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Chapter closed Commission settles with former EJ city administrator

A lawsuit by former East Jordan city administrator Carolyn Sutter against the City of East Jordan has been settled.

According to Laura Dinon, an attorney for Plunkett and Cooney which represents the city's insurer Meadowbrook Insurance Company, the settlement included a \$10,000 payment to Sutter and her attorneys, and an agreement to let her personnel file reflect that she resigned from her position.

"I think everybody's satisfied that it was a good resolution and time to put it to bed," said Dinon.

The city's insurance policy covered the settlement costs and the city will not incur any other expenses.

City administrator David White said he doesn't expect this one incident to increase its premiums because the city is part of a larger pool of Michigan municipalities insured by Meadowbrook.

Sutter filed a suit against the city in the summer of 1996 which included the claim she was fired because she was about to blow the whistle on suspected financial irregularities in the city.

The suit also claimed defamation, invasion of privacy, wrongful discharge and breach of contract.

Sutter was seeking a monetary award for economic loss of back pay and benefits and for future economic losses due to damage of her professional reputation, plus attorney fees and costs.

She was suspended from her duties by a divided city commission in June 1996, and fired a month later.

Music in the park

High school bands present outdoor concert

Pack your lunch, or order carry-out for a noon-time Concert in the Park on Wednesday, May 20, in East Jordan's Memorial Park.

The East Jordan High School, eighth-grade, and Boyne City High School bands will come together to perform festive marching numbers reminiscent of the Sousa concerts of yesteryear.

"We want to bridge the gap between schools that normally meet under athletic competitions," said band director Michael Haynes, a fan of the composer's marching numbers. The schools felt this was one way to accomplish that goal. Haynes believes the musical interlude will create further harmony among the schools' student bodies and staffs.

The performance will feature a tuba and vocalist solo, and each band will play separate songs, 13 all together. A grand finale will include a group rendition of Stars and Stripes forever. In case of rain, head to the high school gymnasium for the performance.

BCHS principal resigns

Boyne City High School principal Xavier Gaudard submitted his letter of resignation to the district last Wednesday, to be effective June 30.

Gaudard's resignation comes after serving six years as the school's principal.

The school board accepted the resignation at its meeting Monday night. The district, obligated for one more year of his contract, will pay Gaudard a severance package which won't be close

to his annual salary nor include retirement funds, according to superintendent Bob Nakoneczny. The board did renew elementary school principal Ed Snyder and middle school principal Steve Smith's contracts at the meeting.

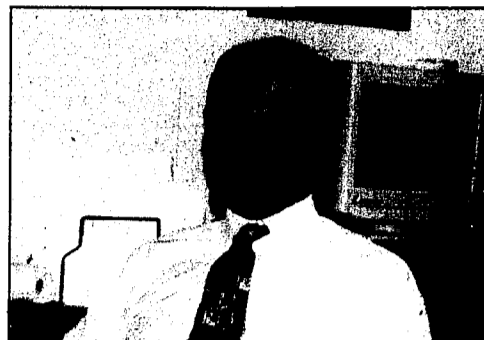
"I just decided I needed to do something different," said Gaudard. "I felt I needed to explore other opportunities." He and his family plan to remain in Boyne City.

Nakoneczny said the district will

look to fill the vacancy by the end of June. It will review internal candidates first, as is the standard procedure, but has also posted the position externally at colleges and universities.

Candidates will be interviewed by a committee comprised of members of the community, school staff, school board, and school administration.

"I think he's done a fine job for the school district and he's going to be missed," Nakoneczny said.



Xavier Gaudard is leaving the high school after six years as principal.



SUNSET GLORY

With his catch safely in net, a fisherman has reason to celebrate. For others, their celebration was a glorious sunset on Lake Charlevoix.

Friends share concerns for Boyne River

"My heart is on the Boyne and all rivers," said local kayaking enthusiast Adam Kennedy.

He and 40 other area citizens came together for the first meeting of the Friends of Boyne River last Wednesday, to find out what they could do to help preserve and maintain the river and its watershed.

Residents from Boyne City, Boyne Falls, and representatives from area agencies convened at the Wolverine-Dilworth Inn for the meeting-turned-workshop and identified a short list of priority issues for the group to consider undertaking in its preservation of the river.

Key concerns about the river and its watershed included water quality, erosion and sedimentation, the river's navigability — a legal term which defines whether a river is accessible to the public — pond dredging in Boyne Falls and Boyne City, the natural habitat, development, nutrient

loading, trash removal, and public understanding and awareness of needs.

Boyne City residents Tom Sheets and Marie Zoberski

organized the meeting to address environmental and recreational concerns they had regarding the river.

Upon Sheets' return to the area for retirement last year, the self-described "river-rat," was surprised to see an unnatural island, formed by sediment build-up, in the middle of the mill pond in Boyne City — formally known as Little Lake.

His ensuing conversations with neighbor Marie Zoberski found that she had been working for years to rid the river of a weed called Purple Loosestrife.

"You can't do it alone, you have to organize," said Zoberski.

Individuals from the DNR, Charlevoix Soil and Water Conservation, Tipp of the Mitt Watershed Council, Friends of the Jordan, and the Conservation Resource Alliance attended the meeting and offered support for the grassroots effort.

"We need local organizations to have an interest in the specific areas they live in," said Scott McEwen, a water resource program director for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council in Harbor Springs. "It's really these localized citizens' efforts that make the difference."

"If we can't help we can point you in the direction of someone who can," said

Kelly Howard of Charlevoix Soil and Water Conservation, a local unit of the state government concerned with erosion and forestry.

Sheets pointed out that a large portion of the property around the river, owned by Boyne USA Resorts founder Everett Kircher, has remained undeveloped. "He has been concerned about the fisheries and has kept that land undeveloped." He's been a friend to the environment too, Sheets said.

Boyne Falls village commissioner Bill Bricker attended the meeting hoping to find answers for his community's mill pond. "There's just no money available," said Bricker who would like to see the sediment removed from the pond bottom. The city derived its name from rapids that no longer exist.

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Connie Roberts, East Jordan Lions Club Mother of the Year, is shown with two of her three children, Sierra (left) and Renee.

East Jordan's top mom

Mother's Day came one day early for Connie Roberts this weekend when she was voted Mother of the Year, at the East Jordan Lions Club 29th annual Mother-Daughter Banquet.

With her three children, parents, sister, grandma and niece and nephews looking on, a surprised and teary-eyed Roberts modestly accepted the award. Her kids nominated her, with oldest daughter Renee master-minding the project.

"She does everything that she can for us," said Renee. "She would do anything for us and she always makes it a point to be at our games no matter what."

"I do this because I know it won't be long before my kids are gone," said Roberts after the ceremony. "I want to spend as much time with them as I can." Renee is 16, Kevin is 13, and Sierra is 10.

Roberts, a community volunteer, was also voted the 1997 East Jordan Citizen of the Year.

She is a girl scout leader who has traveled with her troops to New York and to the Mall of America in Minnesota.

She coordinates the Care and Share gift program at Christmas with her family and the scouts.

She has taught Catechism for the Catholic Church, helped coach softball, and is a volunteer for the school. Roberts is also an active member of the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival, a parade float participant and almost always fashions a snow sculpture for the city's Sno-Blast Winter Festival.

In Renee's letter to the Lions Club board of directors, she listed all these activities and more, but most poignantly, she wrote, "Between activities she always has a hug and a kiss."

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OPINION

A MOM'S LIFE

Differences add up to make life interesting

By CINDI PLACE

I've been struck lately by just how different our children are from each other. Of course, there are many similarities. They look like their father, they can agree in unison on the unfairness of any given parental edict, and the sound of their whines are amazingly similar. But it's their uniqueness that makes them interesting.

Just as we would complete a tough academic year, thinking that we'd figured out the hurdles and the next child to be in that grade would have an easier time of it, the next kid in line would have an entirely different set of problems. Each of our children has a special academic strength, be it math, English, reading, or science. But they also have entirely distinct weaknesses as well.

So the kid who can do the math in his head has absolutely no handle on the English language. And the English loving child, you can guess, thinks math was created just to drive her crazy!

These kids' differences extend beyond the regular stuff. We have one procrastinator, a big-time planner, and a huge worrier. And then we have the baby. Poor kid, even when he's 50 years old, we will still refer to him as "the baby." But that's exactly what he is and will always be. He's the youngest, the most spoiled, and the one we will always want to cuddle, pinch and hug.

When faced with a major project, like cleaning up the playroom/recreation room/kid's space, our children's differences will be vividly displayed. The planner gets everyone organized and tells them what to do. The worrier hopes that nothing will jump out and bite him. The baby sits and plays with all the partially assembled games. And our procrastinator? He's sitting in his room, trying to figure out a way out of the work. Big surprise.

Emotionally, these guys are as different as night and day. One child is irritatingly happy all the time. Sounds silly to complain about a happy child, but imagine that it's 5 o'clock in the morning, you have spent most of the previous night sitting with a sick child, and the early bird wants to know what's for breakfast. Then we have the quiet one. He doesn't want to be a bother. So when he has a school trip planned, he waits to tell you until late the evening before that he needs all his good clothes cleaned and packed. If you haven't already guessed, he's our procrastinator.

We also have a bit of a con man in one of the children. Just when I've had enough and the roof is about to cave in, he'll look at me with those big blue eyes and say "I love you, Mom." No matter what is going on, he always seems to know that the time to score a few brownie points is imminent.

And then we have the perfectionist. He actually wouldn't let us take him out to a fancy restaurant for a good report card, because HE didn't feel that his grades were good enough. Now that kind of child can put gray hairs on anyone's head, trust me.

But in spite of all their differences, actually I think it's because of them, I find that loving my children comes very easily. They are each unique and lovely in their own way and some days I find myself anxious for when they have grown up, and I get to see just what kind of adults they will become.

And I hope that I will be able to see just a little bit of myself in them.

A great night for EJ students

By JANE BROCK

East Jordan High School hosted an honors convocation last Wednesday and it was a gala celebration indeed.

All the stars were there — the lettered, the pinned and the barred, as well as the outstanding. Like a star-studded event should be, the auditorium was a veritable fashion show, with everyone vying for the best dressed list — but judging would have been a sartorial challenge to match the difficulty of selecting recipients for the Outstanding Student awards.

The cafeteria was filled with student artwork, some of which was amazing in its precocity. The woodwork projects were similarly impressive.

There was a desk made by Scott Haley that was inlaid with marble (or at least it looked like marble), and it was finished with panels under the desk as well as around the edges. It was beautiful, as were the lamps that were laminated with different colors of wood into intricate geometrical patterns, and the bench that invited one to sit right down.

Scott Fisher had made some really lovely pottery pieces that proved that he was mastering the potter's wheel. Catey Moses had a watercolor that I wanted in my kitchen, frankly. I am wondering who egnar.oRM is, though.

The ceremony itself was long, but the

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Up, Up and Away

Painted Lady butterflies stretched their wings to fly for the first time to the wonderment and delight of Boyne City Elementary first-graders. Raised from caterpillars in shoeboxes-turned-terrariums, the students released their winged, temporary friends to a life of nectar, sunshine, and springtime breezes.

BASIC BANTER

Words, they are everywhere

By HARRIET KENNEY

This could just make your day. It could even have a slight impact on your life as you discover how fortunate you really are.

It is not important why you're reading, only that you are. It could be because of boredom or curiosity, a habit or a hobby, a pastime or break time. We now know you do read so let's find out how much you read. A teacher taught a student a lesson and that student, now a teacher, shared with me the same thought provoking challenge and I'm tickled to pass it on. Count everything you read in a day! Simple? Give that a minute to soak in.

Would you say this paper is the first thing you've read today? You said, "Yes?" Oh, that's funny! Without a thought, early this morning you probably read Moen, Kohler or American Standard. Perhaps you saw Hot, Cold, On and Off. How about Hot Point or GE or Frigidaire? Was it then: Kellogg's, Butter, Not Quite Butter or Smuckers? Still later, you could have read Dodge, Ford or Honda and the dashboard dials. You saw the Stop and Yield signs, No Parking and Exit Only and the list goes on. You've got the picture.

Of course I missed the door with Push or Pull, that none of us reads. There are names and labels and tags everywhere and on everything. Each day, we read unconsciously, completely unaware and taking for granted our learning processes.

Words are our servants and serve us only as well as we command. Many adults are limited because they cannot read or write. Obviously, this results in a vast lack of knowledge. Whereas, the ability to read the written word can carve an indelible impression on your memory. Our reading skills have a far-reaching effect in our social life, human affairs, and of course, our money making ability. As youngsters, we couldn't possibly perceive the significance of learning our 3 R's, known then as readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic. What a priceless gift our parents and teachers gave us. It's one of the greatest tools we possess.

Prose or poetry, it's all words. The right written words can change your life, give you hope and love, inspiration and direction. The right words can erase a headache or touch you so completely that you're unable to stop the drop of a tear or sometimes a flood of total release. The right words can be written in such a way that you visualize an entire scene and all the events portrayed. They can bring you home or take you far away.

Most of us find it necessary to write notes of greeting or instructions. I often leave them for my spouse. He gets notes like, "Honey, don't forget to feed the fish," or "Your turn to change the litter box!" He doesn't always understand because we don't have any fish and we don't have a cat! However, it makes me feel "in charge."

GUEST COLUMN

Show your colors -- correctly

By MAXINE HOUGH

With patriotic holidays approaching, the veterans of American Legion Post #228 offer the following flag etiquette procedures which are taken from the "United States Flag Code," chapter 10:

"The United States Flag is considered to be a living symbol representing a living country. The Flag represents the many freedoms, rights and responsibilities not entrusted to the citizens of any other country in the world. Therefore, the proper display and use of the United States Flag is the responsibility of every American citizen.

"The Flag may be flown at night if there is light source sufficient to illuminate the Flag so it is recognizable as such to the casual observer.

"The Flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed. (All-weather: nylon or other non-absorbent material.)"

Flags that are no longer serviceable (faded, torn, frayed, etc.) may be given to any Legionnaire or brought to the Legion Post for proper disposition.

(Maxine Hough is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.)

LETTERS

Living in the hot Texas sun

TO THE EDITOR:

Well, it's me again. It's been a while since I last wrote. Sorry about that, but I've been busy. My last few months in Germany were very busy.

From July 97-February 98, 2/6 was busy training. We were also getting ready to go back down to Bosnia as SFOR. Last time we went down we were IFOR; first in, set up camps, and ease the tension. SFOR maintains the peace.

I turned down the chance to go back to Bosnia by re-enlisting on Nov. 20, 1997. I signed up for four more years. I left Germany on March 16, and spent 19 days leave in good old Boyne City, where the community, my friends and family welcomed me back.

Some of you might wonder how I could re-enlist and turn down going to Bosnia? Easy! If I had not re-enlisted, I would have been done with my tour in the Army on Aug. 25. That means I would have been in Bosnia until July. So, by re-enlisting, I only had to do my two years in Germany.

I got to pick where I wanted to go next. First, I wanted to go back to Ft. Benning. Nope, my job was full there. Second, Ft. Irwin, Calif. Same thing. So, I had to settle for where I am, Ft. Hood, Texas. I must say, I've been here just over a week and I'm getting a good tan.

It's a big change, going from Europe to Texas. First, the time difference. In Germany, I was six hours ahead of Boyne City. Now I'm one hour behind you. It kind of messes me up when I call home. Second, going from 1st Armored Division to 1st Cav. Div. I loved being in 1st AD. I'm not sure about Cav.

The unit I'm in now does a lot of deployments. We go to NTC at Ft. Irwin, rotations in Kuwait, and in Bosnia. Plus wherever else they decide to send us.

Ft. Hood is the biggest post in the U.S. It covers 390 square miles. There are two PX's (Sears, K-Mart, etc.), two commissaries (Glen's), lots of "party stores" and fast food joints.

The two main divisions here are 1st Cav Div. and 4th Infantry Div. A lot of my friends from Germany are here in 1st Cav, so I'm happy with that.

I turned on the radio down here and found two rock stations, compared to 13 country. Makes you miss 97.5 KLT, 105.9 KHQ, and 106.7 KPK. I'm not talking bad about country, I just like my rock too (sorry, TCM - you guys are good too). Of course, I know being here in the south means "country music."

Well, I guess I'll close this out and report more later, after I get out and about around here, or get deployed.

Signing off,
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RSVP thanks its volunteers

TO THE EDITOR:

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Charlevoix and Emmet counties recognized many of its Boyne City and East Jordan volunteers at open houses in April, celebrating National Volunteer Week. It is a time to recognize the value and contribution volunteers have to their communities. Boyne City's was hosted by the Country Star Restaurant and East Jordan's by the Jordan Valley District Library.

RSVP would like to take this opportunity to thank their 53 active Boyne City members who give their time and talents to local non-profit and public organizations throughout the year. Sixteen local organizations benefit from the extra support these volunteers contribute.

We would like to thank the following active East Jordan RSVP members who lend their expertise to eight local organizations. They are: Mae and Bill Bridge, Eleanor Chanda, Anna Christian, Charles and Charlotte Conrad, Harrison Elliott, Robert Elliott, Ferne Finch, Betty Lou Griffin, Arlene Hammond, Fern Horton, Maxine Hough, Arvilla Kowalske, Charles Mason, Ruth McDonald, Gail and Bart Petrich, Betty Rison, Julie Rodgers, Betty and Fred Sutton, Margaret Thompson, Milton Veverka, Betty Walker, and Linda Watson. All volunteers are truly appreciated for their generosity.

RSVP provides a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for people 55 and over to participate in their communities, through volunteer service. RSVP is sponsored by the Friendship Centers of Emmet County and funded by the State of Michigan, Char-Em United Way, and donations. Please call 347-5877 if you would like more information.

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By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

(Editor's note: Nurses Week is celebrated May 6-12, Nursing Home Week from May 11-15, and Nurse Aide Week from June 4-11. Local nursing director Carol Banfield is profiled here in honor of the national recognition days.)

'A challenging and great career'

Carol Banfield's job is not to make dying easier for Grandvue Medical Care Facility residents. It is to help make living better.

"Just because you're sick doesn't mean your life is over," said Carol, the director of nursing at the East Jordan facility. "Life is pretty wonderful in the final years."

She doesn't want families to be afraid of bringing a loved one to Grandvue. In fact, nearly 10 residents have returned to their own homes in the past few months.

But most of the 93 residents — almost all with some form of dementia — will live out their lives under the staff's care. And that's not a bad thing either.

For them, Carol wants it to be as home-like as possible.

"There's never enough you can do for someone who's sick," said Carol, but she tries her hardest.

The halls are bustling with nurses, aides, housekeeping staff and residents. A few ladies play bingo in the cafe. Others are busy in the craft room.

There is a piano. One resident hadn't played in 20 years. Since coming to Grandvue, and with encouragement from staff, she now plays every day.

Wallpaper and paint spruce up some of the rooms, compliments of monetary donations from the families of former residents.

The new Alzheimer's wing is homey and set up so residents can cook, clean, do laundry — to help keep them functioning at a higher level and to preserve socialization and communications longer, Carol said. It's calmer here than the other wings. She envisions the rest of the facility eventually designed in the same way.

In her 10 years at Grandvue Carol has worked as a staff nurse, education director, rehabilitation nurse and on doctors' rounds.

She took the job as nursing director nearly four years ago.

She deals daily with legal, regulatory, family and staffing issues. The changes she's seen in her 28 years of nursing were most noticeable to her in the late 1980s. That's when care became more gentle and dignified for the elderly, she said.

But with the change came even more paperwork and regulations. She believes it's all for the better though. She thrives on change; it means you're thinking, she said.

"There's so much you could do, it never seems like there's enough time."

"You have to know when to say that's enough." She finds it hard to leave her work at the office. A hazard of the trade.

But she wouldn't change it for the world. She doesn't appear hurried — but

collected, organized, and kind. She misses the hands-on care she provided patients for more than two decades but acknowledges somebody has to do her administrative job, and believes she's the best person for the job.

"I think you have to know you can do it better than anyone else," she said. "O.K. is not good enough."

Besides, she's better at giving than taking orders, she said, and feels she's getting more done by instilling her attitude in her staff.

Her demeanor is not one of a drill sergeant though. She is quick to acknowledge the accomplishments of staff, who are as devoted as she. Many are furthering their education, advancing from CNAs to LPNs, LPNs to RNs. They are getting nursing degrees, and — like her — gerontology certifications. She encourages them.

Some staff come in on days off to work with residents and run errands.

The nurse's aides, she said, have the most difficult of any traditional female job. It's



Carol Banfield has been nursing director at Grandvue for the past four years.

physically, emotionally and mentally demanding. "If there's anything harder, I can't imagine what it would be." She's proud to have trained many of them in the 80s. It's important to teach them.

Like herself, she's sure the rest of the staff review their day when they lie down to bed each night too. What could they have done differently? What's first on the agenda for tomorrow? How can I do it better?

"We're all trying to focus on giving good care." That's why Grandvue is an award-winning and model facility, she said.

There is a two-page thank you letter posted near the entrance from the son of a former resident who was transferred from Grandvue to a facility more suited to care for him. The son thanks the staff, some by name, including Carol, and others in general for their service. He tells them how much his father liked them. What a difference they

made. His father was a challenge. He knows it's not their fault his father had to leave.

Carol is proud of the letter. Proud of her staff.

She recounted a man who came to die. His family came from all over to be with him in his last days. The staff adjusted his medication, gave him therapy, cared for him. He lived. He returned home.

The facility's own make-a-wish program can transform the day-room into a "plane trip to Hawaii," or provide something as simple as strawberry shortcake with fudge topping to a resident.

These things are important to her and to the staff. "And I'm sure they are important to those people who live here."

The job brings many rewards.

Long-term-care staff get to know patients better than they would if they were in a hospital. The private conversations between staff and residents — sharing their innermost thoughts — is probably what brings employees back each day. It's satisfying.

But there is death, inevitably.

"We are pretty public in our tears," said Carol. Getting close to residents and their families is essential to doing a good job.

There's no getting around it. And she wouldn't want it any other way. Memorial services help them cope, help them remember. And re-focusing on the next person's care helps too.

"Every single day is a challenge for staff and families confronting sickness," said Carol. A resident's family's support is essential.

"We don't plan to be bringing up the rear. We plan to be at the front," said Carol who knows it takes a team effort to care for the residents. They carry the torch. They are the example.

"It is worthwhile and we do make a difference," she said.

Carol has always had the inclination to go into nursing. In a childhood photo of herself at Halloween, as usual, she was dressed up as a nurse.

"It's very challenging and a great career," said Carol. She plans to keep doing what she's doing for as long as she can.

"They'll probably have to kick me out."

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The Boyne City Police Department received 93 complaints during the last week. Among them were:

May 4: A report of a stolen 10-speed mountain bike from the Pleasant Avenue area. Larceny from a pick-up is under investigation. Damage to school-bus windows was reported. If anyone noticed any activity around the buses the weekend of

May 1-4, contact the police department with information.

May 7: A group of kids was warned about jumping from the bridge, trees and rocks into the Boyne River.

May 9: A suspect arrested for OUIL was transported to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

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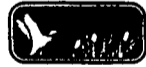
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IT WON'T BE THE SAME IN EAST JORDAN WITHOUT HOWARD MURRAY

He meant so much to so many

By JANE BROCK

In the evening of Tuesday, April 28th, a familiar yellow and blue 1946 PA-II Cub could be seen circling the greening Jordan Valley.

Occasionally it would drop low over a house or field and tip its wings in greeting. The people who saw it waved back, catching a glimpse of the smiling pilot wearing reflective glasses. They did not know they were saying good-bye to an old friend.

Howard Murray and Alice Waldon were married in June of 1952. The house that they bought then still bears testimony to the strength of the union—the lily-of-the-valley wedding cake topper has been joined by mementos of anniversaries displayed in a china cabinet. This year they would have celebrated their 46th, and watched their first two grandchildren graduate the same day. Howard looked forward to that. He was an available and devoted father to his four children, and was an active participant in the lives of his four grandchildren.

The house has grown with the family, going from three rooms and no running water, to a comfortable and welcoming home. Alice said that Howard liked to sit in the dining room, where he could look out across 66 and watch the deer and turkeys. (She didn't mention that the airport is off in that direction, too.) In the early 50s, before they had the first of their children, Howard left his job at the foundry and opened a body shop. He built it himself, salvaging truck frames that he got at Slough's Junkyard, cutting them up and welding them together to frame in his shop, creating a sort of early pole barn.

Everything he did, he did himself with hard work and imagination. The first years were lean, as Alice had worked at the Creamery, but gave up her job when she had Bill in 1956. The body shop was right beside the house, and eventually it supported the family.

That body shop was perhaps the central part of the Murray kids' childhood experiences with their father. He was always willing to stop and help them learn something. Alice emphasized that Howard taught whatever he could to his kids, and to his children's friends, and to his peers. With little formal education, Howard was a natural teacher himself. He was genuinely interested in the hobbies and projects that other people had going on, whether it was a friend's airplane, or his own 9 year old's bicycle. He

loved anything that ran, his sons recall.

"He could sure make stuff run," David Murray said. "He was always helping us fix used scooters, motorcycles — getting us back on our wheels." He and Bill acknowledged that they never had new vehicles — "always stuff that someone else had given up on."

Jim Slough agreed. He said you would see Howard bringing home junk that was "completely unbuildable and he would fix it."

"He loved anything that moved," Jim, who is a long-time friend said. "He got a little more refined as he got older—mostly antique cars and airplanes."

The early days were filled with less refined

projects — a

snowmobile that Howard built that looked something like an airplane. Its rear propeller broke off in the back yard one day, Alice said, and they looked for the pieces for days, but never found them all. Then there was the time they went to see a hydroplane show in Detroit and ended up bringing home a hydroplane. Alice would watch Howard skim across Lake Charlevoix in it, but she wouldn't ride, and she said it was way too fast for the kids.

In 1961, Howard bought his first airplane. Alice said that flying was his first passion, and by the end, he had owned 12 different airplanes. He had installed homemade electric doors on his hangar at the East Jordan Airport. Howard also kept an informal history of area plane crashes, and was as interested in anyone else's airplanes and flying as he was his own. He always wished that he had taught his daughter, Valerie, to fly.

Howard's interest in other people's projects was a large part of his appeal. He would stop work on a weekday to help a high school student solve a tricky car problem, and he treated every person, young or

old, with respect that was recognizably genuine. The Murray kids' friends found the same relaxed accessibility that they had. One man remembered that when he was a freshman in high school, he crashed the front of his sister's blue Duster. In horrible anticipation of his own father's reaction, the freshman took the damaged Duster to Howard. Over the weekend, Howard bumped and painted and even replaced the grill — no easy feat, since a matching one could not be found, and Howard had to fabricate it. He never charged a penny for the repair job. (Years later, a faint seam showed in the paint and the unsuspecting father noticed it and commented that it must have happened when he himself hit a deer with that Duster.)

Jim Slough was given a job when he was in high school. "Howard patiently helped me learn how to patch and paint my first car before I had a license," Jim said. "Later he employed me part time so that I could make extra spending money — not that he really needed me."

Howard's home was always a hub of activity, with folks dropping in to check out his latest project, or to get his help and advice on theirs. Alice and the boys said that he would get just as excited about that. "He would always jump up and go help someone drag something home, or get something put together."

Alice remembers driving along and having Howard pull over to look at an airplane. "Oh, no, I'd think. He's going to buy another one." So she would ask, "What are you looking at that for?" And he would say, "Oh, so-and-so is looking for an airplane, I thought I'd check it out for him." Jim said the projects were partly of interest to Howard because he was always teaching and wanting to share what he knew — and partly because he was always learning, and wanted to know what other people knew.

Howard wasn't a political man and his sense of humor was simple and always ready. In '73 when the Watergate trial was on, and the news interrupted his radio show every hour with an update on the situation in Washington, Howard remarked on the crisis himself, reducing it to manageable proportions. "There's something fishy going on," he said.

He was a social person, too, always had folks dropping in. He was patient with the kids. He loved animals, and once when he couldn't coax a stray cat down off the house, he carried a ladder over and rescued it himself.

At 71, Howard was still flying, still restoring

fantastic old cars, still retained a playful sense of humor that had him leaning out of the suicide door of a '36 Auburn, with a machine gun in his hands, making out like Al Capone. He came in from that last flight the evening of the 28th, and died in his sleep early the next morning.

There are some people whose passing could only be a shock, because it is in their absence that one realizes how much one had in them. There are those people whose death makes people want to lay a sort of claim on them, to relate some story, to be able to say, "I knew him, he was a friend of mine."

Howard Murray was just such a person. If he hadn't seemed so hale at 71, if he hadn't spent his last evening in the air, if he hadn't visited with friends, just like always, maybe it wouldn't have been such a shock to have him go. But probably it would have been.

Once Howard, his son David, and Jim Slough went flying while Jim's wife and Alice waited on the airstrip. The women waited with increasing impatience, until finally they heard the plane's engine in the distance. Alice remarked that she could hear it; they were almost there. And then the noise stopped. Had they turned away?

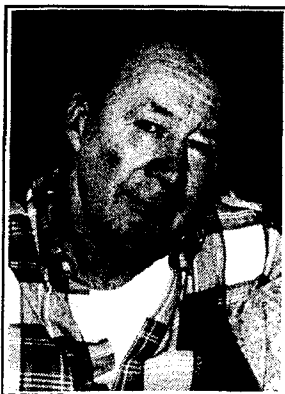
But suddenly the little plane pushed silently over the trees and came gently down on the airstrip and rolled to a stop. Dave got out and began to light a cigarette with shaky hands. When Howard emerged from the plane, Alice demanded, "Howard, what happened?" His response was to the point: "We almost bought the farm, that's what happened."

This time Howard bought the farm. The funeral was packed with folks who loved him well. Men who had never cried couldn't seem to stop, and made early and hurried exits. When the funeral procession left the ceremony, it didn't head up to the Catholic cemetery — it wound out 32 to the airport, drove slowly up the airstrip, and sent Howard off one last time.

Jim Slough said he knows what saddens him the most. "Standing in my own back yard, in the long rays of the warm evening sun, the times when a little yellow Piper would fly low over our home, tilt its wings — seeing Howard greet me with a wave and smile. It saddens me that this will happen no more."

But Alice isn't so sure. She thinks he's up there, looking down on all this.

Happy landing, Howard.



Howard Murray

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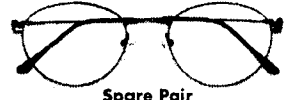
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Concord students perform musical adaptation of Alice in Wonderland

Concord Academy Boyne's eighth, ninth and 10th grade drama department will perform "Follow that Rabbit," a musical adaptation of Alice in Wonderland.

The show will be presented May 14-16th at 7 p.m. at Trinity Fellowship, 401 State St. in Boyne City. Tickets are \$4 for adults, and \$2 for students. A family package is \$12. Reservations can be made by calling the school at 582-0194. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The cast of 22 students will give a hilarious trip through Wonderland to Alice (there are two: Laura Warren and Jenilee Bunting). Alice sings, dances, and runs her way to her final destination, the 8th square, all the time following "that rabbit" (Justin Mirsky, fifth grader). The Dodo (a wise old owl played by David Conaway), the Lory (a prickly hedgehog played by Nicole Robinson), the sad Mock Turtle (played by Mandy Boden) and the whiny mouse (Andrea Deckinga) continually run a caucus race or sing every time Alice runs into them.

Running with the Red Chess Queen (Jessica White) and trying to catch the White Queen (Maria Hoover) while she is madly chasing the butterfly (Shannon Crego) is quite exhausting. Thinking to rest a while, Alice drops into a classic Mad Hatter tea party. The Mad Hatter (David Conaway) along with his sidekicks the Crazy March Hare (David Osterhouse) and his sleepy companion Dormouse (Pat Gibbard) break every rule of etiquette as they inform Alice there is no room for her.

Tripping through the flower garden she runs into talking, singing and dancing flowers: Rose (Jessica Crego), Daisy (Trisha McNamara), Baby Lily (Mandy Boden) and the Pansy (Nicole Robinson). She continues her crazy nightmare as she bumps into Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum (Dawn Hallman and Erin Zitka), insults Humpty Dumpty (Chad Bradley), joins a weird choir directed by the Caterpillar (Rob Hallman) and hides from the wicked Red Queen (Andrea Deckinga) who yells "off with your head" at everyone.

On and on she goes, will she ever reach the 8th square where she can be a Queen? You'll have to attend to find out.



Rehearsing for their performance of "Follow that Rabbit" are, from left: Dawn Hallman, Laura Warren, Jenilee Bunting, and Erin Zitka.

After the final performance on Saturday, the cast will present a check to the Michigan Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance. Each year the drama department donates 20 percent of its ticket sales to a non-profit organization that the students and directors choose. Last year they gave more than \$180 to the Nehemiah House in Petoskey.

The play is co-directed by Julie Stoppel and Rachelle Wittenmyer. The choreography is directed by Cheryl Stackus.

4-H hosting open house in East Jordan

4-H will host an open house in East Jordan on Monday, May 18, at the Jordan Valley District Library lower level Community Room at 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to look at how to start additional 4-H clubs in Charlevoix County. Emphasis will be placed on how to build a 4-H club from the ground up by starting small and developing regular club growth. A 4-H club needs to be at least five members from two or more families that meets at least six times during the year.

"People are more willing to get involved as 4-H volunteers when they see that they can make a difference without a huge commitment," said John Wurm, 4-H Youth Agent.

Since the 4-H calendar runs parallel to the school calendar, this would be a good time to look at starting a 4-H club that could be up and

running by this fall, Wurm said. 4-H open houses are usually held a couple of times each year and rotated to different communities. "While East Jordan was chosen for this event, people from other communities are welcome to sit in on the program," Wurm said.

Included in the program will be a review of how the club operates and functions to develop their own schedule with guidance from 4-H staff as

necessary. A 4-H Family Handbook will be given to all families who are able to attend the orientation.

"The entire family is invited to this program since we want 4-H to be a family oriented program right from the start," Wurm said. "We will share how to start a 4-H Club, then the final decision will rest with the family."

When 4-H members get involved in 4-H they will usually study topics that include areas such as: Horticulture, Foods & Nutrition, Rocketry, Woodworking or Calligraphy.

"With over 150 areas, some people are surprised to find out that they can be in 4-H and not raise an animal," Wurm said. The raising of animals is still a very popular area within the 4-H program since it helps young people learn the responsibility through taking care of something living.

"Given the changes in society, it is more important than ever that we connect our local youths to programs like 4-H or Scouting," Wurm said.

"Kids are naturally attracted to groups of other kids. The groups can have a positive impact through youth organizations. As a community it is important to be proactive and create situations where youths can be successful at a very early age."

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

"SHE CALLED THEM by name," and greeted them with a smile, a hug and a kiss. And that's the way it was, at the open house, honoring the 90th birthday of Merla Vought on Saturday at the Boyne City Legion Hall. (Her birthday was March 27.) Included among the 150 friends, relatives, and old time neighbors attending was Merla's good friend, (still recuperating from illness) Jennie Paszkowski of Lansing, and two nephews she hadn't seen in quite awhile, Don Bartholomy of Rockford and Jack Bartholomy of Murray, Ky., her sister and husband, Beryl and David Livingston of Rockford, her niece, Marlene Smith of Whitmore Lake, nephew Ted Christensen and wife DeLores of Ypsilanti, and nephews Tim Goodwin of Grand Rapids and Terry Goodwin and wife Tootie of Brutus. She heard from all of her family by phone or mail. Merla was especially pleased that aides from Grandvue brought Helen Rothenburger and Helen Larson over, and then to see Stella Clute, also of Grandvue, could be there too, thanks to her son, George Shiotellis and wife Judy. The cake and punch and sweet table favors party was hosted by nephew, Bill Christensen and wife Lynda and niece Zada Boyer of Petoskey. A resident of Fuller's AFC Home in East Jordan, Merla went to her Boyne City Presbyterian Church on Sunday saying, "Saturday's party made it the happiest day of my life!"

SINCERE APOLOGIES go out to Howard and Peg Crozier. It is Howard (not Harvey) and Peg Crozier who arrived at their Boyne City home after having spent a couple of months in the Mineral Springs/Orlando areas of Florida. While there, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary of March 27, with a group of 20 Boyne City friends.

SHARON HORN and Susie Walley of Boyne

City were in Freeland over the May 3 weekend to attend the wedding shower for Julie Numan, who will be getting married on June 6.

GORDON KANE of Boyne City remains a patient at Northern Michigan Hospital, after suffering a stroke on May 1.

GORDON WILLIS of Dearborn Heights was here over the beautiful weekend visiting his in-laws, Jim Groh and wife and family. While here, he enjoyed the Camp Ten Road area for successful mushroom hunting and took all they found back home to his dad, who is no longer able to get out in the woods.

MOTHER'S DAY remembrances came to all at Litzenger Place on Friday. Lovely plants and lively fourth graders of Mrs. Glezman's class from Boyne Falls spent the afternoon getting acquainted with their pen pals there. The ladies reciprocated by serving delicious cookies and lemonade during their visit. Flowering petunias also graced each apartment door from the Boyne City Elementary School class of Mr. Hoover.

AMONG THOSE here for the memorial service held on Tuesday at the Stackus Funeral Home for former Boyne City resident, Bernice "Sugar" Sutton were her sons, Jeff and Eugene Erno of the Traverse City/Kingsley area, her step daughter, Karen Chevalier and their father, Norman Erno of Saginaw, and Sugar's mother, Bernice Kowalski, who lived with her daughter. Sugar suffered a second stroke last week Tuesday, which left her paralyzed from the neck down. She died early Saturday morning at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

THE CHILDREN of Fred and Bernice Korthase of Montague honored their parents with a

50th wedding anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 9. Those attending from Boyne City were Ed and Arlene, Alma and Norval, Jean, and Dave and Betty Korthase and daughters Emily and Julie, and Sue Jessick of Harbor Springs. Others attended from Los Angeles, Calif., Kalamazoo, and South Haven.

CHRISTOPHER CHRISTENSEN, son of Bill and Lynda Christensen of Boyne City, graduated with honors on April 25 from Grand Valley State in Kalamazoo, with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management degree. Also graduating was Michelle Shaler, daughter of Frank and Connie Shaler of Boyne City, an Honors candidate, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in Special Education, and Tara King, daughter of Doug and Denise King of Boyne City, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

NICK MORRIS, the grandson of Helen and Larry Bergmann of Boyne City, spent Wednesday through Saturday on campus at Western University, attending a sports camping session for the blind. Also attending with the Bergmanns, was Amanda Sterly of Petoskey, who won a first place in goal ball, qualifying her to be in the national competitions to be held in Colorado.

MARILYN WAINIO of Wellington, Ohio was in Michigan on Friday to attend the graduation of her sister, LaBerta Korthase, daughter of Norval and Alma Korthase of Boyne City, who earned a Master's degree from Michigan State University on Friday. Also graduating was Jay Higgins of Boyne City, earning a Masters degree.

GORDAN AND MARYLOU Yahr of Delaware, Ohio spent several days of the Mother's Day week here in Boyne with mom, Ruth Yahr.

ABOUT 100 ATTENDED the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet at the Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday night. The mothers, daughters, grandmothers and great-grandmothers spent a very enjoyable evening as they were served a wonderful dinner by the men and some boys from the youth group of the church and then entertained by their male quartet.

ANNE JENKINS returned to her Kuzmick Road home on Wednesday from spending the previous week in Ionia with the James Morey family, as she is just returning from winter fun in Zephyrhills, Florida.

HATS ARE OFF TO six wonderful employees of Boyne City's Lexamar! They made six ladies at Litzenger Place, who would have spent Mother's Day alone, very happy. Mike Sherret, facility manager for premier manufacturing support services, Jon Hyatt, Chance Clark, Justin (Boot) Thomson, Jason Weatherwax, and Jean (JJ) Bailey gave these ladies their choice of Sunday's dinner, called in and delivered their order, and sat and visited with them for awhile. They all made this kind gesture in honor of their own moms, whom, for whatever reason, they could not be with for Mother's Day.

DAVE AND TRIX Johnston of St. Johns, their son, Dave and Mary and two boys, spent this past Saturday in the area. They were here for mushrooming, and spent some time with relatives, the Oral Sutliffs.

SON TERRY JENKINS from Cedar Hill, Texas and granddaughter Lisa and son, Nicholas, of Lansing spent the weekend of May 1st with Caroline Jenkins. They also visited some relatives and friends, and did a little mushroom hunting.

(To submit items to Nancy, please call 582-9174.)

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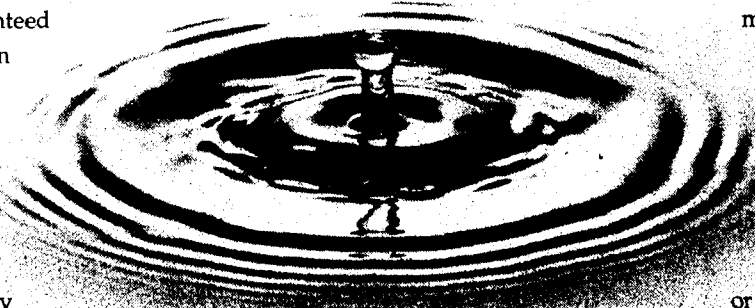
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'Stone Soup Rocks'

Samantha Sobleski, Kaidge Stokes and Evan Orban (above) portray hungry soldiers coming home from war in the Boyne City Elementary School kindergarten opera, "Stone Soup Rocks." During the Marching Song they wish for "food to reach the sky" while peasant Ame Tennant (left) detects their return to the village.

East Jordan Garden Club meets Monday

The East Jordan Garden Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Jordan Valley District Library Community Room.

Tim Kochanny, Conservation officer with the State of Michigan, will present a program on area plant and wildlife preservation.

Bob Tambellini of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will also give a presentation on what the foundation is about.

Hostesses for the program will be Ann Bisbee and Jean Muha. The East Jordan Garden Club is a member of state and federated garden clubs.

RSVP hosts senior fitness, health day

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Charlevoix and Emmet counties will be the official hosts of a National Senior Health and Fitness Day on May 27 from 1-5 p.m.

The events will be held at the Community Health Education Center (across from Northern Michigan Hospital entrance), for anyone 50 and over.

"This local event will be one of hundreds being held across the nation on that day," said Carla Bufe, RSVP director. "Our goal is to encourage the health and fitness of older adults in our community." The national celebration is now the largest fitness event for mature adults in the country. It is celebrated during May, which is Older Americans Month and National Physical Fitness and Sports Month.

Three sessions are offered:

- Avoiding medication pitfalls in the golden years or how to build a healthy heart;
- Get in touch with your muscles (stretching) or massage for a healthy feeling;
- Working out with hand weights or creative movement (T'ai Chi Chuan).

Snacks and door prizes will be offered, too.

Class size is limited and early registration is encouraged. Reservations with a \$5, non-refundable registration fee, due by May 22, will hold a spot for you on that day.

For more information or to register, call 347-5877.

Grandma's receives child care grant

Grandma's Child Care Center in Boyne City recently received a \$5,000 EQUIP grant from the 4 C's Council (Community Coordinated Child Care) to increase its infant care equipment, expand its odd-hour care services, and to enhance its special needs program.

Mirrors, mats, sit-on-toys, bright blocks and instruments will be some of the items added to the infant area.

For the special needs program the center will purchase handicap accessible equipment such as a computer table, casel and water table and big-knob puzzles, as well as training

materials for staff members, and educational dolls for students.

The grant was one of 23 awarded state-wide, out of 600 applicants. Currently 50 students are enrolled at the center which is licensed to care for up to 90 children, ages 6 months to 11 years old.

Students competing for Jordan River Arts Council scholarship

Eight students are vying for a scholarship award based on their portfolio of art work submitted to the annual Scholarship Competition sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council.

Juniors and seniors from schools in Antrim and Charlevoix counties were invited to participate. This year students from East Jordan and Elk Rapids are participating. Students from East Jordan High School under the tutelage of Pat Tinney are Renee Perreault, Rebecca Scott, Parke Bluhm, Catey Moses and Cassie Krause. Also from East Jordan High School is Joshua Luck with Caroline Smith as teacher. Students from Elk Rapids High School are Amanda Alger, Katrina Williams, and Meghan Plucinski with D. Sorensen as teacher.

Judging will take place this week and top honors will go to the student with the most creative and original presentation of their portfolio. To be eligible students must be planning to enroll in a visual art or art related curriculum for higher education. More than one award may be presented, but this will be at the discretion of the jurors.

Funds for the scholarship were started as a memorial to Doris Huckle, a well known friend of the arts in East Jordan. The fund is maintained by JRAC and further funded by the annual Haunted House held in October at the Art Center. Rod and Pat Tinney are chairpersons of the Haunted House event, and Marge Teske is curator of the scholarship exhibit.

The award presentation will be presented at 3 p.m. during the opening reception Sunday, May 17, at the Jordan River Arts Center. The reception will be from 2-4 p.m. for parents, teachers, students and friends with refreshments being served. The art works will be exhibited through May 28 from 1-4 p.m. daily. For other times, call volunteer chairperson Maggie Matthews at 536-7987.

The Arts Center is located at 301 Main St. in East Jordan.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Monday Study Club

The Monday Study Club met April 20 at the Lakeview Village community hall with 21 members present. Hostesses for the day were Vernice Nelson and Lucille Dolwick.

In keeping with the program topic, "Women of Note," Rose Schwem gave a portrayal on the life of Mary Cassatt, one of the pioneer women artists, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1845 and died in 1926 at the age of 81.

Even though Mary possessed considerable talent at an early stage in her adult life, women were not recognized as artists, so in 1866 she moved to Paris to study art and in 1874 made Paris her permanent home.

Mary liked to paint people, mostly women, but also did many portraits of a mother with a child. She estimates that she painted around 600 portraits during her lifetime.

She was an impressionistic artist, a style of 19th century painting characterized by short brush strokes of bright colors to represent the effect of light on objects.

Mary Cassatt tried to paint what the eye sees, rather than what the artist feels or knows about his subject.

She had an independent spirit and liked to paint people "at the moment" not over time.

In 1879 Mary began print making for a price she felt working people could afford. As her eyes developed cataracts, she switched to pastels rather than oils.

Her eyesight began to fail by 1900 when she was only 55 years old and by 1914 she was unable to paint at all. In 1915 Mary lost her sight totally due to unsuccessful cataract surgery.

Mary Cassatt was one of the few truly famous women artists in history.

The next meeting will be May 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place, when Evelyn Kerbawy will feature the life story of Judy Garland.

American Legion and Auxiliary

Boyne City Fire Chief Henry Erber spoke to the American Legion and the Auxiliary following their potluck dinner on May 8.

Erber urged members to post the proper size five digit house numbers in a conspicuous place for easy identification by 911 responders. Erber also explained about the extensive

training undergone by the volunteer fire department. He also described the roles of the various fire trucks, i.e., tanker, ladder, rescue, etc. used in fire fighting.

During the Legion meeting which followed Erber's talk, the Zone Commander of the Sons of the American Legion described the role of that organization in supporting the work of the Legion. Legionnaire Rex Moriarity will start a squadron of the SAL in Post #228. Membership is open to any male descendant of any age of any Legionnaire.

The "Show Your Colors, America" campaign in the Boyne City area schools has resulted in 57 classroom flags for flagpoles, which will be presented to Boyne Falls, Concord Academy, Porter Creek, and Boyne City Schools. Installation will take place before Memorial Day. The placing of flags in our schools is service to the community by the veterans of American Legion Post #228.

Writer's Guild

There will be a special meeting of the East Jordan Writer's Guild on Friday, May 15. For details, call Jane Brock at 536-3569, days.

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The Boyne City School Boosters, along with the high school, have created the "Hall" to recognize special alumni, as well as provide a group of role models for succeeding generations.

A picture and a biographical sketch of the inductees will be displayed in the main entrance hall of the

high school. The Boosters will cover the initial start-up costs and signage.

Boosters president Pete Friedrich said the intent is not to focus on athletic achievements, but on those who have used the educational foundation established in high school as a catalyst for all types of accomplishments.

"We want to put out a group of role models for our kids," said athletic director Steve Beyer. "You can go to Boyne City High School and be anything you want — from a great basketball player to a great research

scientist."

Nominations will be reviewed by a community group comprised of representatives of the school boosters, teachers, ministerial association, local media, and chamber of commerce.

Candidates will be judged based on their achievements in any combination of the following: high school accomplishments, post high school education and special training, employment, military service, professional awards, honors and achievements, community service,

and philanthropy.

Those nominated, but not admitted to the Hall of Fame, will remain eligible for induction in subsequent years.

Candidates must be alumni of 10 years or more, and can be nominated from May 1 to Aug. 1 each year. Forms can be picked up and returned to the high school office. Induction will take place annually at homecoming.

For more information contact Beyer at 582-6765.



He had the look, the swing and the power, and the ball paid the price as Boyne's Scott Karaszewski blasted this pitch over the right-centerfield fence in game two against Kalkaska last Thursday.

Ramblers finish second in conference

With a split against Charlevoix Monday, the Boyne City Ramblers finished the conference season tied for second place with a 7-5 record.

In game one Monday, Charlevoix defeated the Ramblers 6-5, while in game two Boyne City won 8-4.

Phil Simpson was on the mound for the Ramblers in the first game and gave up nine hits, struck out six and allowed no walks. The Ramblers committed four costly errors which proved to be the difference in the game.

For the Ramblers, Andy Douglas hit the first home run of his career, while David Cadarette, Simpson, Scott Karaszewski, and Danny Arner each singled.

In game two, Chuck Stanek pitched for the Ramblers. He allowed four hits, one walk and recorded eight strikeouts.

Stanek also helped his cause at the plate with three singles. Karaszewski had two doubles, Simon had two singles and Arner also singled.

The Ramblers also split with

Kalkaska last Thursday, dropping the first game 14-1 but rebounding to win the nightcap 9-8.

In game one, Karaszewski started for the Ramblers. He gave up five hits and five walks and struck out three. He was relieved by Simon, who pitched one inning and did not allow a hit.

After struggling in game one and trailing 4-0 in game two, the Ramblers finally came to life.

"The kids came back and they have showed that ability all year," said coach Beano Archey. "They

came through real well."

Simpson was on the mound for the Ramblers and he gave up six hits, four walks and struck out seven.

Karaszewski led the hitting attack for the Ramblers with a home run and single. Simon and Joe Jones both collected two singles, while Jeremy Peck and Simpson each singled.

The Ramblers competed in a tournament in Rogers City Saturday and lost to the host team in game one, but defeated Sault Ste. Marie in game two. This weekend they travel to Kingsley for a tournament.

East Jordan drops two to Kalkaska in conference finale

It won't get any easier for the East Jordan Red Devils when they travel to Petoskey for a game Thursday afternoon.

The Red Devils closed out their conference baseball season Monday

losing to Kalkaska 6-5 and 13-1. The Red Devils finished the conference season 3-9; overall they are 5-17.

In game one against Kalkaska, Matt Whiteford was one the mound and he allowed six hits, five walks

and struck out four.

Offensively, Denzil Washington went three for three while Bryan Banfield and Corey Schroeder each went two for three.

In game two, Rob Vincent

pitched for the Red Devils and he gave up 11 hits, four walks and struck out three.

Wilson and Chris Lifer each went two for three.

Thursday's game starts at 4:30 p.m.

Relay teams set the pace for Ramblers

By CHRIS WINKLER

Though high jumper Chuck Stanek and the boys' 3200M relay both won again at the Mancelona Invitational on Friday, it was an outstanding showing by the entire girl's track team that was the real story.

Three relays — the 3200M, 800M, and 400M — took first, as did sophomores Nicole Kurtz in the 100M hurdles and Jackie Cyr in the 800M run. Participating in the relays were: 3200M - Cyr, Molly Bricker, Emily Bricker, and Beth Stackus; 800M - Kurtz, Alanna Simonsen, Alison Polack, and Ann Gaudard; 400M - Kurtz, Simonsen, Polack, and Gaudard.

Kurtz also placed in the 300M hurdles, taking second. Gaudard was second in the 200M dash, along with fourth in the 100M dash. Polack and Stackus took second and third, respectively, in the long jump. Stackus picked up another third in the 3200M run, and Molly and Emily Bricker finished three-four in the mile.

In overall placing, Harbor Springs took first with 128 points in the eight-team meet. Boyne City was second with 103, edging Bellaire who had 101.

On the boy's side, host Mancelona won, racking up 138 points. Harbor was next with 108, Bellaire had 102, and Boyne City captured 82 points.

Stanek leaped 5'10" to win the high jump. In other field events, Keith Jones placed fourth in the discus, and Andy Fowler picked up sixth in both the shot put and discus. Sean Ku sprinted to second in the 100M dash, and fourth in the 200M. Mik Martin, just over a second from the school record, was second in the 800M run. Sean Weisler took home medals with a third place in both the 1600M and 3200M runs. Other top six finishers include: Jeremiah Meadows (400M dash), John Gibbs (110M hurdles), J. D. Doherty (1600M run), Josh Bernthal (800M run), and Mike Kenney (3200M run).

The East Jordan Rotary Invitational on Monday drew 16 teams, and despite not many Ramblers placing, they did run well. The boys finished 15th and the girls 16th, while it was Benzie Central who swept both sides of the meet.

Korky Persons put the shot 42'2", taking fifth place. "That's the first time in 10 years someone broke 42 feet," said boys coach Tom Nagurka. "Korky is really coming on strong for regionals."

Two relay teams, the 3200M and 1600M, placed in the top six, and the four-somes should be prepared come regionals, on Saturday. Nagurka mentioned that distance runner, Sean Weisler, and freshman sprinter, Jeremiah Meadows, have continued to run strong, and that he was looking forward to Tuesday's Petoskey Relays and the regionals.

Though not placing the highest Monday, two relay teams for the girls set school records. The Brickers, Charlotte Stackus, and Cyr combined for the 3200M relay and the 1600M consisted of Kurtz, Simonsen, Polack, and Gaudard. Cyr also placed third in the 800M run.

"We're still ready to break through," girls coach Chris Brilinski said. "There's been a lot of personal bests, and although it doesn't always look like we did very well, we are. We should be ready for regionals."

Following Saturday's regional meet, the team closes out the season with the conference meet at Boyne on Wednesday.

Riding Abbey Roberts' arm, Ramblers sweep Charlevoix

The Boyne City varsity girls softball team split a double-header at home against Kalkaska last Thursday winning 5-2 in the first game and losing 5-0 in the second.

Abbey Roberts threw five strikeouts and allowed five hits in the first game.

On offense, Brandy Barren, Sarah Bobowski and April Roberts each had a single and Abbey Roberts had two base hits.

In game two Abbey Roberts threw two strikeouts

and allowed six base hits.

Bobowski, Barren, Abbey Roberts and April Roberts all hit singles in the game.

Coach Rick Simon attributed several errors to the loss.

The Ramblers came back to win two games on the road against Charlevoix on Monday, 2-0 and 11-3.

Abbey Roberts was back on the mound throwing a one-hitter in the first game. She had eight strikeouts

and allowed two walks.

Abbey had two base hits. Katie Dhaseleer, Kelly Sweet, Barren, April Roberts and Heidi Van Hoosier all got on base with singles.

In game two, Abbey threw another eight strikeouts, and allowed five hits.

The team posted 13 hits altogether in the second game led by April Roberts with four hits, including a triple and double. Sarah Bobowski hit a two-run homer, Abbey Roberts had three base hits, Dhaseleer

had a single and a triple and Barren had two base hits.

On defense, right fielder April Roberts had two assists, throwing a runner out at home plate and another at second base on a double play.

The team is now 12-6-1 overall and 7-4-1 in the conference. They will play in the Kingsley tournament on Saturday, May 16. The junior varsity girls softball team will face East Jordan at home on May 20.



Boyne City's Katie Bernthal receives the throw at second then puts the tag on the Kalkaska runner sliding into the bag. In the dusty aftermath, both opponents looked to the umpire for the call. She was out, and Boyne preserved its victory.

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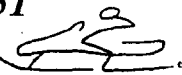
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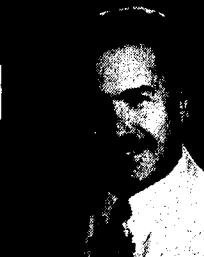
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Super Tuesday takes on new meaning for some students

Super Tuesday will mean more than two-for-ones at Subway to some Boyne City high schoolers this summer and fall.

In a pioneering program, Bay Township will hire six students to act as election inspectors for the August primary and November general elections.

"We hope to get them interested enough so they will start paying attention to what is going on in the state, the U.S., and the world," said Bay Township deputy clerk Lois Bolan who is in charge of running the township's elections and initiated the local program.

The students, who must be at

least 16 years old, will set up, test and verify that the voting machines are working properly. They will also verify that voters are properly registered, and will distribute and track ballots.

Traditionally, these jobs have always been held by adults, 18 years or older. But this year the state opened up the process to allow 16 and 17 year olds to work at the booths.

BCHS social studies teacher Michele VanDamme hopes students will understand the voting process better and see that it doesn't have to be intimidating. "I think it will be a great experience overall," she said. She and fellow teacher Ken Parker

will work to select and prepare the students for the short-term assignments by the end of May.

"Our whole system of government starts with elections," Bolan said.

The students, along with their older adult counterparts, will be trained two weeks prior to the elections by the state and be paid \$10 per hour for the estimated seven hours they will work.

Bolan hopes Bay Township's actions will inspire other townships and cities to work with students.

"I'm really excited about it," Bolan said. "It's real life and that's what they need."

MEAP scores up at all schools

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores were released from the governor's office last Wednesday, and local schools showed improvements almost across the board.

The tests, required for all public and charter schools, rank fourth and seventh graders in reading and math skills.

Boyne City scores were up in all categories and showed the most improvement in seventh grade math.

Boyne Falls showed increases in all areas as well, climbing 30 percent in fourth grade math, 36 percent in seventh grade math, and 67 percent in seventh grade reading.

"We're real pleased with the results," said superintendent Pat Smith. He attributes the increases to curriculum changes in the math program two years ago, the language arts programs last year, and to the science program this year.

"We're celebrating academics over here," said Smith who anticipates a new social studies curriculum to be on-line next year.

Scores were up across the board at Concord Academy-Boyne with the most significant improvements in fourth grade math, from 29.4 to 85 and fourth grade reading, from 11.8 to 50.

Curriculum coordinator Karen Kubovick said the results reflect genuine improvement in teaching and learning. "We don't teach to the MEAP tests," she said. "The teachers have done a great job."

East Jordan high school principal Gus Bishop said the district is comfortable with the results. Scores rose in all areas except seventh grade math, but Bishop pointed out that the scores were higher than when those same students were in the fourth grade.

"We're looking for that general upward trend," Bishop said. The district sees the test as one form of validation that what they've been doing from year to year is working.

"We're really happy we've had the community and parents in support of long term gain instead of quick fixes."

happen," said meeting facilitator Burt Stanley of the MSU Extension Office-Antrim County, and a Friends of the Jordan board member.

The group will meet again on Wednesday, May 27, at 7 p.m., at

the Wolverine-Dilworth Inn, and encourages the public to attend. It will look to further identify the group's goals and objectives and to develop an executive committee to facilitate future meetings and activities.

Students

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students have a way of keeping it from getting too boring. I loved it when principal Gus Bishop instructed each group to exit stage right, but when the scholarship winners came up to be recognized the whole mob of East Jordan's Brightest and Best exited, en masse, stage LEFT.

I did think, I have to admit, when the Outstanding Students were being announced, that an outstanding HEALTH student was maybe pushing the concept a bit far, and I was in the middle of a yawn when they announced KATIE BROCK. I have never been so proud

Afterwards, we all ate cake and congratulated each other for about 45 minutes before we could fit our heads through the door to go home. It was a great night. We should do it more often.

River

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had a lot of common goals," said Vicki Standen, proprietor of the riverside Beardsley House.

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This traditional cottage has it all. 2 bedrooms, large open living-dining and kitchen and an area with a walkout onto the patio. The old fashioned stone fireplace adds to the warmth of this cozy room. Two large lots offer areas for gardening or just playing. Enjoy the splendor of one of the best lakes in Michigan, with 100' of Lake Charlevoix sandy beach frontage.
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1309 Lakashore Drive
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This is a Bargain at \$64,900.
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"I look forward to hearing from you!"

New Listing! Villa de Charlevoix!
Lake Charlevoix is just steps away and a meandering brook is out the back door of this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Ceramic tile floors, Corian counter tops, radiant in-floor heat are just some of the many custom features.
\$219,900.
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10 acres of mature hardwoods, rolling terrain and several possible building sites! Health Department approved and waiting to compliment your house plans. Lot 1-\$29,900 • Lot 2-\$29,900
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Villa de Charlevoix!
Two year old home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a full basement. Enjoy all the amenities of the Villa de Charlevoix Association. 500 feet of Lake Charlevoix sandy beach frontage, a pavilion and bath house, boat ramp and boat slips (there is a waiting list) and paved roads for biking or roller blading.
Don't miss this one for \$102,500.
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