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Ready for the show

Thousands of spectators gathered around the beautiful shore of Lake Charlevoix in Boyne City for the 4th of July fireworks display. After witnessing a glorious sunset, they enjoyed a marvelous show put on by the Boyne City Fire Department.

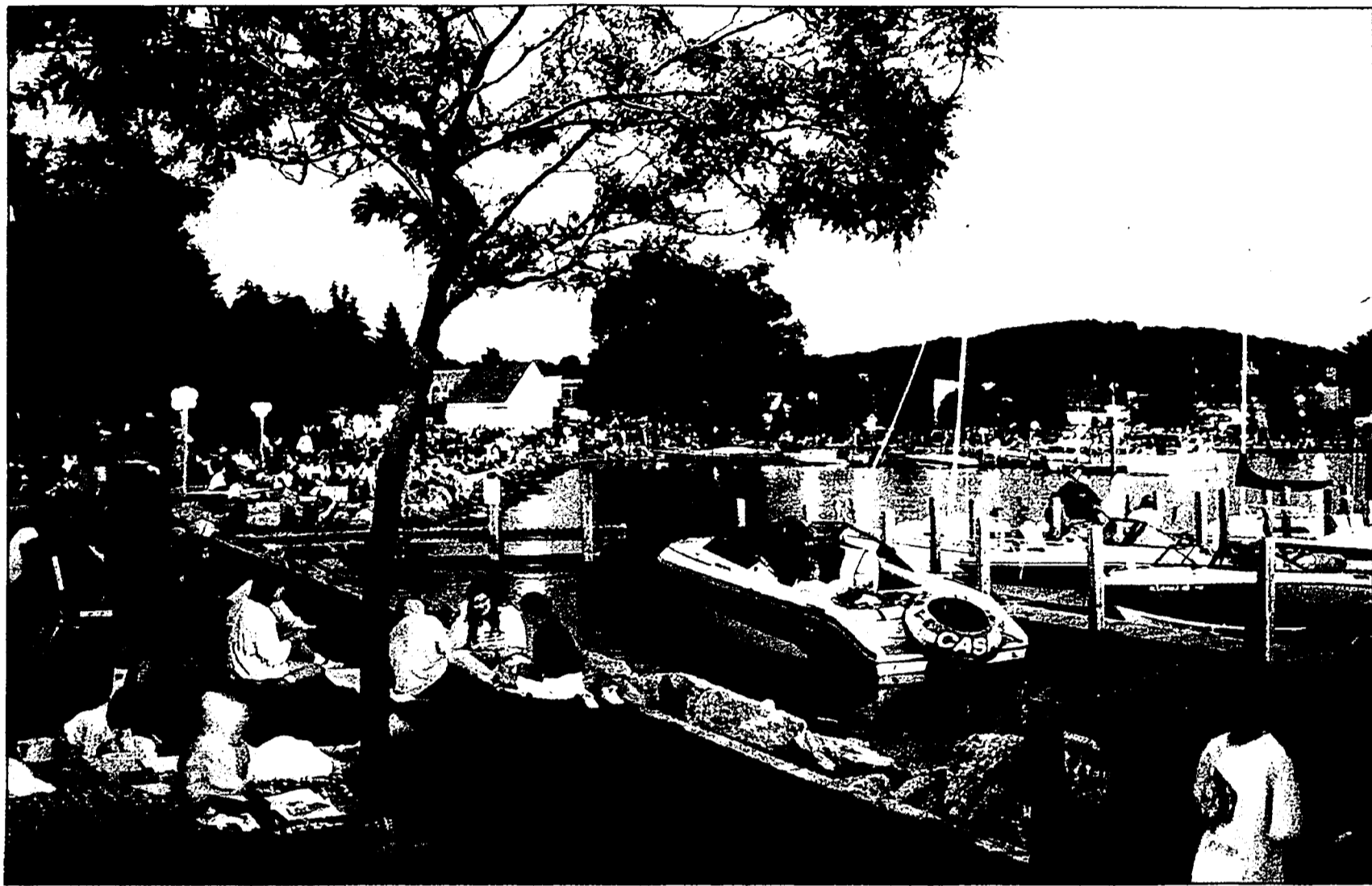


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THE CLUB IS ONE OF ONLY THREE WITH 100 PERCENT PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

East Jordan Rotary is in elite company

Out of the 28,531 international Rotary Clubs, East Jordan's ranks third in the category of 100 percent Paul Harris Fellows.

A Fellow is a member who has given \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation, or who has had the money donated in their name.

The club was recently honored at the Rotary International Convention in Indianapolis in recognition for its achievement. Only 11 other clubs in the world have also achieved the status — most of them only recently.

The Rotary International Foundation provides scholarship money, and traveling expenses for college graduates to study abroad for a year.

The money donated by the Rotarians goes directly to scholarships and not for administrative expenses, said John Smith, chairperson of the Fellowship Attendance Indoctination. Those costs are covered by dues.

"It's a great program," said Smith. "It's basically set up to pro-

mote international understanding."

The Rotary Club of East Jordan has had a 100 percent Paul Harris Fellow designation since Dec. 8, 1992, in no small part due to Smith's diligence in persuading members to contribute to the fund.

"I urged people within the club (to become Fellows) as regularly as they would let me," Smith said.

Back in 1980, the club collected \$1,000 and awarded its first Paul Harris Fellow to a charter member. From then on, one member after another put up the money to designate fellow Rotarians into the exclusive Paul

Harris group.

Because of his dedication, local members presented Smith with the banner they received in Indianapolis.

"I say 'I hope you become a Paul Harris fellow soon,'" said Smith good-naturedly of his role in encouraging members to donate to the fund.

There are approximately 50 club members at any given time.

He estimates the group has given \$85,000 to the Foundation.

"You have to keep people involved, or they don't stay members," said Smith, who credits other Rotarians for the group's success. "You have to have a Barbara Worgess. You have to have a Gary Roberts." The list goes on and on.

The Rotary also sponsors local holiday parties for elementary school students and disabled children, little league baseball, a Camp Daggett cabin, the father and son banquet, a high-school student exchange program and much more.

A Rotarian since 1946, the 83-year-old Smith recalls the first high school exchange sponsored by the East Jordan Rotarians in the 1950s.

On a visit back to East Jordan from his post as a principal in Pottersville, he told the Rotarians about a German exchange student his down-state club had sponsored to help out a different program, and what a positive experience it was. (Smith moved back to East Jordan in 1974.)

As a result, the East Jordan club wrote to 80 other clubs in Europe with an offer to host a student.

Instead of a few kids, 51 foreign

exchange students headed to East Jordan. With only 30 Rotary members, some families hosted three or four of the seniors.

In the end, said Smith, it was the Rotary Club of East Jordan, which was the catalyst for the clubs international exchange program, which took off soon thereafter.

Today they send one or two high schoolers across seas, and take in only one student per year from another country.

"It really does a lot and gets people appreciating the whole world, not just their own country."

"We are not just the club," said Smith. "We are individuals and as individuals we are supposed to be participating in the community."

"You could go down the membership list and find each person is active in something," said Smith. "Hopefully we're making a difference in the world."



John Smith



The Rotary Club of East Jordan recently received international recognition for its charitable contributions. Displaying its award banner from left are: Past president Bob Tambellini, Paul Michael, John Smith, president Gary W. Roberts, vice president Barb Worgess, and Harry Watson.

Trailer fire started a long day for firemen

When Boyne City firemen went to bed Friday evening, they knew Saturday, the 4th of July, was going to be a long day.

They just didn't know how long.

For most of the firemen, their day began Saturday at 1 a.m. when they were roused from bed to battle a house trailer fire on North Advance Road. Their day ended sometime in the early hours of Sunday after they had launched a magnificent fireworks display for thousands of spectators gathered on the shore of Lake Charlevoix.

The firemen's motto during the day was "We gotta keep moving or we're going to fall asleep," said fire chief Henry Erber.

By the time firemen arrived at the home of Mike and Brenda Jepsen it was fully engulfed.

Mike said he was awakened by a crackling sound and saw a ball of fire on the wall and floor. Brenda, who wears a hearing aid, didn't hear his shouts, and he had to physically rouse her from sleep.

Mike said his hair was singed, but the two escaped with no other injuries. Brenda did lose her hearing aid in the fire.

Two firemen were not so lucky. Boyne City fireman Carl Lockman was overcome by heat and was taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was treated and released.

Boyne Valley fireman Kelly Harmond injured his foot when he stepped on a piece of metal. He was also taken to the

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Gus Bishop taking new job for EJ school district --see page 8



Lending a hand

Weekend activities benefit Camp Quality

It's a weekend set aside just for the kids. That's the reason for the fifth annual Camp Quality Benefit Weekend on July 17-19, sponsored by Re/Max of Boyne and the Boyne City Yacht Club.

All proceeds from the three-day event will benefit the children of Camp Quality, a non-profit organization comprised of hundreds of volunteers. The main focus of the program is to offer a week of adventure and year-round support to children whose lives have been touched by cancer.

The weekend opens Friday, July 17, when Boyne meets Broadway at One Water Street Restaurant. The Boyne City High School Drama Department and One Water Street have joined to-

gether for the Camp Quality dinner theatre. Tickets are \$100 for a couple and \$50 per person.

Curtain call is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Act one, dinner, is served from 6:30-8 p.m. Act two, the show "Boyne Meets Broadway" (part one), follows dinner. Then there is intermission, followed by desert and act three, "Boyne Meets Broadway" (part two.)

The Taste of Boyne Champagne Cruise sets sail at noon Saturday, July 18, from the Harborage Marina. The two-hour cruise offers a perfect way to enjoy Lake Charlevoix and the Jim Kuhn

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OPINION

A MOM'S LIFE

'The room' will never be the same

By CINDI PLACE

Anyone who has a teenage son and has had the experience of cleaning that child's room knows the bull-headed feelings that are required when attempting a thorough shovelling of the teenager's abode.

You have to be tough, you have to be determined, and you have to leave several of your five senses at that door. Especially the sense of smell.

An extended absence of our eldest son recently presented me with the opportunity to get this kid's room cleaned the way I wanted it cleaned. Which is no small feat. During my recent cleaning rampage through our home, I overheard one of our other children warn his younger sibling, "Don't let mom clean our room; it'll never be the same!"

Darn right.

When attempting a large project such as the one I was preparing to undertake, the proper equipment is the key. Armed with the largest, strongest trash bags I could find, some really powerful detergent and the attitude that "it's all gotta go," I opened the door and took a large breath. Big mistake.

What I discovered were all the socks, clothes, dishes, silverware that had been missing for longer than I wanted to recall. And all this from a room that isn't supposed to have any food or drink in it — ever.

Now, to complicate matters a bit, my husband, upon discovering my plan to clean up this mess, expressed his concern that I not throw away anything that our son would value. This from a man who still has his college football jersey, which for sentimental reasons wasn't cleaned after his last game, more than 20 years ago.

After several days of sorting and scrubbing and trashing, I can say that the room is now fit for human habitation. And in the process, I feel like I've grown closer to this young man. Because in the midst of all the dirty socks and misplaced dinnerware, I also discovered some of his incredible art work, his worn copy of the Bible, and a stack of letters that we had written him years ago when he went to summer camp.

You know, the important stuff.

LETTERS

We are fortunate to have her 'as a part of our lives'

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you dear friends and relatives of Thelma's and mine. I am home alone tonight, since I have lost my sweetheart and dear wife of 49 years and thinking of how caring everyone has been. Thank you for your kindness.

Thanks for the beautiful cards and flowers, donations to Thelma's favored Samaritan — Burns Clinic Cardiac Therapy — and for the many, many prayers and the kind words that everyone said of her. She would have been very pleased.

Thank you to Rev. David Behling for his consoling words and prayers. To David Beek, Jim and Eleanor Stackus for their fine arrangements and attendance. Thanks also to the First Presbyterian Church for sharing their beautiful church with us, and to Boyne Mountain for showing their personal concern with their excellent luncheon.

All of these friends helped us to remember how fortunate we all are to have this lovely, caring person as part of our lives.

John Clark and family

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS



Joe Heller's cartoons will be an occasional feature on the editorial page.

Crew sets sail on historic journey

(Editor's note: The Viking Voyage is off and sailing. The eight-man crew, which includes Homer Williams of Boyne City, set sail on its historic journey to retrace the voyage of Viking sailor Leif Eriksson on June 28. Following is a journal entry from crew member John Abbott, written two days after their departure. For more about the trip, visit the Viking Voyage website at www.viking1000.org.)

The bright morning sun sits low on the horizon, making Erik's face difficult to discern when he awakens me for the 6 to 7 a.m. anchor watch. I've already had to slip on my sunglasses as the glare off the still smooth water, while pleasing and welcoming, is too bright for the early morning eyes.

The rest of the crew is getting their last few winks as we've decided to sail early today beginning our journey north to the Arctic Circle, our first port of call lying roughly 100 miles ahead in Manitsog. Moments like these are rare for each of us and are to be celebrated. We're really enjoying each other's company, catching up on the life stories that the past year, since our thwarted attempt to get to Baffin, have brought for each of us.

We're all encouraged by the experience and teamwork that is apparent (and the requisite amount of bad jokes and general hijinks) among us, but we all relish these times of personal solitude. When you share your bathroom, living room and bedroom with 8 people in a 55-foot space, sometimes 24 hours a day, no matter how well things go, some reflective space is always welcome.

We spent the day yesterday doing projects on the boat that we'd been unable to wrap up prior to our departure on Sunday afternoon. Dean and Erik worked to create a mounting system for our windmill that will generate electricity onboard necessary to power our computer and telecommunications gear.

Hodding (Carter, the trip's leader) and Homer

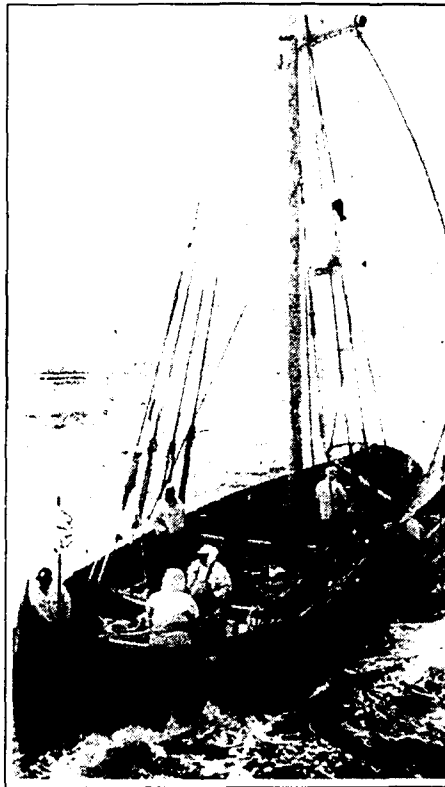


Photo courtesy of Homer Williams

The Snorri, sponsored by Land's End, set sail late last month. The journey is expected to take about two months.

prepared a "patch tarp" that would be thrown out over the bow to cover a hole in the hull (we're confident that this is a precaution and a scenario never exercised!) should we find ourselves in the unenviable situation of taking on water. Doug, John Gardner and I replaced our sheets with

robolon line from last year's halyard. They've been sticky and hard to work when tacking and jibing. We attempted to pine tar the line to make it more visually pleasing without much luck. I also took the time to make sure that our mounted camera is functional and sound quality acceptable.

Even the smallest project of drilling a hole into the cutting board so we can get a good grab on it while washing, contributes to the comfort and function of Snorri.

Terry and Rob continue work and discussion about the optimal rudder size and profile, though with four of them on board (we may start a Rent-a-Rudder here in the Arctic Rim...) it will be a matter of experimenting under differing sailing conditions until consensus is reached.

The previous evening (Saturday) our friend Benedicta from the Tourism Board prepared us a traditional Greenlandic farewell meal of seal soup. Opening ourselves to the rich tradition of eating sea mammals has really been a lesson in cultural relativity. Rob Stevens has joked continually that if I continue to eat the meat of animals that we in the lower latitudes consider endangered, I may not be able to get back into my home state of Vermont, a bastion of vegetarianism and animal rights activism. I guess I'll have to take my chances and hope for the best...

We were escorted out of Nuuk by the local kayak club paddling their handmade hunting boats and screw rolling alongside to celebrate the beginning of our journey to Vinland. The mountains in the fjords still hold snow that defines the dramatic jutting knife-edges and spires rising from the coast.

Hodding just rolled out of bed in his Viking clothing, determined to live for the next week in his wool underwear and overcoat, an exercise we will all undertake at some point to understand further what Leif and his crew experienced. I'm off for the kitchen to cook up some bulgur, dried fruit and nuts for breakfast. Only a few days out and the "bloatmeal" is already getting my goat!

GUEST COLUMN

Making progress resolving school facilities' problems

By FLOYD WRIGHT

At the Boyne City Educational Facilities Committee meeting on July 1, there was encouraging progress toward resolving the space problems of the Boyne City Schools.

At a previous meeting, the committee identified four grade configurations and their associated space needs to BETA Architects, who has been engaged for architectural services to the school district.

On July 1, BETA presented drawings of preliminary plans to add on to the three existing school buildings to accommodate the configura-

tion K-1-2-3-4-5 at the elementary; 6-7-8 at the middle school; and 9-10-11-12 at the high school.

Ralph Moxley of BETA, led discussions about the preliminary plan. He will take the discussion input back for adjustments to the plan and return on July 15 for another presentation. Also on the 15th, BETA will present a preliminary plan for the configuration of K-1-2-3 at the elementary, 4-5 at the middle school, 6-7-8 at a new junior high building, and 9-10-11-12 at the high school. Ralph Moxley will again lead a discussion of the plans and encourages all interested persons to attend and offer comments. At future meetings, two more configurations will be

presented.

In August, the committee and BETA expect to have preliminary plans with their respective cost for each of the four configurations. An auditorium is being considered as an option in all four configurations.

The committee intends to survey the entire community for help in selecting the most desirable solution. Your input is critical. See you at the July 15 meeting in the high school home economics room at 7 p.m.

(Floyd Wright is a member of the steering committee for the Educational Facilities Committee.)

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Miss East Jordan and her court regale their public, with that familiar pageant wave.



It was standing room only for onlookers along the parade route.



Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts marched at a steady pace during Boyne City's 4th of July Festival parade.



Old Glory received a place of honor in the hands of a Veteran of Foreign Wars.



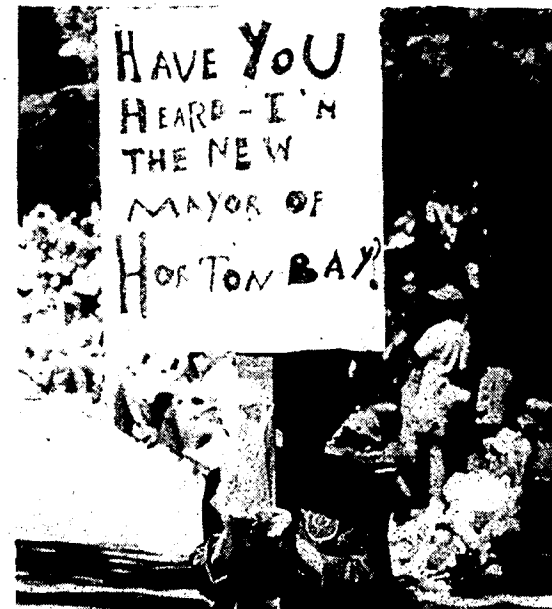
The Boyne City High School Drama Department kept things kicking as a mobile stage moved them through town.

A grand day for the 4th



HAVE YOU HEARD?
HAWAII'S King Kamehameha RECOGNIZED
HORTON BAY THE NEW 51ST STATE

If the rumors are to be believed, Horton Bay was named the 51st state by the King of Hawaii, during the town's comic parade.



The new mock mayor of Horton Bay may be too young to vote, but that didn't stop him from taking over the temporary office.

Many groups will benefit from Community Foundation grants

Medical emergency equipment, land conservation, a new shelter for orphaned pets, a school-based mentoring program and more will receive some financial help from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The local foundation and its Youth Advisory Committee recently announced grants totaling \$103,550 to support a host of projects benefiting residents of the area.

The new awards bring the Community Foundation's grantmaking total to \$923,500 in its five-year history. "With our assets now at nearly \$6 million, we're able to do much more for the people and programs in our area," said Bill Lorne, president of the local charitable organization. "All of us who live and vacation in Charlevoix County are able to see the long-term impact this foundation can make."

Programs chosen for Community Foundation assistance and the amount of their grants are:

From the Community Foundation Unrestricted Fund, used to support a variety of initiatives:

Charlevoix Alano Club - \$1,500 to produce and distribute a monthly newsletter.

Charlevoix County Humane Society - \$4,000 toward the construction of an animal shelter.

Northwest Michigan Child and Family Services - \$1,200 for the expansion of counseling services in Charlevoix County.

Char-Em Housing Coalition - \$2,000 for a revolving security deposit loan program to help renters seeking affordable housing.

Alzheimer's Association - \$2,000 to establish and maintain a regional resource library at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Women's Resource Center - \$5,000 toward the renovation of Safe House, the regional shelter for abused women.

From the Youth Fund, used to support programs that benefit children and families:

Big Brothers/Sisters of Northern

Michigan - \$9,000 over three years to establish a school-based mentoring program for elementary school children.

Boyer Area Gymnastics - \$8,830 toward the construction of a countywide gymnastic and dance facility in Boyne City.

Camp Quality - \$3,300 for an American tall ship sailing experience for teenagers with cancer.

MSU 4-H Extension - \$7,500 toward the development of new soccer fields in Boyne City.

Charlevoix County Friend of the Court - \$2,000 for a one year pilot program to fund a liaison position linking the schools and Friend of the Court.

Raven Hill Discovery Center - \$3,370 to purchase a laser light exhibit at the hands-on science, history and art museum.

From the East Jordan Enrichment Fund, to support programs in the East Jordan area:

City of East Jordan - \$5,000 challenge match to purchase life support equipment for the ambulance rescue team.

City of East Jordan - \$11,000 challenge match toward the historic restoration of the buildings at Elm Pointe.

City of East Jordan - \$3,850 to purchase equipment for Camp EJ and to provide camperships to children who would otherwise not be able to attend.

East Jordan Family Health Center - \$1,950 to pilot a school-based program for children with asthma.

East Jordan Pop Warner Football League - \$1,500 to help create a Pee-Wee football division.

Jordan River Arts Council - \$2,000 to support the summer youth theater series.

Northwest Habitat for Humanity - \$3,250 to assist with the construction of a home in East Jordan.

East Jordan Learning Alliance - \$12,000 over two years to support the final phase of the Community Playground Project.

Friends of the Jordan Watershed, Inc. - \$3,000 match for the produc-

tion and distribution of written educational materials about the Jordan River watershed.

East Jordan Public Schools - \$1,500 to expand the after-school latch key program.

From the Eugene B. Renkiewicz Memorial Fund, to support reproductive health and family planning programs with a focus on male teens:

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan - \$2,000 for the continuation and expansion of the male adolescent responsibility program "Out of the Locker Room."

From the Tunison/Garlock Memorial Fund, to enhance public education and/or to protect the ecology in Charlevoix County, in honor and memory of Theodore and Martha Tunison and Kenneth Garlock:

Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy - \$4,800 for the erosion control and riverbank stabilization project in the South Arm Township portion of the St. Clair Lake - Six Mile Lake Natural Area.

From the William H. Ohle Memorial Fund, to honor a local historian and trustee of the Community Foundation:

Boyer City District Library - \$2,000 toward the renovation of the library to create a new children's books and reading area.

The Community Foundation will accept and review grants again in the fall. Programs eligible for funding must serve the residents of Charlevoix County and address one of several issues such as health, human services, youth, environmental concerns or the arts and culture. Foundation staff are happy to work with organizations to discuss grant-worthy ideas.

For more information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation or its grant application process, call 536-2440, or write P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, Mich., 49727.



Streetscape work

It's still a dirt road and signs point the way as streetscape work continues in East Jordan. Water main hook-ups have been completed under Main Street and construction crews began installing storm sewers last week. Just up the road, the police station construction is running right on schedule. The building's exterior, including the roof, is nearly finished. Windows are being framed in and the eaves will soon be installed. A retaining wall is being built by the garage and excavation work is being completed.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY HOSPICE, INC.

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The June 12th Charlevoix County Hospice Auction was the most successful ever. Due to the generosity of those that participated in the bidding process we know not only that we can continue to provide the high level of services that will be needed by the terminally ill and their families, but also the ability to provide grief recovery and bereavement services for all in need. We are very grateful to those of you who supported us this evening.

The success was possible because of the people who contributed either items for the auction or their time to make sure the auction was an exciting and fun event. To these people a special thanks and a few comments need to be made.

Our two auctioneers, Jim White and Jeff Macfarlane did a great job of keeping the pace of the verbal auction lively and fun. Howard Richards at the piano provided a delightful musical background.

Boyer USA RESORTS again donated the use of the Civic Center at Boyne Mountain for the auction. Thanks to Scott Hall and Mike Miller and the set windows attracted much interest from passersby. Thanks also to all those locations that displayed the auction posters.

Boyer Country Books in Boyne City and The Clothing Company in Charlevoix made store-front display windows available for auction items. These windows attracted much interest from passersby. Thanks also to all those locations that displayed the auction posters.

The Auction Committee of about 30 people who work with the committee collect the items, set up the auction and are on hand through the event are a dedicated group to whom I extend my heartfelt thanks.

And last, but not least, the chairpersons of this year's auction David Beck, Amy Carol and Hank Ross. Their amazing assistance and direction made everything flow smoothly and seemingly effortless!

Below is the list of the individuals and companies that made the donations to the Hospice Auction. To each and everyone of you, I would like to say thanks for your support to Hospice. Without you, all of the above would not have happened.

Many Thanks,
Margaret E. Lester, Executive Director

Our Auction would not be such a success without the generous donations from the following patrons:

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Former pastors gathered at St. Matthew's Church to celebrate the groundbreaking of the parish's new fellowship hall. They included The Revs. John Ladd, Dennis Stilwell and Thomas Neis,



Bishop Patrick R. Cooney, center, offers his blessings over the new construction site.



St. Matthew pastor, the Rev. Francis Partridge, takes his turn.

St. Matthew's holds groundbreaking for new fellowship hall

Let the work begin

It was a day of celebration at St. Matthew's Church in Boyne City on Sunday as parishioners gathered at a groundbreaking ceremony for the church's new fellowship hall. The Most Rev. Patrick R. Cooney, Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord, offered a blessing over the site, and turned over the first spadeful of dirt where the 4,200 square foot addition will be built.

"God bless you for this effort," said Bishop Cooney. "It is an important one."

The hall will seat 345, and include a gathering area and new restrooms. The vestibule will be renovated making the entire building handicap accessible.

At left, the oldest parishioner, 95-year-old Cathryn Bailey Howe, holds the church's newest member, two-month-old Alexis Bielas, who was invited, with assistance, to turn the shovel as well. Above, church members gathered on the site to celebrate the official groundbreaking.

Many activities planned for Young State Park's Adventure Ranger Program

Looking for something fun to do? Young State Park's Adventure Ranger Program is a good place to start.

Following is a list of events through July 18:

Wednesday, July 8, 10 a.m.: Discovery Hike - Let's discover the world around us. Meet at the Discovery Station.

3 p.m.: Water Wonders - Come learn about wetlands and discover one.

Thursday, July 9, 10 a.m.: Incredible Insects - Bring your nets if you have them.

3 p.m.: Turtle Talk and Walk - Come meet our local turtle.

Friday, July 10, 3 p.m.: Log Explore - This was so much fun, we're doin' it again.

9 p.m.: Sunset Beach Hike - Bring your cameras, it's a beautiful site.

Saturday, July 11, 11 a.m.: Web Weavers - If you like spiders and their webs, you better be there.

2 p.m.: Habitat Hike - Do you know what a habitat is? Come find some.

Tuesday, July 14: No fishing at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 15, 10 a.m.: Animal Camo - Wear your camouflage and see how well we blend in.

3 p.m.: Water Wonders - Lake Shore Shuffle - Come ready for the water.

Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m.: Nature Hike for Kids of All Ages - Wear comfy shoes.

3 p.m.: Bouncin' Butterflies - Bring a net if you can.

Friday, July 17, 3 p.m.: Fishin' Fun with Ranger Holly - Bring those poles if you can.

9 p.m.: Campfire - Come sing some camp songs and enjoy the evening.

Saturday, July 18, 11 a.m.: Mammal Mania - Check out some skins and skulls.

3 p.m.: Amazin' Amphibians - Do you know what an amphibian is?

Come find out!

Children of all ages are welcome. Children under seven must be with an adult. Programs are free, but the park requires a \$4 vehicle permit. A season pass is \$20.

Dress appropriately for the scheduled program. Hikes are in woods and good walking shoes (not sandals) are suggested. Insect repellent is a good idea too.

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By NANCY NORTHUP

OVER THE FIRST weekend of July, members of the Walter J. Rozycki family gathered in Boyne City to enjoy a fun and festive time together. Another gathering is planned later this week. Included are Richard Rozycki, wife Mary and sons Steven and Ryan, bringing his "Canoe" the "Mame" around the Great Lakes from Detroit. Heidi Duff and sons Carly, Conner and Chandler will be coming from Lisle, Ill. Walter Rozycki Jr., along with Jon, Gina and Tom came up from Detroit. Susan and Dick Barezuk and sons Tyler and Brian of Walloon Hills will also be there, along with Kathleen and Bob Ruhs and Andrew of Boyne City, Anne Rozycki of Petoskey and John and Jane Rozycki and Jason and Brenton of Boyne City, Mary Jo Rozycki and Gabriel from Seattle, Washington, and also an uncle, A. Ray Rozycki of Charlevoix, and Jim Rozycki of Hamtramck. Also joining in the good time will be the Rozycki children's mother, Adeline Rozycki of Grosse Ile.

TOMSHEETS of Boyne City's Pearl Street welcomed holiday guests, his mother, Ruth Sheets of Beverly Hills, Fla., his sister, Bonnie Sheets of Sarasota, Ken Davies, Jackie, and son, Dr. David Davies and Casy and Garner. Also here for a week or so are Tom's daughter and husband, Dana and Todd Hansen of Portland, Ore. and Tom's first grandson Tommy. His mother will be staying for a month and is looking forward to having friends stop in.

IT IS EXPECTED that Fred Bellville of Boyne City will remain a medical patient at Northern Michigan Hospital for another couple of weeks.

DANIEL AND CHRISTINE Wellert of Boyne City welcomed the arrival of their second daughter, Sierra Christine, who was born at North-

ern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey on June 28, 1998. Sierra Christine weighed 7 pounds 15.9 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches in length. She has a sister, Ashley, age 4. Grandparents are Dave and Jean Wellert of Boyne City.

"THE TWINS" and former residents, Murray and Nels Northup, celebrated their 60th birthday at a family gathering at the Anderson Road home of their parents, Dick and Edna May. Combined with the 4th festivities, all enjoyed a good time. Bill Northup was here for the week from Valrico, Fla. and children and grandchildren came from Midland, Gladwin, Beaverton, Marshall and Ohio. Local friends and relatives stopped by as well.

RICHARD DUNSMORE of Redford Township was here for the annual Fourth of July festivities and visits with his sister and brother in law, Gloria and Ray Anderson and other area friends and relatives.

PAUL VARNUM of Pataskala, Ohio was home with his mother, Gen Varnum, for the long holiday and to be here for the surprise "40th" birthday party honoring Scrapy Moore. Also at the Varnum home were daughters Pamela and husband Michael Smith of Redford and Peggy and Keith McGeorge of Westerville, Ohio. All were joined by Woody, Penny and Jenny Hardy and Paul Hardy and girlfriend Amy Kelly.

CHUCK AND ELAINE SCOTT of East Lansing were here to spend the long holiday celebrations with his parents, Audrey and Art Scott in Lakeview Village.

DUSTY AND SUE RHODES and daughter, Carrie Cowell of Troy, Kelly Cowell of Madison Heights and Sally and Pat Rowe of Trenton were all here enjoying the 4th weekend with their mother and grandmother, Thorneta Rowe.

A THURSDAY to Sunday gathering at the Vivian and Doc Heaton home brought Dr. Hylon Heaton and son Douglas from Grand Blanc and Chip and Vickie Heaton of Clark Lake and their daughter, Megan and her friend Kelly. The Heaton's daughter, Wanda Warezak and husband Ron, were here on Saturday.

BOB BALCH has returned to his Tompkins Road home after three weeks of treatment at Northern Michigan Hospital.

MITCH MOORE of California gave a surprise "40th" birthday party on Saturday night for his brother, Scrapy Moore. Many friends gathered at the Eagles Hall for lots of fun, music, and food. "A good time was had by all!"

CAROL AND TIM Higley and children Anne and Carrie of Kansas City, Kansas arrived in Boyne City for a vacation and visit June 27 until July 12, with her parents, Robert and Marie Stolt and family.

A NINTH THAYER family reunion was held on June 21 at Whittings Park with 110 attending from "all over" Michigan. This year's event was planned by the Don Thayer family. The tenth reunion is being planned by the Phyllis Hardy family and the Lois Langtry family and is slated for July 19, 1999 at Whittings Park.

JOHN AND LINDA ARNO spent the long holiday weekend in the Chicago area with their son Bill Arno.

OVERNIGHT GUESTS of Anne Jenkins on Friday were Carol Branson of Grandville and, on another night, Marvin Howe of Grand Rapids. Anne spent the previous weekend in Ionia with her daughter, June Morey and husband Jim.

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



Sneaky Peat performing concert at Old City Park

Sneaky Peat and The Family Band will perform at Evenings at the Gazebo in Boyne City's Old City Park on Wednesday, July 15 at 7 p.m.

The family consists of Sneaky Peat, his wife and children. They produce a show that combines musical talent with the real life adventure of living in the forests of northern Michigan.

"This is a wholesome family format coupled with an array of original Michigan music," said concert coordinator Barb Polinski. "You will hear the fantastic fiddling of Sneaky Peat with the banjo, harmonica, mandolin, guitar, sax and a family of voices that sing out with love for the land, the water and all the creatures that share it."

Bring your picnics and chairs to the concert. In case of rain, the show will be canceled. For more information, call 582-7522.

July is a month to read-a-lot

The Jordan Valley District Library invites 5-12 year olds to Camp Read-A-Lot, a summer reading program that continues through the month.

The Thursday morning programs will be held at 10:30 in the community room and include canoeing safety by Jordan Valley Outfitters on July 9, a primitive camping presentation by the Jordan River Sportsman Club on July 16, and

campfire safety instruction by the fire department on July 23. There will be a party on Thursday, July 30, to celebrate the conclusion of the program.

There will also be a reading contest, and prizes for all participants. The grand prize is a giant stuffed bear. It is not necessary to attend any of the Thursday morning programs to participate in the reading contest.

On Monday, July 20, at 6 p.m.,

the Organization for Bat Conservation will present "Meet Stellaluna" featuring live bats. The hands-on program is based on the popular children's book "Stellaluna" by Janell Cannon and will feature a bat detector to hear echolocation, information on the Adopt-a-Bat program, and a question and answer period.

The library is located next to East Jordan High School. For more information call 536-7131.

Boyne library closed Friday

The Boyne District Library will be closed Friday, July 10, for electrical repairs.

The library will be open for business as usual on Saturday. Any books due on July 10 may be put in the drop box or returned on Saturday without accumulating any fines.



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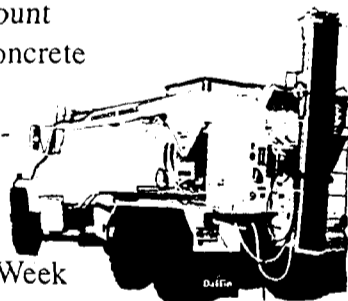
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A move from Gladwin in 1995 brought Terry Gaither to the Walloon Post Office.

At the hub of the village

Terry Gaither is finding Walloon's Post Office just to her liking

By CHRIS WINKLER

When Terry Gaither signed on with the Walloon Lake Post Office, she had no clue what the small village had to offer.

Gaither, Walloon's Postmaster since December of 1995, had always worked in big post offices, in cities where the post office was just the place where they sorted mail and sold stamps.

Gaither got her start in Taylor, Mich., in 1979 as a city mail carrier. She then moved inside to work as a clerk when she and her husband Jeff moved to Gladwin in 1981. After 13 years in Gladwin, a city roughly the size of Petoskey, Gaither was promoted to supervisor. She only served in that position for a year, until the family, which now included two kids, moved to Boyne City.

It was Jeff's job that caused the transfer. Jeff works as

a Department of Natural Resources conservation officer, and following a promotion, he was given several areas to choose from where the family could relocate. They chose Boyne City. "We had vacationed before in Boyne City,"

Terry said, "and we always liked it. The water was what first brought us to the area."

The move occurred just before school started in August, and that was a big deal for the Gaithers. Kristy, now 13, and Karly, 11, began the 1995 school year living in a motel, and on top of that, without their mother. The family had a tradition of spending every first day of school together, and for the first time, mom couldn't

make it because she was still working at the Gladwin Post Office.

When Terry finally made it to Boyne, there was more driving ahead. For four months, she served as postmaster for Conway, just north of Petoskey. Jerry Burns, a Harbor

Springs resident, was Walloon's postmaster at the time, so the district manager decided to swap Burns and Gaither with their respective post offices. Walloon Lake, meet Terry Gaither.

"When I first came here, I knew nothing about the history of Walloon," said Gaither. Except for a detour to Boyne Falls, Gaither has stayed true to the Walloon post office.

"The Conway post office was just a business," says Gaither. "Here, it's quite a bit different. This is a meeting place, where people come in the mornings, get their mail, have coffee, and I enjoy it."

"I was bored at first, but not at all anymore."

Gaither is fascinated with how Wallooners hold this land in the highest regards. "I'm just now learning how much people take pride in the area. Some of these houses are in a family for generations, and that's amazing to me."

"A lot of people can get mail service from Boyne City, Boyne Falls, or Petoskey, but they want a post office box here in Walloon."

That's where Terry Gaither draws her closest bond with Wallooners: she's the one who marks their envelopes with the words, "Walloon Lake, MI 49796."

'This is a meeting place, where people come in the mornings, get their mail, have coffee, and I enjoy it.'

--Terry Gaither

Greensky Hill church hosts camp meeting

The Greensky Hill Indian United Methodist Church will host its annual camp meeting this weekend.

Bill Byrd and his sisters of Sarnia, Ontario, will sing and speak at services. Many songs will be sung in Native American languages.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Fri-

day and Saturday, with dinner provided at 5 p.m. by the church members. The final service will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday followed by a potluck dinner. All are welcome to attend.

Greensky Hill was founded in 1830 by Peter Greensky, a Chippewa

Indian. A congregation of 38 members continues to worship each week in the simple log church built 150 years ago.

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Hospice holding annual meeting

Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Monday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m. at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, 220 West Garfield, Charlevoix.

Prior to the meeting, Hospice will dedicate the Memorial Garden planted at NWMCHA.

All members of Hospice and the public are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call the Hospice office at 536-2842.

Child care open house is July 15

Robyn's Roost, a developmental and educational child care center, will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, July 15, at 12:30 p.m. and an open house for the public on Saturday, July 18, from 1-4 p.m. for viewing its expanded facilities.

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Gus Bishop stepping down as EJHS principal

After five years at the helm, Gus Bishop will leave his position as East Jordan High School's principal to become director of curriculum and instruction for the district.

School board members appointed Bishop to the new full-time position at their meeting Monday night. The principal's job will be posted from July 7 through July 27.

Bishop had acted in a dual capacity for the past three years as part time curriculum director and full-time principal.

"He's done an outstanding job in both capacities," said superintendent Chip Hansen.

The demands of the directorship had been taking up more of Bishop's time, and both of the jobs needed full-time attention, Hansen said.

The district's decision to turn the directorship into a full-time job is commensurate with its desire to support teaching and learning.

"It was a big decision for us but one that needed to be made to allow us to continue to grow as a district," Hansen said.

Bishop will act as principal until his replacement is hired. He will work closely with a committee of teachers, school board members, administrators and parents to interview

candidates, and will help acclimate the new administrator, once hired. The committee will make a recommendation to the full school board, which will make the final decision.

Hansen said the district has used this method to fill administrative positions for the last 10 years. It exposes candidates to a better picture of what the district is like and allows them to select a candidate that meets the criteria of a group of people.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Approved, consistent with the recommendations of the technology committee, the purchase of 70 PCs

for student and staff use. The PCs include 55 Pentium II 350 desktops and 15 Pentium II 233 laptop units, purchased at a total cost of \$136,125.

The units will support the Business Services and Technology Program and Applied Tech Programs at the high school, and will also connect all high school teachers to the school network, while supporting the media center at the middle school, and creating a 25 workstation, elementary school lab.

- Elected officers for the coming year. They are: President Mary Jason, vice president Larry Chanda, secretary Gary Ciszewski, and treasurer Laurie McNeil.

- Nominated board president Mary Jason for election to the Michigan Association of School Boards Board of Directors.

- Approved the establishment of a Middle School tackle football program for the coming fall. The program will bridge the gap between the community-based Pop Warner Program and the junior varsity program.

- Reviewed and approved changes to the High School Student Handbook.

- Appointed long-time substitute custodian Tony LaVanway to a full-time custodial position to be split be-

tween the Elementary and Middle Schools.

- Reviewed the substitute teacher pay scale and the relationship of same to rates paid by other school districts. Based on its review, the board will be increasing substitute teacher rates at its August regular meeting.

- Approved resolutions authorizing employee participation in new programs being offered by the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System.

- Scheduled regular meetings for the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.



Siesta time

These bovine seem to be paddling through a sea of wheat, but the midday sun simply got the best of them and they laid down amidst the amber waves of grain for an afternoon rest.

Iron Works hosting business after hours at its new facility

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Business After Hours in conjunction with a dedication and ribbon cutting for the East Jordan Industrial Park, on Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the new East Jordan Iron Works Hydrant and Valve Facility

located at 5000 Airport Dr.

There will be a guided tour of the facility for chamber members and guests. The cost is \$3 per person. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Call 536-7351 to confirm attendance.

Boyne coaches holding summer basketball camps

The Boyne City High School basketball program is holding clinics later this month.

Girls' varsity coach Tom Neidhamer is holding a position camp for girls July 22-24 for players in seventh through 12th grade. Guard camp will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. and post camp will be held from 12:30-3 p.m.

The cost is \$30 per session or \$45 for both.

A Rambler Youth Camp for all girls going into fourth, fifth and sixth grade will be held from 6-8 p.m. July 19-22.

Both camps will be held at the

high school gym. For more information call Neidhamer at 582-7115 or Boyne City High School at 582-6765.

Boys' varsity coach Kevin Fitzpatrick will hold a Rambler Youth Camp for all boys going into fourth, fifth and sixth grade July 27-31 from 6-8 p.m.

A skills camp for seventh and eighth graders will be held July 13-17 from 6-8 p.m. Cost for the camps is \$25 per player. Both will be held at the high school gym.

For more information on either camp, call Fitzpatrick at 582-6875 or the high school.

Program teaches kids how to fish

The Charlevoix County 4-H Council and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Fish Hatchery will once again work together to sponsor the 4-H Fishing Education for the young people of the Boyne area.

The program will be offered from July 23 through Aug. 6 for a total of five sessions.

Youths ages 7 through 16 are eligible to sign up. The program will run in the afternoons during the program. The youths will meet at the Veterans Park Pavilion in Boyne City.

This year the 4-H Fishing Education Program is being dedicated to the memory of Woody Hartlep, who died this past February.

"Any person who read the February 25th front page feature article of the Citizen and Journal, likely found that they were very moved by the way that Woody had lived as a true outdoorsman," said John Wurm, 4-H Youth Agent.

"I remember thinking that this is the man that we want to place in the honor of our 4-H fishing mentor as we strive to develop young people who have a respect for our environment. One of the things that the article quotes Woody as saying is 'don't always put things off, do some living in the here and now.'"

That quote has been established as the permanent 4-H Fishing

program motto, Wurm said.

The cost of the program is \$8 and includes all necessary equipment, bait and educational handouts. The program will be hands-on with much of the time being spent fishing.

"The partnership between the National Fish Hatchery and 4-H has become a very strong link in helping young people develop an interest in fishing," said Paul Haver, 4-H Council President and Department of Fish & Wildlife Service, Animal Caretaker.

Some of the educational topics that will be covered include: basic casting, fish identification, tackle

usage, live bait use, fishing safety and proper etiquette for fishing. Special guests will be coming to cover some areas that relate to fishing and the environment.

Those who have some fishing experience and are between the ages of 12-16 may apply to become Junior 4-H Fishing Instructors. In addition, adults with an interest in fishing are invited to participate. The program has been designed to stay relatively condensed, while providing some important skills. To receive a registration packet or to register, contact MSU Extension - Charlevoix County 4-H Youth Programs at 582-6232.

Fire

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hospital where he was treated and released.

The Jepsen's are temporarily staying in their camper at the home of Brenda's mother Esther Moore in Boyne City, and have

received items from the Eagles Lodge members, of which Mike belongs.

The home was a total loss. The cause is under investigation. Firemen were on the scene until 5:30 a.m., just 30 minutes before they were to begin their 4th of July duties.

They were assisted by the

Boyne Valley and East Jordan departments, the Charlevoix Sheriff's Department and the Boyne City EMS.

They also had to take a break from 4th of July activities when they were responded to two calls, one of them a grass fire.

Camp Quality

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Memorial Sailboat Race while feasting on hors d'oeuvres from several Boyne restaurants.

Area sailors will compete in the Boyne City Yacht Club Jim Kuhn Memorial Race/Camp Quality Benefit Race on Saturday. Two races are scheduled on Lake Charlevoix, weather permitting. The races will be scored twice, first as the Jim Kuhn Memorial Race with traditional scoring and a second time for the Camp Quality race.

This is the ninth year for the race which started as the Boyne City Invitational Regatta. It was changed in 1992 to honor the well-known sailor and racer Jim Kuhn, who was a char-

ter member of the yacht club.

The Re/Max hot air balloon will visit Boyne City Saturday evening and you could enjoy a ride for two if you hold the lucky winning raffle ticket. Tickets are three for \$10 and are available at Re/Max of Boyne or by calling 582-2400.

The winning ticket will be drawn during Friday evening's performance of Boyne Meets Broadway.

Golfers also have an opportunity to chip in and help Camp Quality. Dunmaglas is hosting a tournament Sunday, July 19, and a million dollar hole-in-one contest. The cost is \$95 per person which includes green fees, cart and a buffet-style dinner. Call Re/Max at 582-2400 for more information and an entry form.

Evangelical Church on summer schedule

The East Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church will be continuing its summer worship service through the end of August.

The church will have an 8 a.m. worship service with Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of

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Wagbo Peace Center strives to model peaceable, sustainable living, and to teach the related concepts of peace, nonviolence, sustainable agriculture and environmental stewardship through its hands-on programs. College students, above, tour the farm's garden with executive director Rick Meisterheim, third from left, who discusses sustainable economics.

WAGBO PEACE CENTER STRIVES TO TEACH A SIMPLE LIFESTYLE TO OTHERS

Connected to the land

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Pigs till the weeds between trees. Worms and rabbits make compost. Chickens thwart pests from entering the garden. It's no Orwellian Animal Farm, nor is Dr. Doolittle at the helm.

It's all simply part of the Wagbo Peace Center's plan to develop and maintain peaceable, sustainable living, and to teach the lifestyle to others.

Located on the outskirts of East Jordan, the 212-acre family estate was bequeathed in 1992 by Martha Wagbo, its last heir, to the Institute for Global Education (IGE), a peace and justice organization in Grand Rapids, to be used as a place of education and calm reflection on issues of peace, nonviolent conflict resolution and responsible care of the environment.

It was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1995 and is managed by Tracy and Rick Meisterheim whose dream of developing a peace center became a reality when their proposal to transform the run-down house, falling down barn and acreage into the center was accepted by IGE.

The farm is where it all began, said Administrative Director Tracy, but the center is much more than that now.

Wagbo offers four major areas of involvement: Sustainable agriculture, experiential education, conferences and retreats, and building community.

Tracy finds it difficult to explain its services in just a sentence, but has boiled it down to a succinct, "hands-on education center for peaceable, sustainable living." It seems quite accurate after the personal tour.

The farm acts as the foundation for what they're doing.

Sustainable living, explained Tracy, is using resources only as fast as they're being replaced — not overusing them.

Right now the four "pig tillers" — two pigs per pen — munch up the stubborn weeds on a newly planted hillside apple orchard, foraging the roots and all. Their "waste products" are tilled into the soil by their ever active hooves.

After a day of feasting, when their rectangular plot has been turned temporarily barren — but nutrient-rich — the bottomless corrals are pulled by horse to another section of the orchard.

The pigs rush to the front of the mobile boxes to get their snouts on the next batch of weeds and to start the process all over again. When they get bigger, along with their appetites, they'll be moved twice per day.

The apple trees have fewer weeds to compete with. And the pigs are getting a healthier diet from the unwelcome intruders. They also drink the excess milk from the farm's dairy cow — assuring it doesn't go to waste either.

The pigs are only one part of Wagbo Peace Center's sustainable living farm. There are also sheep, cows, chickens, rabbits, ducks, horses, a garden, bee hives and forests maintained as a sugar bush and for timber.

The sheep and cows are rotated between pastures every few weeks for grazing, giving the fields a chance to rejuvenate. This year's lack of rain has brought a challenge in this area, Tracy pointed out.

The chickens — whether grown for meat or for laying eggs — like the pigs, are moved from spot to spot too, eating grass, weeds and bugs, supplemented by only half of the normal chicken feed. The deep-reaching roots provide more nutritional value for the birds — and the chicken manure is returned directly back into the soil.

The meat poultry was sold to area residents before the chicks were even born.

There are plans to run a six-foot wide chicken confine around the garden's perimeter, to keep out deer — which can't leap the fencing — and migrating insects which the birds will gobble up acting as a sort of natural pesticide. Weeds pulled from the garden will simply be tossed over the fencing as an additional snack for the chickens.

Rabbit droppings are routed directly to a bin where awaiting worms turn it into compost.

Each farm system is purposefully thought out to make the best and most respectful use of the land.

A permaculture greenhouse is half chicken coop and half garden where seedlings are grown for the following season. In the winter, when temperatures drop to 45 degrees, a thermostat kicks on a fan to pull heat from the adjoining chicken house (chickens produce a lot of heat said Tracy) to the greenhouse, eliminating the need for another heat source. Solar panels on the roof provide energy for the batteries which run the fans.

And in a pilot program this year, "subscriptions" were taken out by 12 families who paid in advance to reap the garden's harvest for approximately 16 weeks.



Rick strives to live off only what the farm produces, and passes on his philosophies to eager listeners.



Tracy Meisterheim, the center's administrative director, said the garden, corrals and farm buildings are only a small portion of the 212-acre peace center.

No coffee house this Saturday

The Peace Coffee House folk music program has been canceled for July, but will continue again on Saturday, Aug. 15.

The program is held on the second Saturday of the month from 8-11 p.m., at Wagbo Peace Center three miles south of East Jordan on M-66 and offers a smoke- and alcohol-free environment.

For more information call 536-0333.

The "share-holders" receive organic produce, herbs, eggs, maple syrup and honey in exchange for their investment. There is a risk of a poor growing season. But the advantages are fresh, healthy, locally grown food, a sense of community, and support of a sustainable lifestyle.

"There aren't that many opportunities anymore to be that connected to the land," said Tracy. It's an opportunity to dig hands into the soil, or to just stop by and chat when picking up the week's produce.

"We're a quantity country instead of a quality country," said Rick. Because of this, so much more is produced which is destructive to the land.

It won't be noticed for a few generations, but by that time, points out Rick, the land won't grow anything.

They hope to open up an awareness so people will think about it.

This is where experiential education comes in — another of the center's components. Wagbo offers weekly or daily coursework in its "learning-by-doing" educational philosophy. Classes focus on sustainable agriculture, cooperation, communication, nonviolent conflict resolution, cultural awareness and environmental studies.

On this day, students studying food systems from the Au Sable Institute, piled out of a van and began vigorously taking notes as Rick talked about one of his favorite subjects: sustainable economics.

They toured the garden and the rest of the farm, carefully stepping over long, banked rows of vegetables and herbs. The formerly clay-like soil, is slowly being transformed into a loamy garden bed in no small part due to the compost made of livestock manure, table scraps, weeds — any excess farm vegetation or by-product that can be returned to the earth.

"The biggest barrier is definitely economics," said Tracy of large-scale sustainable farming.

If people were educated to its benefits, added Rick, it would be feasible.

A one-on-one apprenticeship program brings at-risk youths to the farm once per week, for a summer or up to a year, to work on whatever is happening on the farm that day — sheep shearing, gardening, or plowing fields using draft horses.

The individualized mentoring program is changing these kids' lives, said Tracy. The children's friends approach her on the street and say they can see a difference in their peers.

Wagbo's third program area — conferences and retreats — will offer seminars on sustainable agriculture, simple living skills, and environmental and peace issues.

A conference center will be built into a north hill on the property, so it will receive solar exposure but remain protected from other elements. It will be constructed using local materials and designed to consume alternative energies.

Its main purpose will be to offer residential programs for schools, in which 40-50 kids and teachers can stay for a week studying coursework, solving problems and working on the land.

Building community is the center's fourth focus area, and engages people in activities to encourage new relationships and to strengthen a sense of community.

A folk music coffee house, guided hikes and workshops to make things like willow branch chairs, are a few of those activities.

In the summer, participants gather around a camp fire for the coffee house — they head to the Jordan Valley Arts Council building in town come winter.

Tracy and Rick live in an apartment in the farmhouse. Galen and Becky Miller, originally from Missouri, reside in another area of the house. Galen works as the sustainable agriculture program coordinator.

Sustainable economics means producing their own food, and buying what they must locally, so those dollars are recycled within the community. It means using renewable goods — only what they need — and getting what they can from the local area.

They practice what they preach, heating the house with wood, wearing only cotton and wool, canning food, churning butter, and purchasing only grains and breads.

Revenues come in through grants, workshops and the sale of products such as their pure maple syrup.

A recent \$14,600 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation will be used to develop an internship program in sustainable agriculture and to expand the youth-at-risk apprenticeship program.

On July 17-18, they will offer a Willow Chair Workshop. The registration deadline is July 13, the cost is \$150. On July 30-31 the center will hold a Birch Quill Box Workshop. The registration deadline is July 27. The cost is \$90. Both workshops are limited in number.

For more information call Wagbo Peace Center at 536-0396 or look them up on the Internet at wagbo@juno.com.