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## at a GLANCE

### EJ Chamber celebrates 40th at after-hours

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Business After Hours on Wednesday, May 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Ansted's by the Lake in East Jordan, located at 115 Main St.

The cost is \$3 for chamber members and \$4 for non-members. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available.

The event is sponsored by WTCM, E.J. Shoppe, Ansted's by the Lake, East Jordan True Value Hardware, Kurt Ballien at Waddell & Reed, and the Computer Center. For more information, call the Chamber at 536-7351.

### Arts center to hold reception in Boyne

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will hold a "Celebrate the Arts in Boyne City" reception on Friday, May 19, from 6-8 p.m. at Landis Studios at 119 Water St.

The event will feature guest speakers Peter Friedrich, of Boyne City's Fine Arts Committee, and Dave Hull, the new executive director of the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For more information, call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337.

### EJ summer festival seeking parade entries

The Jordan Valley Freedom Festival is fast approaching, but there's still time to enter the Grand Parade, scheduled for Saturday, June 24, at 4 p.m. This year's theme is "Swingin' into the New Century."

The committee is asking that participants register by June 1 to assure good placement in the line up.

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

### Vegas Nite will benefit BC fire department

The Boyne City Fire Department and Auxiliary are sponsoring Vegas Nite on Saturday, May 20 at the Boyne City Eagles lodge from 7 p.m.-midnight.

There will be raffles and a 50/50 drawing. A cash bar will be available.

The cost is \$5 donation at the door. Proceeds will help support the purchase of a Bullard Thermal Imager for the fire department.

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■ **Mushroom  
Festival celebrates  
its 40th anniversary**  
--see special tab inside

## A lucky night

### ■ Three couples share winning auto raffle ticket

Saturday night, the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce held its annual auto raffle event, and for five local folks, it was a night to remember. Craig and Crissy Napont, Tony Napont, and Troy and Jami Temple arrived at the event and learned there were still tickets available. Calling themselves "The Family Affair" (Craig and Tony are brothers; Crissy and Jami are sisters), they purchased a raffle ticket together.

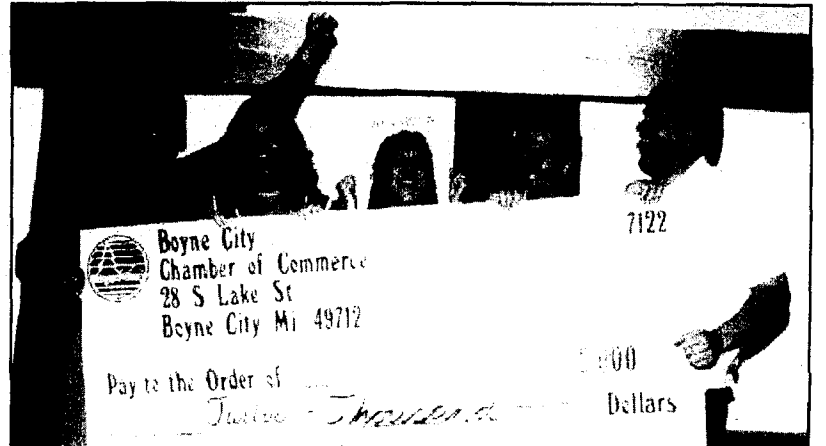
Their original tickets were drawn early and by the end of the night, they knew the joint ticket was their only chance of winning.

But when the moment came, "We were really surprised," Crissy said.

They chose the cash prize option, taking home \$12,000. Other options included a 2000 Chevy Cavalier, a 2000 Ford Focus SE 4-door, or a Mayan holiday for four adults.

Other winners for the evening included Harold Hamlin, who won \$500, and Ellen Stanton and Bob Whennen, who took home \$300.

What they do with their winnings remains to be seen, but for starters, "our mothers got really good Mother's Day gifts."



Holding the lucky ticket at the end of the night were Craig and Crissy Napont, Tony Napont and Troy and Jami Temple.



### Kayak showpiece

East Jordan High School industrial arts student Kevin Penzien, pictured here with instructor Mike Gee, won the Grand Award at last week's Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society regional competition, with his mahogany and pine kayak. The high school hosted this year's regional event; first through fourth place winners will take their projects to the state finals in Grand Rapids this weekend. For more on the competition, see page 7.

## Hospital plans major expansion

Charlevoix Area Hospital has announced plans for a major expansion of its facility in Charlevoix. The project, at an estimated cost of \$6 million, will enlarge and expand Emergency Services, double the size of the Obstetrical Unit, create a new and improved Intensive Care Unit, and add a third floor to accommodate medical patients.

Expected to take about 18-24 months to complete, the primary focus of the plan is on Emergency Services. The expansion will provide eight patient rooms, two trauma units, and a family waiting room. A helicopter pad above the ER and a drive-through emergency vehicle bay are also being added.

The Obstetrical Unit will also expand, doubling its present size from four to eight labor, delivery, recovery, post-partum rooms.

Exterior changes to the structure have been designed to have little impact on the residential neighborhood where the hospital is situated, and plans include landscaping designed to hide parking areas.

To fund the expansion, the non-profit hospital has raised over \$1 million internally thus far, including \$160,000 through pledges from their employee-based HERO club. It plans to raise the balance through the involvement of a volunteer-driven development council of about 60 members.

According to hospital president Bill Jackson, the expansion became necessary to accommodate the increasing demands for services from the community. "We're busy all year," Jackson said, noting that over the years, winter activity has increased. Overall, the emergency



This computer-generated image shows what Charlevoix Area Hospital will look like after the expansion project is complete. The plan includes a helicopter pad above the ER and drive-through emergency vehicle bay, shown at left. (Photo courtesy of Concept Imaging)

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--Bill Jackson,  
Charlevoix Area Hospital president

room has seen a 30 percent increase in activity over the last three years, due to, Jackson said, a combination of factors, including an increasing population, and an aging population.

Additionally, the older patient rooms are "functional," but don't offer much in the way of amenities, he said, and thus the need for updated patient rooms. After the expansion, he said, "every bed will overlook the lake."

And, he said, the big picture is

that a "strong hospital makes for a strong community," noting that the first things people look for when moving to a community are the schools and the health care. "By us being strong and viable, it helps the community economically."

Depending on fund-raising, the hospital hopes to put the project out to bid by this fall. If the entire amount needed hasn't been raised by then, the project will be bid out in phases. No time line for the work has been es-

tablished, but Jackson anticipates that the work will begin in the spring of 2001, and should take somewhere between 18 and 24 months from the ground breaking to complete.

Founded in 1920, the Charlevoix Area Hospital was established to serve the health care needs of the area, including Charlevoix and Antrim counties. In 1954, the hospital opened a new facility at its current location.

In 1994, the hospital undertook its most recent expansion project, adding a new surgical suite and a family waiting room and solarium overlooking Lake Michigan, along with a single-room birthing center. The hospital currently houses 44 beds and staffs 33 physicians, including consulting physicians and dental staff.

## Zoning updates

### ■ Boyne City debating use of right-of-ways

In the process of updating the zoning ordinance, the Boyne City Planning Commission will be looking at the use of easements, or rights-of-way, in the city.

"We're debating the use of the right-of-way," said Boyne City planning director Tim O'Leary. The current zoning ordinance does not allow for any items, including goods for sale and restaurant tables and benches, to be placed on the sidewalk or easement areas. However, the ordinance has not been enforced. The commission will be evaluating whether or not to rewrite the ordinance to include language permitting use of the right-of-way in special circumstances or if the ordinance should be enforced as it now stands.

While liability is a consideration, O'Leary said the city would be able to accommodate any legal issues raised by items or merchandise placed on the right-of-way. The more pressing issue is aesthetics. "It goes both ways," O'Leary said. "Some people say it supports the hometown appeal, some say it looks like a constant yard sale."

Some local business owners have attended recent planning board meetings to address the issue, O'Leary said.

According to Downtown Development Authority member Mark Kowalske, if the planning commission decides to disallow placement of items on the right of way, the "friendly little feeling" of the town will be adversely affected, noting things potentially affected such as tables and benches used by local restaurants, as well as the annual scarecrow contest.

"Local people really need to be involved in this and give their input," he said. "The DDA has sent a letter to the city stating their opinion, which is to allow business people to use the easements with guidelines," Kowalske said.

The issue is also on the agenda for the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce's board meeting, scheduled for Thursday. The chamber has not established a position yet, but, said chamber director Debbie Thompson, "Comments from board members to date have been that we really have to do everything we can to encourage businesses to the community. As long as there's not a problem walking, it lends more of a festive atmosphere to the community." She added that the board will likely make a motion on the issue at Thursday's meeting.

The planning commission has not scheduled its next meeting, but O'Leary said he expects a decision to be made on the issue in the "next couple of months."

Once the zoning ordinance has been fully reviewed by the planning commission, it will then be presented to the city commission for review. According to city manager Eric Strahl, "some of the commissioners have attended meetings the planning board has had on the revision of the zoning ordinance, but there has been nothing formal on what the city's position will be."

# OPINION

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## CHECK IT OUT

### Censorship is 'knee-jerk response' to fear

By NANNETTE MILLER

According to statistics gathered by the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom, book challenges are at an epidemic level in school and public libraries across the United States. Boyne City has entered the fray.

What is behind this "censorship war"? Fear? Power? Control? How does this battle affect the education of our children? What kind of message are we sending them about their constitutional rights? Censors want to control the minds of the young. They are fearful of the educational system because students who read learn to think. Thinkers learn to see. Those who see often question. Justice Potter Stewart said, "Censorship reflects a society's lack of confidence in itself." What, exactly, are we afraid of here?

Parenting is a difficult, and sometimes frightening task. There are so many dangers in the world. We want to protect our children as much as possible, yet ultimately prepare them to handle challenges on their own. A few bad words in a novel should be the least of our worries. It is more important to teach our children about the principles of intellectual freedom, and encourage them to express their own opinions while respecting the views of others. They need the opportunity to read freely, to think freely, and to form opinions about the world.

Banning books is a knee-jerk response to fear. We celebrate Banned Books Week at the library to raise awareness of the scope of the problem. From May 1998 to March 1999, the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom reported 1,375 books challenged, restricted, removed, or banned in the United States. Among the more "dangerous" titles listed is "Froggy Went A-Courtin", restricted at the Baltimore County, Maryland school libraries "because of Froggy's nefarious activities including burning money, and speeding away from the cat police, as well as robbery and smoking." While it may sound ridiculous to protect children from hearing about the exploits of a storybook frog, banning books for any reason is indeed a slippery slope.

In 1953 a committee of librarians, publishers, and others, interested in the free communication of ideas wrote a Freedom to Read Statement, which has been endorsed by the American Library Association as well as many other book industry, communications, educational, cultural, and public service organizations. It states the value of books and the importance of freedom of expression, while recognizing that "the application of these propositions may mean the dissemination of ideas and manners of expression that are repugnant to many persons. We do not state these propositions in the comfortable belief that what people read is unimportant. We believe rather that what people read is deeply important; that ideas can be dangerous; but that the suppression of ideas is fatal to a democratic society. Freedom is a dangerous way of life, but it is ours.

(Nannette Miller is the director of the Boyne District Library.)

## 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.

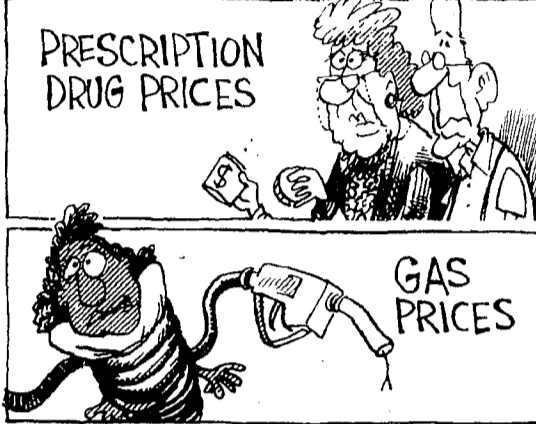
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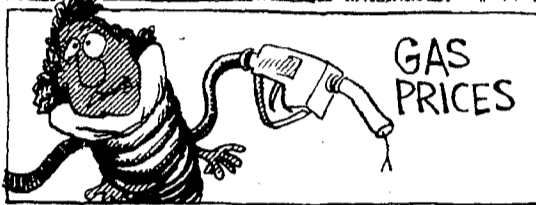
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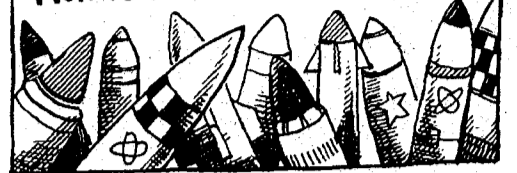
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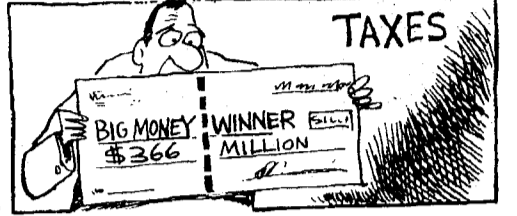
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## LETTERS

### 'Boy's Life' has no place in the classroom

TO THE EDITOR:

Many of the community are already aware that there is a group of concerned citizens interested in letting our Boyne City High School know, by way of public petition, that the book "Boy's Life" (not to be confused with the magazine Boy's Life) shouldn't be any part of the curriculum.

Some argue that it is a "book burning" and worry about banning books. However, in deference to those who are not religious, the Bible has been banned from the school curriculum, but is still read by many on their own, and I have yet to hear of a "Bible burning" here. Just as some find it offensive to teach from the Bible in public school, many of us find the material in "Boy's Life" offensive, and unsuitable for a school curriculum.

We would be outraged if a teacher was allowed to smoke in the classroom in the name of exposing students to real life, setting a bad example and polluting the air, endangering our students' health. I find it just as appalling that a teacher is allowed to present profanity and vulgarity (easily R-rated in content) in the name of exposing students to real life while setting a bad example and polluting the health of the students' very minds and souls.

And just as it is against the law for these students to smoke, it is against the law, as well, for these same

students who are allowed to read this book to attend an R-rated movie at the theatre. I have also been recently informed that it may very well be against a Michigan law concerning vulgarity in public places.

When I was growing up, my Dad quoted (I think from Alexander Pope) the following, and I never forgot it:

"Vice is a thing of frightful mein, That to be hated, is but to be seen. But seen too oft with its beautiful face, At first we endure, then pity, then embrace."

I feel that we have truly allowed vice to become the "embraceable you" via our desensitization by our modern modes of media. A young man, presently a high school senior here, asked a school authority if they would have been allowed to read such a book when they were in school. The answer was "No." He wondered: if they and my parents were not allowed to read such material, but he and his fellow students are now encouraged to do so, what is going to be acceptable for his children? Out of the mouths of babes.

Certainly if we aim for the stars and fall short, at least we can land on the moon, and still be on higher ground. If we aim for the gutter, we'll end up in the sewer.

My husband and I are involved in this issue based on this premise: If we are indeed among the "moral majority" and we allow this and other issues to slip by us, then shame on us for not doing our job, and it is

past time for us to speak up, for silence is the voice of complicity. If we are indeed a "moral minority," then, recognizing that the majority rules in our democratic society, at least the minority can make informed decisions about their children's education.

In closing, I quote Cindy Place from her May 10th "A Mom's Life." Her observation at a recent awards dinner:

"Almost to a student, they looked and acted as if they would follow their respective instructor just about anywhere."

It made me think about the power they have as we entrust others with our children's hearts, minds and lives. And it is not the teachers, administrators, or school board's responsibility to raise our children. They can be, and most often are, a great and very welcome help. Ultimately, however, it truly is OUR job as parents to find out what our children are learning each day, and do our part to make our schools a safe, uplifting, moral, and educationally beneficial place for our precious ones to be.

Paulette Hoover

### Boyne Falls Career Day was a success

TO THE EDITOR:

The students and staff of Boyne Falls Public School would like to thank the many local area business people for making our Career Day so successful.

Students in grades 7-12 spent the morning on May 3, rotating through four sessions, meeting with over 30 guests representing various careers.

Thank you to: Mark Felton from Charlevoix Landscaping and Development, Deputy Moses, Conservation Officer Andrea Erratt, Cindy Wright from The Red Mesa Grill, RN Lori Kondrat, Mike Richards from the fire dept., Laura Snyder from Boyne Rehabilitation Center, Dave Cisco, Angela Shultis from The Citizen, Ron Pritchard from KHQ, Eugene Branigan from Memory Lane, builder Joe Skop, Jane O'Brien from Clippers, Sergeant Mitchell and SFC Mervyn from the US Army, Voc. Ed teacher Adam Hausler, Joe Howie, Mike Skop from H&D, Harvey Kasuske, Tim Crego, and Glenn Brown from Honeywell, Donna Canali and Lorri Sabin from McHugh Architect Engineering Corp., Rebecca Disney, Tom Kirkby, and Dale Ackler.

Dr. Pat Smith, Superintendent  
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## A MOM'S LIFE

### Now, there are two gardeners

By CINDI PLACE

Our youngest child has always loved getting dirty. For him, a big rainstorm meant mud and large water puddles to run through. He was always the one who encouraged us to rake up leaves in the fall, just so he could jump into the piles. He loves being outdoors and has perpetually dirty fingernails. So it's no wonder that he has taken a great interest in gardening.

Last year, we began with a simple vegetable garden. He weeded and cultivated, watered and watched with wonder as green beans and ears of corn began to appear. And we had at least one meal complemented with mini cucumbers and the tiniest lettuce leaves you could imagine. He was so proud.

But this year, he has much grander plans. The

garden is being prepared, the worms have been added and we are learning more about fertilizer and mulch than we ever really needed to know.

What is especially wonderful for me is that gardening has been my passion for years. I have spent many long, cold winters pouring through gardening books and catalogs looking for ideas for next year's garden. And now I have someone else who understands my need to get down in the dirt and watch things grow.

My family has always viewed my gardening interest as a little odd. They could never understand my desire to spend hours on my knees weeding and pruning and digging. But now I have a little shadow who, although his attention span may be a bit shorter, still loves to play in his garden.

What fun we are going to have together!~

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# Boyer student drivers will now share cost of training

By MINDY GIEM

Boyer City High School students will find a minor change in the driver education program this year: they'll have to help pay for it. In the past the school swallowed whatever cost was not covered by the state of Michigan. This year the school will match the funding received by the state; Boyer City received \$6,000 for 1999, and the students will pay the balance.

Boyer City Superintendent Dana Compton feels that it is a "fair decision." Through the discussion of the board this is something I think that puts the responsibility on the student and gives them a sense of ownership. They have to put some money toward it and take it seriously. I think it's a fair solution."

The school will have to determine how many hours are involved with the program, as well as how many sections need to be offered and how much driving time is needed before

an exact amount can be reached. Compton says the student cost will probably be somewhere between \$70-\$100.

"This will save the general fund some dollars," says Compton, while noting that students will still pay less than 50 percent of the cost.

Many schools have already dropped the driver education program, while others use cooperative programs with other schools. If Boyer City dropped the program students could be paying over \$300 to a driving school.

The school board looked over several options before reaching a decision. One option included subcontracting through a driving school, but there was too much red tape involved in the payment plan. Another option looked at was a cooperative program with other schools.

"This is a compromise situation," said Compton.

In addition, two other changes could affect students who want to take driver education through the school. According to school board president Kathy Anderson students who drop out of one session will be moved to the end of the list. Previously, students who dropped out or failed were given priority for the next session, displacing other students. The change will open more space.

"We're all paying a little bit now," said Anderson. "Maybe students will think twice about dropping out."

Students must also maintain a C average in at least four classes in the most recently completed semester. If this average is not achieved students will have to attend a driving school.

The changes in the program will put more responsibility on the students, following in the footsteps of the more stringent requirements by the state of Michigan.

# EJ's Top Dad

And he didn't have a clue he was nominated

At the East Jordan Rotary Club's 80th Annual Father and Son Banquet, a surprised Gerry Argetsinger was named the 2000 Father of the Year. And he didn't have a clue he'd even been nominated.

"I didn't have the foggiest," said Argetsinger, who was nominated by his four children early last year for the honor. He attends the banquet most years anyway, he said, and so going this year was not out of the ordinary. There with his son Darcy, his daughters Kelly, Julie and Jodie, as well as his wife Maxine appeared later in the evening.

Though he was modest about the award, his children had some glowing things to say in the nominating letter they sent to the Rotary Club last February, which opens by saying "We feel that the recipient of Father of the Year is not only someone who is well known in the community and who dedicates their time to special causes, but also someone who has the respect and friendship of all his family and children." According to the letter, "he had to spend a lot of time on the road while we were growing up, [but] he made sure that the weekends and vacations we spent together were filled with family activities."

Argetsinger's children noted that he "accepts people at face value" and that "he is more than happy to change his own plans if someone needs him somewhere else." And, they concluded, "Most



Gerry Argetsinger

children would be scared to hear the words 'wait 'till your dad gets home,' but for us that was the time we looked forward to. Because our time with our father during our influential years was limited to weekends, he taught us that the best things in life are free... family!"

Argetsinger has lived in East Jordan most of his life, graduating from high school there in 1960. In 1963, he married Maxine Davis of Boyer City, and, after 30

years, he retired last May from driving for Parker Motor Freight. He was an active scuba diver, camper and snowmobiler, and is still very involved with the snowmobile club as crew chief.

Since his retirement, Argetsinger is content to spend his time fishing, working on small engine repair, and doing a "little bit of farming."

"I love it," he said of retired life.

And, as many would probably agree, he deserves it.

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## Natural resources class makes presentation to board

At the May 8 meeting of the Boyer City Board of Education members were able to view several projects from Boyer City High School students, including a presentation by one of the high school's newest classes, Natural Resources. The presentation included a slide show, maps, models, and several examples of insect life.

Natural Resources gives students an opportunity to study the water quality of the Boyer River Watershed. The class, taught by Don Lockman, has provided 26 students with hands-on experience and a chance to learn about and contribute to the environment.

According to Lockman, Natural Resources is a fieldwork oriented class whose focuses include forestry, wildlife, fisheries, outdoor recreation, and lake and stream ecology. The class, which meets for two hours a day, also tested the Boyer River, Moyer Creek, and Porter Creek.

One opportunity the class provides is the chance to work with Friends of the Boyer River (FOBR). Larry Maltby, educational director of FOBR, hopes to continue monitoring the watershed with the Natural Resources class. "Working with this

class and their support, we've been able to fill out volunteer stream monitor papers by filling out data on the stream flow and insect life," says Maltby. This data has been filed and accepted as valid by the state of Michigan.

Natural Resources paired with FOBR to do a study on river health through insect life. Water quality can be determined without chemical testing by studying certain insects that are sensitive to temperature and pollution. The results found a healthy watershed.

"The kids' responses [to these studies] are excellent," said Maltby, who also works with elementary school students. He cited one project to teach pollution to fourth graders where students were given a squirt bottle to create "rain" on a model of the Boyer River watershed. The water trickles down the river branches and collects in the representation of Lake Charlevoix. "When you ask the kids where the pollution goes, they say Lake Charlevoix. They know."

Senior Nick McLane presented a slide show. "I really enjoyed the class," he said. "We learned a lot and saw a lot." While his favorite part of the class were the field trips, he was

quick to point out that it wasn't "all fun and games. We do write-ups on the information." Students were expected to collect data and fill out data sheets.

Senior Jarred Belford also helped with the presentation, answering informal questions from board members as they viewed the models, books, and maps. He took the class because it sounded interesting and he loves the outdoors. "I live in the sticks so I'm used to it," he said. "I do a lot of hunting and fishing. It was interesting to find out about a healthy river." Belford plans on becoming a conservation officer.

Board members were also able to view many examples of student talent from the art and shop classes.

In other Board of Education business, educational specifications for the new high school were discussed and given approval. The specifications pertain to the program or equipment in the new high school. The goal is to create a learning environment that will meet the needs of the community well into the 21st century.

The next Boyer City Board of Education meeting is June 12 at 7:30 p.m.

## Classes teach safety on the water

The Charlevoix County Sheriff Marine Division will be holding boating safety classes at the following times and locations:

- Saturday May 6, at Boyer City High School Media Center;
- Saturday May 20, at East Jordan Middle School Cafeteria;

- Saturday June 3, at Charlevoix Middle School Cafeteria;
- Saturday June 23, at Walloon Lake Country Club-Grandma House;
- Saturday July 29, at Walloon Lake Country Club-Grandma House.

All classes will be held from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and are open to adults and children, 12 years old and older. Participants should bring their Social Security Numbers and a lunch.

Upon completion of the class, members will receive a Boating Safety Certificate. Boating Safety Certificates are required for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate a boat. All persons who are at least 14 years old and born after 1978 must also have a Boating Safety Certificate to operate a PWC (jet ski).

For more information call the sheriff's department at 547-4461.

## Land conservancy celebrates 'The Wonderful Web of Life'

The Charlevoix County Land Conservancy and the St. Clair-Six Mile Lake Natural Area Committee invite young and old nature enthusiasts to join them on a two mile hike, led by area Boy Scouts, for the eighth annual SCL-SML (Great Blue Heron) Natural Area Spring Celebration.

Gathering time is 10 a.m., Saturday, May 20, at Wooden Shoe Park.

"The Wonderful Web of Life" is the theme for the celebration and participants may bring an 8 x 11 drawing of the "Web of Life" for display

on the educational kiosk at the South Arm Preserve.

The Charlevoix Trolley will be on hand to relieve big and little tired feet and to provide tours of the 196 acre natural area. After the hike and tour, lunch will be served at Banks Township Hall. A variety of conservation information and educational displays will be available for teachers and families.

For more information call the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy at 237-9335 or Ron Tschudy at 544-6167.

Charlevoix County Republican Party

## ANNUAL SPRING LINCOLN DAY DINNER

MAY 19, 2000

Reception 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Special Guest Speaker To Be Announced**

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**OBITUARIES**

**Edward "Junior" Genson**

Edward "Junior" Genson, 56, a lifelong resident of Boyne City, died May 13, 2000 at his residence. He was born on Nov. 19, 1943 in Boyne City, the son of Walter and Eunice (Griffin) Genson. He was an avid outdoorsman and dearly loved training and working with mules. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Genson of Boyne City; mother Eunice

Genson of Boyne City; two sisters, Eunice (James) Gallup of Boyne City, and Marsha (Roger) Towne of Canton; and two brothers, Raymond (Loretta) Genson of Mancelona, and Walter (Kay) Genson Jr. of Boyne City. He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Genson. Arrangements were made through Smith Family Funeral Home in Harrison, Mich.

**Floyd "Ike" Verellen**

Floyd "Ike" Verellen, 82, died on Wednesday, May 3, 2000 at his sister's home in East Jordan. A memorial service will be held on May 20, at 2 p.m. at the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church in East Jordan. Pastor Kimon Criner will officiate. He was born on Feb. 16, 1918 in Brighton, the son of Frank and Grace

(Larry) Verellen. He is survived by one brother, Frank (Dorothy) Verellen of East Jordan; two sisters, Louise Hitchcock of East Jordan and Sally Collins of Brighton; as well as several nieces and nephews. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

**Alvah D. McCary**

Alvah D. McCary, 76, of Boyne City passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2000 at Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix. A Graveside Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 11 a.m. at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. Rev. David Behling will officiate. McCary was born on Aug. 18, 1923 in Boyne City, the son of Harry and Norma Crossett McCary. He attended Boyne City Schools and joined the CCC's in 1939. In 1942 Alvah joined the U.S. Maritime Academy graduating in 1944 as an Ensign. He remained in the Merchant Marines until 1950. On March 8, 1950 he was married to Viola Warner in Harbor Springs. McCary was employed as a steam boiler operator for Northern Michigan Electric and Wolverine Power Co. at the Advance Generation Plant. He had a great love of cross country skiing, snowmobiling, wood cutting, and traveling. Survivors include his wife, Viola of Boyne City; one daughter, Winona (Gary) Whelpley of Jersey City, NJ;

two sons, William (Sherry) McCary of Charlevoix, Jim (Doreen) McCary of Boyne City; three sisters, Dorothy Ward of Boyne City, Irene (Roland) Petoskey of Levering, Virginia (Loren) Bell of Grand Rapids; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Laverne. The family wishes memorials to the Society for Progressive Supra nuclear Palsy, Woodholme Medical Building Suite 515, 1838 Greentree Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21208. Stackus Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Joy M. Brooks**

Joy M. Brooks, 92, of Boyne City, died on Sunday, May 14, 2000 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Stackus Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. A complete obituary will follow.

**CORRECTION**

In last week's issue of The Citizen-Journal, a headline erroneously stated that members of the American

Legion Auxiliary are selling poppies. The poppies are not sold, but are given in exchange for a donation.

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**BUSINESS**

**Once Upon Time settles into new home**

After four years on Lake Street in Boyne City, Once Upon a Time owners Fred and Jerie Leyh have taken their business onto the main thoroughfare, and recently opened their doors at 120 Water Street.

The decision to move came from a simple need for more space, and better visibility. They've expanded to three times their Lake Street floor space, and "on the main street, we're hoping to draw more," said Leyh. The move also gave the Leyhs a chance to get creative in dressing up their new retail space. "We think we've done a whole lot to improve the image here with the murals," Leyh said, which cover the walls in various garden and natural scenes, and were all hand-painted by Jerie.

"The people we've had come in [to the new location] walk in the door and feel comfortable," Fred said. "That's really important." The Leyhs have tried to create a peaceful atmosphere, where customers can "walk around, get a cup of tea, waters, natural sodas, and can totally relax." In one part of the store, a basket is placed on a pedestal, with the message "Don't let your burdens weigh you down. Write them down and leave them in the burden basket." Another pedestal supports a bowl filled with sand, where customers are invited to write down their thoughts, and "set your wishes free and release your worries; let the smoke carry them away."

In its new location, Once Upon a Time will still carry the items customers have come to expect, including teas, herbs, spices, and natural healing remedies, along with new items and services. For the mind and



**Fred and Jerie Leyh moved their business, Once Upon a Time, to Water Street where they have expanded their offerings.**

body, the store stocks health and beauty items, fragrance oils, which Fred can custom blend, and individual sections of incense and candles. On the service side, a massage therapist will be available at the location two days a week. The couple also plans to bring in speakers to present programs on topics like yoga and magnetic therapies.

And to satisfy the appetite, the store stocks a complete line of dried fruits and vegetables which, Fred said, "are fantastic." Also available are an array of specialty food items from England, a cooler with cold drinks, and hot teas.

Fred and Jerie also enjoy a hands-on approach to some of their mer-

chandise. For a little creative fun, folks can come in and select from the store's array of beads and design their own necklaces, which Fred will put together for them. And, to complement their wardrobes, customers will find dresses, wraps, and other clothing items, all made and hand-tied-dyed by Jerie. Fred also crafts such things as candles, jewelry, and wooden items to be sold.

The Leyhs have expanded the shop's antique photography services, and the scenery Jerie has hand painted on the store's walls will be used for backgrounds, including a sunset background scene from the movie "Titanic." They've also set aside space

for a tea room, where small groups of people can sit down and meet, chat, or just relax. And the Leyh's have stocked a reference section of books on herbal medicine and herbal healing that customers are welcome to use and make notes from.

An area that is "strictly for local crafters" has been established as well; with a couple of local crafters on display already, Leyh would like to get more to bring in items on consignment.

Once Upon a Time is open from 8:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. On Sundays, the hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Physical therapy offices open in East Jordan**

Two new physical therapy offices have recently opened in East Jordan.

**ON SITE PHYSICAL** therapy opened its doors on May 1 at 123 Main St. in East Jordan.

"I'm all up and running," said owner and therapist Nina Leib. Leib offers services in physical therapy, specializing in orthopedic manual therapy, vestibular rehabilitation, and pelvic floor rehabilitation. She also offers preventive care services and instruction to area businesses.

Leib is originally from Sweden, and has practiced in both Sweden and Denmark. She practiced in Boyne City for four years before opening an office in East Jordan.

Leib is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and accepts all major insurance carriers. On Site has no set hours; "I want to

be really flexible for people, so they can come in before work or after work," she said. Call 237-7840 for more information or to make an appointment.

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST** Dean Tahtinen, along with business partner James Wade, opened First Choice Physical Therapy and Safe Work Solutions this week at 101 Maple Ridge. He provides full service physical therapy, along with orthopedic manual therapy and custom orthotics. Tahtinen also offers industrial safety services, including injury prevention seminars and ergonomic assessments.

Tahtinen lives in Petoskey, and practiced at Northern Michigan Hospital for five years. Most recently, he spent six years practicing in physical therapist Tim Bondy's Petoskey

office.

Tahtinen is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Michigan Physical Therapy Association.

**GLE board seats up for election**

Nominating petitions are available for customer-owners who wish to seek election Aug. 23 to the Great Lakes Energy Cooperative Board of Directors.

The terms of Paul Byl of Shelby, Carl Fortelka of Hoxeyville, Fred Vermeersch of Central Lake and Richard Walsworth of Mears expire this year. All are for three years.

To seek a board seat, qualified customers who are member-owners of the electric cooperative and maintain a primary residence within the cooperative's service area must file a nominating petition. Petitions must be

signed by not less than 100 active member-owners of the electric cooperative.

Signed petitions returned by mail or in person must be received in the co-op's Boyne City office no later than Friday, June 9. Nominating petition forms are available by contacting the secretary of the cooperative at the GLE office in Boyne City, 1-888-485-2537, ext. 1331 or 1214.

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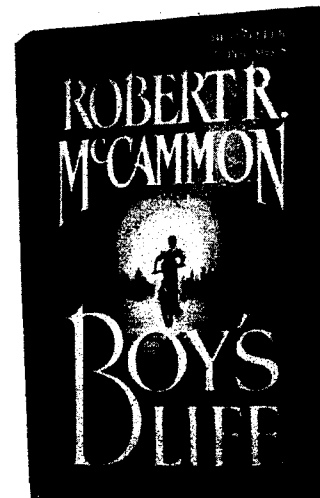
The Language Arts Department until recently required and read aloud in class a book entitled "Boys' Life!" This is a novel depicting the coming of age struggle. More than that, it is a book filled with vulgarity, filth, occultism and racism.

Based upon a recent decision of the School Board, the student may now choose to read a different book if they find this book objectionable.

Below are some excerpts from "Boys' Life."

- Judge for yourself if you want your child reading this material -

- P. 166 "You playing ball, Cory?" The way he said it, it sounded dirty. "He's playing with his balls," Gordo snickered.
- P. 168 "I think he's been sucking too many c\_\_\_\_," was Gotha's opinion. "Is that right?" He aimed his hard stare at Nemo. "You been suckin' too many c\_\_\_\_?"
- P. 168 "Gordo shook Nemo. "That right? You like to suck c\_\_\_\_?" "No." Nemo's voice choked. "Yes he does," Gotha said, his shadow heavy across Davy Ray. "He likes to suck big, fat, donkey c\_\_\_\_."
- P. 169 "Heey, come on!" Johnny protested. "Don't!" Gordo, holding his exposed penis, stood over Nemo Curliss. "Shut up, niggerblood, if you don't want some rain in your face, too."
- P. 166 "Who the F\_\_\_\_ is that?" "New kid," I said.
- P. 167 "You smell like S\_\_\_\_, you know that?" Gordo taunted.
- P. 167 "What's the matter with your mouth, a\_\_ h\_\_\_\_?"
- P. 168 "Listen to him, Gotha! He's got s\_\_\_\_ in his mouth."
- P. 170 "You little piece o's\_\_\_\_," Gotha said.
- P. 334 "Shut your hole, d\_\_\_\_ h\_\_\_\_."
- P. 369 "She fell to her knees crying, "You shot me in the a\_\_\_\_ h\_\_\_\_! You dumb b\_\_\_\_ you!"
- P. 367 "Shoot your f\_\_\_\_ in' head off in two seconds," Donny vowed.
- P. 371 His eyes flickered to the rearview mirror. I saw them narrow. "What the f\_\_\_\_?" he whispered.
- P. 373 "If he wants to f\_\_\_\_ in' play, I'll play with him! Donny yelled.
- P. 398 "I'm shot, daddy, "Didn't think you were f\_\_\_\_ in' tickled!" Buggun roared back.
- P. 421 "That s\_\_\_\_ of a b\_\_\_\_ don't feel no pain! He's got skin like f\_\_\_\_ in' armor plate!"
- P. 423 "Thought I could f\_\_\_\_ in' train you to some tricks!"



The School Board & Curriculum Committee have given their approval of the book. They compromised and said the student could choose to read a different book if they wanted. However, with peer pressure and the teacher pushing it, it would be difficult for any student to say NO to this book.

Below is a list of people in the community who disagree with the School Board and Curriculum Committee and who have helped pay for this page to say - "Get rid of this book entirely!"

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\* The number beside the name represents how many children they have in the school system. (for now)

The School Board represents those who elected them. However, if you do not voice your opinion on this book, they will have to assume you want your children exposed to this type of filth.

The next Curriculum Council meeting will be May 22nd, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the High School Media Center. If you believe their decision on this matter is wrong, please make an attempt to voice your opinion at this meeting.





These East Jordan high school students are just a few of the 45 who participated in the 73rd annual Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society regional competition, held this year at East Jordan High School.



From Boyne City, 18 students entered projects in the competition. Pictured, from left, are participants Kevin Kelly, Luke Reinhardt, Randy Fitzpatrick, Dustin Schrader, Dustin Baxter, and Nicole Hellstrom.

# A way with wood



Boyne City freshman Nicole Hellstrom created this rocking horse as a family heirloom; her efforts earned her a first place ribbon in her division.

## Students put their work on display at regional show

East Jordan High School recently hosted the regional portion of the 73rd annual Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society competition. About 20 schools from around the region participated in the event, which included student woodworking projects, as well as entries from drafting classes.

This year was East Jordan's first time hosting the event. According to East Jordan industrial arts instructor Mike Gee, who helped organize this year's competition, the event came together well, and will probably be held again in East Jordan next year.

Students whose projects placed first through fourth in the regional competition will take their project to the state competition this weekend in Grand Rapids.

Industrial Arts students from East Jordan and Boyne City participated with projects from their industrial arts classes.

East Jordan senior Kevin Penzien took the Grand Award, an overall best of competition honor, for his mahogany and pine inlaid kayak.

Mike Gee, Industrial Arts instructor at East Jordan and one of the events organizers, had 45 students with projects entered in the competition.

First place winners from East Jordan were Billy

Nichols, Lindsey Malpass, Pat Bearden, Scott Murray, Nathan Skop, Ben Johnson, Rob Vincent, Nick Karaszewski, Tyson Potter, and Steve Kraemer. East Jordan students also took home seven second place wins, from Nick Karaszewski, Patty Gee, Evan Chappiues, Lacey Taylor, Beau Schroeder, Billy Nichols, and Kristin Haley; seven third place honors went to Nick Bingham, Briann Thorman, Austin Vogt, Stephanie Sweet, Ryan Derenzy, Tricia Wright, and Dan Tison; and eight fourth place nods to Sara Sweet, C.J. Cutler, Joe Niewendorp, Rebecca Murray, Don Saganeck, Toby Breakey, and Corban Shaw.

Eighteen students from Boyne City, under the direction of Industrial Arts teacher Tom Neidhamer, took part in the event, earning two first place awards, and three each in second, third, and fourth place honors.

Freshman Nicole Hellstrom won a first place ribbon for her rocking horse, and Randy Fitzpatrick took home first place for his octagon dining/poker flip-top table. Second place winners were John Fry, Brandon McNamara, and Dustin Baxter. Winning third place honors were James Notestine, Dustin Schrader, and Shawn Weisler. Fourth place winners from Boyne were Lura Towns, Cody Britton, and Jason Rostar.



Briann Thorman, a senior at East Jordan High School, worked all school year on this jewelry chest, for which she received third place in her division.



East Jordan junior Evan Chappiues earned a second place nod for this nautical-inspired bookshelf.



From Boyne City High School, junior Randy Fitzpatrick took first place with this unique dining/poker flip-top octagon table.

## Opie award honors area teachers

On May 8, the East Jordan Education Association (EJEA) hosted the fifth annual Opie banquet at the Boyne Mountain Convention Center.

The awards ceremony is held every year to honor outstanding educators or school support staff of the Northern Michigan Region of the Michigan Education Association. "Opie" stands for "outstanding person in education."

From East Jordan middle school, special education teacher Gayle Gotts received an Opie award for 20 years of service in education. According to Mary Sivula, a member of the EJEA coordinating council and an East Jordan Elementary teacher, Gotts' nomination was a shoe-in, overwhelmingly agreed upon by the whole middle school staff. Honorees are nominated by fellow staff members, and the nominations are reviewed by the executive council.

Also honored were two staff members from Boyne City Public



East Jordan middle school teacher Gayle Gotts received an Opie Award for 20 years of service in education.

Schools. Middle school teacher and head track coach David Bricker received an Opie for his 26 years of service at the middle school. From Boyne City High School, school secretary Glenda Crane was honored with an Opie for 10 years of service.

This was the first year that East Jordan hosted the awards ceremony. With about 350 people in attendance, the evening was, according to Sivula, a big success. "We had a committee that was fantastic and a lot of people that helped," Sivula said.

## Learning Alliance lends a financial hand to EJ Schools

Grants totaling over \$3,600 for learning-related activities in East Jordan schools were awarded by the East Jordan Learning Alliance during the 1999-2000 school year.

Programs supported by the Learning Alliance involved East Jordan elementary, middle and high schools, and a wide variety of departments.

"We were very pleased with the quality of grant proposals we received this year," said EJLA President Karen Brennan. "It is gratifying to see teachers, staff and parents all working together to enhance the schools' academic programs."

In a first-time program, the EJLA will help pay for college visitations by EJ High School students who would otherwise not have the means to explore possible college choices.

EJLA also allocated funds to help build a "low ropes" course at the EJ Middle School. Modeled after similar ropes courses used at youth camps, this one will be only three feet high, and will be used to work with K-12 students on "communication,

team skills and problem solving," according to Middle School faculty member Brandon Inglehart.

Elementary school "Exploratory" students will have the benefit of a new rocks, minerals and fossils laboratory thanks to the EJLA, and the organization helped the high school's woodshop staff purchase a digital camera for students to use in developing their portfolios.

Said woodshop instructor Michael Gee, "The digital camera has helped link technology with what the students are doing in their shop classes, and it has also helped link their writing skills to their work as they build portfolios."

High school language arts teacher Kathy Stangis used an EJLA grant to lead a field trip to a local book store where students were allowed to pick out books to purchase, read and review. The books were then made available at the school's media center.

"Some of the students had never been in a book store before," said

Stangis. "It was exciting to see them enjoying their books and afterwards wanting to exchange with others."

The Alliance helped the district's vocal music faculty take their program "to the next level" by purchasing a fourth step for the choir risers. It also supported the annual Science Exploratorium held by the high school's Math Science and Technology Center (MST) for middle school students.

Said MST student Jesse Brooks, "This is my favorite part of MST. In fact, it is what made me come back to MST this year."

The patriotic Middle School musical "Kids for America" was supported by a grant from the Learning Alliance, as was the publishing of a book of student poetry and reading programs in the Elementary School.

The East Jordan Learning Alliance accepts grant proposals twice a year from faculty and staff seeking financial help for programs or equipment that support academic activities in East Jordan schools.

# SPORTS

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Kyle Gibbons, a member of three winning Boyne City relay teams last Tuesday, competes here individually in a recent meet.



Rambler Aaron Sulak makes a good jump at a recent meet.

## Boyne wins Kingsley tourney

On Saturday, the Ramblers varsity softball team took part in the Kingsley Tournament, and came away with the championship.

In game one against Beaverton, Boyne City's Bethany Tomkins took the mound, allowing two hits, walking five, and striking out one. Kara Perry and Ellie Neidhamer each had two singles. Kelly Sweet contributed a double, and Leeann Schrader and Maggie Doherty had a single apiece.

"Bethany threw very well and the defense we played was great," said coach Sandy Clausen. "The first inning they had both their hits and we made our only error."

The highlight of the day came in the Lady Ramblers' final game, against host Kingsley, for the championship. The Ramblers came up with a shut-out win in six innings.

Tomkins pitched, giving up one hit, walking two, and striking out five. At bat, Perry, Sweet, and Brenna Jessup each had a single.

"We had two defensive errors and Bethany threw another great game," Clausen said. "Bethany only faced 22 batters in the whole game."

Tomkins, Neidhamer, and Sweet were all named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Ramblers faced Harbor Springs Monday.

## Ramblers win one, lose one in tourney

In Rambler baseball action, Boyne City traveled to the Kingsley Tournament last weekend, beating Forest Area 5-0 in game one, and falling 10-2 to Mancelona in game two.

Against Forest Area, David Vasquez pitched a three-hitter with one walk and eleven strike-outs.

"David pitched a great game," said coach Beano Archey. "The 11 strikeouts were a season high. The defense also did a good job committing zero errors. They did not allow a runner past second base."

Top hitters for the Ramblers were Josh Bush with two doubles, Steve Bush with a single, Dustin Moore with a double, and Ryan Amesbury, who contributed a single.

In game two against Mancelona, Justin Callahan and Beau Detcher each took a turn on the mound, giving up eight hits, three walks, and striking out three combined.

Top hitters for Boyne were Kevin Metzger with a single and a double, Josh Bush with a double, and Tim Wellert and Cole Andrews with a single apiece. "We didn't get our bats going in this one," Archey said. "The Mancelona pitchers kept us off balance through the whole game."

On defense, the Ramblers committed eight errors.

For Boyne, Vasquez, Amesbury, and Josh Bush were all named to the All-Tournament Team.

Boyne City is 4-12-2 overall. The team will face Petoskey on May 19.

## East Jordan JV splits Elk Rapids double-header

Last week, the East Jordan High School junior varsity baseball team split a double header with Elk Rapids, losing game one 15-14, and coming back to win game two 8-7.

In game one, Robert Grover took the mound for the Red Devils. Top hitters were Chris Decamp and Scott Murray with a home run each, and Jon Reese with two home runs to his credit.

"Both teams hit the ball real well," said coach Bill Tison. "We gave up more errors, but it was a hard-played game."

Game two found Jon Reese on the mound, giving up five hits and walking five. Tops at bat for East Jordan were Joe Cooper, John Graham, Brian Diller, Murray and Reese.

"We played a lot better behind Reese in game number two," Tison said.

## BC girls take first, boys second

The Boyne City girls placed first and the boys second in a three-way track meet on May 9. The Rambler girls scored 101 points, easily defeating Harbor Springs, 43, and Elk Rapids, 19. The Harbor Springs boys took first place, defeating Boyne City 83-73, while Elk Rapids scored 22 points.

The Boyne City girls used 12 first place finishes, including three of four relays, to pace themselves. Kelsi Brewer led the Ramblers with wins in the 100m (13.86), the 200m (28.94), and the 300m hurdles (53.11). She also ran on the winning 800m relay.

Other individual winners included Jane Stieber in the 400m (1:09.58), Mindy McCutcheon in the 800m (2:42.20), Nicole Kurtz in the 100m hurdles (16.7), Wendy Chrysler in the high jump (4-6), Nikki Peck in the pole vault (7-4), and Kristie Gaither in the long jump (13-4). The Ramblers also won the 800m relay, 1600m relay, and 3200m relay.

The Rambler boys took top honors in five individual events and three relays. Corey Sulak, Aaron Sulak, and Jeremiah Meadows led the Ramblers, each with one

individual victory and two relay victories. Kyle Gibbons took part in the three winning relays.

Corey Sulak won the long jump with a leap of 19-04.25 and combined forces with Aaron Sulak, Meadows, and Gibbons on the victorious 400m relay (47.05). He also ran a leg on the first place 800m relay with Matt MacNaughton, Gibbons, and Eric Ulvand (1:40.13). Aaron Sulak also won the 100m (11.94) and aided the winning 1600m-relay team of Meadows, Kellan Smith, and Gibbons (3:42.32). Meadows won the 800m with a time of 2:06.8.

Other individual winners for the Ramblers were A.J. Spaay in the high jump (5-7) and Aaron Wright in the 110m hurdles in a time of 17.38.

Other Ramblers who placed in the top four include: Girls: 100m: 1-K. Brewer (13.86); 2-Sarah Hall; 200m: 1-K. Brewer (28.94); 2-Jackie Cyr; 3-Stieber; 400m: 1-Stieber (1:09.58); 2-Brie Vandam; 4-Samantha Bricker; 800m: 1-McCutcheon (2:42.20); 2-Char Brandt; 4-Emily Bricker; 1600m: 2-Stieber; 100m hurdles: 1-Kurtz (16.7); Jenna Pearsall; 3-Nissa Ryder; 300m hurdles: 1-

K. Brewer (53.11); 2-Chrysler; 3-Pearsall; 400m relay: 2-Boyne City; 3-Boyne City "B"; 4-Boyne City "C"; 800m relay: 1-Boyne City (1:55.26); 3-Boyne City "B"; 1600m relay: 1-Boyne City (4:39.74); 3200m relay: 1-Boyne City (10:38.22); High jump: 1-Chrysler (4-6); Pole vault: 1-Peck (7-4); 3-Ryder; Long jump: 1-Gaither (13-04); 2-Pearsall; 3-Chrysler; 4-Crystal Laurie; Shot put: 4-Ryder.

Boys: 100m: 1-A. Sulak (11.94); 200m: 2-Gibbons; 400m: 2-Ulvand; 800m: 1-Meadows (2:06.8); 2-K. Smith; 1600m: 2-Shawn Weisler; 3200m: 3-Weisler; 110m hurdles: 1-Wright (17.38); 300m hurdles: 3-Wright; 4-Spaay; 400m relay: 1-Boyne City (47.05) (Meadows, Gibbons, C. Sulak, A. Sulak); 3-Boyne City "B"; 800m relay: 1-Boyne City (1:40.13) (Gibbons, MacNaughton, C. Sulak, Ulvand); 1600m relay: 1-Boyne City (3:42.32) (K. Smith, A. Sulak, Gibbons, Meadows); 3200m relay: 2-Boyne City; High jump: 1-Spaay (5-7); 2-Jason Rostar; Pole vault: 2-MacNaughton; Long jump: 1-C. Sulak (19-4.25); 2-A. Sulak; 4-Spaay; Shot put: 4-John Ku

## Rain shortens Inland Lakes meet

The rain that finally hit northern Michigan was not a welcome sight for many local sporting events. The Inland Lakes Invitational was rained out with seven events yet to be run.

The East Jordan girls finished seventh behind a strong showing by Suzi Malpass. Malpass took first in the 100m hurdles (17.02) and first in the long jump (15-6).

Other medal winners included Jessica Peverall in the

pole vault (4th 7-0) and Heather Hansma in the 100m hurdles (6th 19.14). The 400m throwers relay made up of Peverall, Andrea Palmrose, Ellie Priest, and Jamie Baker also won a medal, as did the 9th-10th grade 400m relay team of Hansma, Amanda McMichael, Amanda Honey, and Jenna Bacon.

East Jordan girls; coach Dennis Snarey was impressed with Hansma's performance. "Heather Hansma has really improved in the hurdles," he said. She's

having a great freshman year."

East Jordan has one more meet before hosting the MHSAA regional track meet on Sat. May 20. "We're all looking forward to regionals Saturday," said Snarey. "Julie and I feel we have several girls that can qualify for the state finals, but they will need to pick it up some to make it."

No East Jordan boys' results were available at press time.

## Red Devils win two on the diamond

The Red Devils chalked up two more wins in varsity baseball action Monday night in a double header with Charlevoix. Final scores were 13-4 and 10-5.

In game one, East Jordan pitcher Jon Bennett allowed only two hits and struck out six. Top hitters were Nathan Skop with a three-run homer and four RBIs, Nick Karaszewski with one single, a home run, and two RBIs, Bennett with a single and a double, and Willy Wisner with a double and two RBIs.

"Bennett had a very strong outing," said coach Bruce Harger. "He did a good job keeping the ball in the bottom half of the strike zone and

getting ahead of the batter."

Willy Wisner was the winning pitcher for game two, giving up nine hits and striking out three. Hitters for East Jordan were Bob Nichols with a three-run homer and a double, Mike Wladischkin with a double and a home run, Jeff Kraemer with a single and two RBIs, and Bennett with a single and a double.

In last week's double header against Kalkaska, East Jordan took home two disappointing losses, with final scores of 1-2 and 3-4.

For the Red Devils, pitcher Willy Wisner finished game with two walks, three hits, and six strikes. Nate Skop hit a home run.

In game two, Skop allowed four hits, two walks, and struck out six from the mound. Tops at bat for East Jordan were Skop with a single, a double, and one RBI, Nate Diller with two hits including a single, and Rob Vincent with a single.

"We didn't swing the bat real well today," said coach Bruce Harger. "Kalkaska played great and got the key hits."

East Jordan's game against Boyne Falls, scheduled for last Thursday, was canceled due to rain.

The Red Devils are 16-6 overall with a conference record of 7-3. They will face Mancelona on Monday.

## EJ Softball takes four conference wins

The East Jordan Varsity softball team brought their conference record to 11-1 by defeating Charlevoix on Monday.

In game one, Linda Slough pitched a no-hitter, for the Red Devils with a final score of 13-0 in five innings. Top hitters for East Jordan were Kristin Haley with a single, a double and three RBIs, Mary Ann Brooks with two singles and two RBIs, and Wendy Walczak, also with two singles and two RBIs. Josie Krause contributed a double, and Stephanie Sweet, Stefanie Skop and Renee Roberts had a single each.

In game two, Slough earned her twentieth victory on the mound, giving

up two hits and striking out seven batters. Top hitters for the game were Lindsey Malpass with a single and a double, Walczak and Skop with a double each, and Kelli Hammond, Rachel Boss, Brooks, Haley and Sweet with a single apiece.

"These were huge wins for us," said coach Meg Kitson. "These wins earned us a share of the Lake Michigan Conference Title at 11-1. TC St. Francis also finished 11-1."

Last week, the team defeated Kalkaska in a double header.

Game one went into extra innings before the Red Devils put it away by scoring four runs in the top of the seventh to win 7-3. Slough earned the

win by striking out six while allowing five hits and three walks.

Brooks led the offense with three doubles and two RBIs. Walczak and Hammond each had two singles while Haley, Sweet, and Roberts each had RBI singles.

In game two the Red Devils let their offensive skills do all the talking, winning 17-2. East Jordan scored in every inning before the game was called due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Slough gave up only two hits and one walk while striking out three.

"We played great in game two," said Kitson. "Game one really put the scare in us."



## Tumbling action

Mackenzie Anderson gave it his best effort at the Boyne Area Gymnastics Clubs' Cartwheel-a-thon at the high school last Friday night. The event was held to raise funds for the construction of the club's new facility. About 100 gymnastics students participated, raising an estimated \$5,500 for the cause.





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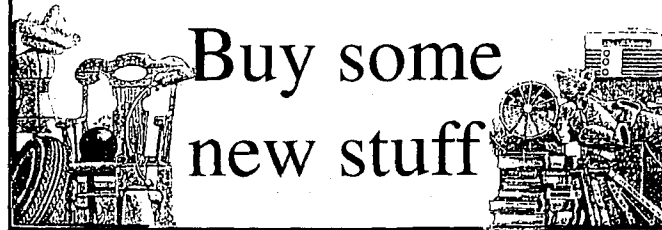
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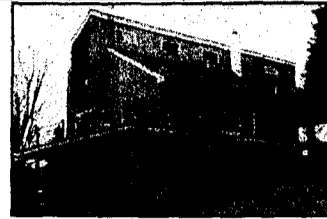
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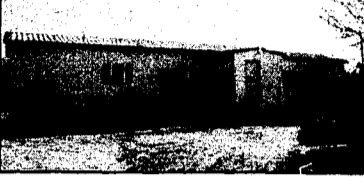


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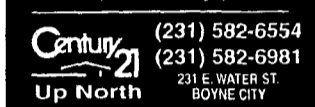
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**North's district representative plans visit**

Don Weeks, District Representative for State Senator Walter H. North, will be in Mackinac and Charlevoix Counties Thursday, May 18.

Weeks will meet with constituents at the City Hall in St. Ignace from 10 a.m. until noon and at City Hall in Charlevoix from 2-4 p.m. Any citizen with concerns regarding state government is encouraged to attend and should bring all relevant information pertaining to their case.

For more information, contact Senator North's Lansing office at (517) 373-2413.

**BC Chamber sponsors open house**

Boyer City hits the streets on June 9 and 10 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. with entertainment, drawings, and great food in celebration of spring.

Adults can answer the chamber's What's New survey and win one of several prizes. For the kids, there will be face painting, music, a petting zoo, balloons, and storytelling fun.

For more information, call the Boyer City Chamber of Commerce at 582-6222.

**Health care scholarship available**

Applications for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild Medical Scholarship are due by June 1, 2000.

The scholarship, which offers \$400 per year for a maximum of four years, is open on a competitive basis to anyone holding a high school diploma who has been accepted into an approved school for a course of study leading directly into a health care profession. The scholarship is also open to employees of Charlevoix Area Hospital who are already working in the health care field and wish to further their medical education.

Applicants must reside in the area served by the hospital, which is Charlevoix and northern Antrim counties. They must also have applied for admission to an accredited

school before applying for the scholarship, and be accepted into a medical program at the time the scholarship is awarded.

To receive an application for the scholarship, prospective applicants should call their high school counselor or write to Scholarship Committee, Attention Kathy Johnson, Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or call 547-8502.

**Human services office moving**

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency is moving its office. The new location will be 2202 Mitchell Park Drive, Suite #4, Petoskey.

The office will be closed on Friday, June 2, in order to make the move, and will re-open at the new location on Monday, June 5.

All food program distribution sites will remain the same; only the office will be changing location.

For more information call (231) 347-9070.

**SEE-North offers programs**

The following programs and outings are being offered by SEE-North, Northern Michigan's Environmental Education Center. Attendance for most programs is limited, so pre-registration is appreciated.

May: Tuesday Bird Walks. Join us every Tuesday morning in May from 7:30-9:30 a.m. for an informal field trip in search of birds. Cost is free. Call for destinations and details.

May 18: Home Mushroom Cultivation. Explore easy, natural methods of growing culinary mushrooms. We'll focus on inoculating hardwood logs and wood chips to grow a variety of mushroom outdoors, as well as growing Oyster mushrooms indoors. The cost is \$8 and will be held at Horizon Books, Petoskey at 7 p.m.

May 20: Wildflower Walk. Learn more about the identity and natural history of our local flora. The cost is free and will be held from 9-11 a.m. with location to be announced.

May 31: Beginning Beekeeping. Learn about equipment and techniques for small-scale beekeeping. The cost is \$8 and will be held at Horizon Books, Petoskey at 7 p.m.

June 14- Home Composting- Create your own "black gold." We'll examine several different methods of home composting, using free and locally available materials. Participants will build a compost pile and learn to troubleshoot problem piles. The cost is \$8 and will be held at the Little Traverse Bay Educational Gardens, across from the Perry Hotel in Petoskey at 7 p.m.

June 20-22- Discover North Country Trip to Greenwood Nature Preserve- Natural history, general ecology, and safe back country camping skills will be emphasized during this trip for middle school students. Greenwood is a beautiful 2000-acre private preserve near Wolverine. The cost is \$45-\$200 on a sliding scale.

**Boyer Falls school physicals are Tuesday**

Boyer Falls School sports physicals for the 2000/01 sports season will be given Tuesday, May 23, at 8 a.m. by Dr. Mansfield at the school. Any student who will be in grades 7-12 next year planning to participate in sports must have a physical.

The cost is \$5 per person. This is the only date that physicals will be given at the school.



**In the Big Apple**

The East Jordan High School art club recently returned from a four-day trip to New York City, where the group visited museums, the Empire State Building, the Today Show, a zoo, and took in the Broadway show "Taller Than a Dwarf," starring Matthew Broderick. Chaperoned by art teacher Darrin Podskalny and three parents, the students took the Big Apple Bus Tour and rode the subway, as well as sketched and took lots of pictures. Here, the students are pictured in front of the Plaza Hotel near Central Park.

**MSU EXTENSION NEWS**

**Fresh asparagus is a northern Michigan springtime treat**

By SUE SHENK

Springtime means fresh Michigan asparagus. Unfortunately, most of the Michigan asparagus goes to processors so the fresh supply has to come from your back yard or the local farmer's market. Look for bright green asparagus spears that have tightly packed tips with a lavender tint.

Ideally, asparagus should be eaten as soon as possible but can be stored, uncleaned, in a sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator crisper. Asparagus can also be stored upright; trim the ends and place in a narrow container with one inch of water. Cover with plastic and store in the refrigerator for up to three days. To prepare asparagus, simply cut or break off the tough stem ends and soak them in

cold water to clean. Peeling asparagus is not necessary.

Asparagus can be steamed or tied in a bundle and boiled gently. Both methods are very quick, requiring only three to five minutes for tender, bright green asparagus. Overcooking makes asparagus limp, discolored, and bitter. Asparagus whole or cut, hot or cold, can also be used in stir-fries, quiche, omelets, salads, and other casseroles. Swiss and cheddar cheese are especially nice with asparagus. Toss leftover asparagus with equal parts garbanzo beans and tomatoes and top with a light vinaigrette dressing to eat for lunch or as a tasty side dish.

To keep asparagus low in fat and calories, use seasoning and spices to enhance flavor rather than butter or hollandaise sauce. Citrus, chive,

thyme, and tarragon are just a few of the flavors that complement asparagus well.

Asparagus is rich in folate and vitamin C with only 23 calories and less than a half gram of fat per serving (about six thin stalks). Enjoy springtime in northern Michigan with a serving of asparagus prepared with your favorite recipe!

ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) was a big success. ACES encourages children of all ages to become physically fit and focuses on the importance of physical activity in our lives and on our health. On May 3, the following schools in Charlevoix County participated in a physical activity of their choice for 15 minutes: Boyer City Middle School, Charlevoix Elementary

School, and Ironton Head Start. Great job and thanks goes out to all of you who helped to bring attention to the importance of physical activity in our young peoples lives.

CHARLEVOIX 4-H and Junior Master Gardener Program will be learning about food preservation. I plan to do a short lesson in preparing frozen strawberry jam with the children on Monday, May 22, at Charlevoix Elementary School after school. At the end of the session each child will be able to take home a jar of fresh frozen strawberry jam to enjoy with their family. What better way to share in the fruits of their labor!

(Sue Shenk is a program associate for MSU Extension.)

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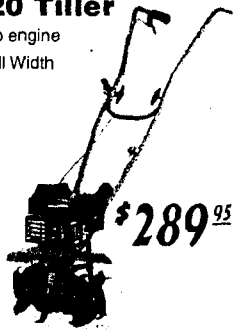


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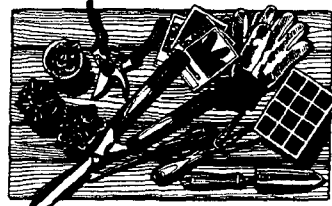
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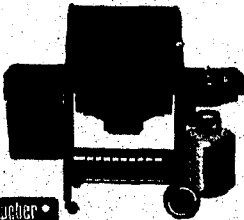
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