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Seniors will spend a day back at school

More than 110 "senior" students will be returning to school Thursday for the first annual "Senior Citizens Back to School" conference at Boyne City High School.

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and refreshments and seniors who have not yet registered are still invited to participate. They are asked to arrive early enough to receive materials for the day and be ready for the first session which begins at 9:30 a.m.

Four sessions will be held, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Lunch will be served at 11:20 a.m. Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Dana Compton, who by Thursday is expected to be on board as the district's new school superintendent.

The afternoon sessions end at 3 p.m. but the day's events will resume at 6:30 p.m. with a dance featuring the Up North Big Band.

The event is free and sponsored by the Boyne City School Board. All school district residents 55 and older are invited to attend.

For more information, call the school district office at 582-6503.

Flywheelers hosting antique tractor pull

A good old-fashioned antique tractor pull is coming up at the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers showgrounds on Saturday, June 19.

Weigh-in runs from 9 a.m.-noon. Scales are on the showground. There is a \$10 entry fee per driver.

The show starts at 1 p.m. and admission for the public is \$3; free for children under 12. Guests are invited to enjoy a New York strip steak dinner for \$7.50. The meal begins at 4 p.m.

For more information, call Bob Matts at 582-9116 or Bob Crandell at 547-2127.

The Flywheelers showgrounds are on US-131, three miles north of Boyne Falls.

Habitat cyclists making a stop in Boyne City

A group of 25 cyclists, pedaling their way across America for the Habitat for Humanity bicycle challenge, will put on the brakes in Boyne City on Thursday, June 17, to bed down for the night at the United Methodist Church.

The bikers are riding 4,000 miles from New Haven, Conn. to Vancouver, British Columbia to help raise \$100,000 for the New Haven Habitat for Humanity, one of whose major projects is the student-run Collegiate build.

They will spread the word about Habitat's work through a video and discussion, following a 6 p.m. potluck dinner in the Methodist church's basement.

The community is invited to stop by for dinner and for the presentation. Call Brad Winkler at 582-9828 if you plan to attend.



Historic dig

Mark Fiel, with help from his stepfather Al Fish, digs the soil during a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of his future school on M-75 in Boyne Falls. At 3 1/2 years old now, Mark will be a member of the third class to enter the new K-12 Boyne Falls School, slated to open in the fall of 2000. Board members, surrounded by more than 100 guests, simultaneously turn over spades of dirt in anticipation of construction which will begin this month.



Streetscape celebration

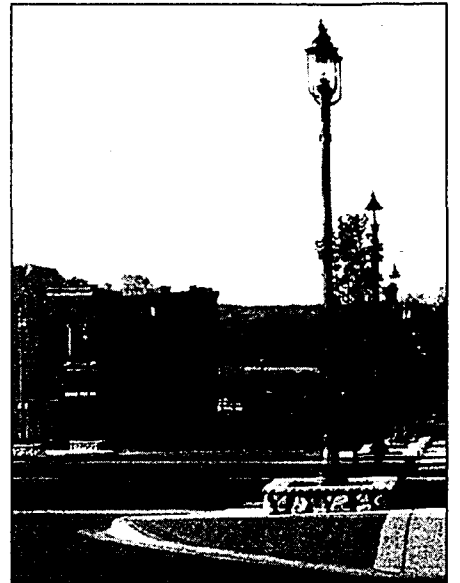
■ EJ hosting downtown dedication

A Main Street gathering in East Jordan will stop traffic from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, as the city, Downtown Development Authority, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and contractor Moore and Bruggink host a street dedication ceremony.

Community members are invited to come celebrate the city's new look with food and refreshments as the downtown heads into summer with a fresh facade.

Work on the \$2 million downtown renovation began last summer, and was completed the following fall. It includes new streets, sidewalks, sewers, lighting and planters on Main Street from Mill to Garfield, as well as new infrastructure on Spring and Esterly Streets. A new police station, at the site of the old Spike's Standard Station, was also completed during that time with the old station at Spring Street being demolished.

If it rains, the celebration will be moved inside to the East Jordan Civic Center.



East Jordan's new streetscape will be officially dedicated at a ceremony Thursday.

Police recover large stash of stolen tools

The Boyne City Police Department and Michigan State Police Fugitive Team have recovered in excess of \$27,000 worth of construction tools and equipment which were stolen during a recent rash of construction site thefts in the Boyne City area.

The property was recovered on June 11 near Waterford and in Charlevoix County with additional

assistance from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

The investigation is ongoing and charges will eventually be sought for suspects in the theft, according to Boyne City assistant police chief Jeffrey Gettel.

No other information was released by police.

School board, Compton getting close to a deal

The Boyne City School Board reviewed superintendent contract issues at its meeting Monday night and is expected to approve a contract with Dana Compton at a special meeting on Wednesday.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and will be held in the high school media center.

Compton will meet with the

district's personnel committee beforehand to iron out remaining details of the contract. He was one of 42 candidates who applied for the job.

In other business, the school board authorized the purchase of 44 computers for vocational education at \$69,000 and 87 more at \$121,000 to bring the technology plan of action to fruition.

BOYNE RIVER'S FUTURE IS IN THE HANDS OF ITS GOOD FRIENDS

A year of accomplishments

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

If you had asked any Friends of the Boyne River members a year ago if they thought that roads and driveways crossing the Boyne River were important to the river's health, most would have said "no."

That's not surprising, because it was only a year ago that the group began getting its feet wet. Before that there was no energetic Tom Sheets at its helm. There were no board members, members-at-large, river clean-ups, canoe tours, or water testing.

There was only octogenarian Marie Zoberksi, who, hard as she tried, couldn't rid the Boyne City mill pond behind her home of the devastating Purple Loosetrife that had invaded and squeezed out almost all other native vegetation.

Enter her new next-door-neighbor, the tireless Sheets, a zealot for the environment and organizer extraordinaire who became the voice for those silent but concerned about the river's health and an educator for those who did not have a clue about its plight.

In a nutshell, the river is eroding, is shallow, weedy and too warm in parts, has a declining fish population and needs attention to protect it from further stress.

Its changes were gradual, Sheets said. But because he had been away for 30 years — teaching science in the Alaskan Bush and as a lodge owner on the Iditerod trail — it hit him

like a ton of bricks when he returned to his boyhood home.

An island had emerged in the Boyne City mill pond where there once was none, and its shallow depths had nearly eliminated its fish population. This in the place where, as a child, Sheets spent hours on end diving and exploring the river bottom and banks.

"I could dive and see fish and get lures and fishing was great," Sheets said.

"It's a sad state of affairs for such a beautiful stream to be in this condition," Sheets said.

He and Zoberksi knew bringing the river back was too big a project for only them. So they organized.

"I think we've really accomplished a lot in a short period of time, according to what people have told me," Sheets said. But unsure of how to accurately gauge the group's success, he still thinks it could have done more.



Marie Zoberksi and Tom Sheets have been tireless in their efforts with Friends of the Boyne River.

ALL IN A YEAR'S WORK

On the contrary it's done much. Especially considering the amount of attention given the river prior to FOBR organizing in May, 1998.

Shortly thereafter, a dedicated, committed board emerged and its membership has skyrocketed to over 130 — doubling in the last three months alone — surpassing the 100-member goal mark they had set for one year.

Sheets thinks it's because people want to see if an organization is going to be viable and if they develop a good track record.

"I think we have and that's why they've come out of the woodwork," he said.

But stalwart volunteers, like Zoberksi, who recently donated \$10,000 to the organization, climbed aboard right from start.

She's now a board member and head of the Loosetrife

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EDITORIAL

Truly, they are friends

In this complicated, confusing and imperfect world in which we live, solving problems and trying to make things better often times seems like an impossible task.

That's why it is so encouraging and refreshing to see people making a difference for the good of all.

The case in point is Friends of the Boyne River. Just one short year ago, the group was in its infancy. Twelve months later it's remarkable to see what it has been able to accomplish.

Thanks to the determination, passion and love of Marie Zoberski and Tom Sheets, it is now possible to believe that the Boyne River may again — sooner rather than later — become a true treasure for Boyne City.

Certainly they are not doing this alone. Friends of the Boyne now has 130 members and continues to grow. But it was Marie and Tom's vision and energy that got it all started and for that we are all grateful.

—Hugh Conklin

Last year at this time it was a construction zone. Now the flowers are planted, the street smooth, the lights beautiful.

Downtown East Jordan looks great. The community is coming together Thursday night to celebrate its new look and to congratulate itself on a job well done.

Everyone involved deserves a pat on the back.

LETTERS

July 4th committee explains decision

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in reference to the recent letters to the editor concerning Boyne City's 4th of July Festival, as to why it's necessary to celebrate it on the 4th of July this year because it lands on a Sunday, and conflicts with some church services in the area.

Six years ago the 4th of July was on a Sunday also. The festival committee was asked by the Boyne City Ministerial Association to change the festival to July 3, and we did. The complaints that followed by far outweighed the positive comments. It was at that time that the committee voted that the 4th of July Festival would always be celebrated on the day that it's intended to — the 4th of July. We would like to thank all of those who have and do support this decision.

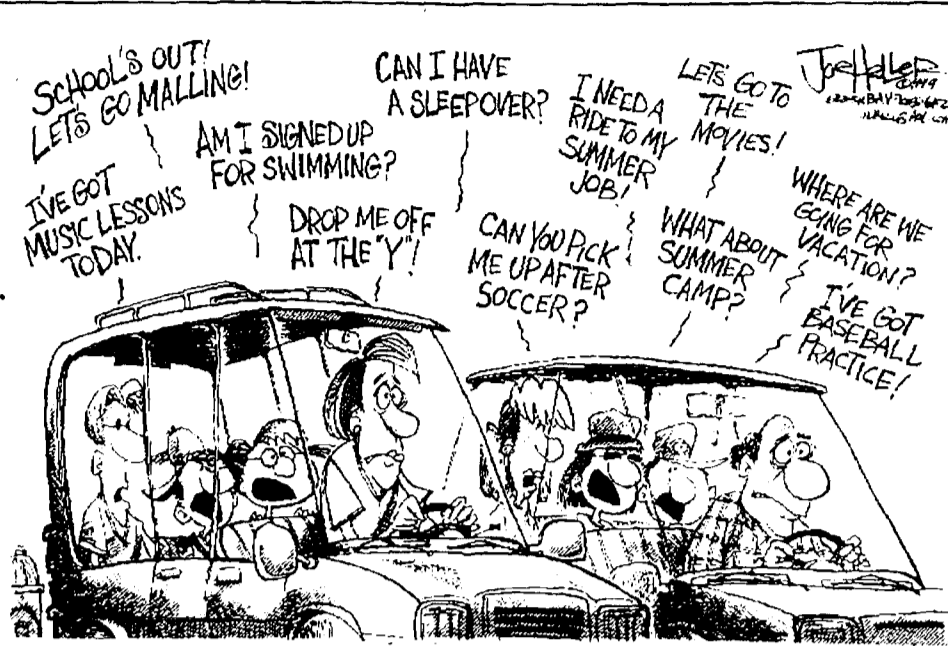
Let's not lose sight as to why this celebration is so important to the United States of America. The 4th of July is the anniversary date of our nation's Declaration of Independence. With this came the First Amendment, which includes the freedom of religion.

This hard working core committee of 10 are not asking you to make a choice between going to your church services or coming to the parade. That is a choice that only your spiritual heart can make.

We have asked the Ministerial Association to plan a community-wide service to be held in Old City Park, before or after the parade. What a beautiful idea — the whole town together spiritually. The Ministerial Association hasn't responded yet.

On the eve of the 4th of July festival complaints are heard, but for months, for years, we have requested for volunteers — 12 retired, four joined. This committee is slowly dwindling to a very, very hard working group of volunteers. Please, we need your help, not your criticism. If you don't like the policies set, then join this committee and help change them.

Liz Kroondyk, Ann Parks
Co-chairs, Boyne City's 4th of July Festival Committee



Summer's here -- isn't it great?

LETTERS

Commission on Aging offers variety of services

TO THE EDITOR:

As the new director for Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the nice article you wrote this spring about my role as director and to outline the services offered by the Commission on Aging.

We are getting busier as the weather gets hotter, especially with more requests for home delivered meals as well as the opportunity for socializing and dining at the Senior Center Congregate Meals sites in East Jordan, Boyne City, and Charlevoix.

For in-home programs, we have numerous Home-maker requests for assistance with light housekeeping. The homebound client is eligible for two hours every other week to perform duties such as running the vacuum, mopping floors, bathrooms and kitchen duties. Remember to save your heavy duty spring house cleaning, or window washing for cleaning services that specialize with that type of work.

We have more hours available for our In-Home Respite Program. This is specifically designed for caregiver relief. The client has to require 24-hour supervision and have a dependable caregiver in the home for our Respite Aide to relieve. We have funds available for Alzheimer's and Dementia clients. Our Respite Aides are well-trained in dealing with Dementia and difficult behaviors. If you know of any caregivers who need a break, this program is specifically designed for them.

The Personal Care Program is back in Charlevoix County. Many elderly are afraid to step into the tub by

themselves. All too often they fall and sustain injuries related to bathroom accidents. We now have certified nursing assistants as personal care aides that will assist the elderly client in their home with safe bathing. We received a small grant for the program but will need donations to expand it.

Also available are Michigan's Prescription Medication Program called MEPPS. This program is set up to help seniors with the high cost of prescription medications. Eligibility is based upon residency in Charlevoix County, 65 years of age or older, income not exceeding \$1006/month for single household or \$1356/month for married couples. We can provide a two to three month supply of vouchers for your medications if you qualify depending on need and number of vouchers available.

Finally, the Commission on Aging is honoring our seniors with our 20th annual Senior Picnic at Whiting Park on July 14 from 12-2 p.m. We are planning a chicken barbecue with all the fixings and many donated door prizes, such as two round-trip tickets to Beaver Island, compliments of Beaver Island Boat Co.; golf from Boyne Mountain; free dinners from Judy's Restaurant; candles from Bullfrog Light Company; and more. If anyone would like to donate an item or a cash contribution they are greatly needed and welcomed. Tickets for this event will be available at your local senior centers or call Marge or Sue at 582-7301.

Thank you for this opportunity to share these exciting services now available to Charlevoix County residents.

Susan R. Bergmann, R.N. B.S.N.
Director

Concord students take in all the sights of the Big Apple

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, the high school students of Concord Academy Boyne had the opportunity to travel to New York City and Niagara Falls on a six-day, end-of-the-year trip.

The 42 students and chaperones who went on the trip enjoyed many educational activities. These included The American Museum of Natural History, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island Museum, The Intrepid Air, Sea and Space Museum, and the Imax Theater in Niagara Falls.

The students favorite activities of course were not the most educational ones. These included dinner and shopping in Times Square, seeing Les Miserables on Broadway, the NBC studio tour, Central Park, the top of the World Trade Center, Chinatown, the revolving Skylon Restaurant, Hard Rock Cafe, and Maid of the Mist boat ride in Niagara Falls. The adults enjoyed all of these but their particular favorite was the guided four-hour tour. Who knew New York had that much history?



Concord students and chaperones whoop it up in New York.

This wonderful opportunity was made possible in part thanks to the generosity of the people in our local communities. The high school students of Concord Boyne would like to thank everyone who bought a T-shirt or watch, donated pop cans and grocery slips, or supported our various in-school sales at lunch.

New York is a truly magnificent city and the trip proved to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all who attended.

Concord Academy Boyne High School students and chaperones

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Monday at 10 a.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.

IN INK

Teach your children well

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

You can usually count on three things from commencement ceremonies. The tried and true message of "this isn't an ending but really a beginning," a sweltering gymnasium or sun-



Superman Josh Evans

scorched stadium, and a couple of graduates sneaking in a few visual pranks.

And while valedictorians and salutatorians bid good wishes to classmates and encouraging words for the future, a less obvious but still potent theme running through the weekend's ceremonies was that of the "grown-ups" influence and responsibility for bringing children into adulthood.

Boyne Falls commencement speaker, Char-Em Superintendent Mark Eckhardt, summed it up appropriately and succinctly saying, "What we do to our kids, they grow up and do to their world."

If we hug them, they'll probably be huggers. If we hit them, it's more likely they'll hit someone else.

When it comes to nature versus nurture, I pick nurture.

East Jordan superintendent Chip Hansen picked up on the theme, instructing graduates to look out in the bleachers to see the most "remarkable group of people to ever walk the face of the earth." Parents and grandparents, family, friends.

Go ahead. Take the pats on the back. They are well deserved.

But if we're ready, willing and able to take credit for the good things our kids do, then doesn't some of the responsibility for the bad things they do fall on our shoulders as well?

And that "our" means all adults — whether you have children or not.

Kids need adults — including parents — to be adults and to discipline them, offer them stability, and to say no. They already have their wise best friends to agree with every ridiculous idea they happen to conjure up.

Pray with them. If we don't believe in God, who do our children believe in when they rebel in their teen years, rendering parents no longer omnipotent. Most parents wouldn't allow their children the "choice" of quitting school. Why allow them to skip over religion?

How does a parent or any adult explain to a child that it's O.K. for the adult (over 18 years old) to see a violent, sexually explicit movie, but that it's not O.K. for a child? Furthermore, why does an adult want to see it in the first place? I've yet to hear a legitimate excuse.

My own father hasn't stepped foot inside a movie theater since Jaws (I). He never had cable TV. He quit going to bachelor parties — back then called "stag parties" — nearly 20 years ago because the movies they played "degraded women."

He has to be his own censor, because some other adults scoff at their social and moral responsibilities. We don't watch TV together. It's embarrassing. Like watching with a child. You really realize what's being shown.

A trio of seniors at the Boyne City graduation played a Crosby, Stills and Nash tune on guitars and drum, the chorus of which includes the line "teach your children well."

When we teach them well, graduation pranks — a last ditch effort at childhood rebellion — will indeed remain harmless.

In Boyne City, a student had a string of lights which lit up under his gown (accentuating his rear end) as he walked across the stage to receive his diploma.

A Boyne Falls student wore two different color socks with his sandals.

In East Jordan, a well-wisher taped "Happy Birthday Tony" to the top of their graduation cap. And I'm sure it was.

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Friends of the Boyne

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committee. She's lived on the river since 1982, and prior to that in the Village of Walloon.

"The health of Lake Charlevoix depends on the Jordan and depends on the Boyne and if we don't keep those rivers healthy, the lake is going to bear the brunt of it," Zoberksi said.

She continues to work at eradicating the European imported Purple Loosestrife and with the help of others has winnowed its population somewhat. The weed, pretty when it blooms, has no known predators and no known benefit to aquatic life.

It was sprayed with Rodeo, a non-toxic DNR-approved weed-killer which prevents the roots from taking in nutrients. "It appears as though we have killed them, but we won't know until it blooms again," Zoberksi said.

She has been investigating using a predatory beetle, but has heard mixed reviews about its effectiveness. Twice she's ordered them, but they've died before shipping.

Still, she believes FOBR is beating the weed. Sheets recalls seeing the plant, illegal in the U.S. now, being sold at last summer's farmer's market. He took the opportunity to educate its sellers and they took it off their cart. Little by little people begin to understand.

He would like to see an effort to plant some of the indigenous plants around the millpond that Loosestrife has crowded out. He hopes volunteers will step forward to assist.

"Everybody brings something different that could help our many needs," he said, whether its planting, making phone calls, or helping out with the barbecues that inevitably follow each work session.

Board member Larry Maltby, along with Sheets,



Concord Academy Boyne environmental science students Rockwell Williams, David Osterhouse and Josh Leese found a lamprey eel during a recent field trip with Friends of the Boyne River.

has taken to educating local school students about the river and its watershed.

An avid catch and release trout fisherman, Maltby went to FOBR's first meeting last year because he was interested in preserving the fish's habitat. He and his wife Virginia, who have lived in Boyne Valley Township for the last three years, immediately joined. A retired Ford engineer, Maltby is now the group's education coordinator.

"I was aware of some problems, but since I've been involved, I've become aware of more," he said. He believes educating youth is the key to the river's preservation.

"I've found that young fly fishermen seem to be much more ecologically minded than us older generation and I include myself in that," Maltby said. "I've had to learn that lesson in the last few years and I wanted to keep that going and instill in the youth the idea of protecting their natural resources, so it's not lost forever."

Most recently Maltby created a relief contour map to teach students about the watershed and pollution. They used squirt bottles to simulate rain on the model "and kids in the fourth grade understood and said in unison, 'it would run into the river and it would run into Lake Charlevoix,'" Maltby said.

Boyne City Middle schoolers do clean-ups and

water quality testing with FOBR. Concord Academy Boyne has adopted a section of the river near Dam Road to help keep it clean. Boyne Falls School students will pay heed to the river's upper reaches.

Maltby and Sheets are on the curriculum planning committee for a new natural resources class at Boyne City High School which they hope, among other things, will include enjoining



Clean-up efforts have been a high priority during the past year for Friends of the Boyne River. Another is planned for June 26.

students to help with water testing and to develop a nature trail.

"We're very encouraged with the attitude of the students for this," Sheets said.

"If you understand what the Boyne River is, it's really a fine river," said Maltby, who ardently studies rivers and fly fishing. "It's probably a better river than the average person living in this neighborhood understands. It's a jewel of a river and I'm trying to communicate that to everyone to help them realize what a resource that is."

And of course there are "all the little things," Sheets said. In a year they've incorporated, received their non-profit status, developed by-laws and even a logo.

"I didn't realize it would be this complex," Sheets said. The group is headquartered out of his home and as president, he spends about three hours a day working on the organization.

There are no paid staff members. Sheets hopes the recent acquisition of a desk and file cabinets will help them become even better organized and provide relief for the stacks of files and papers piled around his house.

"We've got all these facets and each one is as important as the next one," Sheets said.

Most visible of the group's actions are the clean-ups they organize along the river's shores and millponds, an always productive activity thanks to litterers and an old city dump that regularly belches out its hidden treasures.

Sheets remembers as a child, the garbage being dumped and buried on the shore. Nobody thought much about it back then. It's a legacy this generation has to live with.

But Sheets envisions building a park there while helping to rectify the results of the river's most serious problem, erosion.

EROSION IS BIGGEST THREAT

The river's north branch forms near Thumb Lake. The south branch comes in at the Elmira hill area. Numerous tributaries help form the larger main branches.

"We're pleased with the quality of the upper tributaries," Sheets said. But heading downriver where there are road crossings, livestock and buildings, the quality of the river diminishes greatly.

Erosion is the problem. The biggest culprit is where the roads cross the river and wash out. Too small or improperly aligned culverts also add to the mess. The group has counted more than 60 crossings — some public and some private.

Scott McEwen, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's water resource specialist and FOBR board member, said erosion is probably the single greatest threat to the Boyne River.

Sand covers the aquatic organisms that live on the stream bottoms and covers the fish spawn beds, "making it a virtual desert where nothing can live," Sheets said. Although fish predators, the

lamprey eels — which found their way into the Great Lakes and rivers via the St. Lawrence Seaway — have found cozy homes beneath the sand.

The best solution, Sheets said, is pavement, but there are other ways to stop sand and dirt from running off the crossings such as laying in large rocks, cement with rocks, vegetation or terracing.

Tip of the Mitt is training five FOBR volunteers to inventory which crossings need work. McEwen said the Charlevoix County Road Commission may work to help fix some of the public areas.

"All we want to do to a personal property owner's bridge area is to improve it so it doesn't wash away," Sheets said.

Logging, fishermen and even little streams are causing the same plight to the riverbanks.

It's most noticeable from Dam Road up to the dam and at the stream crossings, the most

popular spots for fishermen.

"It will take a very large effort," Sheets said, to stabilize the banks.

Again, terracing, planting trees and plants and putting in rocks as well as log steps can help.

Sheets said natural vegetation is the best way to restrict the banks' use and hopes students will help create informational signage for the river's users.

Erosion has filled in the Boyne City mill pond with sand and made it shallow. The Boyne Falls mill pond has been met with the same plight.

Shallow water means warmer temperatures which severely jeopardizes the fish habitat.

"The only thing that can live are carp and suckers — trash fish," Sheets said.

FIXING THINGS

Some people say it's natural that the mill ponds have filled in. Sheets disagrees and erosion will be a primary focus for FOBR in the coming year.

"These things are dramatic," said Sheets about a 1976 wash out of the Dam Road bridge which sent 1,000 cubic yards of sand down the river until it rested in Boyne City's mill pond. Visualize a large dump truck which can hold 10 cubic yards of dirt and multiply by 100.

Others in Boyne Falls talk of muck dug up for a road bed and left to slide into the mill pond after the road's installation, leaving it shallow and devoid of fish.

Boyne Mountain Resorts owner Everett Kircher has purchased a dredge, the only tool capable of digging out the ponds, and will make it available to FOBR.

"We are exceptionally grateful to Everett Kircher for his gesture," Sheets said, adding what a benefit it is that Kircher has never developed the three miles along the Boyne River which he owns.

Sheets says dredging out the river and mill pond in Boyne City will bring back trout fishing, and also help make the former dump area into a pleasant spot for fishing, picnics and family gatherings.

Because old batteries, car parts, bedsprings and tanks still surface regularly, FOBR hopes to seal off the old garbage with the dredged materials and see the area developed into a park with an adjoining four mile loop nature trail with educational signage.

It will never return to its pristine state "but we can bring it back a long way to what it was by being concerned and caring," Sheets said. "And it takes a grass roots organization."

HOW'S THE WATER?

Another major effort the group will undertake is water temperature monitoring.

Boyne Mountain has also purchased underwater recording thermometers for the organization to help it determine the negative affects of shallow water and scientifically justify the dredging.

Because trout require cool water and nobody

really knows how warm the water gets during the hot summer months, it will help assess stress on the fish, indicate impediments in the water and offer solutions.

Adult volunteers will also be asked to help out in water quality studies by collecting aquatic insects — they're like canaries in coal mines, Tip of the Mitt's McEwen said. The absence of certain species can indicate a problem.

A BLUE RIBBON STREAM

"Boyne River is considered a blue ribbon trout stream," Sheets said, meaning it's an excellent habitat for native trout. It's a rating the state gives to just a few streams.

He had to find out what happened while he was gone.

"I had such a wonderful childhood on the Boyne River," Sheets said. "I developed an appreciation and



Larry Maltby, education coordinator of FOB, demonstrates watershed dynamics to students with his new Boyne River watershed model.

became a science teacher in Alaska which never would have happened had I not grown up on Boyne River."

He'd like to see the same opportunities for other kids.

"When we started this organization, we wanted to do good and have fun doing it," Sheets said.

That's why they have good attendance, speakers, refreshments and good socializing at the monthly meetings and activities "which makes everything enjoyable," Sheets said.

The group has already formed and continues to form alliances with other environmental groups, and gives credit to an already established sister organization, Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, for its part in motivating the group's establishment.

"The amount of work the FOBR has done in the last year, our organization couldn't even have touched. It's a really good way to make sure a lot of good stuff gets done," McEwen said.

Since Tip of the Mitt works over a four-county area, grassroots efforts from groups like Friends of the Boyne are essential to its work. In turn, Tip of the Mitt plays a support role in helping them become strong.

Maybe people had been thinking about doing this for years and once someone did, "people just gravitated," McEwen said.

To find out more about the group, join it at one of its monthly meetings which are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Wolverine-Dilworth Inn. The board meetings are held just prior at 6 p.m. and the public is invited. Or call Sheets at 582-5824. Membership fees start at \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families.

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--Larry Maltby

Boyne City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing
and the \$100 winner is...
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New additions to the festivities are an ethnic food festival at the senior center from 5-8 p.m. on Friday featuring Italian, Mexican, Polish, Greek and good old American food to tempt the palate.

The Petoskey Steel Drum Band also makes its first appearance in East Jordan on Friday from 5-8 p.m. on Main Street. Steel drums were created about 60 years ago in Trinidad. Then they were crudely fashioned from discarded oil drums. Today, the instruments are finely tuned by heating and pounding with steel to the desired pitch. You won't want to miss this band's exciting sounds.

Entries are still needed for the Grand Parade which begins at 3 p.m. on Saturday, traveling from East Jordan Elementary School to Main Street, down to Mill Street, over the bridge and ending at Murphy Field. Those interested in participating in the parade can call the chamber office at 536-7351.

At dark on Saturday the Fabulous Festival Fireworks by Zambelli Internationale, will decorate the sky over Lake Charlevoix on the East Jordan Iron Works side. Fireworks are sponsored by donations from community members. If you enjoy the festival and would like to contribute, send a check to Jordan Valley Freedom Festival, P.O. Box 435, East Jordan, Mich. 49727.

For more information about the festival, call the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Noon **Arnold Amusements**
Downtown - Advance ticket sales at Glen's Market.
1-4 p.m. **East Jordan Portside Art & Historical Museum Open.**
Elm Pointe on M-66 Hwy.
6:30 p.m. **Lip Sync**
Sponsored by Petrie Construction, Bay Winds Credit Union & Van's Business Machines. On stage in Memorial Park. 2 - \$100 1st places, 2 - \$50 2nd places, 2 - \$25 3rd places. For more information or to sign up contact the Chamber at 536-7351 or Angie Nachazel at 536-3612.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Noon-8 p.m. **Craft Show**
Memorial Park
11 a.m.-10 p.m. **Arnold Amusements**
Downtown
5-8 p.m. **Festival On Main**
Downtown
Petoskey Steel Drum Band
Sponsored by Northern Michigan Hospital
Ethnic Foods
Senior Center
Kids Games
On Main Street
8 p.m. **Jeanne & the Parables**
On stage in Memorial Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Triathlon registration**
Tourist Park building, North past M-66/ M-32 stop light.
9 a.m. **Triathlon**
Swimming, biking, running.
9 a.m.-6 p.m. **Craft Show**
Memorial Park.
10 a.m. **Food concessions**
Spring Street.
10 a.m. **Arnold Amusements**
Downtown.
10 a.m. **1st raffle ticket drawings**
On stage at Memorial Park. Winners will be posted at information booth.
10 a.m. **Fly Fishing Demonstration**
On stage in Memorial Park.
10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Par 1 "Closest to Pin"**
Men's ball field across from Marty's Cones & Carry-out. Three balls/ \$1. Free area golfing to winners.
10:30 a.m. **Youth Parade, registration and judging**
Sportsman Park, located on M-32 next to the Jordan River.
10:30 a.m. **Extended Play Music Systems with disc jockey Dan Bennett**
Corner of Main and Mill streets.
10:30 a.m. **Herb Pillow Presentation**
On stage in Memorial Park.
11 a.m. **2nd raffle ticket drawings**
On stage at Memorial Park. Winners will be posted at information booth.
11 a.m. **Youth Parade**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11 a.m. **Bingo**
American Legion Hall, Main St. Will be closed from 3:30 p.m. until after the Grand Parade! Quitting time will be announced at Bingo.
11:30 a.m. **Firemen's Waterball Registration**
Location to be announced.
Noon **Firemen's Waterball**
Location to be announced.
Noon **3rd raffle drawing**
On stage at Memorial Park. Winners will be posted at information booth.
Noon until gone **Chicken barbecue**
Outdoor patio at the Rainbow Bar & Grill. Half of the proceeds go to the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival.
Noon-2 p.m. **Jim N' I Karaoke**
On stage at Memorial Park.
Noon-3:30 p.m. **Grand Parade registration**
East Jordan High School bus garage, 507 Garfield St.
1 p.m. **4th raffle drawing**
On stage at Memorial Park. Winners will be posted at the information booth.
2 p.m. **Runt Regatta**
For 16' and under sailing vessels, this is a good time for the young and old, novice to expert sailor. For more information or to pre-register call Rod Tinney at 536-3447 or the Chamber at 536-7351.
2 p.m. **5th raffle drawing**
On stage at Memorial Park. Winners will be posted at the information booth.
1-4 p.m. **East Jordan Portside Art & Historical Museum open.**
Elm Pointe on M-66
1-4 p.m. **Annual Artist Invitational, opening reception for local artists.**
Jordan River Arts Council Building, Main St.
3 p.m. **6th raffle drawing**
On stage at Memorial Park. Winners will be posted at the information booth.
4 p.m. **Grand Parade**
Theme: East Jordan Then and Now
Route: East Jordan Elementary School to Main - down Main to Mill - over the bridge - ending at Murphy Field.
Emcees: Tom Clemens and Mike Burr
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Post Parade Entertainment
On stage Memorial Park. Performance by Grand Parade bands, clowns and Elvis.
5 p.m. **7th raffle drawing**
On stage at Memorial Park. Winners will

be posted at the information booth.
6 p.m. **8th raffle drawing**
On stage at Memorial Park. Winners will be posted at the information booth.
7 p.m. **Final Raffle Drawing**
On stage at Memorial Park. You must be present to win this drawing. There will also be drawings for the day's unclaimed prizes.
7:30-8:15 p.m. **Roundhouse 22 Band**
On stage at Memorial Park. Come hear this local band.
8:30 p.m. **The Dovel's**
Memorial Park.
Intermission Festival 500 Drawing. \$1,000 give away, \$500 first prize, and 10 prizes of \$50 each. Rotary Watercraft Drawing.
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Under the direction of Zambelli Internationale, over Lake Charlevoix, on the East Jordan Iron Works side.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

E.J. **Lioness Cow Drop**
Watson Field on Division Street. Tickets are available from any Lioness member and will also be sold downtown Friday and Saturday, \$1 per ticket. First prize, \$125. Second prize, \$75. Third prize \$50. Winners will be notified ASAP.
Noon **Arnold Amusements**
Weather permitting
1-4 p.m. **East Jordan Portside Art & Historical Museum Open**
Elm Pointe on M-66 Hwy.
1-4 p.m. **Invitational Art Show**
Jordan River Arts Council Building. Show continues until July 10 with daily hours from 1-4 p.m.

JORDAN VALLEY FREEDOM FESTIVAL 4TH ANNUAL CRUISE NIGHT AND CAR SHOW JULY 9-10

FRIDAY, JULY 9
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7-9 p.m. **Cruise for car show participants**
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SATURDAY, JULY 10
8 a.m.-noon **Car Show registration**
East Jordan City Hall
9 a.m.-5 p.m. **Flea Market & Swap Meet**
Memorial Park
11 a.m.-3 p.m. **Live Entertainment - "The Fun Town Band"**
Downtown. Sponsored by Smith & Hoffman, Citizen's Bank, The Mallard Golf Course, Jordan Journal/Citizen and Lumber Jack's Restaurant.
noon-3 p.m. **JVFF Car Show**
Memorial Park
3 p.m. **Trophy presentation**

Boyne DDA accepts bids on two houses

Changes may soon be coming to the corner of Water and South East streets in downtown Boyne City.

The Boyne City Downtown Development Authority, which has owned the two houses on the corner for the past two years, recently put the property out to bid and three were received. A third house was also a part of the original sale, but because of its condition it was torn down earlier this year. The original three lots were also reconfigured into two larger lots.

Bids were received from Mathers Ford for both parcels; Lou Awody, owner of Connections North for the house at 230 Water St.; and Cindi Malin, owner of CindiFranco's, for the house at 232 Water St.

The DDA at its meeting last Thursday, recommended the city commission accept the bids from Awody and Malin. The commission will meet June 22 to act on the recommendation. Awody's bid was \$57,650 and Malin's was \$75,000. The minimum bid set by the DDA was \$57,000 and \$75,000. The DDA paid \$125,000 for the property.

Mathers' bid for both lots was \$133,009.

Under deed restrictions placed on the property by the DDA, the new owners must complete renovations within one year after the closing date of the sale or two years if they build new.

Both Awody and Malin indicated in their bids that they plan to renovate the houses for their businesses. The first floor of the houses must be retail. Residential is allowed on the second floor.

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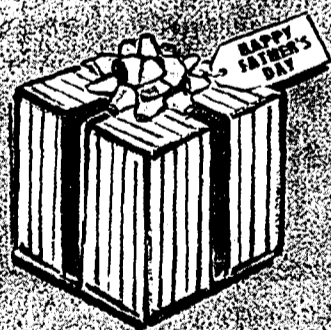
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MST STUDENTS SOLVE MYSTERY OF STOLEN KISS

Who had their hand on the candy jar?

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

A broken candy jar, a Diet Coke can smudged with lipstick, blood, strands of hair, chocolate fingerprints, and a memo from the principal to the teacher.

When MST instructor Bill Aten found chocolate kisses missing from among this scene in his East Jordan High School classroom, forensic police officer Ed Moilanen was called in, not to investigate it himself, but to talk with students about the procedures for collecting evidence and interviewing possible witnesses to the crime scene.

It was up to the 11th grade students to solve the burglary dubbed "The Mystery of the Stolen Kiss."

MST teachers Sharon Moeke, Alice McPherson and Aten set up this "Forensic Science Crime Unit," following on the heels of genetic coursework to help reinforce some of the unit's topics such as blood typing and DNA testing, and to tie it into how the procedures are used in real life careers.

Moeke was inspired with the idea after reading in a college journal about a university professor who did something similar.

"Since we do DNA fingerprinting and blood typing we thought it would be a good end of the semester project for them," Moeke said.

Moilanen talked about the 1.5 million fingerprints on file, and that a DNA bank would be accessible to investigators soon. He discussed analyzing hair fibers and the people who specialize in blood typing.

He emphasized that securing a crime scene was crucial so that no new evidence be brought in or ruined and noted that even dried saliva off a cigarette offers enough of a sample for DNA testing.

Charlevoix prosecuting attorney Mary Beth Kur was up next to speak to students about assessing whether or not there is enough evidence to press charges based on the evidence she receives from the forensic lab or police.

On murder cases, for instance, she would be on the crime scene to assure evidence is being handled correctly. She always consults experts who collect evidence to find out the kinds of questions that should be



Area professionals tied real-life work to genetics classwork during an East Jordan High School forensic science crime unit activity. From left, are: defense attorney Robert Banner, prosecuting attorney Mary Beth Kur, forensic police officer Ed Moilanen and judge Richard Pajtas.

asked at trial.

Defense attorney Robert Banner and judge Richard Pajtas also spoke to the students before the students began their own investigation.

The class was divided into a prosecuting team and a defense team and for the trial, some students took on courtroom roles such as bailiff, clerk, court reporter and newspaper reporter.

Students did a chromatography analysis on the lipstick, lifted fingerprints from the glass candy dish and paper on the desk, and did DNA testing on simulated blood. Each team had 80 minutes to run the labs and submit a report each to the defense and prosecuting teams.

After winnowing a suspect list down to three, high school principal Tammy Jackson was arrested last week, after attempting to flee prosecutors, who had to issue a warrant for her arrest.

Another suspect, Gina McCafferty, whose hair samples under a microscope appeared similar to that of strands found at the scene, was also arrested when she wouldn't cooperate. But she was never formally charged or brought to trial.

When the prosecuting team had problems with the defense team which wouldn't allow any witnesses or Jackson to answer questions, and

when their fingerprinting tests — taken from a chocolate print — were inconclusive as well, they weren't so sure they had an air-tight case.

"So we were kind of stuck," said Briann Thorman, a member of the prosecuting team. "We didn't really have anywhere to go and didn't know what to do."

She called Kur for advice, who told her that prosecutors can speak to witnesses for any length of time and that circumstantial evidence was more than enough to convict someone.

Part of that evidence was witnesses who had seen Jackson at the scene of the crime during the time they estimated it occurred — between 3:45 p.m. on a Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday morning. Jackson was spotted around 3:45 p.m.

But when it came time for the trial, conflicting testimony raised doubt about the truthfulness of Jackson's statements.

For instance, Jackson said she arrived at home at 10:45 p.m. the night of the crime, but her husband, Ron, on the stand, said he arrived home at 9:30 and she was already home. He then said he could have been wrong.

Jackson's daughter Christine, via videotape, said her mom's favorite candy was Bit O' Honey which could have cast doubt about her stealing the

chocolate kisses.

But she testified that her mother was on a diet, thus lending credibility that the Diet Coke can found at the scene with her lipstick on it — proven by chromatography tests at the scene — was hers.

Although Aten wasn't at the trial, on tape he spoke about how sad he was that the heirloom dish, given to him by a special friend to be given to grandchildren one day, was broken.

Superintendent Chip Hansen presided over the hour and a half trial. The jury was made up of two graduated seniors and two school staff.

They found Jackson guilty and sentenced her to buy Aten a new candy jar and for restitution to fill the jar full of Hershey's Kisses at the beginning of the following school year.

"I was really surprised at how serious it was," student Renee Roberts said of the trial. "I think a lot of people were surprised at how much work we had to do at being the prosecuting team and the defense team."

The Forensic Science Crime Unit is only in its first year and the department hopes to end each of its future genetics' sections the same way.

They contemplate including government class students in the courtroom portion of the unit as a study in the justice system.

Boyer seeking nominees for Marvin Loding awards

Nominations are being sought for the Marvin Loding Community Pride Awards.

Presented in honor of the former three-term Boyne City mayor and dedicated public servant, the award is designed to honor individuals who take pride in their home, business or industry, and those individuals who exhibit community spirit.

Mr. Loding served three terms as mayor of Boyne City, was an alderman on the Common Council before adoption of the City Charter, and he was mayor pro-tem of the first City Commission in 1960.

He was also a planning commissioner, was active on the Zoning Board of Appeals and served two terms on the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners. He was active in the development of the North Boyne Launch Ramp and the shelter house at Veteran's Memorial Park.

There are two divisions in the Marvin Loding Community Pride Awards: home, business or industry; and community spirited individual or group. For the home, business or industry award, the criteria for judging will be based on improvements of existing property in one or more of the following areas: landscaping, renovation, appearance, maintenance, harmonious with the neighborhood.

Criteria for judging the individual or group award is: outstanding community involvement, civic contributions, leadership qualities, and special contributions to the city.

Nominations will be accepted until July 1 by the Boyne City Planning Commission. Forms are available at city hall or the chamber of commerce office. At the July meeting of the planning board, members will vote by secret ballot to select the winners, who will be presented their awards at a city commission meeting in August.

For more information, contact city hall at 582-6597.



Arnold and Dave Smith stand on the green where Dave found a balloon that had traveled from Wisconsin.

Wisconsin-launched balloon lands near the 8th pin at Mallard

A helium balloon that set sail from Land O Lakes, Wis., on a Saturday night at 11 p.m. landed on the eighth green of the Mallard Golf Course in East Jordan by 7 a.m. the next morning.

Golf course owner Dave Smith found the deflated balloon while on his grooming rounds. Written on the attached note was the name George Peterson, Watersmeet, Mich., and a

phone number.

Dave's son and course co-owner Arnold called the number and was greeted by George's father, who didn't even know his fifth grade son had sent it.

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GRADUATE STUDENT WANTS TO KNOW WHY PEOPLE FISH From the angler's viewpoint

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Kris Snyder fishes mostly for the fun of it, usually releases his catch, and ranks water quality, scenery and serenity as most important to good fishing.

But the Central Michigan University graduate student wants to find out why other people fish in northern Michigan and what they expect from their fishing experience specifically on Lake Charlevoix, Six Mile Lake, Lake Louise and Walloon Lake. He is distributing 1,000 surveys to anglers on and around the lakes for the answers.

Pursuing a master's degree in aquatics biology from Central Michigan University, Snyder received a research grant to offset costs for the graduate study. He has a bachelor's from CMU in natural resources biology and is a graduate of East Jordan High School.

There are plenty of studies done about fish, Snyder said, but has found no studies on the anglers themselves.

"Without fishermen there is no fishery," he writes in his research.

He also cites that, "A basic assumption of fisheries management is that angler preferences must be known before responsible resource management decisions can be made."

He hopes to find out who today's angler is, how stocking a lake influences its usage, the motivations and expectations of a fishing trip and what the economic impact and attraction to an area containing large inland fisheries is.

Snyder, whose family lives on Six Mile Lake, grew up fishing and has noticed some changing opinions of fishing over time — namely that more people now catch and release fish.

Some of his research already seems to support that others feel the same way, with several people reporting they would be satisfied with catching few if any fish, but are interested in seeing uncommon wildlife. Relaxation also seems to surface to the top of the list of reasons for fishing, rather than to catch dinner.

The four lakes he is focusing on were chosen because they are the county's largest lakes, are stocked



Kris Snyder

lakes and users were easily accessible.

Surveys are being distributed to fishermen at lake access sites, tucked under windshield wipers, and put in bait shops. Snyder will also perform a roving survey by boat one week-end on Lake Charlevoix.

Statistics should be compiled by fall or winter. Snyder will graduate next spring and results should be available by the summer.

He will present his findings to the Michigan DNR and hopes his data will have an impact on fisheries management in Michigan in the future. It's not change he's necessarily after, but to garner a general idea about what the fishing public is doing.

"Something like this could also help the local area," Snyder said.

He noted that, depending on the results, chambers of commerce and other groups could potentially benefit from knowing the habits of fishermen.

His results could influence anything from catch and release laws to how the lakes are stocked. Possibly, if the survey generates enough interest, it could be adopted by the state as a yearly angler survey, similar to the one it undertakes after the white tail deer season each year.

If you are interested in filling out the anonymous Charlevoix County Angler Survey, call Snyder at 536-2129.

Two new funds started by foundation

Learning Alliance Endowment will help start programs

A strong advocate for academic achievement in the East Jordan Public Schools has emerged, and with it, a new financial resource to help fuel scholastic efforts.

The East Jordan Learning Alliance — an organization created last December when the school district's PTO and Academic Boosters merged — hopes to bring members of the community and schools together as partners for educational improvement. Members of the group have committed volunteer time, financial support, and resources to enhance school programs and motivate East Jordan students to do their best. And now, they've established a new fund within the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to further their cause.

Called the East Jordan Learning Alliance Endowment, the fund will serve as a reservoir of capital that can be used to underwrite pilot programs,

enrich the curriculum, and provide some "extras" that can strengthen academics. The fund's assets will be professionally managed and, as they grow, a portion of the earned income used to make grants each year. In that way, the fund can continue to support educational initiatives for generations of school children to come.

Although brand new, the Learning Alliance endowment already has assets totaling more than \$5,300. Members of the alliance hope to attract additional donations as word of their efforts spreads. All gifts to the fund are fully tax deductible, and, because the donations are made through the Community Foundation, they qualify for a special Michigan income tax credit as well.

Bill Lorne, East Jordan resident and president of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, hopes area residents will support the Alliance's efforts.

"This is an excellent way for those who really value education and care about our children's future to do something lasting and meaningful," he said. "The Community Founda-

tion has received wonderful support from the people of East Jordan and we're especially pleased to add this important new initiative."

Scholarship fund will help Evangelical Lutheran members

The Beishlag family has long been active in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of East Jordan. They've sung in the choir, served on the church council, lectured, and helped lead children's programs. Now, the Beishlags will serve their church and benefit its members in a special way.

A new fund in the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, called the Evangelical Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund, will award college and vocational education scholarships to children of church members.

Backyard series heads to marsh

The Charlevoix County Land Conservancy continues its "Beauty in our Backyard" series on Saturday, June 19, with a visit to an area marsh.

Those attending can carpool at 9 a.m. from the conservancy's Charlevoix office at 108 Park Ave.

Veteran's officer visiting Legion hall

Ray Moore, Veterans' Service Officer, will be at the American Legion Hall, at the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City on Thursday, June 24, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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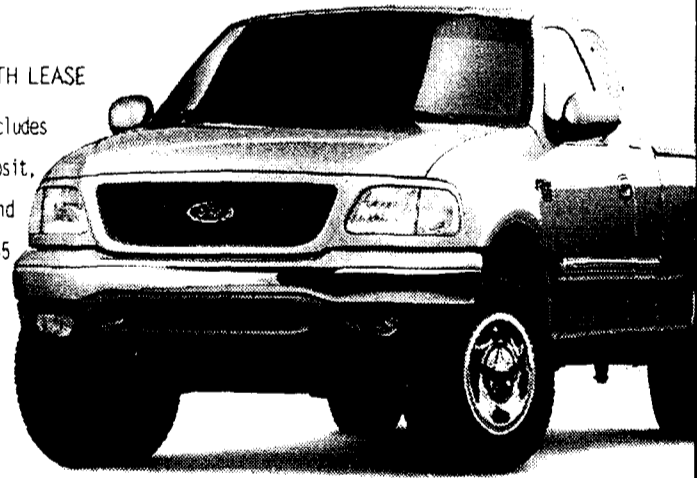
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GARDEN PATH

Those pesky weeds can make you do funny things

By ANGELA SHULTIS

I admit it. I'm a lazy weeder. I put it off for as long as possible. I pretend that I can't see the weeds. I convince myself that they're not that bad yet and that from the street no one can really tell.

Besides being total lies, these tactics are useless because these things don't matter. I still know they're there. You see, besides being lazy, I'm fairly neurotic about weeds. They taunt me, flaunting themselves brazenly beneath the lilac, peering coyly at me from between the daylilies and the rhubarb. Even so, I resist as long as I can. Evidently, my will power is pretty strong.

But the recent periods of rain we've had have brought us to the point of no turning back. Where there was once only clean, dark, well-worked soil there are now colonies of tiny weed seedlings taking root. They appear to be taking better advantage of the hard work I put into preparing my beds than the plants I actually made them for. It is, it seems, time to give in, unless I want to start getting threatening letters from the neighbors (who, in reality, are probably just hoping we'll mow the lawn again soon.)

There are lots of different approaches to

weeding. Most seem to involve the idea of making it a more pleasant experience. Visit your local garden center and you will be presented with an endless variety of implements designed to make weeding easier, less time-consuming, more productive.

There are various tools designed, apparently, to wrench the weeds out in such a way as to require minimal effort for maximum root extraction. Other devices claim to allow you to do twice the job in half the time, mostly by hacking the weeds into tiny pieces rather than actually pulling them out. And then, of course, there are kneeling pads, stools, handy little carts, etc., all to make the experience more comfortable, less distasteful.

But, alas, none of these things are for me. Oh, sure I've bought some of them, and they sit, unused, in the garage, between the Martha Stewart plant markers and the multi-pocketed garden apron. Because I never actually plan to weed. It's a spontaneous thing for me, one of the few spontaneous activities I engage in. I'll be out in the yard, minding my own business, and the urge, unbidden, will sweep through me. And if I stop to go and gather my tools, the mood may pass, thus leaving the weeds to propagate until it strikes me again.

When I do get down to weeding, though, look out; once I start, I can't stop. This is where the obsessive-compulsive in me kicks in (there's a lot of psychology involved in this weeding business.) I'll bend down, intending to pluck the one or two most offensive weeds, only to discover 20 more hiding underneath, which of course I must then also remove, it'll only take a few seconds, but then, look, there's a dozen more, and, beyond those...

My husband will wander out eventually, wondering where I've gone, thinking that I've only stepped out to get the mail, and find me hunched over, in deep concentration, attempting futilely to extract the very last weed. Chances are I haven't even made it to the mailbox.

But it's all a matter of perspective really. I mean, who decided weeds were all bad, anyway? When the yellow sea of dandelions in our lawn subsided (temporarily, I'm sure) giving way to a boring stretch of green, my 3-year-old demanded to know what had happened to the "flower garden" she'd been enjoying only days before.

Ah, if only we were all that healthy.

(Angela Shultis is the office manager for The Citizen-Journal.)



Knights are appreciated

Camp Quality director Eleanor West recently presented a plaque to Jim Dixon, the Boyne Valley Council of the Knights of Columbus grand knight, in appreciation for the council's many years of support for Camp Quality through the breakfasts it serves to Camp Quality kids, families and companions during Winter Snow Days and for their help with fundraisers.

School elections draw little interest

Few voters turned out for area school board elections Monday night in which all the candidates ran unopposed.

In Boyne City, 168 voters showed up to the polls. Incumbent Marty Moody received 138 votes and newcomer Cathy Allen received 114.

The school district's operating millage was renewed as well by a 127-

37 vote.

East Jordan incumbents Kevin Keane and John Kempton both retained their seats. Keane received 49 votes and Kempton 51. Altogether, 58 residents voted.

In Boyne Falls, 43 people voted with Ken Giem receiving 32 votes and 38 votes being cast for James Hawkins.

East Jordan man charged with sexually assaulting two young girls

An East Jordan man has been charged with molesting two 8-year-old girls.

Richard Allen Hood Jr., 28, was arraigned Thursday in Charlevoix County District Court on two counts

of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. Judge Richard May denied bond for Hood, who remains in Charlevoix County Jail.

Hood was arrested Wednesday af-

ter an investigation by Family Independence Agency workers into allegations Hood had attempted to molest another girl.

Hood's preliminary examination

is scheduled for June 24.

The crime is a felony and is punishable by up to life in state prison. Hood will also be charged as a habitual offender.

Charge dropped against Boyne teen

A sexual assault charge against a 14-year-old Boyne City boy has been dropped.

The boy was accused of assaulting a freshman girl during a pep rally at Boyne City High School on Oct. 2.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur authorized a third degree criminal sexual assault charge

last October, but due to conflicting eyewitness accounts, she filed a motion to dismiss the charge on May 20. Judge Frederick Mulhauser signed an order May 24 dismissing the charge.

The boy was expelled from Boyne City High School Oct. 13 and attended Great Lakes Academy.

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Grandvue residents welcome new friends

Sweet songs of canaries and finches coupled with brilliantly colored plumage have mesmerized Grandvue Medical Care Facility residents and added another bright spot to their days.

Housed in an aviary in the living room, the 12 small birds — all couples except a single canary — have already started nesting since arriving last week and are expected to have babies as well.

Grandvue staff knew the birds would be entertaining and Living Design out of South Dakota, the aviary's manufacturer, said the singing, chattering and myriad colors better accommodate those with impaired hearing and vision.

"They need a chance to continue to care for other living things when they come to the nursing home," activities director Cheryl Sothard said

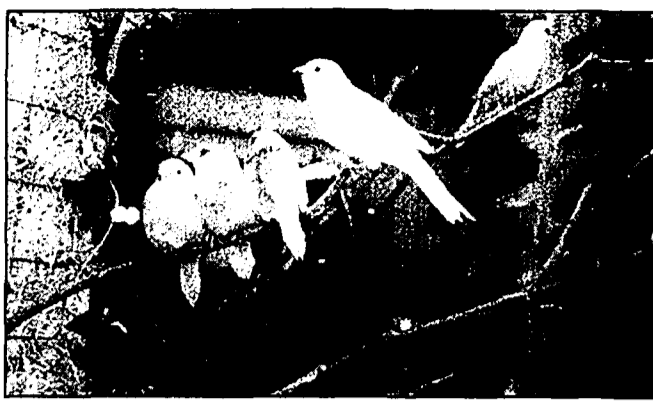
of the residents.

The aviary stands about six feet tall and six feet long. Residents can observe the colorful birds through the clear sides either from standing or sitting in a wheelchair.

"It's become quite a popular activity all over the country, but especially in Michigan," Sothard said of bird watching through the cage's walls.

The cage's lights are on a timer and the birds quiet down at night, said staff member Lynn Carson.

Members of the activity department, housekeeping staff and even residents will help feed the birds and clean their habitat. A Living Design maintenance crew will come quarterly to clip nails and beaks, disinfect the cage, remove babies to stock other aviaries and take away any ill birds.



Canaries and finches are settling into their new home in the living room at Grandvue.

Installing an aviary is one of the first steps for Grandvue to potentially enter the Eden Alternative program which incorporates plants and ani-

mals — cats already roam the halls — into community living, giving residents the opportunity to care for them.

Governor's rep visits local child care programs

East Jordan Elementary School's Kids' Club and Dick and Jane's Day Care were the sites of a recent visit by Michele McManus, the director of Governor Engler's northern Michigan Office.

The stops were in conjunction with McManus's visit to the Char-Em Intermediate School District's early education consortium offices where the CHILC (Communities Helping In a Child's Learning & Development) Project is housed.

The CHILC Project is one of the Joining Forces Initiative sites in Michigan whose goal is to increase availability, affordability, accessibility and quality of child care to low-income, rural communities by helping to increase child care slots in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Using the model of the school as a key hub in rural communities, strategies include school-linked services, consumer and community education and ongoing internal evaluation.

East Jordan Elementary School is a targeted community site for school-linked services within the project and thus, was visited by McManus.

Dick and Jane's was visited because CHILC Project staff and resources have been given to it to secure technical assistance with EQUIP Grants, expansion of slots to include Head Start children, participation in the Provider Alliance meetings in East Jordan and support by its owners Gina and Larry Oliver at community child care meetings.

The CHILC Project funding comes through the Frey Foundation, along with funding from Strong Families/Safe Children and Project Zero.

COLLEGE NEWS

WHITNEY SCHRAW, CHRIS WINKLER, and LISA DEWEY of Boyne City, and **CATHLEEN KING and CASSIE KRAUSE** of East Jordan, have been named to the Dean's List for the second semester at Hope College. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Hope college is a four-year, co-educational, liberal arts college in Holland, Mich.

BRENDA J. MCCLELLAN of Boyne Falls was named to the Dean's List at Madonna University in Livonia. She is a senior studying social work.

EMILY B. WRIGHT and **MATTHEW J. DAVIS** of Boyne City placed on the spring quarter Dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point of 3.5 or higher.

ALAN J. SCHOMBERGER has graduated from Michigan Technological University with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

SARAH A. KOSC of Boyne Falls has been named to the Dean's List for Spring term at Northwood University. She is the daughter of Victor and Linda Kosc.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

LAWRENCE MACEACHERN of East Jordan has been named to the President's List for the spring term at Northwood University. He is the son of Lawrence and Lorraine MacEachern.

To achieve President's List recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

JUDY TRAVIS and daughter Sabrina of Colorado Springs, Colo., are spending three weeks in Michigan visiting sisters, Diane Lutz and Betty Jean Austin, and their families in the Flint area. In Boyne City, they are visiting her parents, Fay and Jean Limron and also her sister Linda Felton and family.

DANIEL SHIOTELIS, the 11-year-old son of David, of Cantonme, Fla., made a solo flight to spend a three-week visit with his grandparents, George and Judy Shiotelis of Glenwood Beach.

ADELL HIBBARD returned late last Sunday evening from spending the week in Midland, with her nieces, Kathryn Ollila and Mary Sheskey. While there, they went to Big Rapids to attend the graduation of her granddaughter, Eva Rennick, daughter of Nancy and Don Rennick.

WILMA SOCIA of Walloon Lake and Dolores Barnhart of Boyne City returned on Monday, after a long weekend in the Fraser area, where they visited friends and also attended a family wedding.

LITZENBURGER PLACE residents were pleased to be able to help out in Saturday's benefit for Lee Cloyd. Especially nice was the "to the door" delivery of chicken dinners, for those without transportation, by Carrie and Mike Belford, the daughter and son of Boyne City Police dispatcher, Bardel Belford.

A SURPRISE VISIT, it was, on Sunday, for Doc and Vivian Heaton! Their grandson, Hylon J. Heaton, IV, a student at the University of Southern California, dropped in. He is also here to attend the high school graduation of his sister, Nicole, in Flint.

VIVIAN AND MARTIN ROBINSON of Grand Rapids visited her sister, Phyllis Tison this past week. While here, they visited with their niece and nephew, and also visited old friends, Orly and Bea Joles in Vanderbilt.

A BRIDAL SHOWER honored Amy Balogh on Saturday, June 12. The lovely party was held in the Litzenburger Place community room for her Boyne City family, and hosted by Angie Wilson, April Bellant, and Andrea Murray. Amy, the daughter of Don and Kathy Balogh of Edgerton, Ohio, will become the bride of Geoffrey Detcher, the son of Ray and Judi Detcher of Boyne City, on July 17, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton.

ROSE SCHWEM of Petoskey's Independence Village, who was recently honored for her 86th birthday at the home of her son, Marvin and Maryanne Schwem, also enjoyed a tea party later in the day, with former neighbor and long time friend, Anne Jenkins.

DORIS YOUNG of Muskegon has been here this week, visiting the Lakeshore Drive home of her cousin, Thorneta Rowe. While here, they were joined by friend, Bessie Hamm, for a trip to Mackinaw to enjoy the Lilac Festival there. Thorneta and Doris also went to Charlevoix to visit another cousin, Barbara Chambers, who is here from Lake Havasu, Ariz., visiting cousin Shirley Husk.

BOYNE CITY'S Thelma Williams enjoyed being celebrated for her 95th birthday on Friday, with lunch at the Beach House, and the company of her daughters and grandson, Jodine Britton, and Sue Roberts and son David of Dearborn. Thelma also appreciated cards and calls from friends and neighbors.

ON WEDNESDAY, Beatrice Fifield and daughter Delphine Peterson of Lake City were in the area and visited Anne Jenkins. They also visited Harry and Kate Roof, Marlene Groh, and at Grandvue, Pansy Savage and Mary Leazier before returning home.

BOYNE FALLS High School 1999 graduate Heather Grobaski was honored by her parents, Myron and Sue Grobaski, with an open house on Saturday. Many friends, neighbors, and relatives shared in this special time amidst lots of food and collages of Heather's school days. Heather will be continuing her education at Michigan State University this fall.

THE BOYNE CITY Free Methodist Senior SKAMPS enjoyed their June outing with lunch at B.C. Pizza on Sunday.

B.C.H.S. CLASS of 1999 co-valedictorian Laura Cassidy was honored by her grandparents, Ed and Anne Thurston, on Sunday with a lovely open house. Relatives, friends, and neighbors came from Iowa, Ohio, and the surrounding area to share in the special occasion. Laura will enjoy a group tour in Germany for the summer and continue her education at Alma College in the fall.

B.C.H.S. 1999 graduate Jeff Johncheck was honored at his home on Sunday with an open house, by his parents, Delayne and Rita Johncheck. Many area friends and relatives dropped in for this time of celebrating. Jeff plans on heading out for the U. S. Air Force, as soon as his arm heals from a sports injury.

ALLAN ORDWAY of Carter's Food Center said thanks to all those who participated in the breakfast benefit for K.C. Smith at the Boyne City VFW on Sunday. Between the breakfast and contributions from Carter's home office out of Charlotte, \$915 was raised for K.C. who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

(If you have an item for Nancy's column, call her at 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@mail.unnet.com)

Gymnastics club offering summer classes in Boyne and East Jordan

Boyne Area Gymnastics summer sessions begin this week and next.

Classes are offered for girls and boys ages 4 and above in both Boyne City and East Jordan. A seven-week session will be offered in Boyne City with classes meeting on Tuesdays or Thursdays at Boyne City Elementary School. Tumbling, uneven bars, balance beam, and vaulting will be offered. Beginner through advanced classes are offered in Boyne City with prices starting at \$26 for a beginner level class.

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Rogers City ends Ramblers' season

It was the best and worst of times for the Boyne City Ramblers at the regional tournament in McBain last Saturday.

The best was its 6-3 victory over Benzie Central in the semi-finals.

"The team overall played one of its best games all year," said head coach Beano Archey, who in both of his two years at the helm of the Ramblers has led them to the regional tournament.

"We had flawless defense. The kids were really aware of everything going on. It was a real good game."

The worst was its 20-3 loss to Rogers City in the regional final.

"We have to give Rogers City all the credit," Archey said. "They hit the ball everywhere. It didn't matter who we threw, they just hit everyone."

It was the second straight year that Rogers City defeated the Ramblers in the regional final.

With the win, Rogers City advanced to a quarter final game on Tuesday. If they continue to hit the way they did against Boyne, "they could go a long way," Archey said.

The Ramblers finished the season with a record of 22-10-1. They were Lake Michigan Conference champions, finishing the conference season undefeated, and won the district title for the fourth year in a row.

"It was a real good year," Archey said. "The kids accomplished things some people didn't think they could and to play a very good Benzie team the way we did was a credit to the kids."

"The seniors are a good group of kids. We'll miss them. Hopefully the juniors, sophomores and maybe some freshmen can fill their shoes and we'll get going next year."

"Overall, I look at it as a very good season."

Against Benzie, the two teams were scoreless after three innings. In the fourth, the Ramblers scored three runs and added two more before Benzie scored three in the sixth. The

Ramblers' final run came off the bat of Kevin Metzger who hit a solo home run.

Jesse Simon was the winning pitcher for the Ramblers. He gave up six hits and struck out three. He also picked off two Benzie runners at first in the third inning.

"Jesse did a good job," Archey said. "He kept the hitters off balance the whole game."

"The kids accomplished things some people didn't think they could."

--Beano Archey

Simon finished the season with an 11-1-1 record.

Jeremy Peck had two singles, while Andy Douglas and Simon doubled. Josh Bush, Danny Arner and Justin Callahan each singled.

Defensively, the Ramblers were aided by two diving catches by Peck and Jeremy Grice to snuff out Benzie rallies.

In its semi final game, Rogers City didn't think they could go into the fourth inning, then they started to hit and never stopped.

Against Boyne, they had close to 20 hits including several home runs. "They jumped on us and didn't let up," Archey said.

Callahan started the game for the Ramblers and he was relieved by Grice and Simon. The big blow was an eight-run third inning for Rogers City.

For the Ramblers, Peck had two singles, Metzger doubled, and Bush and Douglas each singled.

East Jordan just misses regional title

East Jordan fell just short of grabbing the regional softball championship title on Saturday in McBain, defeating Elk Rapids 7-4 and advancing to the finals only to fall 2-1 to Inland Lakes.

Sophomore Linda Slough was on the mound for both games, allowing five hits and striking out two in the first.

"Defensively we had a rough first inning but the rest of the game was rock solid," coach Meg Fowler said. "Offensively we wanted to limit our strike outs and put the ball in play."

The last time the Red Devils faced Elk Rapids they struck out nine times in each game. In this game they limited it to four, and racked up eight hits.

Elk Rapids lit up the scoreboard first with two runs in the first inning. East Jordan scored two in the second.

"The girls put their hits together to score four runs in the third, that felt awesome," Fowler said.

Elk Rapids scored twice more in

the fourth and East Jordan had one more in the seventh.

Rachel Boss, Mary Ann Brooks, Lindsey Malpass, Wendy Walczak and Slough each had a single. Kristin Haley hit a double and Stephanie Sweet had two singles.

In the final, Inland Lakes scored its two and only runs in the second inning, holding the lead for the remainder of the game. East Jordan scored its lone run in the third inning and though they had a chance to score two, they couldn't quite pull it off.

"Both teams played great," Fowler said. "It was an excellent game for all the fans to see and it was a great experience for our players. Our young team wasn't nervous all day."

Slough took the pitching loss, allowing no strike outs, one walk and throwing no four hits.

Haley's single was East Jordan's only hit. The Red Devils struck out six times and had three walks.

Ramblers, Red Devils earn Lake Michigan all conference honors

Several Boyne City and East Jordan baseball and softball players have been named to the Lake Michigan All-Conference team.

FROM EAST JORDAN, all conference softball honors were awarded to Rachel Boss, Linda Slough and Lindsey Malpass. Honorable mention selections are Mary Ann Brooks, Cynthia Mazzella and Kelli Hammond. All conference baseball honors were awarded to Mat Whiteford and Willy Wiser. Honorable mention selections are Mike

Wladischkin and Nathan Skop.

FROM BOYNE CITY, all conference softball honors were awarded to Brandy Barren, Katie Bernthal and Kelly Sweet. Honorable mention selections are April Roberts, Ellie Neidhamer and Amanda Bargas. All conference baseball honors were awarded to Justin Callahan, Andy Douglas, Jesse Simon and Josh Bush. Honorable mention selections are Nick Karaszewski, Jeremy Grice, Jeremy Peck and Danny Amer.

EJ hosting girls' basketball camp

East Jordan High School will be the site of Hoop School Basketball Camp for third through 12th graders from June 21-24.

Camp staff will include coordinator Sara Chase, an East Jordan High School graduate and basketball player and former assistant girls basketball coach at Kent State University. Local coaches and college players will round out the staff.

Session one, for grades 3-6 will run from 9 a.m.-noon and focus on basic fundamentals.

Session two, for grades 6-9 will

run from 1-4 p.m. and stress fundamentals, playing more 3 on 3 and 5 on 5, and learning individual moves for post and guard positions.

Session three, for grades 9-12 will run from 5-8:30 p.m. It will be intense and include fundamentals, work on post and guard positions, and will have a stronger emphasis on 3 on 3 and 5 on 5.

The cost is \$40 before June 21 and \$50 at the door. Call Steve Hines for more information at 536-2259 during the day or 536-3507 in the evenings.



Richard Reich spent several years building this miniature Michigan California Lumber Company Shay engine.

WORKING IN HIS GARAGE, RICHARD REICH HAS CREATED TRAIN ENGINES JUST LIKE ...

The real thing

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Richard Reich is working on a miniature railroad. But it's not all live long day anymore.

What were once 20-hour days spent in his Boyne City garage workshop assembling model locomotive steam engines, have been stripped back to a more manageable six hours or so.

Still, Reich describes himself as a "Shay nut" and knows that "about" 3,271 of the engines were built during its production period.

"Why this interest developed, I don't know," he said.

In fact, he's never even stepped foot on a real steam engine, and rarely takes his two models out of his garage workshop to show grounds — there are five or so in Michigan and others around the country.

Nevertheless, with two engines now under his belt after 30 years of assembling and tinkering, his interest and specialty rest in the early Shay locomotive models.

Working in a 1.5 inch scale, and a 7.5 inch distance between the railroad tracks, the first one he assembled weighed in at 200 pounds.

It is gear driven. The stainless steel ash pan, he explained, was a utilitarian device created to prevent forest fires as the first locomotives had to push through up to three feet of pine needles.

There is a temperature gauge, safety valve, a whistle — which doesn't work — and the engine has an oiler which mixes oil and steam together to prevent freezing.

It has forward and reverse, its own water storage system and, though miniature, is brawny enough to ride.

Inspiration came from a hobby magazine called "Live Steam" which published an article about the engine.

What Reich finds remarkable is that the model's plans were drawn from a photo-

graph of the old engine, circa 1870 — a time when photography itself was in its infancy. Another historical fact, the train's inventor was from Harbor Springs, and eventually moved to Cadillac.

"When it first came out I didn't think I could stick with that many pieces," Reich said of the 1,000 part project.

It took him 14 years to complete. He encoded the parts with a special numbering system which he claims will allow anyone who can count to four to assemble the engine.

Building the engines has become somewhat addictive at times, ushering Reich out of bed in the wee hours of the morning to assemble a part, or depriving him of sleep until inspiration unveiled a mechanical solution.

Construction of his second model, the Michigan California Lumber Company Shay engine, took five years. There were 18 sheets of drawings.

Patterned after the oldest existing Shay, it was built by Lima Locomotive Works and is on display in California. It was in use until around 1950.

"This one is a true prototype," Reich said of his model. "There are no variations in it." But practicality sometimes overtakes zealotry, and soon Reich will change the coal and wood burning boiler to a gas-fired engine, the former being dirty and difficult to clean.

Always something to learn, Reich would not have discovered the combustion residue had his first Shay not failed a hydrostatic check — a test required when running the train on a show track.

"It has to be silver-soldered and a perfect job, or it will leak," he explained.

Unfortunately, his had a leak the size of a pin-point. When he took the boiler apart, he could barely get the torch near the hole, and consequently burned a hole clean through on either side of the original. Another lesson

learned.

All Shay boilers are offset to counter-weight the engine. The slight angle is evident looking them straight on.

His Michigan California Shay is fronted with a number "2" and the boiler topped by a miniature smokestack and a sand dome — used to dump sand on the tracks when the wheels spin. There is a dummy generator and a bell he paid \$75 for, which arrived without a clanger and rings weakly when tapped by a wrench. The one he milled himself rings loud and clear.

The whole thing weighs around 450 pounds without water.

Now he's gone to work on his "dream Shay" which is a three-cylinder model — and the next development in the original line of Shay engines.

"I was always afraid to make a three-throw crankshaft. I felt it was complicated for me," Reich said. "But there have been a lot of jobs along the way that have been complicated."

While most model builders use a lathe to grind angles on the steel wheels and axles, Reich, a machinist by trade, developed a way to use his Bridgeport mill — he doesn't own a lathe and didn't want to buy one — to plane a two degree taper on the wheel tread.

Flipping on his ever-present safety goggles, Reich demonstrated the technique which assures the wheels will center to the middle of the track. He's made four this way for his latest model.

"I didn't realize it would be so time consuming," Reich said.

Riveting a few thousand rivets was a test of endurance. He eventually learned how to ping them in without smearing the existing paint job.

"It's amazing the little things that you learn," he said.

"You do a piece at a time, that's all you can do," Reich said. "I'm not after speed, I'm after perfection more than anything."

Boyne chamber hosting breakfast and After Hours

The Boyne City Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Wake Up Breakfast on Friday, June 18 from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Tannery Saloon.

AG Computer Services, Achala Computer Services and the Tannery are sponsoring the gathering. The cost is \$5.

The chamber will hold Business After Hours at the Master's House Bed & Breakfast in Walloon on June 24 from 5-7 p.m.

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Chamber members and the public are invited to attend. Admission is \$5.

For more information, contact the chamber at 582-6222.

Vegas Night will benefit cats and dogs

Test your luck at blackjack, roulette, beat the dealer, and the money wheel during the Charlevoix County Humane Society's Lucky Dog Vegas Night on Friday, June 25, from 6 p.m.-midnight at the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan.

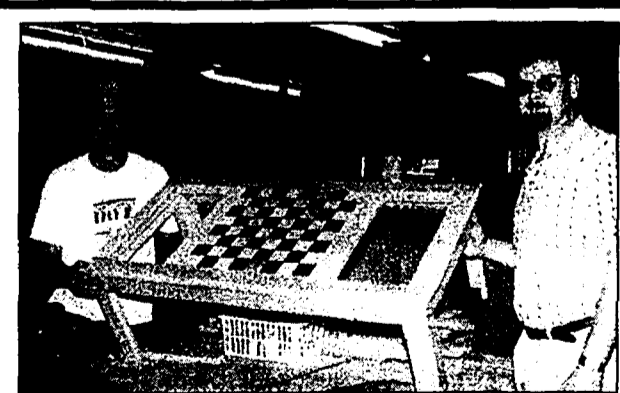
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There will be a cash bar and

McDonald's Express will donate 10 percent of the proceeds from food purchased that evening back to the Humane Society. Jordan Valley Express donated the use of its facility for the evening.

Tickets cost \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door and can be picked up at Busy Bridge and McDonald's Express in East Jordan, and at For the Beasts and the Humane Society in Boyne City. You must be 21 to attend.

For more information, call the Humane Society at 582-6774.



Enrichment days

Keith Hausler, left, won a coffee table in a prize drawing for parents attending enrichment days at Boyne City Middle School. Industrial arts teacher Todd Denezy presented him with the piece. During enrichment days, parents joined their children in industrial arts, computer, physical education and home economics classes. Each time they visited the classroom, their name went into the drawing with the table which was crafted over the past year by middle school industrial arts students. Keith and his wife Trudy have two children in middle school, Ben and Molly.

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Haitian visitors

Nearly seven months after local residents returned from a mission trip working on the Famille Tabernacle de Louange Christian church in Haiti, the church's pastor Jean Hader Petit Frere, a Haitian native, and his wife Marci, a Jamaican, center, paid a visit to northern Michigan as guests of local churches. The duo spoke to congregations, school children and civic groups about their work running the church in destitute Port-au-Prince. Their travels included a visit with the Rotary Club of East Jordan. Standing at left is East Jordan's Bill Shaw, one of the missionaries, and far right is Rotarian Harry Watson.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

By SUE HOBBS

RECENTLY MAXINE HOUGH of the American Legion spent several days in Maple Lawn Cemetery and the old Wilson Township Cemetery on Division Street, along with Lyle Bennett, the city's cemetery expert, making a list of the veterans buried in those cemeteries. There has never been a complete list of veterans. We have relied on the memories of the veterans and Lyle to make certain all veterans receive flags for Memorial Day.

The intent of the list given to and published by The Citizen just prior to Memorial Day was to ask whether anyone was missed; we wanted to be certain we ended up with a complete list. The Citizen, very deservedly, made this a list honoring all veterans. This is the reason the list was not complete. We have received many calls about those left off the list. As the calls come in we are updating the cemetery records. Please thank Maxine for volunteering her time to make a list. The list published next year should be nearly complete.

THE CITY OF Boyne City has no record of cemeteries outside the city limits. To add veterans buried in township cemeteries to the list, please contact the Township Clerk's office.

BIDS HAVE BEEN received for construction of the Division Street bicycle path/pedestrian walkway. They will be considered by the city commission on June 22.

DEPENDING ON the weather, H&D is scheduled to pave the skating rink at Avalanche this week. The rink will be used by 4-H and local youth for skateboarding and rollerblading.

(Sue Hobbs is city clerk and assistant city manager for Boyne City.)

CALENDAR

HOLINESS CAMP MEETING
through Sunday, June 20
The Northern Michigan Holiness Camp Meeting is being held, with programs weeknights at 7 p.m. A sacred concert with Ken Osborn will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. The Evangelist is David Clardie from Sterling, Ill. The camp is at 630 N. Park St., Boyne City. Call Rev. Eddy at 582-6843.

EJ BIKE RODEO
Saturday, June 19
Jordan Valley Express will be the site of a bike rodeo sponsored by the East Jordan Police Department for children ages 4-13. To register call the police department during regular business hours at 536-2273.

BIBLE STORY HOUR
Monday, June 21
Savior Lutheran Church of Petoskey will be presenting this summer, "Stories for Life," a bible story hour about Jesus. Children ages 3-6 are welcome. This is the first session in a series. Call 347-2368 for registration information.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP
June 21-24
East Jordan High School will host Hoop School Basketball Camp for third through 12th grade girls. Cost: \$40 if paid before June 21, \$50 at door. Call: Steve Hines (day) 536-2259, (evening) 536-3507.

BLOOD DRIVE
Tuesday, June 22
An American Red Cross East Jordan Community Blood Drive will be held from 1-6:45 p.m. at the Jordan Valley Express, 210 South Lake Street, East Jordan.

BOYNE RIVER CLEAN-UP

Saturday, June 26
Friends of the Boyne River will host a river clean up. Participants should meet at Riverside Park — formerly known as the city dump at 9 a.m. Information: Mary Campbell 582-6504.

BOYS 20TH CLASS REUNION
Saturday, June 26
The Boyne City High School Class of '79 will hold their 20 year reunion at 6:30 p.m. at One Water Street in Boyne City. For information call Sue Hicks at 582-2890.

MISSIONARIES PRESENTATION
Monday, June 28
The Boyne City United Methodist Church will host a potluck at 6 p.m. for missionaries Laura and Larry Hills who will share about their ministry.

EAST JORDAN FARMER'S MARKET
Friday, July 2
The market runs from 8 a.m.-noon every Friday through the end of September in the Huntington Bank parking lot on Mill Street in East Jordan.

BOYNE CITY FARMER'S MARKET
Wednesday and Saturday
The market is held every Wednesday and Saturday through October from 8 a.m.-noon in Old City Park at the corner of River and Lake streets in Boyne City.

ADULT SOCCER
Every Thursday
Adults, age 18 and older, are invited to play pick-up soccer every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. behind Boyne Valley Lodge on M-75 between Boyne City and Walloon. Cost: \$1 per game. Information: John Nagle 582-3765, Nick Baic 535-2475.

BOYNE POLICE NEWS

The Boyne City Police Department raised over \$3,300 for officer Lee Cloyd during a luncheon and auction benefit over the weekend, with more donations still coming in.

Officers received 94 complaints last week which included attending six traffic accidents and issuing eight tickets. They made eight arrests, two for assaults, one each for a minor in possession, disorderly conduct, trespassing and three for overtime parking in the downtown area. A city ordinance limits parking to two hours in the downtown business district.

June 7: Early morning storms caused problems in town with power poles on fire, power lines down, and it knocked trees down which blocked roadways.

June 9: A bicycle stolen from near Pippin's Restaurant was later found by the suspect's parent. The parent turned in the bike and their child to the police department.

June 12: There was a report of a runaway who later showed up at home.

Charlevoix Secretary of State office closing for two days for remodeling
The Charlevoix Secretary of State branch office, located at 05951 North M-77 in Charlevoix, will be closed for remodeling June 29 and 30. The office will re-open for business at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 1. While the office is closed, those needing to do state business can use the Secretary of State branch office in Petoskey at 1185 North US 31.

OBITUARIES

Doris Bingham

Doris Bingham, 80, of Boyne City, formerly of Eau Claire, Mich., died Saturday, June 5, 1999, at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, June 11, at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, Berrien Springs, with the Rev. Charles Page officiating. Burial took place in Eau Claire Cemetery.

She was born March 5, 1919 in Lansing, to Fredrick and Agnes (Fesser) Stolicker. She married Charles W. Bingham, and he preceded her in death on June 2, 1990. She had been the operator of the Chuck Wagon Drive-In Restaurant in Eau Claire. She moved 12 years ago to Boyne City.

She is survived by two daughters, Carol Ann (Ken) Bartley and Mary (David) Friske of Boyne City; two sons, Charles Thomas (Debbie) Bingham of Ogden, Utah, and Ronald John (Debbie) Bingham of Boyne City; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Fred Bingham.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Louise A. Payton

Mrs. Louise A. Payton, 54, of Elmira, died Thursday, June 10, 1999 at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 12, at St. Thomas Church in Elmira with Father Richard Hannon officiating. Burial was in St. Thomas cemetery in Elmira.

She was born Sept. 9, 1944 and has been a lifelong resident of Elmira. She devoted her life to family and helping everyone.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Payton, Sr.; her children, Sandra (Terry) Erber of Elmira; Ross

(Michelle) Payton of Elmira; Kelly (Shawn) Bauman of Elmira; and Clyde Payton of Elmira; two grandchildren, Isaac and Payton; one sister, Dolores Sides of Elmira; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Thomas Payton, Jr. on March 15, 1980.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Kidney Transplant Program or to the American Diabetes Association, through the Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735.

Keith Bryant Richard Kobylinski

Keith Bryant Richard Kobylinski, 7, of East Jordan died on Sunday, June 6, 1999 in Central Lake.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 10, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in Mancelona. The Rev. Thomas A. Hunter of the Bible Baptist Church of Central Lake officiated. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Mancelona.

He was born on June 13, 1991.

He enjoyed living life to its fullest. He cared about all of mankind. He had the ability to recognize and draw out the good in all. Whomever Keith came in contact with walked away with a lighter, brighter heart.

Keith is survived by his mother, Teresa (Robert Scott Curtis) Kobylinski of East Jordan; his father, Brian Richard Kobylinski of Gaylord; one sister, Brianna Ray Lynn Morrison of East Jordan; maternal grandmother, Jan (Eddy) Anderson of Mancelona and grandfather, Norman Keith Wildmo of Burton; paternal grandparents, Victor and Michele Kobylinski of Gaylord; maternal great-grandparents, Vera and Bernard Winer and Bella Wildmo, all of Burton; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family was served by the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in Mancelona.

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