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## at a GLANCE

### Boyne City woman killed in ski accident in Harbor Springs

A Boyne City resident was killed Sunday in a ski accident at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs.

Alicia Johnson, 19, was taking part in the annual Boyne Highlands Downhill ski race on Sunday afternoon, said resort area manager Joel Woods, when she fell and slid off course, sustaining grave injuries.

Members of the ski patrol were on site "within a minute and a half," with first aid equipment, said Woods, including trauma packs, oxygen, defibrillators, and a backboard, to assure that no time would be wasted in transit.

"The ski patrol did everything humanly possible to help her out," Woods said.

An ambulance was called from the scene, and transported Johnson to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, where she later died.

The incident is the first ski-related death ever to occur in the 37-year history of the Highlands. "In the 12-year history of [the race] we've never had a severe injury," said Woods. "We scrutinize the course like no other event we run, making sure the race is safe."

Conditions at the time of the accident were sunny and about 22 degrees, said Woods, "as ideal race conditions as you can ask for."

The thoughts of the Highland staff, he added, are with the friends and family of the victim. "The people here at the resort are obviously in shock," he said. "But beyond that, [is a] deep feeling of sorrow for her family and friends. What a shock for the family."

Johnson is a 2000 graduate of Charlevoix High School, and was a member of the Charlevoix High School ski team for four years.

### Spring Break coming up for local schools

East Jordan Public Schools will be on Spring Break from Friday, March 30, with school resuming on Tuesday, April 10. Thursday, March 29, will be a half day.

Boyne City Public Schools will be on Spring Break from Monday, April 2, through Friday, April 6. Classes will resume on Monday, April 9.

There will be a half day of school on Friday, April 13 (Good Friday). The middle school will be dismissed at 11:28 a.m. and the elementary and high schools will be dismissed at 11:13 a.m.

There will be no afternoon kindergarten. The morning kindergarten students will return home with the older students. Breakfast will be available for all students.

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## Boyne superintendent resigns

Citizens crowded into the Boyne City High School media center last Wednesday evening, expecting to see the board undertake its annual evaluation of school superintendent Dana Compton.

Instead, at the opening of the meeting, Char-Em Intermediate School District Superintendent Mark Ekhardt read from a letter Compton was submitting to the board as notice of his resignation.

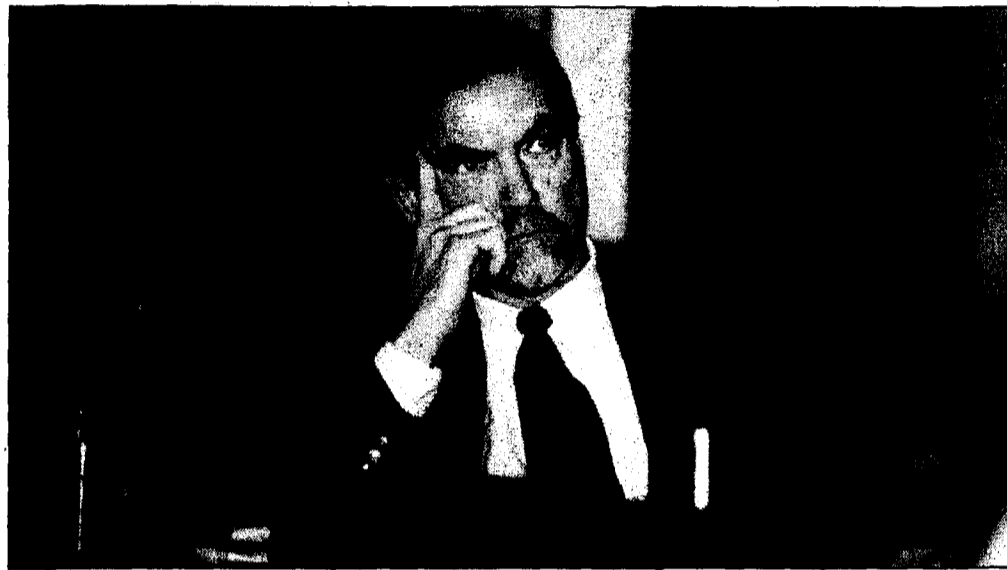
With a motion made by trustee Anne Thurston, and seconded by Jim Stackus, the board voted unanimously to accept the resignation.

In the portion of the letter read aloud at the meeting, Compton stated that he was submitting the letter "in an effort to prevent this organization from stepping into chaotic circumstances under which there may be no winners, and the children of Boyne City and the Boyne City Public Schools could be the ultimate losers."

The letter further stated that Compton was at that time foregoing any considerations of an extension to his contract, and that the statement constituted his resignation from all employment with the Boyne City Public Schools, effective June 30, 2002, when his current contract will expire.

"It is my hope that my action will allow this district to re-focus on matters that are of utmost importance," the letter continued (for the complete text of the letter, see page 3).

After the motion to accept the resignation was passed, the meeting could have officially been adjourned, but the citizens present voiced a desire to have their time to speak.



Boyne City school superintendent Dana Compton listened intently to citizen comments at Wednesday night's meeting.

After some discussion over liability issues with Ekhardt and Forest Hills superintendent Mike Washburn, who was to have taken part in the scheduled evaluation, Thurston suggested that the meeting be allowed to continue.

"The board has expressed a need [to make an] effort to communicate with the public," she said. "The public is here tonight requesting a time of recognition. I don't want to go against the advice of Mark and Mike, ... but I'm very interested in hearing them."

Once given the floor, citizens voiced concerns not only over how quickly the board accepted Compton's resignation, but also expressed frustration over the fact that no information had been given to the public regarding a legal action the board had been pursuing in regard to Compton over the last few months.

Washburn pointed out that both the board members and Compton have been advised by attorneys to refrain from discussing the issue in or-



Mark Ekhardt, superintendent of the Char-Em ISD, fielded questions from the audience in regard to Compton's unexpected resignation.

der to protect the district from liability.

"I'm disappointed with the procedure," said Boyne City resident Pete Friedrich.

"You guys want the public to come find out [what's going on in the schools], and we come tonight to find out what's going on, and again we learn nothing."

Those attending the meeting also

questioned the feasibility of finding a replacement for Compton, given the highly competitive market for superintendent positions, as well as the possibility that the current situation would cast the community in a negative light for prospective candidates.

"If Mr. Compton does leave, and [the district] looks for someone else, who's going to want that job?" said local resident and school employee

Kris Grice.

"Who's going to want to move into a town where it's almost like [the superintendent] has been run out of his job?"

Added Friedrich, "What do we do as a community now? We haven't had a real good track record with superintendents. [With current issues of] declining enrollment and budget problems, how do we get a good superintendent?"

School board president Marty Moody responded by noting that in rural areas, the "life-expectancy" of a superintendent is only 3-4 years.

While the citizens continued to express frustration over the board's inability to comment on many of the concerns being presented, some board members expressed their own frustration over the situation.

Said trustee Cathy Allen, "It's a very difficult seat to sit in, to be privileged to information I cannot give out." Even so, she said, "my only concern is getting our kids educated and out there into the world."

The task at hand now for the board is to find a way to move forward, and to begin discussing a process for searching for a new superintendent. The board will likely have to answer for many of the issues brought up at last week's meeting in the weeks to come.

"I know there's a lot of resentment that people can't know the entire story," said Moody after the meeting.

He expects that "a statement of some kind will be forthcoming [from the board's attorney] on what we can say," and the board will continue to discuss the issue with legal counsel.

The hope is, said Moody, that the issue will proceed in a "very timely fashion. This is not going to be anything that will drag on."

"Are the waters muddied right now? A little bit," he continued. "Is there going to be a much clearer picture in the very near future? Yes."

Despite murky legal issues, as things currently stand, the board and the superintendent will continue to work together until June of 2002. Though some at Wednesday's meet-

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--Kris Grice

## Fire leaves family homeless

An early morning fire last week destroyed a home in Wilson Township, leaving a family of six homeless.

On Monday, March 19, East Jordan firefighters responded to a call to the Goodrich residence on Roberts Road around 9 a.m.

According to East Jordan fire chief Glen Thorman, the call referred to a "fire around the chimney, or a possible structure fire."

When firefighters arrived, they found the home fully engulfed. "It had actually already burnt through the roof," Thorman said.

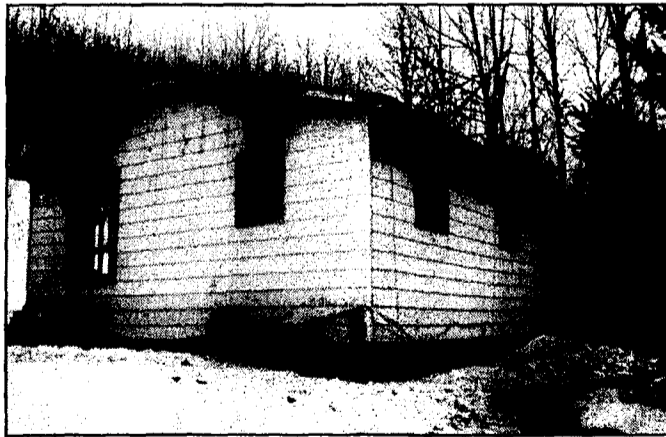
Firefighters had the flames under control in about 35 minutes, said Thorman. Only father Donald Goodrich was home at the time of the fire; he was not injured in the blaze.

The fire is suspected to have started in a woodstove area, in the wall space where the chimney exited the house.

Goodrich, along with his wife and four children, all of whom are students in the East Jordan schools, are staying with relatives.

The home was not insured. Assisting at the scene were the Boyne City Fire Department, Banks Township Fire Department, and East Jordan EMS.

Donations for the family are being accepted at the East Jordan Elementary School office. For Donald Goodrich and two older sons, sizes of clothing needed are 32/32 pants; medium shirts, and size 10 and a half and 11 shoes. The family's youngest son wears a size 9 slim pant; size 12



This home in Wilson Township was completely destroyed by fire last Monday morning. Six people were left homeless as a result of the blaze.

shirt, and size four and a half shoe. Mother Mary wears a size 7/8, and a seven and a half shoe. The family's fourth grade daughter wears a size 18, and six and a half shoe.

The school is also accepting household items and monetary donations on behalf of the family. Those with larger items such as furniture or appliances to donate, may leave their names and number with the school, which will then pass the information along to the Goodrich family.

The elementary school's phone number is 536-7564.

LATER IN the week, the East Jordan Fire Department responded to a fire at the Vondran residence on Fair

Road in East Jordan.

Tuesday night firefighters were called after the Vondran family arrived home to find the house filled with smoke.

Firefighters arrived at the scene to find smoke pouring out from under the eaves of the mobile home. The fire was located and quickly brought under control.

According to Thorman, the cause of the fire is suspected to be either an electric blanket or a heating pad.

Assisting at the scene was the East Jordan EMS.

Thorman commended the firefighters for "doing a great job" on both fires through the course of the week.

## EJ chamber may soon have a new place to call home

The City of East Jordan is considering the possibility of granting the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce a lifetime lease on property at the Sportsman's Park, with the intent of using the property as the location for a new chamber office.

According to a presentation given at last week's meeting of the East Jordan City Commission, the chamber's membership has tripled in size in the last 10 years. That, combined with the

evolution over the years of the chamber from a visitor information center into a "community hub" that provides assistance for local groups and organizations in promotional needs, leadership training, and education, has caused the chamber to outgrow its current location.

"The present chamber building is no longer able to allow the staff, executive director, board of directors, committees and visitors

ample space to conduct business in the professional and efficient manner required," said chamber executive director Mary Faculak. "The current office cannot handle any further growth for the organization and often creates hardships due to the lack of privacy needed to conduct daily business by the staff and membership."

At last week's meeting, the chamber proposed that the city grant the organization a lifetime lease on the property at Sportsman's Park for the cost of \$1 per year.

Though no action was taken on the request, members of the

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The current office cannot handle any further growth for the organization.”

--Mary Faculak,  
chamber executive director

# OPINION

## BETWEEN the LINES

### Musicals are something to look forward to

By ANGELA SHULTIS

I was lucky enough in the course of the last two weeks to have the opportunity to catch performances of both "Once Upon a Mattress" in East Jordan, and "Pippin" in Boyne City. They were, in a word, wonderful.

From interesting sets to convincing actors to some really fine singing, these kids did a bang-up job bringing a little taste of fine theatre to northern Michigan.

Though many folks joined me in enjoying these productions, I, in the course of my job, got the chance to spend a little extra time with these kids, watching them as they learned dance numbers, blocked out scenes, and polished the performances that so many people were looking forward to.

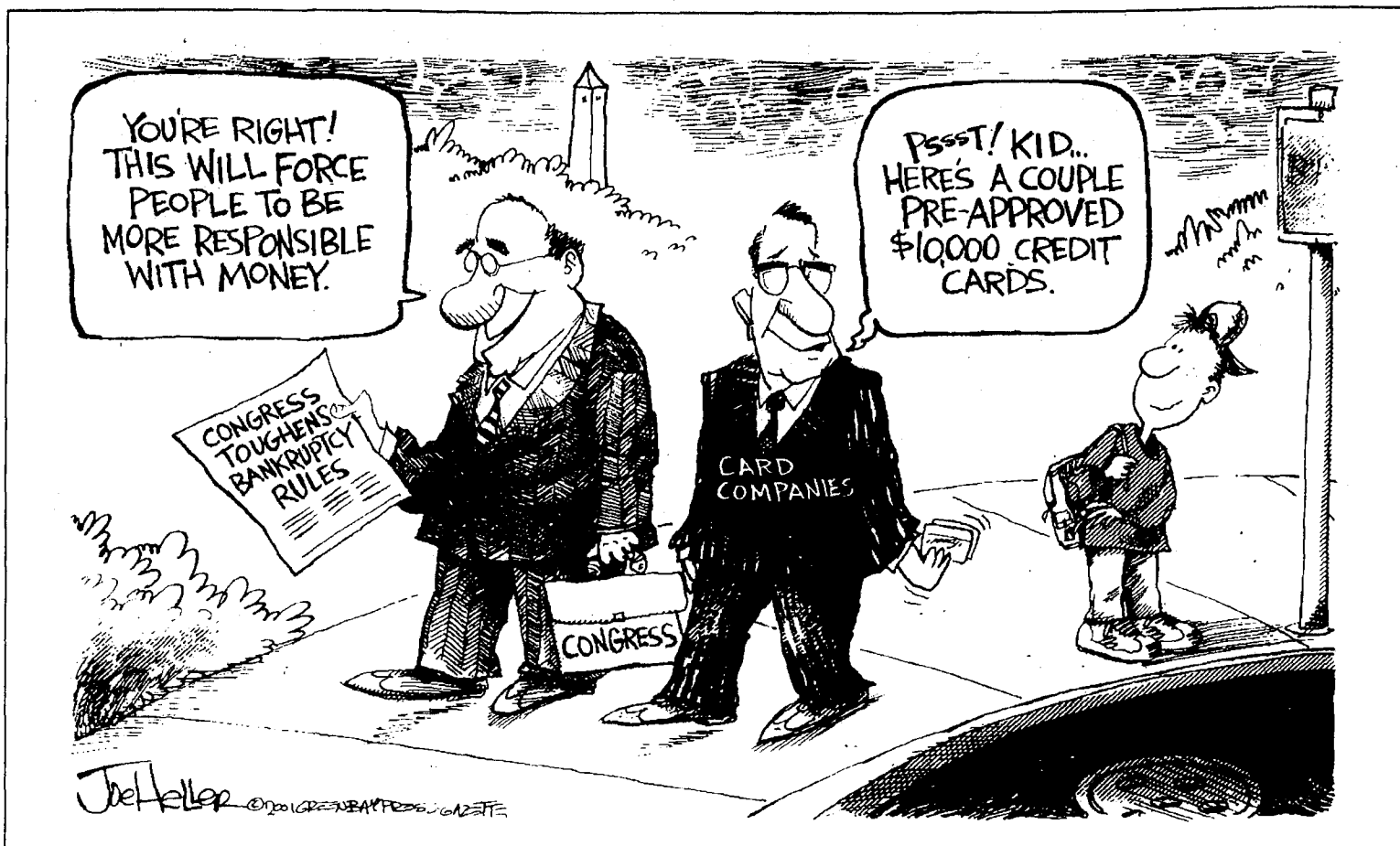
I'm always impressed by our local kids, but especially so by these particular kids, who work so darn hard. As I've sat in on rehearsals, I've seen them demonstrate a remarkable ability to focus, an admirable work ethic, and a commitment to excellence that never ceases to amaze me.

Fine leadership certainly helps, and in East Jordan's Paula Vollbach and Boyne City's Bob Wollenberg, they certainly have models of the type of commitment and passion to shoot for.

If any of you missed the shows, East Jordan's faux-stone castle backdrop was remarkable, as was the comic yet convincing performance of Jessie Tison in the role of Princess Winnifred. Peter Warnos put in a thoroughly memorable turn as a mostly-mute King Sertimus. The rest of the cast and crew did a fantastic job as well, and should be commended.

Boyne City's Aaron Barys gave Pippin a tremendous amount of passion, while Asuka Barden lent her stunning voice to the lead player part with aplomb (my five-year-old daughter leaned over during one of her songs and said, "Mommy, I think that's a grown-up, because I don't think a kid could sing like that." Enough said.) The dancers and eye-catching costumes, as well as the rest of the cast and crew, made the evening more than worthwhile.

So thank you all, for giving all of us out in the audience something to look forward to year after year.



## LETTERS

### It's time for school board to be evaluated

TO THE EDITOR:

What is going on around here? As a graduate of the Boyne City Schools, I am appalled and embarrassed by the "witch hunt" and "backstabbing" that is currently going on in our school system.

The board and administration don't all have to like each other personally to be effective in doing their jobs, but let's keep it out of the school building and business. This is a small community and one of the common bonds as parents we all have is what's best for our children. I can tell you right now this type of behavior is not best for my three children.

And if anyone is foolish enough to believe these kids don't know what's going on, you are sadly mistaken. They hear what's being said and I'm sure they are wondering what the truth is, and quite honestly so do I.

It looks to me as if some are trying to manipulate all to pursue their own personal goals, whatever they may be. And since the school board is elected by the community then I would say they work for me, and if that is the case it's time for the board to have an evaluation.

Please don't get me wrong, I know a position on the school board can be very difficult, it's a job I would not want. But I really thought this one was on the right track, or was I wrong?

As a parent, I can only say good things about Mr. Compton and what he is doing in our schools. All three of my kids know who he is - I don't think I remember who my superintendent was - and his genuine interest in all the events going on at all three school is truly refreshing.

So come on people, let's lead by example - that is what our kids see, how we all work together toward a common goal. Better education for everyone.

Tammy Jo Carlston

### Rumors call for investigation

TO THE EDITOR:

Rumors Rumors Rumors! They are coming at me, from so many people, about so many things, some trivial, some serious, but all about the very same thing. A mess, concerning the Boyne City School Board, the superintendent and administrative body.

I think it is time to have a full-scale investigation by the proper authorities and get the true facts out to the taxpayers and sooner rather than later. Anything less would be a full scale cover up. We need it NOW.

Everett K Sayles

## A MOM'S LIFE

### A reason to run for cover

By CINDI PLACE

I tried an experiment the other day. Tired of spending most of my time at home picking up shoes, socks, empty glasses and papers, I decided to just let everything lie and see how long it took for it to get cleaned up. Of course, the whole thing backfired on me when after three days I couldn't take it anymore and I cleaned it all up.

How is it that a kid can sit next to an empty potato chip bag for days and not notice that it should be put in the trash? Or that the accumulation of dirty socks stuck in the living room couch is starting to make it lumpy?

When I ask the boys if they've cleaned up their rooms, I almost always get a positive response. I've learned that to get a real picture of how clean their rooms actually are, I either need to go into the rooms (not recommended), or ask a more pointed question, like "is your room clean enough that I won't get mad when I go into it?" That question usually separates the truly clean from the unclean.

I don't buy the "Venus" and "Mars" theory that men are just made like that, because one of the most

organized areas in our house is the work area in the garage.

The men in our family can spend a whole weekend organizing that place, putting little jars up for each individual type of nail, peg board with hooks for every kind of tool imaginable, even sorting paint cans by color and type. But ask them to clean their sock drawer and you'd think I was asking for the moon.

We have a junk drawer in our kitchen. You know the one I mean. It's filled with old batteries, broken pencils, enough twisty ties, rubber bands, staples and little black metal pieces to supply the western world, and at least one open bottle of glue. I decided that its days were numbered, so I cleaned out that drawer and replaced its contents with pot holders and other kitchen paraphernalia. You'd have thought that the world as the men in our house knew it had ended.

"Where's all my stuff?" my husband asked. "I was saving things in there," he complained. Apparently all those little black pieces of metal were parts of a project he was working on.

It's just like when our dad announces that he's got a plumbing project to do. When I announce I plan to organize something, they all run for cover.

### A talented writer of fairy tales

TO THE EDITOR:

I have a friend who is, without a doubt, one of the most talented writers of fairy tales in all of northern Michigan.

And that goes for both sides of the bridge, with the possible exception of our Congressman, Bart Stupak.

But back to my friend, Everett Sayles. Normally a solid, rational thinking man, when he gets on one of his political fantasy trips he loses all touch with reality and begins to believe that all of his far-fetched dreams are actually true. I can't deny, though, that the stories are kind of cute; except on the liberal insistence that Al Gore won the election and that President Bush is somewhat challenged in the intellectual department. Let us look at the facts.

First, in Florida, all the ballots in the disputed counties were counted officially, at least twice. What were not counted were ballots that were spoiled because the rounded up people who were paid and instructed before

being bussed to the polls still messed up a lot of their ballots! Then came the armies of Democrat lawyers and the partisan Florida Supreme Court who tried to steal the election by changing the rules after the voting was over and by outright fraud until the United States Supreme Court intervened to uphold the law. The picture is not a pretty one but it was the Democrats who tried to steal the election, not the Republicans.

Second, remember all the emphasis in most of the media about how experienced and clever Vice President Gore was compared to the two-term Texas Governor, George W. Bush? Actually, Mr. Gore flunked out of divinity school before he dropped out of law school. In contrast, President Bush graduated with honors from the University of Texas before he went on to get his MBA (Master of Business Administration) from Harvard.

Hmm, come to think of it, it's probably not so hard to jot down bits of fantasy and add teddy bears and childish prattle. Sorry Bart.

Ira Breneman

## LETTERS

### 'How blessed we are to have you in our lives'

TO THE EDITOR:

We know God speaks to us through those who love us. On the evening of March 15th in the East Jordan Elementary School cafeteria... we listened with joy to His voice.

The outpouring of love, care and concern shown to us by the community of friends, neighbors, co-workers, employers, volunteers, classmates, churches, service organizations, schools, business establishments and family was truly overwhelming. It's sometimes difficult to express our feelings but we hope that you may know what is in our hearts.

Friends we have known for many years, and those who become new friends, are life's greatest treasures. How blessed we are to have you in our lives. Thank you for your goodness, you lifted our spirits. Your prayers and warm wishes are appreciated.

There was a song written for the movie The Lion King that asked the question, "Can you feel the love tonight?" and we can answer, yes, we felt the love and we thank all of you who gave it so abundantly.

Brian Sweet and family - Michelle, Stephanie and Mathew Mom and Dads -

Bill and Marietta Walden, Jerry and Pat Sweet

Brother and sisters -

Brad and Deb Sweet, Chad and Diane Breithaupt

## 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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# Resignation

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ing, including Leigh Woodbury of the Christman Company (the firm hired by the district to manage the construction project), have expressed concern over the loss of Compton in the middle of a major school construction project, Moody said that that project, as well as other ongoing projects, will continue to move forward.

"We have a great school system not because of one person," he said. "We have a wonderful staff, a wonderful support staff, that's not going to change. As far as the building... some are trying to twist around [and say] 'What are we going to do if we don't have Dana?'" According to Moody, Christman and the project's steering committee should be able to see the job to completion without any trouble.

For Compton's part, his hope is to continue working with the board with the best interests of the district in mind. "My intention is to do everything I can to keep the focus on what's in the best interest of Boyne City Public Schools and what's in the best interest of the kids."

Following is the complete text of the letter Compton submitted to the school board:

## TO THE BOYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

When I came to Boyne City as Superintendent in July of 1999, I left a successful nine-year tenure as Superintendent of Schools in another district to do so. I was excited about the potential that I saw in Boyne City and looked forward to meeting the challenges of leadership. Today, as I reflect on my early experiences here, I can see that I was ignoring the warning signs that were so clearly in front of me. I assumed my new position with enthusiasm, believing that the concerns that I had with members of the Board and members of the Administrative team would be set aside as we worked together. It was with this belief that I resigned from a three-year contract with another district and accepted an initial two-year contract with Boyne City Public Schools.

I must acknowledge that going through a personal court case in another county during my first eight months as Boyne City's superintendent did not raise my stock in the eyes of many members of the community, staff, and Board. Having the trial result in a not guilty verdict did little to change the mindset of some people. However, it was during this same period that the community voted in a successful bond campaign, and we began work on the new high school, and on renovation plans for the existing buildings. In the excitement, however, I was concerned about the district's budget, and what appeared to be a trend to lower enrollments. In fact, when the elementary principal indicated that the Kindergarten Roundup in the spring of 1999 had turned out only 68 students, my concerns grew.

I continually shared these concerns with the Administrative team and the Board, and discussed the potential problems related to declining enrollment. We explored the history of Concord Boyne since 1995, and attempted to draw some conclusions as to why parents were choosing to enroll their children in the charter school. We looked at the real estate market and saw that housing in the district was growing in cost and was frequently changing to non-resident ownership. We also saw a trend in the live birth data that showed a lower percentage of county newborns as Boyne City residents. Unfortunately, the primary source of revenue for public schools is the per pupil foundation grant, and a declining enrollment means declining revenues. My concerns continued to grow.

Throughout my 25 year career in public education I have kept children as my top priority. Even when there have been difficult financial times I have felt that by being proactive we could work through the difficulties and continue to provide positive experiences for children. My work history is filled with examples of these successful efforts. I believe today that Boyne City Public Schools can meet the challenges that lay ahead, and can change in ways that will provide even better programs and experiences for children.

Personally, however, I do not feel that I can establish a proactive program without the support of a board of education that understands their role and that of the superintendent and administration. I am not in a position to condemn this board, or to single out individuals who may be acting in an inappropriate manner. I am sure that each member believes that their actions are appropriate. I can only suggest that the current priorities of this organization appear to ignore the primary reason why we are all here, the children of Boyne City.

Therefore, in an effort to prevent this organization from stepping into chaotic circumstances under which there may be no winners, and the children of Boyne City and the Boyne Public Schools could be the ultimate losers, I am foregoing any considerations of an extension of my contract. I will continue to perform my contractual duties with the recognition that my contract expires on June 30, 2002. This relieves the board of their contractual obligation to act on or before March 31, and nullifies the potential for an automatic extension. This constitutes my resignation from all employment with the Boyne City Public Schools effective June 30, 2002. Furthermore, my action sets aside the need to continue discussion and/or action on the criteria and/or process for my evaluation.

It is my hope that my action will allow this district to re-focus on matters that are of utmost importance. The completion of the new high school, the renovation of the existing buildings, establishing a proactive plan to combat declining enrollment and budget issues, continuing the process of accreditation, developing a comprehensive curriculum map, and maintaining the first priority of children, these are important matters. Politics, personalities, and power struggles cannot be allowed to overshadow what we do for children.

Sincerely,  
Dana B. Compton, Superintendent

# Arts council hosting Alzheimer's show

## Traveling exhibit will feature works by local Alzheimer patients

From April 3-20, the Jordan River Arts Council, in cooperation with the Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will present "The Art of Alzheimer's: Memories in the Making," an exhibit of over 36 original works of art by persons with Alzheimer's Disease.

The show will feature several works by residents of local care facilities including Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan and the Meadowbrook Care Facility in Bellaire.

An opening reception featuring a social hour and educational sessions, including "Alzheimer's 101" and "The Art of Alzheimer's," will be held on Sunday, April 8, from 1-4 p.m. Additional activities include a special opening for senior centers, a preview showing with dessert on April 6, and a brown bag lunch educational session titled "Music Therapy Activities for Use with Persons with Alzheimer's and Other Dementias" on April 17.

Following the close of the exhibition in East Jordan, there will be a welcoming reception and silent art auction in Traverse City on April 25 at the Elks Club to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

The traveling exhibit was originally unveiled at the Capital Rotunda in Lansing in November, recognized as Alzheimer's Awareness Month. In addition to increasing awareness of

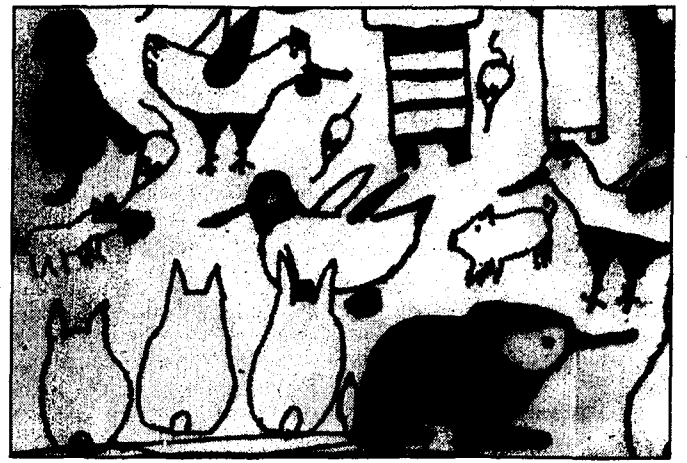
Alzheimer's disease, the goal of the exhibit "is to present a portrait of the beauty and humanity of individuals affected by Alzheimer's Disease," said Sara Duris, public policy coordinator for the Michigan State Council, the coalition of Michigan Alzheimer's chapters that originally assembled the exhibit.

Alzheimer's Disease is a neurological condition that attacks the brain, gradually destroying memory, reasoning, perceptions, language and the ability to function in everyday family and social life. More than four million Americans have Alzheimer's Disease, with over 166,000 in Michigan, and many more family members and caregivers are also affected gravely by the disease.

According to Grandvue board member Nancy Carey, it is estimated that with the aging baby boomer population, approximately 14 million Americans will be affected by the middle of this century unless science finds a way to halt or slow down the disease process.

In recent years, art has become recognized as a method to reach those afflicted with Alzheimer's on a number of levels.

Art is a way for Alzheimer's patients to communicate with the world around them. People with Alzheimer's Disease often lose the ability to communicate verbally, but, said Carey, the innate need for self-expression does



This piece by Grandvue resident Versa Cole is one of the many artworks to be displayed at the Jordan River Art Center as part of the exhibit.

not vanish with the disappearance of speech and mental capacities. Said Penny Drury, administrator of Grandvue, "Quite often, if a person with Alzheimer's has lost a lot of their communication abilities, this gives them a way to communicate with us. It might not be their intent, but [through the art] we're able to see what is going on with them."

"[Artwork] sometimes stimulates memories or conversation," she continued, and gives patients a way to express themselves that is "meaningful for them and us."

According to Carey, art becomes a means to revitalize energy, strengthen perceptions and awaken enthusiasm for life.

Music therapy is commonly incorporated with art therapy, and though art and music therapists cannot affect a cure, they can sometimes stimulate areas of the brain that do not rely on short-term memory with a resulting creativity of expression that is, said Carey, "born here and now."

"What's been so neat with the music," said Drury, "is that you may have [an organized group art] activity, getting out the rhythm instruments, and doing an official activity where music is played, but we [also can] use it all day long. Trying to work with different behaviors, sometimes a soothing song will calm [the patient] down."

"It's really easy to incorporate music into all day. Music invokes the long-term memory."

Drury added that the educational session offered in conjunction with the art exhibit is "not just for caregivers in long-term care settings," but also for family members or other at-home care-givers who are looking for new ways to engage their loved ones with the disease.

For more information on the exhibit or related activities, contact the Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at 800-337-3827, Carey at 536-7812, or the Jordan River Arts Council at 536-3385.

## Tickets on sale for Concord drama group's performance of 'The Sound of Music'

The hills are alive with "The Sound of Music" at Concord Academy. The high school drama class is currently rehearsing the classic Broadway musical, a family-oriented show based on the true story of an Austrian family at the start of World War II.

The show, which runs about two and a half hours, will be presented May 3, 4, and 5, at 7 p.m. each evening.

Tickets went on sale Monday, March 26. The first 100 tickets sold will be reserved seats at the front of the auditorium and sell for \$6 each; general seating is available for \$4 per ticket. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Performances will take place in the school auditorium at 00401 Dietz Rd., in Boyne City.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 582-0194.

## EJ chamber

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commission voiced support for the project. The request was referred to city administrator David White and city attorney Scott Beatty to be researched, and will be placed on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item.

Voted by the 2001 chamber board as the number one goal for the year, the quest for a new location for the chamber office is not a new one. Back in 1997, the chamber commissioned a feasibility study for the project, which resulted in overwhelming support from community members in both verbal and written statements. In addition, individuals interviewed verbally by Tom Monaghan of Monaghan and Associates, Inc.,

which conducted the study, verbally pledged over \$175,000 toward the construction or renovation of a building to house the chamber offices. "It is strongly believed that this support is still there," said Faculak, "as the board and staff are consistently questioned by chamber and community members as to when is the organization going to relocate to another office."

According to Faculak, if the project moves forward, the chamber will be responsible for developing a fund-raising campaign to secure the necessary money for construction. Grant money has already been obtained from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to relocate the office, and further grants will be applied for.

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Fri at 7:00 & 9:15

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Sat - Thurs at 2:00 & 7:00  
Fri at 7:00

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Sat - Thurs at 2:00, 4:00, 7:00 & 9:00  
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At 7:00 & 9:15 nightly  
Also Sat & Sun at 2:00 & 4:15

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Also Sat & Sun at 2:00 & 4:00

Spy Kids - PG (93 min)  
Starring Antonio Banderas & Carla Gugino  
At 7:00 & 9:00 nightly

Someone Like You - PG-13 (84 min)  
Starring Ashley Judd & Greg Kinnear  
At 7:00 & 9:00 nightly  
Also Sat & Sun at 2:00 & 4:00

The Mexican - R (123)  
Starring Brad Pitt & Julia Roberts  
At 9:00 nightly • Also Sat & Sun at 4:00

Tomcats - R (90 min)  
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**Thursday, April 19 and Friday, April 20**

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Thursday, April 19: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. / 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Friday, April 20: 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. / 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Hearing and vision screening will be available at Round Up in cooperation with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

To register for Kindergarten Round Up, please call Mrs. Pat May at 439-8300

# St. Augustine's celebrating its first 100 years

St. Augustine's Church in Boyne Falls will be celebrating its 100-year anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 16.

In conjunction with planned celebrations, the church's centennial committee is searching for editorials and photos of both St. Augustine's Church and the old St. Augustine's Catholic School for a commemorative history book and parish album to be published this fall.

The committee is seeking photos or stories depicting special events from the past 100 years, including former teachers, priests and nuns, class photos, remodelings, "firsts" (first wedding, funeral, baptism, First Communion, etc., held at the church), and any other special events or masses/services.

Photos or written articles may be sent to Karen Campbell, 01467 Hetrick Rd., Boyne Falls, MI 49713. Those submitting materials are asked

to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so that items can be returned. Also, written descriptions/dates for all photos should be submitted.

The history book is scheduled to be published in late September. Deadlines for submission of materials will be determined at the next planning meeting, to be held on Monday, April 2. All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting at the St. Augustine Parish Hall, 2347 Grove St., Boyne Falls.

Also being planned are festivities to include a special Mass with Bishop Cooney, dinner, music, raffles, and more.

Volunteers are needed for the celebration, as well as for the planning and production of the history book. Anyone interested in helping out should call Campbell at 549-3078 or Fr. Francis Partridge at 582-7718.

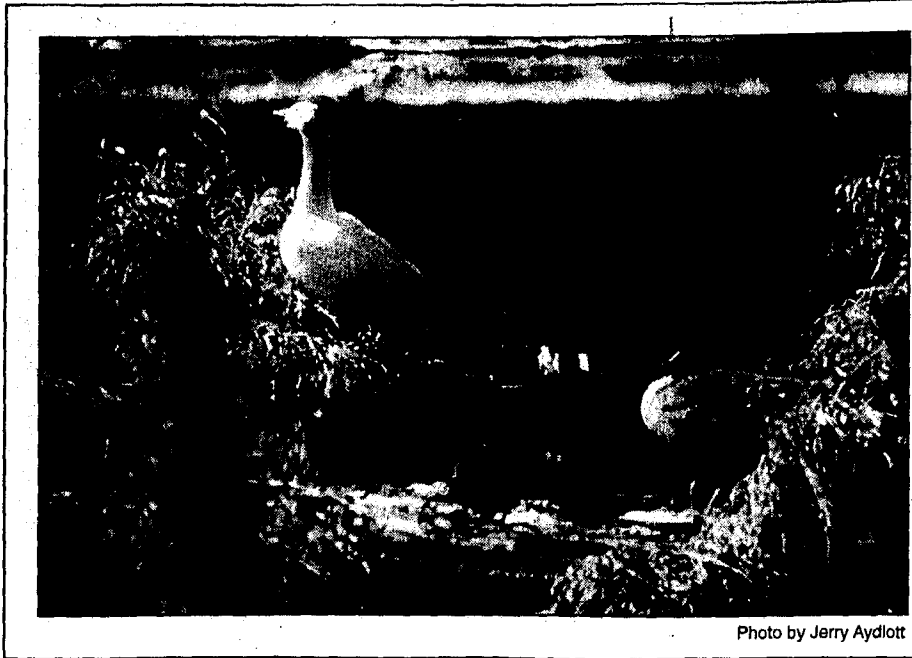


Photo by Jerry Aydlott

## Rare bird

This snow goose was spotted by sharp-eyed local residents in the Mill Pond in Boyne Falls early last week. According to local "birdman" Jerry Aydlott of East Jordan, snow geese live in the tundra and rarely stop in our area while returning north for the summer, though this one made a stop-over with a flock of Canada Geese.

## EJ couple faces multiple charges

Last week, Charles Lee and Susan Rae Dawson of East Jordan were arrested on charges including racketeering and failure to file state income taxes.

The Dawsons were each arraigned on March 20 in the Charlevoix County 90th District Court, with bond set at \$10,000 cash or surety.

In a 13-page warrant, Charlevoix Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur alleged that between 1997 and 2000 the Dawsons, as owners of at least two trucking companies, withheld monies from the paychecks of nineteen employees for health insurance, and then failed to pay the premiums.

The Dawsons were each charged with one count of criminal enterprise - conducting, a felony.

In addition to the racketeering charge, the Dawsons are also charged with five counts each of failing to file taxes.

Kur is also seeking the criminal forfeiture of the business real estate and at least 21 tractors and 34 trailers owned by the Dawsons or their companies.

The Dawsons own two trucking

companies, EJ Transportation and Up North Trucking, both based in East Jordan.

According to the prosecutor's office, the case first came to light in November of 2000, after Michigan State Police Detective/Sergeant Bruce Dykehouse was contacted by several current and former employees of the Dawsons. One employee reported that, after presenting their insurance card at a local drug store, prescription coverage had been denied.

Further investigation determined that the company's insurance policies had been cancelled due to non-payment, while premiums were still being withheld from employee paychecks.

In an affidavit supporting the arrest warrants, Dykehouse also alleges that Up North Trucking is not now and never has been properly registered under Michigan law and that the company is operating illegally. Also alleged in the affidavit is that for at least two years, the couple failed to file Michigan income tax returns.

A preliminary examination has been set for April 16, 2001 at 1 p.m. in the 90th District Court.

## Two injured in accident

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a one-car personal injury accident that occurred on M-66 near Sequanota Road late last week.

According to Deputy Robert Scholey, Jessica Bre Jones, 21, of East Jordan, lost control of her 1988 Pontiac Bonneville at the crest of a hill, went into the soft shoulder on the right side of the road, then spun out of control and traveled across the road to the opposite side, where her vehicle collided with several trees.

Both Jones and her passenger, 18-

year-old Richard Roof, also of East Jordan, were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital via Charlevoix City Ambulance, where they were treated for their injuries and released.

Speed is believed to be a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation.

The sheriff's department was assisted at the scene by Charlevoix City Ambulance Service, Charlevoix Towing Service, as well as a number of citizens who, according to Scholey, left before they could be thanked.

## CORRECTION

A letter in the "Many Thanks" section of last week's Citizen-Journal contained a typo. In the letter from Barb Brooks, the amount of

money raised by Boyne City sixth-graders in a recent bake sale should have read "\$220," not "\$22." We regret the error.

## NEWS FROM CITY HALL

By SUE HOBBS

**ZONING PERMITS** recently issued were for: G & N Investments, Inc., 976 West Division Street, new commercial building; Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley, crematory; Boyne City Dental, 830 State St., new office; Harborage Park, 731 Lake Park Drive, new dwelling and garage; Phil Johnson, 415 South Lake St., addition to garage; Harborage Park, 727 Lake Park Drive, new dwelling and garage; Randy Kruzel, 1433 Smith Street, new dwelling.

**CITY ADMINISTRATORS** and representatives of American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) bargaining unit have been meeting to negotiate a new contract for the street, water and wastewater employees. The current contract will expire March 31, 2001.

**DURING THE** last two weeks, city employees received first aid and CPR training.

**THE WATER DEPARTMENT** has been tagging houses to schedule meter repairs or replacement of meters which are not recording usage. Previous billings have been based on estimated usage, and once the meters are repaired or replaced, bills will be based on actual usage. This may result in higher bills for some residents. If you have any questions, please call Dan Meads at 582-6656.

**POLICE CHIEF** Randy Howard was given a plaque for 25 years service to the City of Boyne City.

**YOU MAY** have noticed Ferguson & Chamberlain employees working at the cemetery, along with holes in the snow to drive survey stakes into the outside, vacant area. They are staking lot corners for the expansion of Maple Lawn cemetery. As soon as weather permits, we will install water lines and lay out the roads in the expanded area. There are very few lots left unsold in the platted portion. This expansion will give us about 2,800 more plots and should serve the area for many more years. A map of the expanded area is available at my office.

*(Sue Hobbs is the City Clerk/Assistant City Manager for Boyne City.)*

## Boyne wrestlers bring home medals

Twenty-nine wrestlers from the Boyne Area 4-H Wrestling Program took home 20 medals from a tournament in Rogers City last week. First, second and third place winners from Boyne are:

First: Gerritt Moeke, Seth Hoaglund, Nathan Haley, Travis

LaPeer, Collin Kruzel, Marc Calo, Stephanie Fortune.

Second: Jay Redman, Jared Mathers, Josh Burns, Cody Mittig.

Third: Norman Berge, Cody Gee, Lucas Hoaglund, Kelsey Kruzel, Cody Wilmot, Nick Everest, Justin Stolt, Eli Hoaglund, Jacob Hoaglund.

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**WEEKLY Health Tips**

By **Steve Czerkes**  
Pharmacist

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**Lead in Calcium Supplements**

A study in the JAMA reported that some calcium supplements contain measurable amounts of lead, a heavy metal that is harmful to your body. The maximum of six milligrams a day is the limit of lead intake. No supplement tested exceeded three micrograms of lead for 1,500 milligrams of calcium. Most supplements contained none. Mayo Clinic doctors say, "the levels were so low that stopping calcium supplementation would be far more dangerous to your health than continuing with it." Ask your pharmacist if you have any questions.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Alisha Jewel Johnson**

Alisha Jewel Johnson, 19, of Boyne City, and formerly of Charlevoix, died Sunday, March 25, 2001, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Thursday, March 29, at the Community Church of God in Charlevoix. The Rev. Neil Turner and Ray Ard will officiate. Burial will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Alisha was born on Sept. 25, 1981, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Connie Whitley. She was raised and attended school in Charlevoix, graduating with the Class of 2000. Alisha worked at Oleson's in Charlevoix for two years before joining the staff of Northern Michigan Hospital in the day care where she enjoyed working with the young children.

In high school Alisha participated in the band, and was on the ski team.

She also was a member of the Charlevoix 4-H Market livestock and showed horses. In her spare time she enjoyed playing piano.

Survivors include her parents, Mark G. and Connie L. Johnson, and one brother, Chad A. Johnson, all of Charlevoix; fiancé Nick Carrow of Boyne City; paternal grandparents, Gladys and Graham Johnson of Mayville; maternal grandparents, Stanley and Patricia Whitley of Charlevoix; biological father, Jesse Salinas of East Jordan; several half brothers and sister; aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alisha Johnson Memorial Ski Scholarship Fund. Envelopes are available at the Winchester Funeral Home where friends may call from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 28.

**Annie Lena Green**

Annie Lena Green, age 77, of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., passed away on Monday, March 19, 2001 at her home.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 23, at the Helms Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Interment was in Chippewa Township Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant.

She is a former Director of the Commission on Indian Affairs for the State of Michigan and member of the Board of Directors of the Indian Legal Services.

Mrs. Green is survived by her husband, James, Sr.; 12 children; 25 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

**Mirilla Catherine Hammontree**

Mirilla Catherine Hammontree, 70, of Boyne City passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2001 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 26, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. Mark Bullock of the Boyne City Free Methodist Church officiated, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Garden City, Mich.

Mirilla was born on Dec. 11, 1930 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Leon and Dorothy Eicher Brooks. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1948 and on Aug. 28, 1948 she married Clifford Litogot. After their marriage she lived in Dearborn and Allen Park, returning to Boyne City in 1981.

She volunteered at Challenge Mountain for many years. Her hus-

band preceded her in death on May 27, 1995. On Aug. 28, 1998 she married Bill Hammontree, and he survives.

Survivors include three daughters, Virginia (Richard) Eastep of Allen Park, Catherine (Dennis) Adamczyk of Allen Park, and Patricia (Donald) Hoag of Hudson, Ohio; one son, Duane of Des Moines, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; her father, Leon Brooks of Boyne City; her mother, Dorothy Hostetler of Boyne City; and her brother, Harold (Sue) Brooks of Boyne City.

The family wishes memorials to the American Cancer Society or to Challenge Mountain. Envelopes are available at the Stackus Funeral Home.



**Spring fever**

Despite the remaining snow, these students at Boyne City Middle School took advantage of some spring-like temperatures last week to get outside and toss around the pigskin. More wintery weather soon drove students indoors again, though warmer temps should revisit the area by this weekend.

**NEIGHBORS**

By NANCY NORTHUP

**SHIRLEY CAREY** and Tom and Lori Cosier of Boyne City were among those attending the farewell service of former resident Alta Fluckey, who passed away in a New Baltimore nursing home this past week. Mrs. Fluckey, who was a member of the First Baptist Church for well over sixty years and also one of Boyne's oldest residents, (before moving from Litzenburger Place to New Baltimore a few years ago), would have been 104 on March 26.

having spent a month in Montverde, Fla. visiting their mother Vera Avery. They also visited John and Dorothy Cherry, former Boyne Falls residents now living in Eustis.

**THERE WAS** an excellent turnout on Sunday afternoon for an auction at the Boyne K of C Hall, with Scott MacKenzie as auctioneer. As all proceeds are earmarked for the restoration of the Star Schoolhouse, all involved in putting this very successful event together are too to be commended.

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES** of Litzenburger Place residents go out to our friend and neighbor Dorothy (Dolly) Hostetler and family, in the loss of her daughter, Mirilla Hammontree, this past week.

**CARL HAWKINS** of Boyne City returned to his home on Thursday from the Boulder Park Rehab Unit in Charlevoix.

**PASTOR RODNEY** Ward of the Walloon Lake Community Church was honored for his 80th birthday on Sunday with dinner at Springbrook Hills. There were two sittings for the 180 friends, church friends, and all of the children and their families of Pastor Rod and wife Cindy. Many cards and two floral decorated cakes enhanced this wonderful celebration, as did the awesome and beautiful information center, dedicated to him by his son, to be used in the entryway of the new church. The three sons, all ordained ministers, in continuing honoring dad, delivered the evening service back at church.

daughter), came from Oregon, and Lill's cousin, Lawrence Priest, of Gladwin. In February, their grandson (Peter's son) Gregg was here from Florida. In March, brother Jim returned with two sisters-in-law, Jenny and Lillian, along with a nephew, George Cikalo of Lincoln Park. An unexpected visit came from Lill's cousins Rose and Victor Muir of West Branch. The biggest event was the March 18 open house, honoring Pete and Lill's 61st wedding anniversary!

**WORD HAS** been received of the death of former Boyne Falls resident and a long time member of the VFW Auxiliary, Angela Lippinott, age 97, while at the home of her daughter, Joyce Flavin, in St. Louis, Mo. in January.

**ANOTHER WONDERFUL** 90-year-old, sweet Mary Brown of Grandvue, was honored by her six children and their spouses on March 17 with a dinner at the Tannery; Bill and Nancy Zimmerman of Atwood; Bernadine and Lee DeBanc, Sterling Heights; Clyde and Joanne Zimmerman, Edmore; Henry and Alice Zimmerman, Mancelona; Mary Anne and Al Baker of Cesterfield; and Norma and Floyd Johncheck of Boyne City. Including grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, there were 43 gathered there for this special time of celebrating.

**THE ETA NU** Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi hosted their annual spring dinner and bingo event for a full house of residents on Monday, March 19. Spring colors in table decorations included a spider plant for all and the dinner of chicken casserole and fresh salad was beyond delicious. The friendly atmosphere continued with bingo and prizes. A great evening was appreciated by all.

*(To submit an item for Nancy's column, call her at 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@nmo.net)*

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**East Jordan**

**NAME:** Rebecca Thorman  
**PARENTS:** Bill and Sue Rock, Glen Thorman  
**GRADE:** Sophomore  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Cheerleading, EJ These-plans  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Riding snowmobiles, getting together with friends and playing basketball  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** "I would like to go to college and succeed in many great things."  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** Woods, advanced drafting, and geometry  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Rebecca has a great attitude and is one of my 'most improved' students," said John Cross.  
 "Rebecca is a good and steady worker," said Jerry Hawes.  
 "Rebecca is a very hard worker with a winning smile - such a joy!" said Roxanne Zell.  
 "Rebecca has a good attitude and clearly wants to succeed," said Mike Gee.  
 "Rebecca is a sweetheart," said Matt Inman. "She always works hard in class and stays on task."  
 "Rebecca is a very positive student," said Lance Bailey. "She makes the classroom better for everyone."



Rebecca Thorman

**Boyne City**

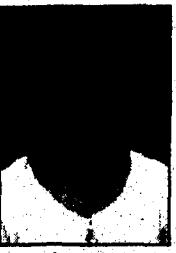
**NAME:** Alexandra Crum  
**PARENTS:** Mark and Gretchen Crum  
**GRADE:** Freshman  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Cheerleading, band, choir, jazz band  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** "I love to sing, dance and play in band."  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** "I plan to go to MSU and have a future in the arts."  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Alex has been a wonderful addition to our junior varsity cheerleading team," said Cindi Place. "Her big smile and enthusiastic attitude make Alex a joy to be around. Congratulations!"  
 "Alex is a hard-working, dedicated student," said Dorothy Ostrom. "She is organized with her classwork and understands the concept of prioritizing. She has a positive attitude in class and is always willing to cooperate. Thanks Alex."



Alexandra Crum

**Boyne Falls**

**NAME:** Jessica Massey  
**PARENTS:** Alan and Gissele Massey  
**GRADE:** Eighth  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Skiing and bowling  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Outdoor sports and skiing  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** Be a Registered Nurse  
**FAVORITE COLOR:** Purple  
**FAVORITE HERO:** My brother Alan  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** The Grinch  
**NOMINATING COMMENT:** "Jessica is a very good student and person," said Mr. Tippett. "She is hardworking and kind. She makes the class even more enjoyable to teach. Jessica has the work ethic to be a very successful high school student."



Jessica Massey

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**NMHS FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
**Wednesday, March 28**

Northern Michigan Human Services Agency in Petoskey recently announced the March food distributions under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) will be held at the East Jordan VFW Hall, M-32 from 11 a.m.-12 noon. The TEFAP food package is distributed four times a year and is available to anyone who meets the income guidelines. To determine eligibility you must provide current proof of income, Social Security cards and birth dates for the entire household. For more information call Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency at 231-347-9070.

**LIONS EASTER CELEBRATION**  
**Saturday, April 14**

The East Jordan Lions will hold their Easter Celebration for the preschool through fourth grades at the East Jordan Middle School gym from 10 a.m.-12 noon. There will be candy, games and a bike raffle.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Tuesday, April 17**

The East Jordan High School and Community American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the East Jordan High School Gym, 240 North Maple.

**BOYNE FOOD PANTRY**  
**First & third Mondays**

Food pick-up hours are on the first

Monday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon and third Monday from 5-7 p.m., or on Tuesday if a holiday falls on Monday.

**TOPS CHAPTER**

**Every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
 A new chapter of TOPS meets every Monday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Northern Michigan Hospital Health and Education Center classroom #3.

**ORGANIC GROWERS FORUM**  
**Second Tuesday**

Through April, the Wagbo Peace Center in East Jordan will be hosting an organic growers forum on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The main topic for the March 13 meeting will be a continued conversation on soil structure and mineral balance. These forums are free and open to the public. The Wagbo Peace Center is a nonprofit educational center located on M-66, three miles south of East Jordan. For information call 536-0333.

**BCFFEE**  
**First Wednesday**

The Boyne City Foundation for Excellence in Education meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. at Boyne City High School.

**SOUPER SUPPER**  
**Every Thursday**

It's souper supper time again at Nativity Episcopal Church in Boyne City.

Every Thursday 6-8:15 p.m. We'll supply the soup and refreshments, you supply your own sandwich and desire to engage in lively discussions, questions and answers and great fellowship! Led by Father Jim Hempstead for 7 weeks beginning March 1 at 209 E. Main St. Join us any or all weeks. Everyone is most welcome.

**IN GOOD COMPANY**  
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A newly formed group for individuals who are single, divorced, or widowed meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Ansted's by the Lake in East Jordan. The cost is \$5 for hors d'oeuvres. Information: 536-9622.

**HUNTINGTON'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Third Wednesday**

The Traverse City Area Huntington's Disease Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Northwest Michigan Blood Program conference room, 2575 Aero Park Drive, Traverse City. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 7-9 p.m. The meeting is designed for anyone afflicted with HD, anyone living "at risk" of HD, and anyone who is affected by HD such as friends and care-givers. For information, call 536-0509.

**BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP**  
**Fourth Monday**

A Tip of the Mitt Brain Injury Support Group will be held the fourth Monday

of each month at the Community Health Education Center across from the hospital in room #4 at 7 p.m. The meeting is for brain injury survivors and family members. Transportation may be possible if needed.

**VETERAN ASSISTANCE**  
**Thursdays**

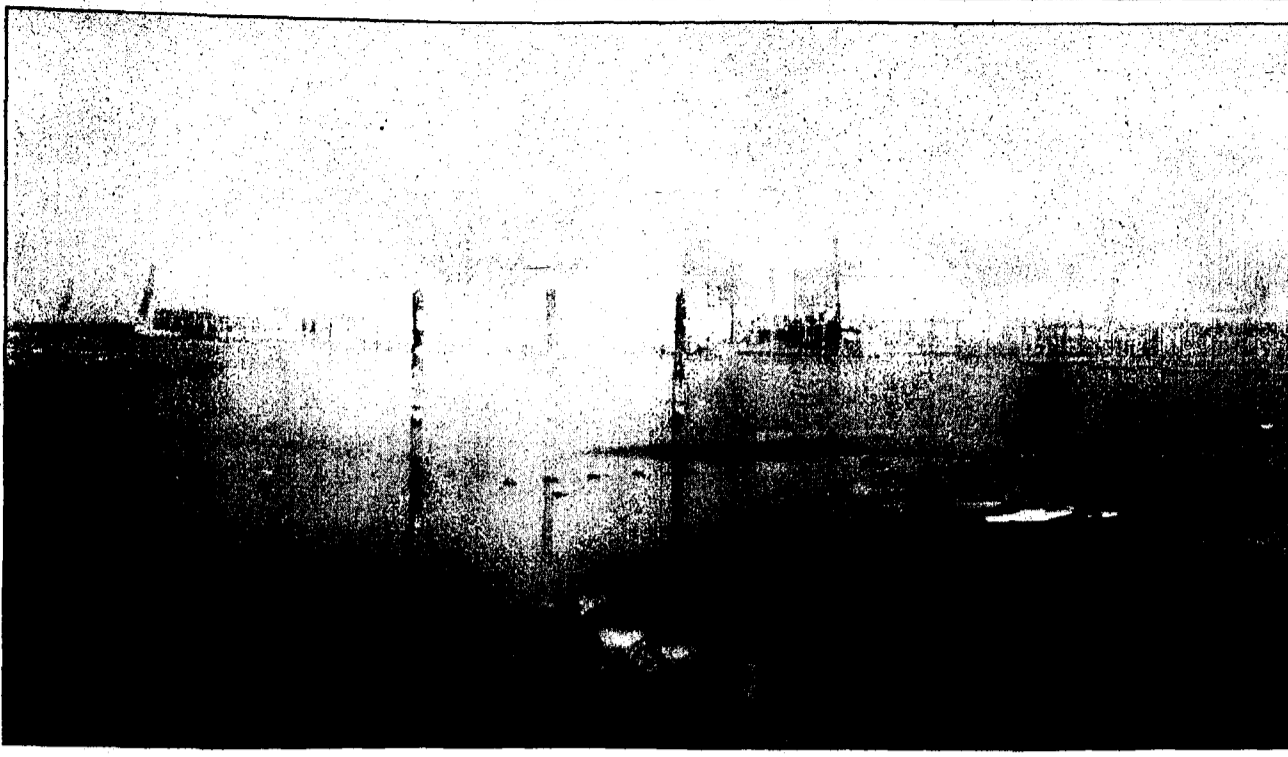
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from 3-6 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance - financial, medical, disability benefits, etc. - may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City or call 582-7811 at that time.

**AL-ANON**  
**Tuesday nights**

Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

**AA MEETINGS**  
**Weekly**

The Boyne Valley Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the basement of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. All meetings are closed and non-smoking. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday 12 noon, 8 p.m.; Tuesday 12 noon; Wednesday 12 noon (Big Book Study); Thursday 12 noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study); Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m. The first Friday of each month, an "Open Speaker" meeting is open to family and friends.



### Morning mist

This fisherman spent a little quiet time last week enjoying a misty spring morning on Lake Charlevoix, while waiting for the fish to bite. Anglers are an increasingly common sight on the lakefront as spring, ever-so-slowly, makes its appearance.

## Candidates sought for school board seats

The East Jordan School District has two, four-year terms to be filled at the upcoming regular school election, to be held on Monday, June 11. Both positions will run through June 30, 2005.

Petitions and affidavit forms can be obtained at the office of the East Jordan Public School District Administrative Office, 304 Fourth St., East Jordan. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

one opening for a three-year term to expire at the end of the 2003-04 school year; and two openings for four-year terms to expire at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

superintendent's office no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2001 in order to be placed on the ballot for the June 11, 2001 election.

## Libraries will shower newborn with books

The Boyne District Library, the Crooked Tree District Library, the Jordan Valley District Library, and the Petoskey Public Library, in cooperation with Northern Michigan Hospital, will be on the lookout for the first baby born after 12 a.m., Sunday, April 1, the first "official" day of National Library Week.

## Churches celebrating new denominational name

The Boyne City and East Jordan members of the denomination formerly known as the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will celebrate their new denominational name, Community of Christ.

## MSU EXTENSION NEWS

By SUE SHENK

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) will be available to those Charlevoix County residents who qualify on Thursday, April 5, from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Boyne City Senior Center.

MSU EXTENSION PROVIDES SOIL TESTING. Are you getting ready to garden? You may want to consider having your soil tested if you have never had it done before.

SPRING SOCCER ANYONE? 4-H soccer is offering an informal spring soccer league this year for kids ages 5 to 12.

GET THE JOKE? Laughter lowers stress, lowers blood pressure, reduces pain and revives the immune system.

"KICK BUTTS DAY" - On Wednesday, April 4, 4-H youth advocates will come together across the country as leaders in the fight against tobacco use and its dangers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS and their teachers for receiving the following awards in the 2001 4-H International Children's Art Exhibit.

4-H EXPLORATION DAYS WILL BE June 19-22 on the MSU Campus in East Lansing.

(Sue Sherk is the MSU Extension children, youth and family agent for Charlevoix County.)

## Boyne Falls rounding up kindergartners

Kindergarten Round-up at Boyne Falls School for next year's kindergarten class will be held on Wednesday, April 18, at the school.

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<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p>BOYNE COUNTRY INSURANCE, 202 S. Lake St. 582-4672. Auto - Home - Commercial. 3/14-28</p> <p>OVERWEIGHT? Call 1-800-764-7908. 3/14-28</p> <p>MISC. FOR SALE</p> <p>HAY FOR SALE. Call Frank 231-549-2767. 3/14-28</p> <p>PERSONALS</p> <p>"IN GOOD COMPANY" - Newly formed group for individuals who are single, divorced or widowed meets every Thursday, at 7 p.m. at Ansteds By the Lake in downtown East Jordan. The cost is \$5 for hors d'oeuvres. For more info call 536-9622.</p> <p>FOR RENT</p> <p>BOYNE CITY: Parkview Apartments in Boyne City has a few 1 and 2 bedroom apartments available for immediate occupancy. Rent starts at \$300. Barrier-free units available. No pets. For application or information call Tresa 231-582-7071 or stop in the Parkview office, 326 E. Division Apt. 27, TDD 800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. 3/21-4/4</p>	<p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p>INCOME TAX returns prepared. 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Iser, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 1999, and recorded on July 15, 1999 in Liber 367, on Page 852, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated July 8, 1999, which was recorded on October 4, 1999, in Liber 373, on Page 496, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND NINETY-SEVEN and 59/100 dollars (\$76,097.59), including interest at 8.000% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on May 4, 2001. Said premises are situated in CITY OF EAST JORDAN, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 8, 9, and 10; Block 2 Nettleton's Addition to the Village of South Arm (Now City of East Jordan), according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2, Page 27 and 28, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 21, 2001 For more information please call: 248-593-1309 Trott &amp; Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File # 200114098 Dolphins</p> <p><b>CITY OF EAST JORDAN</b>  <b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b>                  At the Commission meeting of March 19, 2001 the City Commission rescheduled the April 3 meeting to April 10, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. The public hearing scheduled for April 3, 2001 will still be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 3, 2001.</p>	

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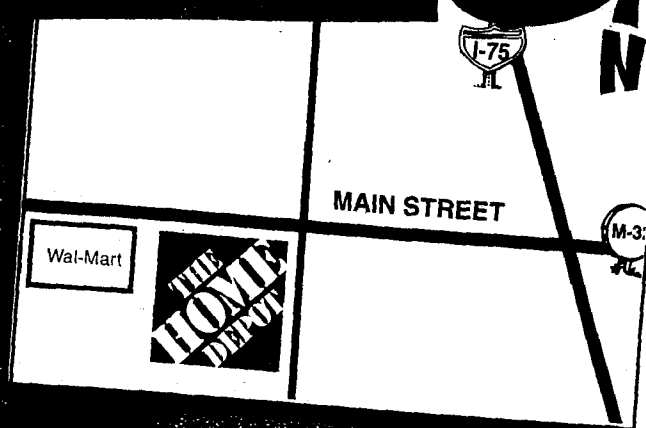
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