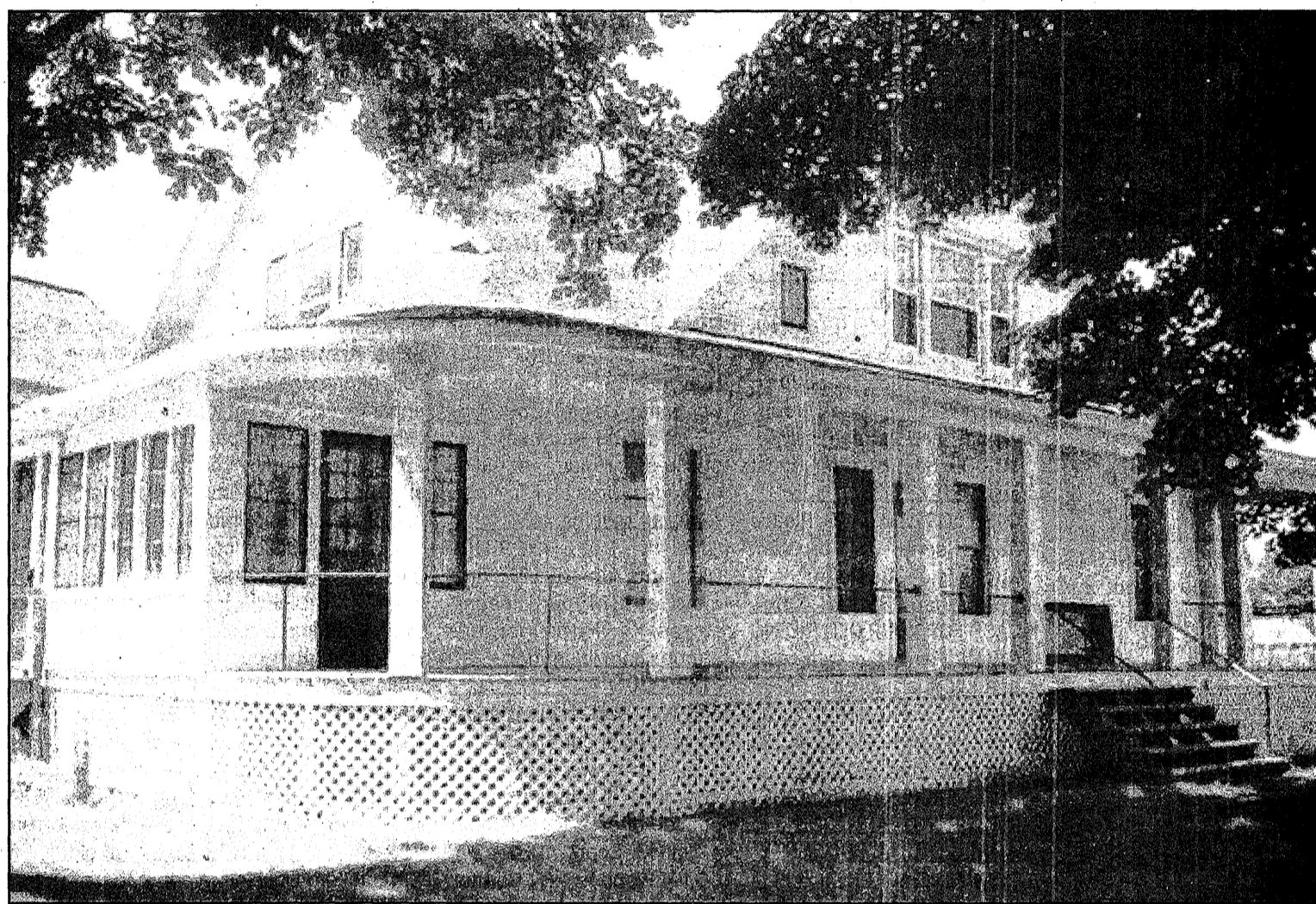
But finally, make the offer. Not every offer will be accepted, some will be countered, you may offend a seller or two before you complete a transaction. Keep looking, and keep signing that bottom line until you find the magic triangle: property, seller, and price all in alignment of selling your home in any environment.

## Featured Property

On the Market

Lynda's Real Estate Service  
447 Pearl Street, Boyne City, Lynda and William Christensen, (231) 582-9555

# Historic Boyne City Riverfront Home



## Embraced with Undeniable Character and Bordering River on Two Sides of Property

By Jim Akans

W.H. White was basically the founder of lumbering in Boyne City, and this is the home he had built for his daughter in 1887. The incredible history and character of this property has been wonderfully preserved over the

years, making this a rare opportunity to become part of the lineage of ownership in a landmark Boyne City home.

The location of this property is extraordinary. Set upon the banks of the Boyne River, ap-

proximately a half-mile from Lake Charlevoix, the frontage doesn't simply border the site, it wraps around the north and east sides providing a spectacular, panoramic view.

And enjoying this marvelous view is an experience the homeowner can relish both inside and out. There is a charming, wrap-around covered porch that is the perfect spot for relaxing during the spring, summer and fall. Inside the home, this idyllic setting can be enjoyed from several rooms, perhaps most dramatically through a large, bayed window in the living area.

Overall, this home offers nearly 1,900 square feet of authentically detailed living space. The vast majority of the beautiful woodwork in the home (remember, the original owner had some excellent connections to the lumbering industry) is original. It features a stunning mix

of Mahogany, Oak and Pine that includes flooring, door and window trim, stairs and railings, and even some magnificent built-ins.

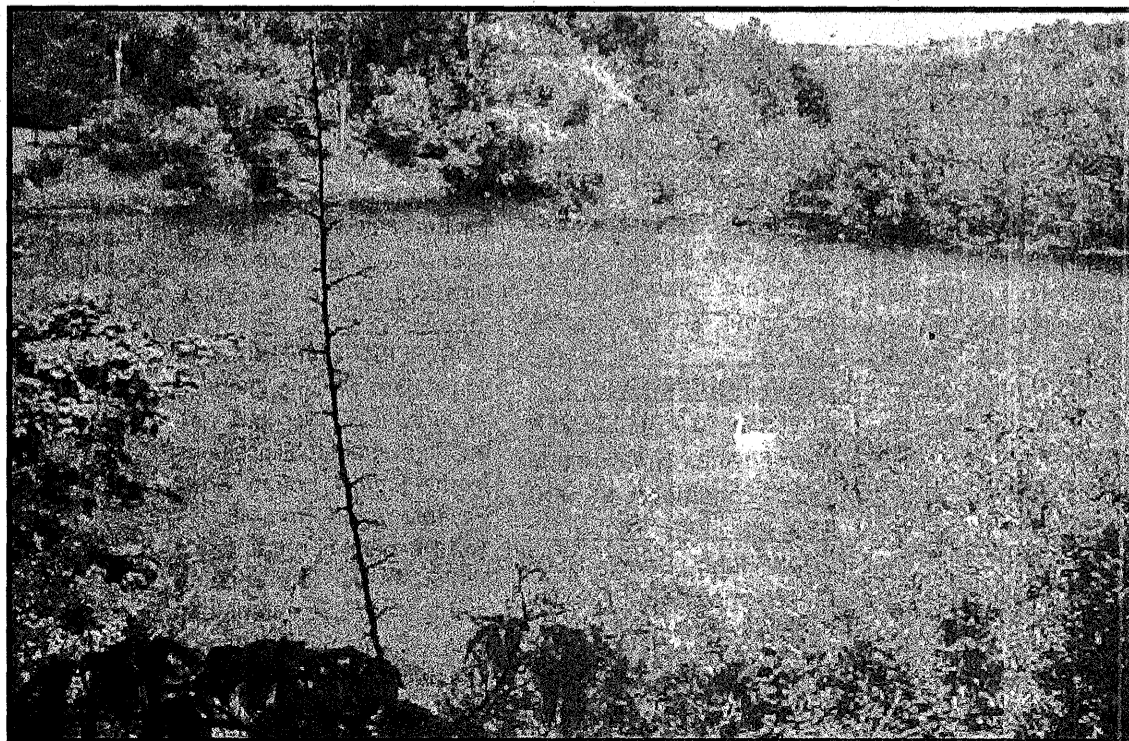
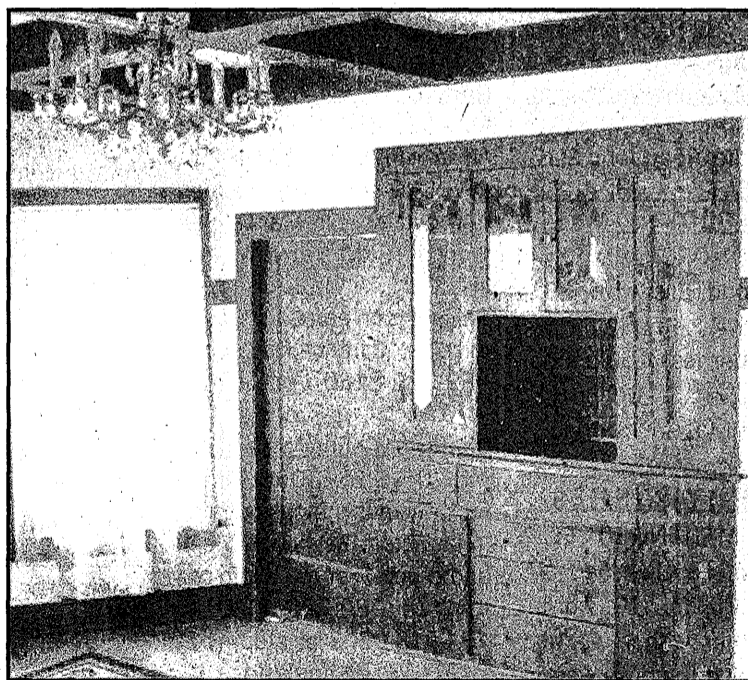
The home also has had some recent updates, including the kitchen which features new cabinetry and a full array of appliances including dishwasher, range/oven, refrigerator and microwave. The home has a forced air, natural gas fed heating system, and a traditional wood burning fireplace to enhance the ambience and character of the main living area during cool weather.

There are five good-sized bedrooms in the home and two full baths. This is a residence that friends will surely want to experience when they come for a visit, and it offers plenty of space to accommodate them during their stay.

There is a one-and-a-half car attached garage and a partial basement, so shelter and storage for a vehicle, lawn gear, and river toys isn't a problem.

This is a unique, exciting, and absolutely impressive opportunity to own a slice of Boyne City history in a setting that will provide a feast for the senses and recreation for the soul for years to come. The property is listed at \$400,000 and ready for the new homeowner to take the helm of this exceptional Boyne City real estate tradition.

For a more information or to arrange for a tour of this home, call Lynda Christensen at 231-582-9555 or email at Lynday@lyndasrealestateservice.com.

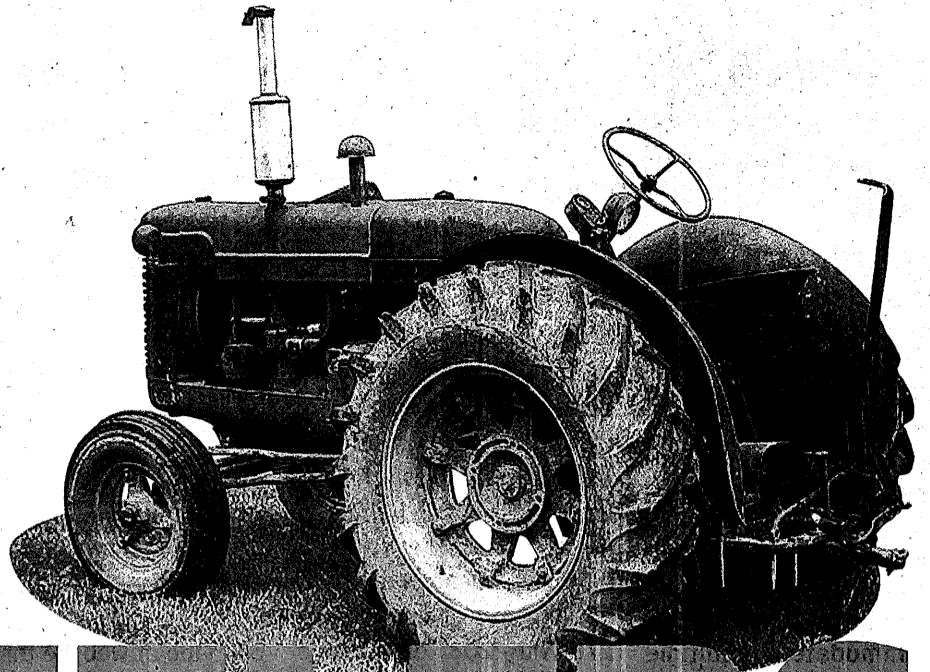








# 22nd Annual FLYWHEELERS



## ANTIQUA TRACTOR-ENGINE & CRAFT SHOW

# JULY 23, 24, 25

## AT THE FLYWHEELERS SHOW GROUNDS

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### Main Stage:

Thursday, July 23 Open Mic all day and evening

Friday, July 24 Open Mic until noon

12 - 1 p.m. - The Goddards

1 - 2 p.m. - Line Dancing

4 - 5 p.m. - Rich Kozlowski

5 - 7 p.m. - Oompah Band

7 - 9:30 p.m. - Joe Collet & Friends

Saturday, July 25 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. - Kelly Shively

12:30 - 2 p.m. - Sarah Schafer & Jessica Dominic

4 - 6 p.m. - Maple Sugar Band

7 - 10 p.m. - Horton Creek

Sunday, July 26 8 - 9:15 p.m. - Dale Vizina & Friends

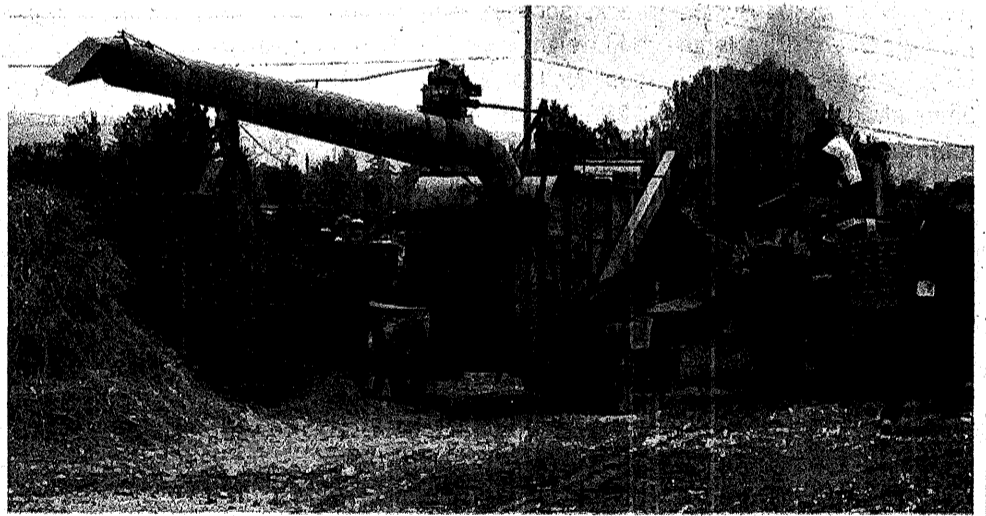
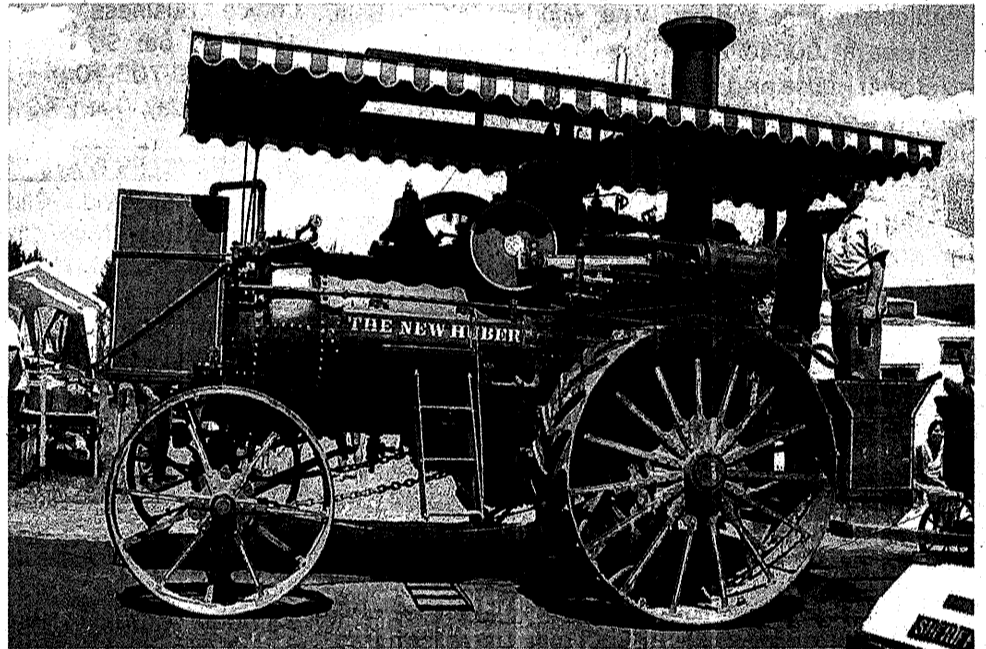
9:15 - 10:30 a.m. - Maple Sugar Band

10:30 - 2 p.m. - Judy Slocum & Students

#### Upper Stage:

Friday, July 24 Open Mic

Saturday, July 25 7 - 8:30 p.m. - Kelley Kirby & Students



- Working Blacksmith • Tractor Scales
- Basket Factory & Veneer Mill
- Old Machinery - in operation
- Non Denomination Church Service Sunday Morning
- Primitive Camping - \$25 plus admission per person
- Free Parking • Fashion Show
- Food available on grounds

#### Admission

Adults: \$5.00 donation/day  
Children under 12 FREE with adult

Gates open at 7:00 a.m.

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