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Boyne Library to hold official grand opening

The Boyne District Library is inviting the community to come on Saturday, June 23, to help celebrate the official grand opening and dedication of the newly expanded and renovated library building.

The event will begin with a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m., after which those attending will move to the community room for a short program. Past board members will be honored, and others will be introduced, along with a few brief speakers, according to library director Nannette Miller.

Cake, coffee, and punch will be served, and tours of the new facility will be given.

Miller stresses that the general public is invited and encouraged to attend. "Please come," she said. "We want a big crowd."

The library re-opened its doors in May, a little over a year after kicking off a major expansion and renovation project.

For more information, call the library at 582-7581.

EJ Chamber to host BAH

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours on Thursday, June 21, at Ansted's By The Lake, 115 Main St., East Jordan.

In honor of the first day of summer, tropical hors d'oeuvres will be served, and door prizes will be awarded. There will be a cash bar. The cost is \$3 for chamber members, and \$4 for non-chamber members.

The event will be co-sponsored by WTCM "Today's Country Music" and Ansted's By The Lake. For more information, call the chamber at 536-7351.

Habitat riders camping out at local church

Riders from the Habitat Bike Challenge will be staying the night at the Boyne City United Methodist Church at 324 S. Park St. on Thursday, June 21.

The church will serve them a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., and the riders will put on a slide presentation immediately following the meal. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call the church at 582-9776.

Deadlines change for July 5 paper

In order for our employees to enjoy the 4th of July holiday, the following deadlines will be followed for the July 5 issue:

- Thursday, June 28, 5 p.m.: All display advertising, letters to the editor, coming events, meetings announcements, etc.

- Friday, June 29, 5 p.m.: Classified advertising.

The Citizen-Journal office will be closed July 4. The newspaper will be distributed on Thursday, July 5.



Cooling off

Members of the Boyne City Fire Department helped a couple of kids beat the heat at last week's chamber-sponsored Block Party and Organization Expo in downtown Boyne City. For more summer scenes, see page 4.

Chapter closes

Dana Compton accepts school board's buyout

After signing a buyout offer early last week, Dana Compton is officially no longer the superintendent of the Boyne City Public Schools.

Compton, along with board members Cathy Allen and Jim Stackus, signed the offer on Tuesday, June 12, a little over a week after the board had unanimously approved the offer at a special board meeting.

The buyout agreement signals the end of the long and harrowing saga of Compton's trouble-plagued two-year stint as superintendent. For Compton, who recently tendered his resignation effective June 2002, the agreement became, simply, the best choice for his family.

"It was the best situation for me and for my family," he said. "To get out of the headlines, to get out of the day-to-day issues of this, and really, out of the personality conflicts that seem to be existing through this entire situation."

Though Compton had planned on continuing in the superintendent's position through the expiration of his current contract at the end of the 2001-2002 school year, the board decided earlier this month to approach Compton with a buyout agreement, which would end his employment at the Boyne City Public Schools immediately.

After spending some time mulling

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COMMITTEE STILL NEEDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR THE EVENT

Jordan Valley Freedom Festival will offer big fun

The Jordan Valley Freedom Festival is just around the corner, promising all the traditional family fun area residents and visitors alike have come to look forward to.

The event, which runs this year from June 28-July 1, will be followed, as always, by the Freedom Festival Cruise-In Car and Motorcycle Show July 13 and 14.

For the festival itself, though, there should be plenty to keep folks busy for a long weekend of celebrating freedom.

On Thursday, the festival will kick off with the arrival of the carnival, provided by Arnold's Amusements, with rides, games and concessions right downtown. The carnival will continue through Saturday.

On Friday, highlights include the Gemini Lanes Horseshoe Tournament and the popular Ethnic Foods event held at the Senior/Civic Center on Main Street, with the East Jordan Lutheran Church providing Italian cuisine, Charlevoix Area Hospital

going Mexican, and much more. Kid's games will also be on tap, sponsored by the Harvest Barn Church.

The Lip Sync Contest, Firemen's Waterball event, a Gospel Sing in Memorial park, and the live music of "Wags and the Wildman" will round out the evening.

Events scheduled for Saturday offer up something for every member of the family, including two parades. In the morning, the Youth Parade, with a "Storybooks" theme, will give the kids a chance to shine, while the Grand Parade will kick off at 4 p.m. This year's theme is "Holidays on Parade," with Tom Clemens and Tony Cutler lined up as emcees.

This year's Grand Marshall honors will go to Carol Galmore.

For those hoping to get a little athletic, the triathlon returns, along with a par-one "Closest to the Pin" competition. New this year is a three-on-three basketball tournament at the city basketball courts (registration by June 27 is required; the cost is \$40 per

team). Sea-Doo rides and a Runt Regatta will also offer some outdoor fun.

If it's a more leisurely pace you're looking for, the 18th annual craft show will be held in Memorial Park beginning at 9 a.m., and walk-in Bingo will be ongoing at the American Legion Hall throughout the day.

Of course, the Rainbow Bar & Grill will serve up its famous Chicken Barbecue from "noon 'til gone," and food concessions will be available on Spring Street.

A big evening, of course, is in store on Saturday, with the internationally recognized cowboy band Riders In The Sky set to return to the festival, performing at 9 p.m. in Memorial Park.

Following the music of America's Favorite Cowboys, Zambelli Internationale will present the festival fireworks display over Lake Charlevoix.

On Sunday, the horseshoe and three-on-three basketball tournaments

will continue, and the second annual Freedom Festival Horsepull will be held at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club on Mt. Bliss Road.

WITH THE SCHEDULE set and the festival date rapidly approaching, one might think Freedom Festival Committee members should have a little time to sit back and take a breath. Unfortunately, though, members are still scrambling to raise funds for this year's festival.

Though "Canister Days" and other fund-raisers received a good response, according to president Ann Crick, "we're still a good \$5,000 short on fireworks money that we need to come up with in the next couple of weeks."

As always Souvenir Festival Buttons are for sale for \$1 each. Proceeds from the sale of the buttons, designed by Penny Postma of Signs, Letters and Graphics, help support the festival. Festival 500 Tickets are also on sale for \$5 each. Tickets may be pur-

chased now from any board member and will also be on sale downtown on Friday night and all day Saturday until the drawing, to be held at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, with a first prize of \$500, as well as 10 prizes of \$50 each.

The push is on to line up volunteers as well, said Crick, noting that people are primarily needed at this point to run the information booth throughout the weekend.

Even an hour or two of time donated could help organizers to keep things running smoothly, and help the festival fulfill its mission "to organize and produce a schedule of quality activities and events for the entire family, as well as providing economic enhancement to our community and the Northwest Michigan region."

To volunteer, call Larry Oliver at 536-9886. For more information, or to make a donation, call Crick at 536-3300. Checks may also be sent to Jordan Valley Freedom Festival, P.O. Box 435, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Friends of the Boyne working to preserve watershed

While many of us are just getting reacquainted with the Boyne River as the summer begins, the Friends of the Boyne River are simply continuing their ongoing relationship with the waters. According to the group's co-founder, Tom Sheets, this summer will be just another busy season for the Friends.

The group is currently anticipating the delivery of about 200 tons of rock for their stream bank stabilization project, which will begin with the stretch between Dam Road and Kircher's Dam. Four major sites will receive special attention, to include not only placing rocks to help combat erosion but also the installation of steps leading down to the water.

"The pressure from fishermen is great there," said Sheets, who hopes the steps will give them a "good way to get up and down the riverbank."

Pressure of fishing activity in the area has broken down the banks, said Sheets, eroding sand into the river bottom. The sand, he said, covers the natural gravel in the bottom of the river, which is necessary not only to aerate the water but used by native fish as spawning grounds. Aquatic insects, necessary to the delicate balance of the ecosystem, are smothered as well.

The sand is "smothering what are quite likely the state's most productive salmon and steelhead spawning grounds," according to Sheets.

Erosion, he maintains, is a huge problem not only in the Boyne River, but in waters all over northern Michigan. Not only do anglers and others create pressure along the banks, but road/stream crossings and cutting of plants and timber also eat away at the water's edge. With sandy roads crossing the river, hard rains wash sand off the road and into the water. Timber and plants at the riverbank normally provide natural stabilization; when those are removed or compromised, the natural protection from erosion they afford is eliminated.

The issue is not solely environmental, Sheets points out. Not only is the river and all it supports affected, but work to clean up and correct is costly to city, county, and state governments. "There is a monetary component," said Sheets. "It's a costly thing."

Efforts to correct the erosion problems have been a major thrust of the FOBR. The process, though, is not a simple one. First, said Sheets, the group undertook assessment of the problem, a long and tedious process. After the assessments, permits had to be obtained to do the work needed, which not only took time but money. The FOBR pitched in \$5,000, which was matched by \$5,000 from the Frey Foundation; that \$10,000 total was then matched by funds obtained through the Conservation Resource Alliance.

The funding, added Sheets, was in part made possible by connections the FOBR has made with larger undertakings

like the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Project (see related story on page 3). "Through the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Project, we were able to make partnerships with some people," he said. "These larger projects help. You get to talk, understand different problems."

While the four most severe sites will get the first attention, the stabilization project will be far-reaching; "many other sites are also going to be involved," said Sheets.

The group will work in conjunction with the Charlevoix County Road Commission, he said, for example, in replacing some too-small culverts that cause rain waters to back up and cover the road, creating more washout.

The goal of all this work is, of course, keeping the Boyne River and its tributaries in the best condition possible. "It's a [designated] Blue Ribbon Trout Stream," he said. "It's worth saving if you have one." The Boyne is "still good," he adds, but "if we don't become good stewards," it won't stay that way.

Stewardship, really, is what it's all about. "I'm not a tree-hugger," said Sheets, smiling. "But you can't be too cavalier about it. [The FOBR] is just common sense. Basic environmental knowledge and appreciation."

Another major project in the works is the Boyne Trail, which group members have been pursuing over the last year.

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CHECK IT OUT

A history of working together

By NANNETTE MILLER

Teamwork, partnership, collaboration, cooperation, network — these are the buzz words of today. The importance of learning to work as a team is stressed in schools because that is how the business of the world is conducted; or at least that is the ideal. As a graduate student commuting 180 miles for a full day of classes once a week, I came to detest group projects. They were so much work! We had to find the time to meet, work through all of the group dynamics involved in setting a common goal and ensuring the work is done, and most difficult of all, trust the other members of the group to do quality work.

I had to admit, albeit grudgingly, that the sum could be greater than the parts; that sometimes two heads, or five or ten, are better than one. I know the old adage, "Too many cooks spoil the broth," but I believe that is more likely the case when those cooks put their egos and personal agendas before the good of the broth, and work as independent chefs rather than a culinary team.

The point of all this is, the library is what it is today because of several very productive alliances, or partnerships, or collaborative efforts, or whatever you want to call them. It's interesting to me how many of these partnerships have come full circle.

For example, the library started as a combination school/public library back in 1913. That partnership

lasted until 1961 when the school moved its books to the new high school and the library had to close its doors. Now, with the renovation and expansion of the library, a partnership with Boyne City Public Schools has been resurrected.

Dana Compton, Tom Nagurka, and other members of the school technology committee recognized the importance of acting cooperatively for the benefit of the community. As a result, the library has a high speed, direct Internet connection that would not have been possible without the school partnership. The school also chose to use the same circulation and on-line catalog software as the library, which leads to further opportunities for resource sharing in the future.

I applaud those community leaders who can see the advantages of working together for positive change: who understand that the best interests of the community are served by teamwork and collaboration. We are happy to be working with the school once again, and want to thank those forward-thinking individuals who made this partnership possible.

A lesson that history teaches again and again and captured in this proverb by one of my favorite sources of wit and wisdom. Anonymous, is this: "In union there is strength."

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

LETTERS

Know the facts before passing judgement on superintendent

TO THE EDITOR:

Enough is enough! The cruel words and mean-spirited behavior toward my husband, Dana Compton, must stop. Phrases like "Send him packin' 200 miles down the road," "The guy can't be trusted, he should be fired," and "Compton wants out and my tax dollars are paying for it" ring continually in my ears. My family is truly suffering with this relentless persecution.

As a former school board member, a concerned parent, and as a person who has attended all school board meetings since the summer of 2000, I urge you to consider the following DOCUMENTED FACTS before passing judgment on Dana or my family.

Dana's superintendency in Boyne City began in July of 1999. However, the board asked him if he would attend several Juno meetings, an administrative retreat, and speak at Senior Citizen's Day. Though his contract did not begin until July and he had to take vacation days while still employed as superintendent in another school district, Dana granted the board's requests. He received no pay for this work with Boyne City Schools.

Untold violations existed in Boyne City Schools when Dana began his work as superintendent. Title Nine violations and an unlawful Building Trades program existed. Several thousands of dollars of computer equipment had been stolen. An uncertified teacher was teaching in the high school. A staff member, over several years, had double billed the district for thousands of dollars. The board was made aware of these violations upon their discovery. Though it would prove to be unpopular for Dana, documents prove that he corrected these issues in a fair and legal manner.

Before Dana's arrival, the board had approved a technology plan at an approximate cost of \$774,000 to the district. The approved plan went into action prior to Dana's arrival. After his arrival, Dana discovered that the technology plan was beyond the financial means of the district. To correct this matter, he obtained a low interest rate loan of approximately \$500,000 so as not to jeopardize the financial state of the district.

At the time of Dana's arrival, employee contracts throughout the district had not been settled. Dana was able to negotiate the contracts of all employee groups in the district without the use of attorneys. Only the final legal language of the contracts was recorded by an attorney. The district was able to save thousands of dollars in legal fees.

In September of 1999, an \$18.8 million bond issue passed for Boyne City Schools. Prior to the sale of the bonds, Dana discovered that they were listed as "Qualified" as opposed to "Unqualified." He immediately acted to have the bonds changed to "Unqualified." At the time of the sale of the bonds, A.G. Edwards (bond sales company) was struggling to get Boyne City Schools an excellent financial rating and, therefore, used Dana's financial record with Morenci Area Schools to help obtain the necessary rating. Combined, these facts provided the district with savings of well over ONE MILLION DOLLARS on its building project. The new high school project is currently on schedule and on budget.

Dana implemented two successful Early Retirement Incentive programs for the district. These programs allowed for new teachers in the schools while reducing operating costs.

Dana, with the assistance of the current interim high school principal and the Char-Em ISD, was able to move the Alternative Education program into a real school setting for the first time in September of 2000. This move improved the program and reduced operating costs. Updated computer equipment and instructional software was also added to the program.

Currently, the District Curriculum Council is being

restructured with district-wide curriculum mapping. For the first time ever, the Boyne City School System is North Central Association (NCA) accredited grades K-12. A District Marketing Committee and Key Communicator Group have also been established.

Dana is active and visible in the community. He regularly attended, and participated in, school events at all grade levels. In February of this year, Dana was featured on the PACE Educational Television Network as superintendent of Boyne City schools.

Dana did not receive a pay increase throughout his employment with Boyne City Schools. He was the ONLY employee in the entire school district that did not receive a pay increase the 2000-2001 school year.

Dana has repeatedly voiced concerns and documented information about the district's declining enrollment and future financial state. The board is aware of these concerns and has failed to act upon many recommendations.

In March of this year, Dana Compton resigned from his position as superintendent of Boyne City Schools. His resignation was to be effective at the end of his contract in June of 2002. The board unanimously accepted this. Last month, members of the board changed their minds and offered to buy-out Dana's contract so that his employment would end immediately. Dana NEVER requested that the district buy-out his contract. He had agreed to work until the end of his contract.

Dana's secretary stated, at the May 14, 2001 board meeting that she had been having "secret meetings and telephone conversations with members of the board." Her job description states that she is the executive assistant to the superintendent, not the executive assistant to the board. Her actions violated her contract and the personal trust Dana had placed with her.

In all workplaces, insubordination, absenteeism, and undermining your boss are grounds for termination of employment. The "permanent fixture" theory, stated by a board member about a district employee at the June 11, 2001 board meeting, does not exist.

The current board president is an uncertified board member and is in violation of board policy.

In March of this year, the board violated the Open Meetings Act. The District Freedom of Information Act Policy was also violated. In May, the board violated policy by conducting a "hearing" without cause.

The current board president, board members, and Dana's secretary have used thousands of district dollars, over the last nine months, on attorney fees related to allegations made by the board president.

Boyne City Schools has seen 14 high school principals and superintendents (includes interim positions) over the past 20 years. As of June 18, 2001, the district will have no superintendent and has only an interim high school principal.

Three of the four candidates elected to the Board on June 11, 2001 support the actions of Dana's secretary and/or the actions of the board (including the expenses of Dana's buy-out).

The Boyne City School System is not only buying-out a superintendent, it is losing two lifetime students and the state funds that they generate, the participation of these same two students in extra-curriculars, and a six member family of dedicated volunteers and supporters.

These statements are not allegations or hearsay. They are factual, backed with documentation. I am not airing "sour grapes" regarding Dana's employment termination with Boyne City Schools. I am, however, airing the facts so that my family can move on the past several months.

Life moves forward. It is my hope that the community and the school will soon recover from the actions of a few and move forward as well. The families and children of Boyne City certainly deserve this much.

Jill Compton

LETTERS

Clearing up misconceptions about Concord

TO THE EDITOR:

It has taken several years to get to the point that I feel the need to write this letter.

I have never been ostracized nor have my children, until our family made the decision to go to Concord Academy Boyne.

My husband and I made this decision when our daughter was entering kindergarten. She has been attending Concord for the past five years. Our second has been attending for three years and we will be sending our youngest in a few years.

First, I would like to clear up any misunderstanding that some of you may have about our school.

Many of you have overheard or have been given misinformation. Concord Academy Boyne (CAB) is a public school. It accepts everyone. We are neither misfits nor geniuses. It is not a religious school (although many of our families do attend church). Our students are exactly like any others. They struggle with school and life just like you and I. The difference is that their parents have chosen to send them to a school whose focus is arts, whose parents have chosen an environment for their children much like that of a family. And, a small one at that! CAB only has one kindergarten classroom, one first grade classroom, one second grade classroom and so on! It's pretty hard to get away with much! Much to the pleasure of the parents! I would like to personally invite anyone who is interested in or curious about CAB to visit.

We were very pleased when the charter school came to Boyne City. It gave us the opportunity to choose the best environment and learning opportunities for our children. Though it may not be right for everyone, it is right for our family. Life is about choices and this is ours. Our school is not taking away anything from Boyne City ... we have students not only from here but also Charlevoix, East Jordan, Alba, Boyne Falls and Ellsworth. We are not taking away from the school system we are enriching it by offering competition. With that we all get better and raise the bar of educational opportunities.

We have a loving and caring environment in our school. The teachers encourage and instill equality, cooperation and community at Concord. The teachers and administrators encourage their students to go out and make a difference, be involved and make a contribution to the place in which they live. CAB students recite their Concord Creed every morning, just after the Pledge of Allegiance. They are expected to follow this at school, home and in the community. Whether it comes from Concord, BC Public Schools or any other organization it is a great example for us all.

It states: "Concord means peace, harmony. Peace in the world begins with Concord in my world and that can only happen as I am honest, unselfish, generous, kind, forgiving, considerate, respectful, musical, artistic, creative and loving."

However, Concord has met with increasingly more resistance and less peace and harmony.

Somehow our students (children) are taking the brunt

of several unfortunate situations. They seem to be to blame for some of the problems that Boyne City has been experiencing. I overheard someone say that "If the charter school wasn't here we wouldn't be in this mess." We have had our share of setbacks like anyone else but it is unfair to say that Concord has in any way been involved in the unfortunate situation at Boyne City Public Schools.

My family has been in Boyne City for five generations. I love this town. I wanted my children to grow up here and enjoy the safety and closeness that I knew as a child. But I am disappointed to say that our town is not the same as it used to be. We have allowed all the trappings of life to get in the way of what is really important, God, family, community. It's time to put aside all the animosities and start rebuilding our community one parent and one child at a time.

It breaks my heart to see the town that I grew up in being torn apart by arguing and prejudices. What kind of example are we to others around us? I truly hope that BC Public Schools finds a way to overcome all of the adversity they are enduring right now. It is sad to see the school system in such a battle. No school is immune to problems, it's just Boyne City's unfortunate situation right now, it was Concord's a few years ago so let's remember that no school system is perfect. When so much energy and time is spent on fighting how much time and energy is left to the education of the children which should be the first concern.

Concord Academy doesn't want to be a threat to anyone, just educate in harmony with its neighbors. We all have the same goals for our children, Boyne City Public Schools and CAB! Can't we all just please put aside our differences, our hard feelings and rebuild this community? Isn't it hard enough to go through life without wasting energy and productivity on so much anger and hate? Can't we embrace each other's differences, let each of us be an example to our children. They will get along when parents do and stop being prejudiced against each other. Our children don't know that either school is "bad" or "wrong" until they hear us say so. Let each of our student bodies be proud of their schools, their choices and themselves, let's not instill still more hard feelings. Remember we are raising future adults here. Parents, we need to be role models not a part of the problem!

Let's put aside labels like "public school kid" and "Concord kid" as a reason to dislike or blame others. It's only the kids we are undermining.

Boyne City is a beautiful and safe environment for our children. Let's all start remembering how blessed we are to live here.

In ten years, all of the difficulties will be a distant memory. But, the seeds we sow now might not reap the harvest we hope for in our children and community. Boyne City, and our children and families, deserve more than this... what will you do? Will you encourage peace or prejudice? Together we're better ... for Boyne.

I, for one, hope to make a difference.

Truce ... Peace?

Cinda Shumaker

County needs a balanced stormwater board

TO THE EDITOR:

The Charlevoix County Stormwater Board of Appeals is meeting to review and amend the Charlevoix County Stormwater ordinance. Activities on construction sites have been identified as a leading cause of degradation and loss of fisheries and the source of stream, river and lake pollution. The Stormwater Board is comprised of a representative from the Charlevoix Road Commission (Jim Vanek), one County Commissioner (Shirley Roloff), the Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner (Jo Anne Beemon) and four persons appointed by the Charlevoix County Commissioners. The commissioners have appointed Jim Malewicz, an employee of Performance Engineering, Tom Irwin, resident of Emmet County and employee of H&D, and Jim Behling retired builder and current County Commissioner, to sit on this board. The County Commissioners are seeking one more board mem-

ber to fill a vacant seat.

The natural resources of Charlevoix County are the foundation of our quality of life, recreation and our economy. Growth must be managed wisely or we will kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. The majority of resource protection must be done at a local level. In order to create a workable and responsible ordinance, we need a balanced board. It is important that the Charlevoix County Commissioners appoint a conservation expert to advise the board on scientific protection of our lakes and streams and fisheries.

There will be a public hearing before the amended ordinance is adopted.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to call me Mondays at the Drain Commissioners office at 237-0107 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jo Anne Beemon

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with the river and Old City Park, on through past the Industrial Park and along the old railroad grade, continuing through to Boyne Mountain and Boyne Falls.

Through diligent work of several members, headed up by local resident Mike Sheehan, the project has already been granted an easement from the City of Boyne City along the Industrial Park, and is currently working with other area businesses and property owners in the hopes of mapping out the rest of the trail.

Charlevoix County and the City of Boyne City have already indicated their willingness to take over liability of the trail in their respective jurisdictions, as well as some upkeep.

Sheets said that FOBR is also hoping to have a few nature trail loops for foot traffic only created off the main trail, which is for foot and bike use. The trails, he said, can help the group's mission overall by helping to develop a "sense of awareness and then responsibility" for the area's natural resources, as well as provide another way to connect with other area communities.

Though those two major areas are taking up much of the Friends' time and resources, other ongoing projects are also being tackled all the time. The group continues to move forward

with its goal of eradicating the invasive, non-native Purple Loosestrife from the riverbanks, and also hosts various clean-up efforts around the area, throughout the year.

Education, too, is an important aspect of the FOBR mission, one they will continue to pursue and develop. The Department of Environmental Quality is currently performing testing to help determine whether a permanent site on the river is viable for the FOBR's Environmental Education Center. The building, a cabin once owned by Ernest Hemingway's niece, has already been donated and moved to a temporary site in Riverside Park. The intention, said Sheets, is to restore the cabin for use as a trail head and an educational center for students, as well as further develop the park area.

The group is currently assembling a library of educational books, and continues work monitoring water quality, compiling data they regularly send to the state.

In their spare time, the group also hopes to undertake an assessment of the wildlife in the Boyne Valley, including birds, plants, and trees, in an effort to "type" the environment. The project will likely take two or three years, but will be useful in knowing what exists so that "if it changes, we'll know what it was," and hopefully, pinpoint why. The goal, then, mak-

ing sure that if something gets destroyed or altered, "we'll know why. You have to have accountability," he said.

While the work list seems never-ending, Sheets points out that a major component of the group is, and always has been, to have fun. "It's always been our philosophy that we're supposed to be having fun and doing good," he said of the Friends, who besides their many projects also host cookouts and canoe and kayak river runs.

"Friends" groups are popping up all over, Sheets said, including local areas like Horton Creek and Stover Creek. "These are the grassroots organizations that see what's wrong at their back door," he said. "The DNR and DEQ are spread so thin," said Sheets, that organizations like this are necessary to keep things in good shape.

FOBR meets every second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Boyne District Library community room. The public is welcome to attend, and no membership is required for any of the group's events. All ages are welcome, said Sheets, as "everyone has something different to offer."

For more information, call Sheets at 582-5824.

Watershed Project looking at solutions to area water pollution

By AMANDA RUIS

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, along with many other area organizations, hosted a public forum in Boyne City on June 14 to inform the public about the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Project, which aims to correct water pollution problems in the area.

The Lake Charlevoix Watershed, one of northern Michigan's largest watersheds, covers approximately 335 square miles in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Oscego counties, and includes the municipalities of Boyne City, East Jordan, and Charlevoix, as well as the villages of Alba, Bay Shore, and Elmira.

Lake Charlevoix and its two main tributaries, the Jordan and Boyne rivers, are the main bodies of water in this watershed.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and its 24 partners in this project have been conducting inventories and surveys of the pollution levels in the watershed for the past three years. The report they compiled cites the specific activities which cause the most pollution and makes recommendations to reduce and correct these problems, which are threatening the water quality of Lake Charlevoix and its tributaries.

According to their report, the main sources of the pollution in the Lake Charlevoix Watershed are nonpoint sources, including stormwater drainage, lakeshore/streambank erosion, road/stream crossings, agricultural operations, and recreation.

The implementation phase of the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Project is expected to begin in late summer or early fall of this year, and will take about three years to complete. The project has already received funding from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and is in the process of requesting a grant under Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act, which appropriates money for watershed management.

Included in this phase will be restoration of eroded shoreline and streambanks, cleanup of seriously polluted areas, working with the road commission to restore and improve road/stream crossings, and educating landowners in the watershed about safe waste disposal and land protection, among other plans.

"Our work affects residents because we are trying to help protect and improve their water quality," said Tip of the Mitt's Ann Baughman. "We want everyone to know that it's not too late to get involved in this effort."

"There's a lot of work increasing awareness about what people can do on their own property to help out," she said. Some things residents can do to help are: make sure fertilizers and pesticides are used carefully; pick up after pets at a park or near the water; and maintain septic systems.

For more information about the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Project, contact Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at (231) 347-1181 or visit the website at www.watershedcouncil.org.

Compton

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things over, Compton put his pen to paper last week. Though he technically had until Tuesday, June 19, to back out of the agreement, by late last week, he was already thinking about the future.

"I have been looking both in the private and public sector," he said on Friday, noting that while there are numerous opportunities, right now, he just wants to "take some time to make decisions for myself and my family, not just for me personally. The most important thing is to put this behind the family."

Under the buyout agreement, the district will continue to pay Compton a salary through June of 2002.

Though the buyout will perhaps bring closure to Compton, the district will now begin the process of making some big decisions about its own future. According to school board president Marty Moody, while the district is in the process of "kicking around" what the next step will be,

an interim superintendent is likely in the offing. "I sincerely believe that what the entire board will agree to is an interim," Moody said. "As far as going out and looking [for a new superintendent] right now is not in the best interest of the board, to put a rush job on that."

And during the time that a search for a new superintendent is moving forward, said Moody, "everything is in place for the district to run fine with an interim," noting that The Christian Company and a steering committee are still overseeing the building project. As for the other ongoing school operations, he said, "we have a great administration at hand, a great staff at hand. They will continue to do everything they need to do."

Though the school board has scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, June 27, to discuss the proposed 2001-02 budget and the proposed use of Headlee underfunding settlement funds, the issue of a superintendent is not on the agenda.

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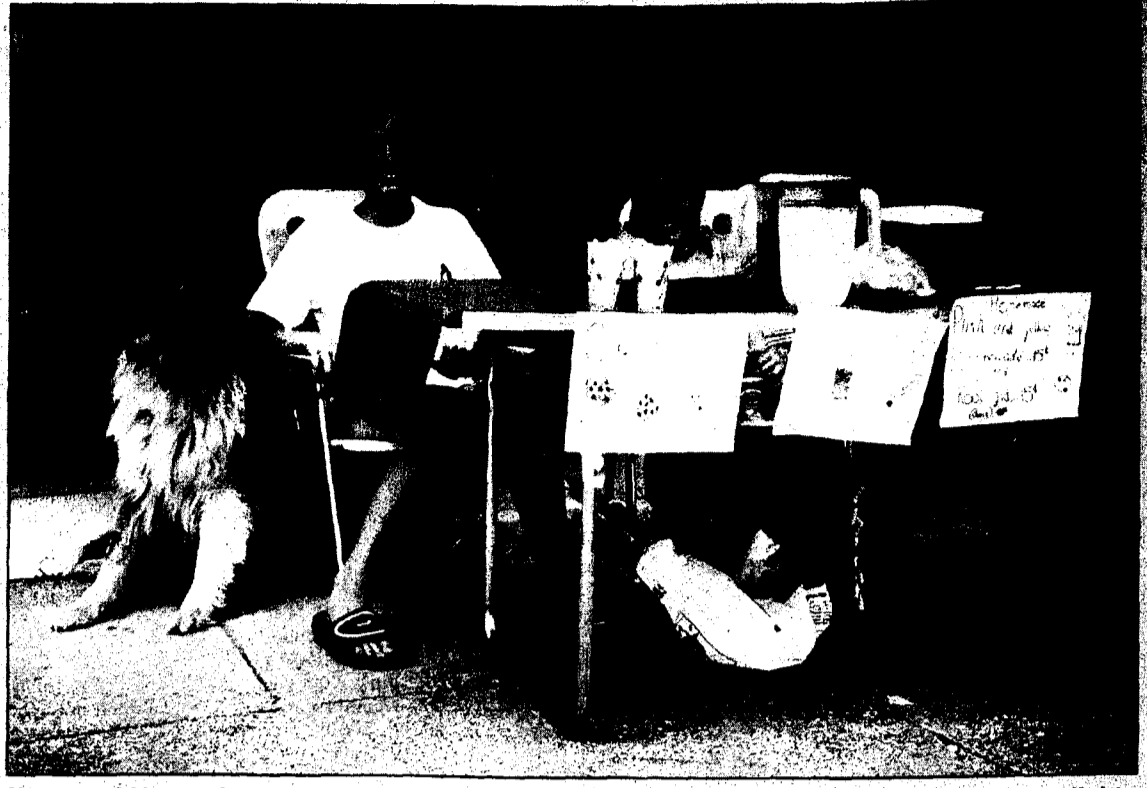
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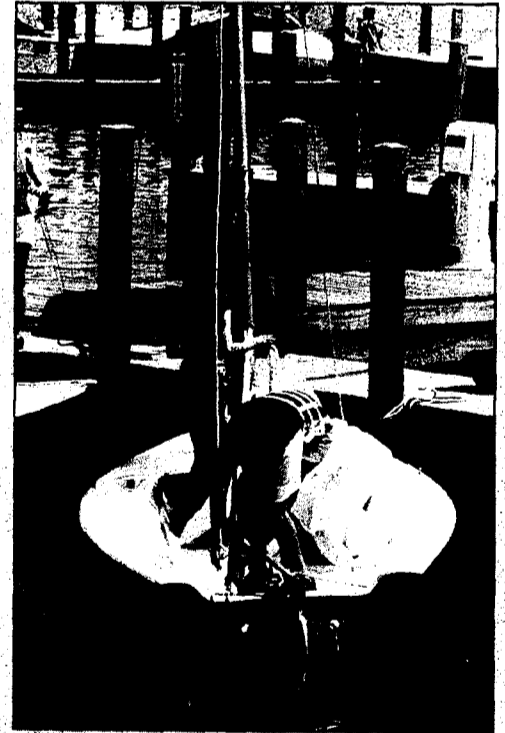
Former Boyne City resident Art Kraft caught this four and a half pound bass on Lake Charlevoix.



What could be cooler than a lemonade stand on a hot summer day? Boyne City's Kate Sweet, right, and visitor Sophia Ahlbrook of Texas set up shop on Water Street last week, along with canine pal, Haily.



Thanks to the Charlevoix County 4-H Sail School, area kids have an opportunity each summer to learn the ropes of sailing. Pictured above, students enjoy full sails on Lake Charlevoix, under the watchful eye of instructors. At right, students take care of their boats at the end of a lesson. The program runs sessions in Boyne City and Charlevoix for kids ages 8-18. For more information, call 582-6232.



Enjoying the water is the only way to go in northern Michigan, whether on it, in it, or just standing by and taking in the scenery. Lake Charlevoix offers plenty of summer pleasures for residents and visitors alike, including jet skiing, boating, fishing, swimming, or watching a spectacular sunset.



Waterfront is the focus of many area summer activities, like last week's block party in Boyne City.



Camp spots are increasingly hard to find as visitors and residents alike flock to area camping hot spots like the Tourist Park in East Jordan.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

PAT AND SALLY ROWE of Trenton and Dusty Rhodes and Jason spent the weekend here with mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Thorneta Rowe. Thorneta is excited too, over the June 15 birth of her newest granddaughter, Olivia Paige, born to Tony and Kelly Greenslade of Troy.

EDNA MAY of Boyne City was pleasantly surprised when an old friend, neighbor and former classmate, Einor Olstrom and wife Vivian of Okemos visited her this past week. Much reminiscing was done, as they had lived on adjoining farms, rode horses, the school bus, and graduated from East Jordan High School in the class of 1935. The Olstroms had also visited his sister, Elna Clute in Gaylord, before coming to Boyne.

HILDA JOHNECHECK of Greenwood, Ind. has returned to her home after spending several days visiting friends and family in the surrounding areas of Camp Daggett Road.

BOYNE CITY Police Officer Lee Cloyd and Chief Dennis Aimesbury of the Boyne City Fire Department, assisted by fireman Gary Cole, were guest speakers at Litzenger Place on Tuesday night, following their annual summer cookout, given by the staff. Officer Cloyd gave residents reassurance and a few safety tips, concerning last week's after-dark destruction to the hanging plants, torn up flower boxes, rose bush, scattering of birdhouses, and to the bicycle rack. Fire

Chief Aimesbury and Gary Cole went over fire precautions with the group, demonstrated new equipment, and showed a video on the reality of fire destruction of any home or apartment complex, noting precautions and correct procedures in maintaining safety, should it ever occur.

MOST ALL OF the family was in Boyne City over the weekend to celebrate Father's Day with their dad, Pete Cikalo.

ADELL HIBBARD of Boyne City, accompanied by Margaret Gould, joined her family in Big Rapids over the weekend, in attending the big beautiful wedding of her granddaughter, Eva Marie Rennick, daughter of Nancy and Don Rennick, to Nathan Truog.

GEORGE GOULD and family of Belta, Colo. and Bob Gould of Grand Junction, Colo. were in Boyne, when their dad, Nyle Gould, was in the hospital the first of June. Now at home and doing pretty well, Mr. Gould has been enjoying a lot of well-wishes of many who drop by.

THE BOYNE VALLEY Slim & Trim Club topped off their Wednesday meeting by going to Lester's, which is celebrating its first year of business in Boyne City. Even though it was a 90-degree day outside, all enjoyed the light cool comfort inside and the generous anniversary special of a BBQ chicken dinner.

LINDA AND JIM FELTON hosted a fam-

ily cookout on Sunday evening, honoring Father's Day. Attending were her parents, Fay and Jean Limron, their son, Mark, wife Dawn, and son Logan, and Michelle Felton. You can believe that there were plenty of "Favorite Things" for the entire group of the dads there!

EMILY AND MARVIN HOWE of Grand Rapids were Saturday overnight guests of Anne Jenkins in Boyne Falls. After the 90 degree temperatures of this area, Friday night's rain storm, which included fierce wind and fallen trees, Saturday's cooler weather made it perfect, as Anne and the Howe's joined the afternoon gathering honoring the 8th birthday of Marlena Kroush, daughter of Walter and Delores Kroush, and granddaughter of Marlene Groh. The ideal day and place was at the Boyne Falls Pavilion, by the pond. Happy Marlena received many nice gifts and all enjoyed the time of good food and just being together.

BRUCE AND NANCY KORTHASE of Boyne City hosted a family cookout on Sunday, combining a Father's Day and birthday celebration. Among the many Korthases attending was Bruce's father, Norval. The birthday celebrant was 4 year old Molly, Bruce and Nancy's daughter, who received many nice gifts. Lots of good food and kids running under the sprinkler made it an entirely good time.

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



Sprucing up
These middle school students pitched in to plant flowers recently in downtown Boyne City with the Kiwanis' Builders Club.

MSU EXTENSION NEWS

By SUE SHENK

4-H SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES! Contact the MSU Extension office for a listing of summer camp programs that are available for Charlevoix County youth at 582-6232.

4-H SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS are available in Charlevoix County. Summer sailing, tennis, and swimming will be available for youth in Charlevoix County this season. Flyers and registration materials were distributed through the schools. Registration is still open for all programs at this time as well as fall soccer. For more information contact the MSU Extension office at 582-6232.

TAKE A DAY ON! 4-H Youth from Charlevoix County took a day off from school for their community in Charlevoix County on May 22. Students met in the at Boyne City City Hall for a morning session of leadership and team building training. In the afternoon lunch was provided, as well as transportation to the Boyne City Food Pantry where students participated in a community service-learning project. Plans are already started for the 2002 Take A Day On at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

GARDENING PROBLEMS? Contact the MSU Extension office for information about soil testing. Two cups of soil are required from the garden area, placed in a clean container labeled with your name, address phone number, and what type of gardening you plan to do. Rod Cortright, Charlevoix County extension agent, will then interpret the results and pass the information on to the gardener. Cost is \$9. Also available is Master Gardener Janine Warner to answer your gardening questions. Contact the office at 582-6232.

THE COMMODITY Supplemental Food Program will be available to those Charlevoix County residents who qualify on Thursday, July 5, from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Boyne City Senior Center. MSU Extension provides educational materials and food samples made from commodity foods for participants. For more information contact Northwest Michigan human Services Agency at 347-9070.

FAIR TIME JUST AROUND THE CORNER. The dates for the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair are Aug. 18-26. Fair-books will be available through the MSU Extension office near the end of June.

(Sue Sherk is youth agent for MSU Extension.)

Raffle will benefit library endowment

Get ready for some fun this summer with the Boyne District Library Endowment Fund's Outdoor Adventures Raffle! By purchasing a raffle ticket for \$5 or five tickets for \$20, you can have a chance to win one of three adventure prizes.

Thanks to area business owners and individuals, said committee member Becky Brand, the Endowment Fund Committee is excited to offer the following prizes: a hot air balloon ride, four rounds of golf, and a fly-fishing trip.

Wildwood Balloon Adventures will take two passengers soaring high over the Boyne countryside in a colorful hot air balloon to enjoy spectacular views of the lakes and surrounding areas, at either sunrise or sunset. The flight will last approximately one hour and the prize includes a post-flight Champagne Celebration; this prize is valued at \$350.

Dunmaglas Golf Course is the setting for a picture-perfect 18 hole golf

outing for four people, including carts. Dunmaglas was rated as one of the top 50 upscale golf courses in America in 1997, and this package is valued at \$400.

And finally, Jim Howell will share his expertise in fly-fishing and his Mackenzie River Drift Boat for a truly adventurous half-day fly fishing trip for two on the Jordan River, including a riverside lunch. This prize is valued at \$200.

Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Boyne District Library Endowment Fund. Tickets are available at the Boyne District Library, Boyne Country Books, Cindifranco's, and Fire and Clay Pottery, and they will be available until July 7.

The drawing will be held July 14, at 1 p.m. in the community room of the Boyne District Library.

Ticket holders need not be present to win.

For more information, call Brand at 582-1853.

STUDENT NEWS

Boyne City High School student **ASUKA BARDEN** will attend the prestigious Interlochen Arts Camp this summer. Barden will study the flute.

Barden, a sophomore, has been playing the flute for five years, and studying privately under Grace Olsen for three.

Besides playing in the Boyne City High School concert and jazz band, she plays with the Traverse Youth Symphony and the Jordan Valley Community Band.

Barden has also attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, the University of Michigan All-State Camp, and has been a member of the District Honors Band.

She has attended District Solo and Ensemble since seventh grade, and has gone on to State Solo and Ensemble since ninth grade.

Just this year, Barden was nominated to audition for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Concerto Competition at CMU.

In addition, she spends time as a private teacher for beginning flutists.

The Interlochen Arts Camp offers intensive training in various areas of the arts to students ages 8 to 18, who come from all 50 states and more than 30 countries.

Throughout the summer, more than 500 events are presented by students, faculty, and staff, and distinguished guest artists who appear as part of the Interlochen Arts Festival.

KEVIN ALLEN VALLAD of Boyne City recently graduated as part of the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy 2000-2 in a ceremony held in Battle Creek.

Vallad was among the 78 cadets from 30 counties throughout Michigan to receive graduation diplomas from the 22-week, National Guard-sponsored educational program.

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy is open to any Michigan high school dropout or at-risk youth ages 16 to 18 years.

There is no cost to participate and no obligation to join the military.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Wednesday-Friday, June 20-22
The Wallon Lake Community Church will hold its Vacation Bible School from 6-8:30 p.m. at the church in Wallon. For more information, call the church at 535-2288.

CARE AND SHARE GOLF SCRAMBLE
Friday, June 22
The third annual Care and Share Food Pantry Golf Scramble will be held at the Mallard Golf Club in East Jordan. Prizes and food for one and all, with a four-person round of golf with cart at Dunmaglas Golf Course as the grand prize. Tee-off time is 11 a.m. The cost is \$120 for a four-person team. To register, call Kathy Reid at 536-7985.

ACTING UP THEATER
Tuesday, June 26
The Boyne District Library will kick off the 2001 Summer Reading program with a special presentation by Acting Up Theater Co. at 9:30 a.m. in the library's community room. All summer

reading participants and their families are invited to attend this event. Registration continues through June 30 for Reading Road Trip U.S.A. 2001. The free program is for all children pre-school through fourth grade. Information: 582-7861.

NMHS FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
Wednesday, June 27
Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) in Petoskey will hold its June food distributions under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) at the East Jordan VFW Hall, M-32 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information about the TEFAP program or other services offered by NMHSA please call the Petoskey office at 231-347-9070.

BOYNE CITY CLASS OF 1971
Saturday, June 30
The Boyne City High School Class of 1971 will hold its class reunion at the Tannery Saloon in Boyne City. For more information call 582-2129 or 582-6143.

BOYNE CITY FARMER'S MARKET
Wednesdays & Saturdays
The Boyne City Farmer's Market will be held from 8 a.m.-12 noon every Wednesday and Saturday from June 2 through Oct. 13 in Old City Park. Project Fresh vouchers (from WIC) are accepted by some vendors.

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.

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Every Monday & Thursday
The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the Health Center. Pickup or donation hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

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.

HUNTINGTON'S SUPPORT
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 caregivers. For information, call 536-0509.

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A newly-formed group for single, divorced or widowed individuals meets

every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Ansted's by the Lake in East Jordan. \$5 cover charge. For more information, call 536-9622.

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.

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.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE
Thursdays
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from

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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), 8 p.m.; Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m. The first Friday of each month, an "Open Speaker" meeting is open to family and friends.

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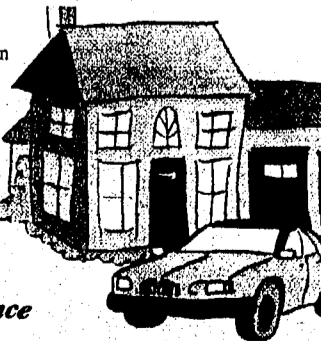
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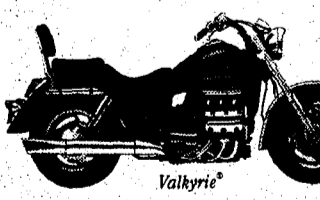
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 Memorial Park
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8-11 pm LIVE BAND - "WAGS & THE WILDMAN"
 Downtown - LINE DANCING

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SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2001

7:30-8:30 am REGISTRATION FOR TRIATHLON
 Tourist Park building (North past M-66/M-32 stop light)

9 am TRIATHLON
 (Swimming, Biking and Running)
 Ending on Main St. across from Fire Dept.
 Sponsored by: Bay Winds Federal Credit Union

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 Team - \$40/Registration deadline June 27
 City basketball courts (across from Walker Bldg.)
 Sponsored by: JVFF & E.J. Lions Club

9 am-6 pm 18TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW
 Memorial Park

10 am FOOD CONCESSIONS
 Spring Street next to Memorial Park

10 am-2 pm Par 1 - "CLOSEST TO THE PIN"
 Men's Ballfield across from Marty's Cones & Carnyous
 3 Balls \$1/FREE AREA GOLFING TO WINNERS

10:30 am REGISTRATION AND JUDGING FOR YOUTH PARADE
 Theme: "STORYBOOKS"
 Sportsmen's Park across from 4-Corner Market

11 am ARNOLD'S AMUSEMENTS
 Downtown
 Rides, Games & Concessions

YOUTH PARADE
 MC - Chip Hansen
 Parade route: Sportsmen's Park, over the bridge, turn left on Main to Esterly, turn left to Memorial Park. Refreshments and Awards to follow.

11 am-6 pm WALK-IN BINGO
 American Legion hall, Main St. next to Fire Hall.
 American Legion Women Auxiliary Unit #220
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Noon - CHICKEN BARBECUE
 til gone Outdoor patio at the Rainbow Bar & Grill
 1/2 proceeds to go to JVFF
 Sponsor: Rainbow Bar & Grill

12-3 ENTERTAINMENT ON STAGE
 Memorial Park

12:30-3 pm REGISTRATION & LINE UP FOR GRAND PARADE
 East Jordan Family Health Center Parking Lot
 Line up by: East Jordan Lions

1-4 pm EAST JORDAN PORTSIDE & HISTORICAL MUSEUM
 Elm Pointe - M-66 Hwy.

2 pm RUNT REGATTA
 16' and under sailing vessels. ATTN: SUNFISH ENTHUSIASTS. Good time for the young and old! Notice to expert sailors invited. For more info or to pre-register call: Roffinney at 536-3447 or the Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351.

2-4 pm ANNUAL ARTIST INVITATIONAL OPENING RECEPTION FOR LOCAL ARTISTS
 Jordan River Arts Council Building, Main St.

4 pm GRAND PARADE
 THEME: "HOLIDAYS ON PARADE"
 MC - TOM CLEMENS & TONY CUTLER
 GRAND MARSHALL-CAROL GALMORE
 Parade Route: West side of bridge to Main, down Main to DuSton, ending at Watson's Field

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 City Docks
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 Memorial Park
 Performance of bands entering Grand Parade

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 RAIN DATE - Sunday, July 1

SUNDAY, JULY 1

GEMINI LANES HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
 Stop in or call for details: 535-2411

E.J. LIONESS COW DROP
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 East Jordan Snowmobile Club
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1 pm 2ND ANNUAL JVFF HOBBY SHOW
 Sponsored by: East Jordan Chamber of Commerce

1-4 pm Annual Artist Invitational
 Jordan River Arts Council Building

JORDAN VALLEY FREEDOM FESTIVAL CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW
 JULY 13-14, MAIN STREET

FRIDAY, JULY 13
 5-9 pm JVFF CAR SHOW RECEPTION

SATURDAY, JULY 14
 8 am-Noon JVFF CAR SHOW
 Main Street

11 am-4 pm "FUNTOWN" BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 Live Band playing oldies from 1950-1970
 Noon-3 pm JVFF CAR SHOW
 Main Street

3 pm ANNUAL PRESENTATION

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The 4th is big news in Horton Bay

This July 4, Horton Bay will be home to HNN (Horton News Network) Headline News, giving you "all the news fit to parade." The annual parade festivities, with a newsworthy theme, will begin at 1 p.m.

Entries for the parade are invited, with stipulations only that the entries must be in good taste for the family event, and no commercial or serious political entries allowed.

Also, no motorized vehicles, including fire trucks, antique cars, and farm machines are allowed unless creatively decorated or towing entries.

Parade line-up is scheduled for 12 noon at the juncture of Horton Bay and Boyne City Roads.

Whether participating or just looking on, those involved can look forward to a "news extravaganza," assured that "neither sleet, nor pesti-

lence, nor famine, nor electrical disturbance, nor brownout, nor blackout, nor mudslinging, nor a lack of newsworthy stories, will prevent this newsworthy parade from fixing your news fix." Entry forms are available by contacting John or Debbie Rohe at 347-8853. Completed forms must be returned to the Rohe's at 438 E. Lake St., Petoskey, MI, 49770 on or before Friday, June 29.

Raven Hill to host felting workshops

Raven Hill Discovery Center will host a workshop all about felt during the week of June 25-29. Participants will learn how felt is made, make it themselves, and learn why the Mad Hatter went mad and what that has to do with felt.

The workshop will go into different aspects of felt making from the science principles involved to the actual creation of felt and felt products, emphasizing the interrelationships between history, science and art.

Felter Suzanne Puffaff, who was at Raven Hill in March showing stu-

dents how to make a felt pouch, will return with more insights into felt-making and opportunities to create felt objects. According to Raven Hill director Julie Burgess, high school and college students and teachers are especially encouraged to attend the week-long workshops, which are free thanks to grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Great Lakes Energy People Fund, Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, and many individuals.

Space permitting, the general pub-

lic is also invited to attend. Applications are required to attend the workshop, and can be obtained by contacting Raven Hill.

In addition to the week-long workshop, two short sessions are being offered. On Tuesday, June 26, parents can make felt teddy bears with their children from 6-9 p.m.; the cost is \$40 for each bear.

On Thursday, June 28 from 5-9 p.m. adults can learn the fine points of felt hat making; the charge is \$60.

For more information or an application, call 536-3369.

Boyne Rehab expands vestibular therapy

People suffering from chronic dizziness, light-headedness, spinning, tilting, nausea, headaches, ringing in the ears and double vision may find relief from Vestibular Rehabilitation, or Vertigo Therapy.

Boyne Rehabilitation Center in Boyne City is expanding its Vestibular Rehabilitation Program. The center has been treating patients with vertigo problems or vestibular disorders since 1997. The program is so successful, and the need so great in the community, that now the entire staff at the center has been formally trained in Vestibular Rehabilitation.

"Recently, the entire staff has been formally trained in Vestibular Rehabilitation, allowing the center to provide the community with one of the finest Vertigo Rehabilitation programs in Michigan," said Cindy Banner, director of Boyne Rehabilitation Center.

Research shows that Physical Therapy has been very beneficial in treating patients suffering from problems including Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV), a common problem causing vertigo, and Labyrinthitis or Vestibular Neuritis, often experienced after a person has an inner ear infection, said Banner. Meniere's Syndrome and Perilymph

Fistula are other common types of vestibular diagnoses that have responded well to Physical Therapy, Banner said.

"The common signs and symptoms of vestibular problems may interfere with your ability to perform daily activities or work," Banner said.

By undergoing Vestibular Rehabilitation, patients often feel complete, or nearly complete, relief of their dizzy symptoms.

"The average person experiencing vertigo problems is seen for two to three treatment sessions, which last about 30 to 60 minutes," Banner said. "Patients who demonstrate significant balance problems occasionally will require Physical Therapy two or three

times a week for one month."

Rehabilitation often includes therapeutic exercises such as eye and head coordination, habituation, walking programs, balance retraining to improve motor coordination and sensory organization, and particle repositioning maneuvers.

Patients are given a home program, which includes three or four exercises and a walking regiment when appropriate, Banner said.

For more information about treatment to overcome vertigo, contact Cindy Banner at the Boyne Rehabilitation Center at 582-6365, or the Physical Rehabilitation Department at Charlevoix Area Hospital at 547-8630.

COLLEGE NEWS

On May 12, COLLEEN T. CHAPOTON graduated summa cum laude from Albion College, receiving a Bachelor's degree in biology with a concentration in secondary education program.

The honor of summa cum laude is given to students who maintain a grade point average of 3.8 or more out of a possible 4.0, throughout their entire college career. Chapoton was one of only 44 students in a graduating class of more than 300 to achieve this rank.

Chapoton is the daughter of Eustace Chapoton and Margaret Myers, both of Boyne City. She is a graduate of Boyne City High School.

NEWS FROM CITY HALL

By-SUE HOBBS

THE CITY COMMISSIONERS and staff hosted the City of Elk Rapids for Mayor Exchange on Thursday, May 31. This event was very worthwhile in the sharing of information and ideas with their city. Thanks to many local businesses for their donations and kindness during the tour. The representatives from Elk Rapids expressed appreciation for the hospitality shown to them in Boyne City. The citizens and business owners in Boyne City have once again proven that our people are our biggest asset.

I KNOW this sounds nagging, but again I have been asked to bring up the subject of cleaning up after your dogs in the parks. We are again getting many complaints especially about Tannery Park. Calls have been coming in about the mess at this park along with the odor. This is a great place to take your dog for a swim, but everyone must be responsible for their pet. City Dog Ordinance A-9 provides for a \$75 fine for failure to clean up after your pet.

THANK YOU, again this year, to the Boyne Valley Garden Club. The hard work this group does each year continues to amaze me. If you want to enjoy a beautiful sight, drive into the circle drive in front of city hall and look at the roses they have planted. Can you imagine the bridge without the flower boxes, the building at the mouth of the river, the wastewater plant, Old City Park, and numerous other places in

the city without the flowers planted by the Garden Club? Let's not take this for granted. We need to support their group and help whenever and wherever we can.

ZONING PERMITS issued since May 1 are: Par T Pac, 123 North Park Street, enlarge second-story; Gary Dunlop, 712 Maple St., addition; Gil Redmer, Sr., 1020 LacVue Dr., new residence; Mike Gabos, 470 North Lake St., commercial building; Fred Stutzman, 102 West Michigan Ave., second story addition; Kerry Hocquard, 319 Ann St., deck; Richard Kuhs, 865 Deer Run Court, new dwelling; Richard Post, 1303 Charlevoix St., addition to residence; Gary Evans, 607 South Park St., addition/remodel; Werner Feyher, 856 Deer Run Dr., new dwelling; Bill Kuhn, 468 East Division St., new dwelling; Melvin Sweet, 128 Silver St., deck; Sheri Joles, 1129 Nordic Dr., new dwelling.

PAVING IS underway at the Industrial Park with installation of the base course. The street crew is busy hauling dirt away from Peninsula Beach and cleaning up after the dredging operation. It is planned to have power back on at the restrooms in the park before the 4th of July. In conjunction with the cleanup, two beach volleyball courts will be installed in that area.

(Sue Hobbs is the city clerk/assistant city manager for the City of Boyne City.)

EJ car wash to benefit middle school trip to Washington D.C.

Eighth-graders from East Jordan Middle School will hold a car wash and pop bottle drive on Saturday, June 23, at the East Jordan Market.

The event will run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., with all proceeds to help finance the annual eighth grade trip to Washington D.C.

For more information, call 536-2823.

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CLUB NEWS

Friendship Club

The Boyne City Friendship Club will meet on Monday, June 25, at 12 noon at the Boyne City Hall Auditorium. Anyone over 50 years of age is welcome to come and bring a dish to pass.

BC Running Club

Has the running boom of the early 80s returned to northern Michigan? A small group in Boyne City is hoping that the recent increased interest will support a running club.

The club is interested in promoting running in the area at all levels, and, said member Andy Place, a

group can be a big help getting people started as well as giving the experienced runner a challenge.

The yet-to-be-named group will be meeting at the Boyne City High School track on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Cars can be parked at the elementary school so as to avoid construction at the new high school. For more information, call Place at 582-9700 or Eric Leaman at 582-5517.

For those in the East Jordan area, East Jordan also has a running club, which meets Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at the East Jordan High School track at 7 p.m. For more information, call Dennis Snarey, Matt Petersen, or Steve Middaugh.

BCHS alumni invited to all-class reunion

The second annual Boyne City High School All-Class reunion will be held on Tuesday, July 3, beginning at 1 p.m. at the pavilion in Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City.

The event, which was first held many years ago and rekindled last year by a small group of alumni, had about 100 classmates show up last year, to register, catch up with old friends, and make some new ones.

According to one of the event's organizers, Gloria Anderson, class members from 1936 to 2000 and many years in between were present. "We were very pleased with the turnout,"

she said, noting that the fact that the event is very casual adds to the appeal. "It was fun. People from classes in the 30s and 40s [were able to] visit with younger graduates."

Though there are no planned activities, tables will be set up by year for alumni to register, and refreshments will be served.

All Boyne City High School classmates are invited to attend. "Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy many hours of 'classmating,'" said Anderson. For more information about this year's reunion, or future plans, call Anderson at 582-7771.

SEE-North offers middle school trip

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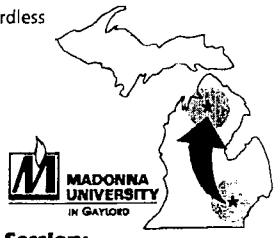
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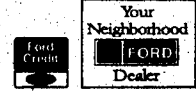
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BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES June 12, 2001, 7 p.m. meeting - The City Commission appointed Jack McLeod and Vicki Stenden to the Boyne City Planning Commission; awarded three construction bids: Court Street Water Main Project to C.H. Smith Company, North Park Street Reconstruction Project to Glawe, Inc. of Alpena, and sidewalk improvements to Louis Drapeau Concrete, Inc.; authorized a parcel reconfiguration at 970 East Diverse Street (Van Dam Marine Company); and approved a liquor license transfer from The Bear Inc.; James W. Boyd, Trustee to Boyne River Inn, Inc.

CITY OF EAST JORDAN ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The DDA of East Jordan will accept bids from realtors to market and advertise the properties commonly known as the Bernier Building located at 103 Mill Street, East Jordan and the Dalquist Building located at 104 Main Street, East Jordan until 2 p.m., Friday, June 29, 2001. Sealed bids may be submitted to City Hall, 201 Main Street, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727. Mark on the envelope "DDA." The DDA reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids to make bid award in the best interest of the DDA.

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Leaving the bench

■ After seven successful years as BC head basketball coach, Kevin Fitzpatrick hangs it up

If there's one thing Boyne City boys basketball coach Kevin Fitzpatrick has always focused on, it's the kids.

That emphasis will surely be missed, as Fitzpatrick recently decided that he would not return for an eighth year as head coach for the Ramblers' varsity squad.

"Kevin is an outstanding role model for kids," said Boyne City High School athletic director Steve Beyer. "[For Fitzpatrick] it's not about wins and losses, it's about developing young men into quality human beings. His curriculum was basketball."

Coaches, Beyer said, "don't come along like that every day." True to form, Fitzpatrick said the thing he'll miss most is, of course, the kids. "My whole intent was being there for the kids," he said. "I met a lot of outstanding young men."

At the end of this most recent season, though, Fitzpatrick took stock, as usual, of his coaching experiences. "It's an ongoing decision process," he said. "Every year at the end of the season, [I've] evaluated that, what's best going forward."

What he's leaving behind is 11 years of experience and working with the players he cared about. Head varsity coach for seven years, and varsity assistant coach for four years, Fitzpatrick saw plenty of ups and downs. Through the 90s, though, he said, the team "had quite a bit of success," winning six of 10 district championships. "We had a pretty nice little run," he said.

More important than what he'll miss though, is what he was able to contribute in his years at the helm. "Hopefully, I was able to make a positive difference," he said, "and positively influenced kids lives."

"It wasn't about basketball for me," he said. "We could have got a lot more wins. But basketball is not the end, it's simply the means."

This year, with a new, more demanding job and a new baby added to the family, coaching became a little tougher to juggle with other responsibilities. Not that his family wants him to quit; ironically, they'd rather he kept coaching. "His family absolutely loves him coaching," said Beyer, a fact that Fitzpatrick readily confirms.

But other pressures also led to his decision to step down, including, he said, administrative changes that took away his having the final word in which and how many students made the team.

"The most important decision [a coach has to make] has no longer been entrusted to me," he said.

Though Fitzpatrick actually resigned earlier this year, according to Beyer, he chose not to make a big announcement, in order to go out "with not a lot of fanfare." That choice, said Beyer, "speaks to how much Kevin cared about kids. He wanted the kids to be the primary focus of what we're doing. That's why I enjoyed working with Kevin. It's easy to say [that the kids come first], but he lived it."

While the decision was a hard one, Fitzpatrick believes it was the right one for himself and his family right now. "It's hard to step away," he said, noting that, if the time was right, he might "step back one day. I'll leave that door open."

AS FOR FINDING a replacement for Fitzpatrick, Beyer said the school is "exploring all options. We have some people who are interested. We're trying to bring that process to closure as fast as we can, [but] we want to make sure we make the right decision."

In the meantime, he said, some former and current coaches, including Jim Brown, Scott Hausler, Tom Sweet, and Mark Ameel, are making sure the summer programs continue, including basketball camps for high school team members as well as for the younger players.

Bill Korthase joins board of North Country Bank

Bill Korthase, a long-time resident of Charlevoix County and President of Korthase Insurance & Financial Services in Boyne City, has been named to the North Country Bank and Trust Community Directors board.

Korthase joins eight other local executives from lower northern Michigan who provide community input and assist the bank in communicating to the public.

"North Country Bank's philosophy is very appealing to me," said Korthase. "They look at more than someone's financial situation when they consider making a loan. They look at what someone has done and their general character. That's part of their decision-making process, and that eliminates the three- or four-week waiting time many banks demand to make a decision."

Korthase grew up on a farm along Korthase Road. He attended Boyne City High School and North Central Michigan College.

His independent insurance agency employs 26 people in three offices (Boyne City, East Jordan and Petoskey), including specialists in personal insurance, commercial in-

surance, employee benefits and financial services.

He and his wife, Debbie, reside in Boyne City.

"We're proud to have Bill serve on our Community Directors Board," said Ronald G. Ford, chairman and chief executive officer. "Bill is trusted by many people in Charlevoix and Emmet counties and we know he will be a good public ambassador for our bank."

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Local design agency receives MAX award

Nickel Design, a full-service graphic design, advertising and marketing agency, received a MAX Award from the Northern Michigan Advertising Club at its 17th Annual Awards Banquet held on Friday, May 18.

This first place award was presented for the creation of The Inn at Bay Harbor brochure. Judging is based on a clearly defined, equitable point system ranking concept, creativity and execution.

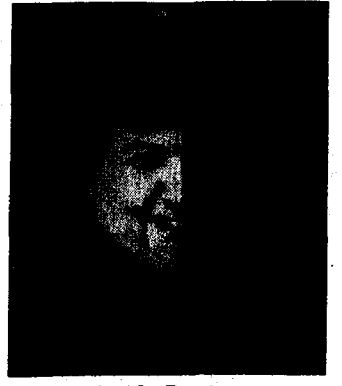
The judges, from outside the Northern Michigan market, represented a cross section of advertising areas.

The MAX Award received by Nickel Design was presented in the Print Pieces Brochure, 4 Plus Color category. This is the eighth Northern Michigan Advertising Club award received by Nickel Design in the last five years.

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Local resident promoted at Huntington Bank

Angie Paxton has been promoted to Staff Officer in the Boyne City Huntington Banking Office, where her responsibilities include being an investment representative and insurance coordinator. Paxton's previous experience with Huntington included a customer service representative in the Manistee office, and most recently



Angie Paxton

a personal banker in the Bellaire office.

In addition to her banking responsibilities, Paxton serves as secretary/treasurer for Faith And Family Ministries and is on the Lee/Tokoly selection committee.

She earned her associate of arts degree from West Shore Community College and resides in Mancelona with her family.

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CITY OF BOYNE CITY MARVIN LODING COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS

The City is accepting nominations for the annual Marvin Loding Community Pride Award. This award, established in 1986, honors Marvin Loding, alderman on the City's Common Council before adoption of the City Charter, mayor pro-tem of the first City Commission in 1960, Boyne City Commission Mayor, Planning Commissioner, Commissioner on the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, Commission on Aging, and an active citizen in the development of many city services and com-

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