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Boyne City Softball Team

The Ramblers advanced to the District III finals with hard fought victories over East Jordan and Harbor Springs before being edged by Manclona in the final 2-1.



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DISTRICT SOFTBALL



PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL

Rambler senior Ketrin Hocquard awaits the offering from the Manclona pitcher.

Ramblers drop heartbreaker in Division III district final

By Chris Fiel

Manclona 2, Boyne City 1

EAST JORDAN – The Lady Ironmen got just enough offense and some solid defense to escape district play with a 2-1 victory over Boyne City on June 5 at East Jordan High School.

Manclona got on the board first in the fourth inning only to see the Ramblers battle back and knot the score at 1-1 in the bottom of the fifth as Rainy McCune scored on a Paige Hornbeck RBI single.

Boyne would threaten on numerous occasions but were unable to push across another score. The Ramblers stranded 11 runners on base during the contest.

Rainy McCune finished with a triple and a single to lead the Ramblers at the plate, while Katelyn Banner added a pair of singles.

Also for Boyne, Tanner McCune, Hornbeck, Jordan Weiss and Katria Wilkins all singled.

Tanner McCune took the loss in the circle for the Ramblers.



PHOTO BY CHEYENNE SHUMAKER

The top of the Boyne City batting order, Rainy McCune (5) and Katelyn Banner (1) go over strategy prior to facing Harbor Springs in Semifinal action.



PHOTO BY KELLY MATELSKI

Logger Kristen Matelski makes a stop during action against Central Lake in district play.

Lady Loggers nipped by Trojans in semifinals

By Chris Fiel

Central Lake 4, Boyne Falls 3

ELLSWORTH – The Loggers got on the board first but were unable to hold the lead as Central Lake rallied in the late innings to come away with a 4-3 district semifinal victory at Ellsworth High School.

The Loggers scored in the top of the first and added two more fourth for a 3-2 lead, but the Trojans pushed across solo runs in the bottom fifth and sixth innings to claim the win.

Boyne Falls was led by Char Bearss with a triple and Emily Matelski doubled. Also for the Loggers, Calsey Matelski, Kathryn Miller and Kurstin Wilson all finished with one hit.

“Our girls came to play,” Logger coach Richard Matelski said. “They left it on the field and thats all we can ask of them, were proud of the team.”

Emily Matelski fanned three and walked three in taking the loss, she gave up five hits in the process for the Loggers, which close a 13-11 season.

Bellaire 10, Ellsworth 0

ELLSWORTH – The Lady Lancers were unable to get the offense going as they were no-hit by the Eagles McKenzie Verellen in district semifinal action on June 4 at Ellsworth High School.

The Lancers close out a 9-13 season with the loss.

Ashley Drenth pitched for the Lancers, allowing 11 hits.

“Bellaire jumped out early with some nice hits, we were just never able to get our bats going,” Ellsworth coach Al Gregory said. “Hannah Heard and Kendra Warner made a couple of tremendous catches for us during the game, I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching this team...they work hard and still have fun.”



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Charlevoix senior pitcher Kristen Mielke delivers a pitch against Manclona in the district semifinals.



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DISTRICT BASEBALL

Loggers fall in district finals, Ramblers, Rayders fall in semi-finals

By Chris Fiel

Harbor Springs 5, Boyne City 0

EAST JORDAN – The Boyne City Ramblers ran into a determined Harbor Springs team and their hard throwing right handed ace Scott

BELOW: Rayder ace hurler Coby Herriman looks in for a signal against Mancelona. Herriman would strike out 10 in the contest.

PHOTO BY CHEYENNE SHUMAKER



ABOVE: Boyne City firstbasemen Cody Elzinga awaits the pickoff throw from Elliott Hausler as the Harbor Springs runner dives back towards the first.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL

Morse as he pitched a no-hit gem in shutting down the Boyne offense in a 5-0 district semifinal win on June 4 at East Jordan High School.

The no-hitter was the first of Morse's career.

Boyne managed to get a pair of runners on in the first inning, one on an error and another on a hit batter, but stranded them at second and third. It would be the last time the Ramblers were on the basepath.

Elliott Hausler took the loss for the Ramblers, fanning eight and walking four in the process.

Mancelona 6, Charlevoix 3

EAST JORDAN – The Rayders dropped their district semifinal contest to the Ironmen 6-3 on June 4.

Charlevoix pitching ace, Coby Herriman took the loss, striking out 10, walking three and limiting

Mancelona to five hits.

The Rayder offense was led by Andrew Potter with a double, while Isaac Klooster, Nate Moon, Shane Sutherland and Tommy Zipp all singled. Both Klooster and Zipp picked up RBI's.

RIGHT: Logger freshman catcher Andrew Stevens makes this grab to save a wild pitch. Boyne Falls fell to Bellaire in the District IV baseball finals 9-4.



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District III soccer



PHOTO BY STACY FIELD

Dani Matthew of Boyne City battles for possession of the ball in District III soccer action against Elk Rapids. The Elks went onto win 6-0.

SAILING

The Boyne City Yacht Club adds Adaptive Division to the Mark Madness Regatta

When the Mark Madness Regatta in Boyne City starts the first race on Saturday, June 9 for the first time an adaptive division will be competing. Two boats, helmed by sailors with special needs, will be racing. Dave Malusi, event coordinator remarked, "We are so proud to add an adaptive division to our ninth annual regatta. This regatta has

raised funds for years to build an adaptive boat and that boat, "Challenge", will compete for the first time in Mark Madness. The BCYC has been a big supporter of Challenge Mountain and their adaptive water sports program." The Challenge Mountain boat will be helmed by Aneke Rader of Boyne City. Aneke was on hand to Christen the vessel,

the one-of-a-kind CM20, in 2011. The regatta held on Lake Charlevoix in Boyne City each year and is part of the Quantum Cup. That series utilizes four area regattas (Mark Madness, Hound Dog, Little Traverse Regatta, and the Red Fox) to choose a champion. Dave Irish of Harbor Springs won the title in 2011.

Racing on Saturday is followed by "Mardi Gras in June" at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City. Tickets are still available online at <http://www.mardi-grasinjune.com>. Regatta information is available at <http://www.boynecityyachtclub.com/markmadness.html> Contact Dave Malusi at (989)217-1187 for more information.

DNR

Resist instinct to try and help baby animals that may appear abandoned

LANSING — Unseasonably warm weather may have Michigan's black bears and recently born cubs out roaming earlier than usual. Great-horned owl chicks are already hatched and will be out of the nest before long. Spring is the season for wildlife to give birth. The Department of Natural Resources reminds Michigan residents to resist the instinct to try to help baby animals that may appear to be abandoned because in nearly every case a parent is nearby and the baby animal is not abandoned.

"The truth is, the animal doesn't need help - for example, even if a fawn appears to be abandoned, its mother is almost always nearby," said DNR wildlife ecologist Sherry MacKinnon. "We appreciate the good intentions of those who want to help, but the animals are better off left alone than removed from the wild."

MacKinnon said it's not uncommon for does to leave their young unattended for up to eight hours at a time; an anti-predator strategy that minimizes scent left around the newborn animals. "The same holds true for rabbits, ground-dwelling birds and other wildlife," she said. "Even avian parents will continue to care for hatchlings that have fallen from a nest."

The DNR advises that:

* Many baby animals will die if removed from their natural environment, and some have dis-

eases or parasites that can be passed on to humans or pets.

* Some "rescued" animals that do survive become habituated to people and are unable to revert back to life in the wild. It is illegal to possess a wild deer or any other wild animals in Michigan, and every day a deer spends with humans makes it that much less likely to be able to survive in the wild.

* Eventually, habituated animals pose additional problems as they mature and develop adult animal behaviors. Habituated deer, especially bucks, can become aggressive as they mature, and raccoons are well-known for this, too.

"If you come across a deer or other animal that you are certain has been orphaned early in the year - for example, if a doe is dead nearby - please call your local DNR office. They can refer you to a licensed rehabilitator," said MacKinnon. "Licensed rehabilitators are trained to handle wild animals and know how to release them so that they can survive in the wild." Michigan licensed rehabilitators are also listed on the DNR website at <http://www.michigan-dnr.com/dlr/>.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/dnr.

PRE-DISTRICT SOFTBALL

Lady Loggers power past Alba

By Chris Fiel

Boyne Falls 19, Alba 7

ELLSWORTH — Boyne Falls used an 11 hit offensive attack and held the Wildcats to only four as they earned a Division IV pre-

district victory over Alba on May 29 at Ellsworth.

Emily Matelski finished with three hits and Kathryn Miller two, including a home-run and three RBI to lead the Loggers at the plate.

Kayla Carson added two hits, and Melody Harmon, Charlene Beers, Natalie Aikens and Calsey Matelski all singled.

Harmon and Emily Matelski shared the pitching duties and combined to fan six, walked seven and held the Wildcats to four hits.

Ramblers over Red Devils

By Chris Fiel

Boyne City 3, East Jordan 0

EAST JORDAN – Rambler senior Tanner McCune struck out three and limited East Jordan to five hits in keeping the potent Red Devil offense at bay in Boyne City's 3-0 Division III pre-district softball victory at East Jordan on May 29.

It was the first win over the Red Devils this season for Boyne which dropped a pair of one-sided contests earlier this spring.

The big blow for Boyne came in the bottom of the third as Rambler sophomore Brooke Fouchia tripled, knocking in a pair of runs.



PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL

Boyne City shortstop Jessica Selissen tags out an East Jordan player late in the game on a steal attempt.

Rainy McCune added an RBI double to account for the Rambler scoring.

Jordan Weiss paced the Rambler offense with two hits, while Paige Hornbeck and Brittany VanAtta added one hit each.

"We did what we needed to do to get the job done," Rambler coach Sandy Clausen said. "I'm

proud of how the girls played, were coming together at the right time."

For East Jordan, Lindsey Graham and Tommie Outman finished with a pair of hits each, while Jordyn Bacchus, Emily Crick and McKenna Steltzner all singled.

Lissa Vincent took the loss for

the Red Devils, fanning five in the process.

"Our girls played well enough to win," East Jordan coach Meg Kitson said. "We hit it solidly, just right to Boyne's fielders."

Red Devil shortstop Valerie Peters readies herself for the next play.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FIEL



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How To Lower Your Blood Pressure through lifestyle changes

By Charles Haley

Studies report that about 1 in 3 Americans, or around 65 million of us, suffers from some form of high blood pressure (also called hypertension.) Since high blood pressure is one of the chief precursors of heart attack and stroke, the medical profession is paying more attention than ever to even moderately elevated blood pressure. However, one of the problems with high blood pressure is that in most cases, there's no direct cause doctors can point to and therefore no "magic bullet" to cure it. You can, however, have your blood pressure checked regularly to help manage conditions like diabetes and high cholesterol, which along with high blood pressure vastly increase your risk of heart attack, stroke and kidney failure.

Though there are a variety of drugs that you can take to help

control high blood pressure, unless the problem is severe, most doctors will initially recommend lifestyle changes like diet and exercise to see if you can control your blood pressure on your own. With the cost of medication these days, it's well worth taking on and meeting the challenge. Obesity can, of course, exacerbate the effects of high blood pressure, and in many cases even a loss of ten percent of your body weight can have some positive effect on your blood pressure readings. If you are overweight and have high blood pressure, losing weight is of course the number one priority and of course second to that is exercise. Daily exercise can not only help lower your blood pressure but help strengthen your heart and circulatory system, as well as help you rid your body of excess salt and fluids. If you are attempting to lower your blood pressure

through lifestyle changes alone, remember to set up regular doctors appointments to monitor your progress, and if possible keep a journal of your diet and exercise program, so the doctor can see what you've been eating and doing and make recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of your program.

As part of losing weight, there are also certain things in your diet that can contribute to the negative effects of high blood pressure. Perhaps the most well known of these is salt, and blood pressure patients have often been put on low salt or no salt diets. If you have high blood pressure, even if you're not a salt-a-holic, it's a good idea to reduce your salt intake as much as possible. This is less difficult than you might think; if you follow the theory that basically what you're looking for when you salt your food is an increase in flavor. So

try substituting low salt products made up of herbs and spices for salt, as well as reducing the number of salty snacks you consume. Also, if you're the cook in the family, never salt food while cooking, even the water for pasta, but let people add their own salt if they want it. You'll be surprised at how much salt consumption this simple method cuts out.

Another blood pressure killer is cholesterol. In general the "bad" kind that comes from saturated fats, red meats, egg yolks, butter and high fat dairy products, etc. Not only are these things high in calories, but also are high in the LDL or "bad" cholesterol that can collect on the walls of the arteries, restricting blood flow and leading to potential heart attack or stroke. By contrast, HDL cholesterol – the kind of cholesterol found in certain fish oils, etc. – is credited

with helping carry away a certain amount of "bad" cholesterol and helping prevent heart attacks. What most people don't realize is that your body also produces cholesterol, in fact, all the cholesterol your system needs to function, and that's why eating excess cholesterol can be so dangerous to your circulatory health. The American Heart Association recommends that 300 mg is the limit. That's also why the "Mediterranean diet," a diet high in olive oil, fish, fruits and vegetables and whole grains. In other words, the good cholesterol and transfatty acids has been shown to be one which is in general heart healthy. Finally, reducing alcohol consumption and quitting smoking have been shown to help reduce high blood pressure as well as the likelihood of heart attack or stroke.

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Holly Daze to Feature a Renaissance Theme



COURTESY PHOTO

Holly Daze Committee members pictured at a recent meeting include: Standing – l to r – Jackie Krutsch, Tracey Sherman, Nancy Wright, Sarah Malpass, Ann Golski. Seated – l to r – Brandy Malpass, Amy Sherman, Kim Diller

Plans are well underway for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's Holly

Daze scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2012, 5:30 PM, at the majestic Castle Farms in Charlevoix. This year's theme will be Renaissance with the decorations and the Castle setting

reflecting the era of nobles and ladies.

The Holly Daze venue features a fabulous array of silent auction items, cocktails, sit-down dinner and a live auction with Scott MacKenzie as auctioneer. Holly Daze is one of the largest holiday events in the area and it is a major fundraiser for the

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

Committee members meet the entire year planning this renowned event. For more information, contribute an auction item or reserve tickets contact the Foundation Office at 231-547-8502.

Walker's efforts pay off as funding maintained for Northern Michigan hospitals, health clinics

Thanks in large part to the work of Sen. Howard Walker; the state Senate on Wednesday approved a Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) budget that will include \$325,000 for Island Health Clinics and \$29.5 million for funding rural and sole community hospitals.

The money for the clinics and hospitals had been slated for elimination but Walker appealed to the chairman of the committee overseeing the money.

Walker said the money for Island Health Clinics is critical.

"These funds are vital to maintain necessary health care services on many islands in my district, including Beaver, Mackinac, and Drummond Islands," said Walker, R- Traverse City. "Stripping this money from the budget would have had dire consequences for those living on or visiting the islands, which is why I fought to have the funding included."

Walker sent a letter to state Senators. John Moolenaar, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for the Department of Community Health; Roger Kahn, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; and Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville.

"The small amount of funding provided ensures that the residents have a first line of medical care until they can reach the mainland, where more robust services are available," Walker stated in his letter.

Walker also requested that Moolenaar include \$29.5 million in the DCH budget for funding rural and sole community hospitals, since many communities in Northern Michigan have only one hospital available to them when care is needed.

"Many of these facilities are in smaller communities that do not benefit from the economies of scale that many downstate hospitals enjoy. This additional funding will help these facilities continue to provide the excellent care that our constituents deserve," Walker said.

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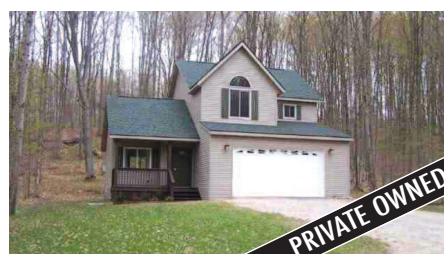
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Real Estate Corner

Question & Answers About Selling Real Estate

Rent or Own? The Pros of Each

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For some people, owning a home is an integral part of achieving the American Dream. But for others, and perhaps a growing number of people, home ownership is not in the cards. And oftentimes, that is a calculated choice people make. The reality today is that some people simply prefer to rent a home instead of own one. Of course, there are upsides to both renting and owning.

Owning a home: Pros

The home is yours. Want to change the paint color? Go ahead. Refinish the floors? You can do that, too. Build equity as you

make monthly mortgage payments? Check. People who own their condo, loft or single-family home have flexibility to make the changes they want, provided they are not outside the bounds of city ordinances (in the case of single-family homes) or association cop rules (in the case of condos and lofts).

And in some markets, including Minneapolis, owning a home actually makes more economic sense. According to a recent Wall Street Journal survey, 12 of 27 metro areas favor owning a home rather than renting one. In Minneapolis, for example, the average monthly mortgage payment for homeowners is \$776, compared to the average monthly rent payment of \$953.

Homeowners also enjoy a sense of security. They are not subject to landlords who do not want to extend a lease, or who are not prompt in dealing with issues that arise. Additionally, homeowners essentially invest in themselves each time they make a mortgage payment or complete a home-improvement project.

Renting a home: Pros

You are not the owner. That means your landlord, not you, likely is responsible for major repairs. Furnace goes out? Call the landlord. Ditto if, for example, the roof develops a leak. For that reason, people who rent can take comfort in knowing exactly how much of their money goes into their home each month or year. Renters also enjoy flexibility.

Since leases generally last for fixed periods of time, renters can live in one spot for a year or two, and then try somewhere else. Or maybe you have a job that keeps you on the move. In that case, renting is a good choice because you are not on the hook for selling a home before you can move.

Renting also tends to be less labor-intensive than owning. Renters often can decorate a home to line up with their personal tastes, but they generally do not need to worry about things like landscaping, mowing the grass in the summer, or removing snow in the winter. As a result, renters have more time for the activities they enjoy.

Featured Property

Beautifully appointed home offers Lake Charlevoix access



By Jim Akans

Situated in the wonderful Charlevoix Shore Estates neighborhood, this beautifully appointed two-level home offers approximately 2,045 square feet of impeccably designed living space. Being a part of this gorgeous, friendly community brings the extra benefit of enjoying Lake Charlevoix access with private boat slips, a boat launch and an inviting, sandy beach. What an amazing combination.

The floor plan of the home fea-

tures four bedrooms and three and a half baths on the two main levels. A magnificent Virginia Ledge stone gas fireplace highlights the main living room, which opens to the adjoining dining and kitchen areas. The separate family room, also located on the main level, features a brick, wood-burning fireplace and a very classy wet bar area complete with a refrigerator.

The kitchen is superbly designed. Beautiful hardwood flooring and maple cabinetry is perfectly complimented by granite countertops and custom tile

backsplash. A convenient peninsula style snack bar is ideal for entertaining or serving light meals. A butler pantry with granite countertop located just off the kitchen area features a wine cooler and sink.

The home is set upon two lots, surrounded by trees and wildlife, offering almost an acre of property. The property includes a detached two-car garage and a storage building. Updates to the home include new windows and roof with skylights.

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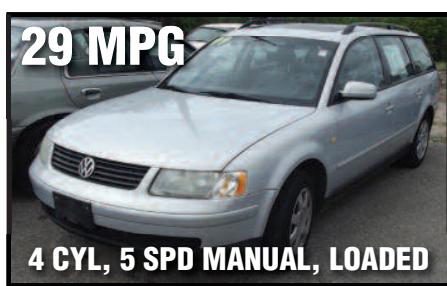
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