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## at a GLANCE

### "Michigan Chillers" author to visit Boyne District Library

Johnathon Rand, author of the "super-popular" Michigan Chillers" books, will make a special visit to the Boyne District Library on July 18, at 7 p.m. during "Read Across America" month, where kids can meet the author and check out his latest book, "Ghost in the Graveyard."

Rand's books are geared towards kids ages 8-12, and have developed a following that expands far beyond the state of Michigan. Audio-Craft Publishing, Inc., ships approximately 200 books per week to states as far away as California.

The Boyne District Library is located at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City. For more information call the library at 582-7861.

### Boyne hoops camp is July 23-25

The annual Boyne City Hoops Camp for third, fourth and fifth grade girls will be held July 23-25 at Boyne City Middle School, from 6-8 p.m. each day.

The cost to register is \$30, which includes a T-shirt and a basketball. Registration will be held on Monday, July 23, at 5:45 p.m. For more information, call coach Michelle Deming at 582-1140.

### 4-H soccer travel team in need of players

The Boyne Area 4-H Soccer program is still accepting registration forms for its boys and girls fall travel teams.

The season will begin the first weekend after Labor Day, and run for six weeks. Any player aged 10-16 can sign up. The deadline is Aug. 1.

Players from anywhere in the Boyne area, including East Jordan and Boyne Falls, are welcome to play. For more information, call Nick Baic at 535-2718.

### JRAC hosting theatre junket

The Jordan River Arts Council will conduct its third annual Stratford Theatre Junket, to be held the weekend of Sept. 28-30.

Participants this year will travel by motor coach to Stratford, Ontario, Canada, and can select up to three performances to attend.

Those attending will also have the opportunity to enjoy the shopping district and variety of restaurants offered in Stratford.

The motor coach will leave East Jordan on Friday, Sept. 28, at 4:30 p.m. and return at about midnight on Sunday. The cost is \$52.50 for transportation, \$41 per theatre ticket, and \$55 per night lodging. All funds are US dollars, and the lodging is based on double occupancy.

For more information or to sign up, call Barb Worgess at 536-2092.



Molly Bricker grins amidst a sea of school children during her trip to Ghana this spring as a volunteer.

## BOYNE'S MOLLY BRICKER WAS BOTH TEACHER & STUDENT IN GHANA

# Lessons from a world away

By ANGELA SHULTIS

At a time when many college-age students were cramming for finals or enjoying their first taste of summer freedom, Boyne City's Molly Bricker was half a world away in Ghana, West Africa, learning lessons she likely never would sitting in a classroom.

"I've always wanted to join the Peace Corps," said Bricker, adding that, unfortunately, she doesn't yet have the four-year degree necessary to do so. She wasn't going to let that stop her, though, from acting on her desire to travel and learn a little more about the world outside of northern Michigan, so she began to search on the Internet for an organization which might assist her in her goal.

After finding Cross-Cultural Solutions in January, she made her application, which included an interest inventory in order to evaluate where she'd be most useful, along with other paperwork and necessary vaccinations. She then took on the task of pulling together the funds she'd need for transportation and room and board, and by May, she was on her way to Ghana.

Bricker spent six weeks, mid-May to late June, living in the village of Akatsi, where she taught songs and dances, art, math, science, and English to children at the Holy Childhood Preparatory School. "My primary motivation for participating in this program was to have the chance to put a new idea in a child's mind, to help a woman become more independent, or to see a smile indicating that I was able to help provide a better life for the people of Ghana," said Bricker. "It was so wonderful."

"I especially liked participating in drumming and dancing groups," she said. "I'll always remember the people, so friendly and welcoming, and the smiling children calling out 'Sister Molly', 'Sister Molly.'"

Living in one of the Cross-Cultural Solutions three compounds in Ghana, Bricker rose at about 6 a.m. each morning, to shower in the bamboo stall where the ever-present lizards common to the area kept her com-

pany. Awakening was never a problem, she said, as the rural village's many roosters concluded any need for an alarm clock.

By 8 a.m., she headed out for the daily walk to the school, which, she said, took quite a bit longer than it should, with the number of folks who would want to stop and visit along the way. "It took about 40 minutes, when at an American pace, it would have taken about 25 minutes," she said.

At the school, she worked with students in various subjects, and spent a lot of time teaching songs and dances, something, she laughs, the teachers seemed to be really interested in. The language barrier was there, she said, noting that local folks speak a language called Ewe, and while the children did know some English, it was necessary for Bricker to learn some of their language as well. "It was essential in order to communicate, especially with some of the older people who hadn't gone to school," she said.

Teaching students would last until about 2 p.m., after which she'd return to the compound to eat lunch, and spend the rest of the day getting to know both her fellow volunteers and the local village residents.

Getting to know the local folks, Bricker discovered, didn't take long. "I didn't know what to expect," she said, upon first arriving in Ghana. Formerly known as the Gold Coast, most of the foreigners who originally arrived there were either there for the gold trade or as slave traders. Because of those painful historical facts, Bricker said she wasn't sure how welcome they would be. But, she found, the people "were incredible. Even though many didn't go to school, they were so open-minded. It's all about equality there."

Ghanaians would approach her and other volunteers, she said, and introduce themselves. "They'd say 'I want to be your friend,'" said Bricker. "I was delighted to see how welcoming they were." That nature

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## EJ Commission bans scooters and more from city sidewalks

The East Jordan City Commission voted last week to add scooters, roller blades, and skateboards to the ordinance that currently bans bicycle riding on sidewalks in the City.

The amended section of the ordinance, which originally only addressed bicycles, now reads "It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle, scooter, roller blades or skateboards upon any of the sidewalks or prohibited areas so signed within the corporate limits of the city, not designated as a bicycle route by the city commission."

According to city administrator David White, the measure came after requests from local merchants and citizens who had witnessed or experienced "near misses" involving the objects in question.

In other business, White advised the commission in his written administrators report, that a pre-construction meeting for the Main Street project was held, with work to begin July 16. The project, which will in-

clude new water and sewer lines, sidewalks, streetlights, and parking along the west side of Main Street from Garfield to Division, is expected to be completed by Oct. 1. One lane traffic will be maintained during the construction. "This improvement is long overdue and will change the total complexion of Main Street," said White in his report.

White also reported to the commission that the work at Community Park is about two and a half weeks behind schedule, due to a wait for parts on order for the irrigation system. Work on the soccer fields and ball fields continues, and seeding the fields should take place soon. Originally scheduled to open in August, according to White, the City is now looking at September for a possible opening date.

To update the commission on the status of recent fire department issues, White also reported that on June 27,

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## In the spirit

Nothing is a finer example of Boyne City's "Hometown Feel, Small Town Appeal," than the annual Fourth of July Parade and festivities. This year, sunshine and clear skies prevailed, making the day one to remember. For more photos, see page 4.

# OPINION

## LETTERS

### Getting the facts straight about new playground

TO THE EDITOR:

As the general chairperson of an all-volunteer group of friends and neighbors working to bring a beautiful new community built playground to Boyne City, a playground our children, families and guests to Boyne City can be proud of, I would like to address some questions of concern, and what appear to be issues of miscommunication.

First, the proposed playground to be built Sept. 19-23 is approximately 11,000 square feet. This square footage is no more space than the present antiquated play area is. The new playground will better utilize the space, with state of the art quality, age appropriate, and code and safety concerns exceeded.

Second, is the issue of the pressure-treated lumber. The company the committee chose to work with is Leathers and Associates, a highly reputable company out of Ithaca, New York. Leathers has helped local communities build over 2,000 of these playscapes across the country. The extremely high standards and specifications demanded by Leathers helps to alleviate many safety concerns. Leathers playgrounds are not the ones getting the bad press! The pressure-treating process used in Leathers Playscapes is different than the ones making the news lately. The lumber is kiln dried, pressure treated then as an extra measure kiln dried again. This additional process eradicates any extra toxic residues, ending in a much safer product for our children. Additionally, all major contact surfaces our children will be touching will be recycled wood/plastics. (For more detailed information on this issue please call me.)

Third, the committee is searching high and low for local businesses to provide the materials needed to build this playscape, attempting to get as much donated as possible. Any materials we must purchase will be purchased locally as long as we can meet Leathers specifications. We have had several very generous donation offers but because of our contract with Leathers and their specifications (safety and liability issues) we are not able to accept.

Fourth, the location. Being involved in a community project of this scale, we know we will never make everyone happy (wish we could). Veteran's Memorial Park, in most all discussions, repeatedly comes up as the best-suited location for this playscape. The best-lit park, best access, and best benefit to downtown businesses, next to the police, city hall, EMS and sheer numbers of usage.

We are well on our way to meeting our goal of \$120,000 to build this marvelous playground; we need everyone's support. You can make a donation, buy a picket, buy a raffle ticket to win the sample playhouse, sponsor a component or just volunteer to help on one of the committees. We are now meeting most every Wednesday at the Dilworth at 7 p.m. Please join us and be a part of this grand project.

The committee truly hopes any differences, issues or concerns over this wonderful community project can be overcome. We hope to have the support of the entire community. The stories of these projects in other communities are amazing in the way they bring whole communities together in a common cause. We aren't just building a playground we are building and strengthening a whole community!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at 582-0486.

Scott MacKenzie

## BCPS update

The following is a construction update for the Boyne City Public Schools, provided by The Christman Company:

At the new high school, floors are being poured in the auditorium and gymnasium, and the bearing walls of the auditorium are nearing completion. The colored veneer block is going up on the south and east walls of the classroom wing. The roof over the locker rooms off the gym have been completed, and things are continuing to take shape.

At the existing high school, site work has started on the northeast end of the building, where the soccer fields/playground area will be located. The interior demolition is almost complete, and things are beginning to be put back together in places. Mechanical and electrical rough-ins are well underway. Floor prep for carpet and tile is scheduled to start in a week, with installation of the flooring to begin Aug. 1.

At the current elementary school, the portable classrooms have been removed from the site and the clean-up has started for the paving of the parents/visitors drop-off and parking lot.

See Dick...



See Dick run...



Run, Dick, run!



See the media...



## LETTERS

### Hard work of many made this year's Fourth of July festival 'spectacular'

TO THE EDITOR:

Boyne City's 4th of July Festival committee would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all those who have made this year's festival so spectacular.

First of all, to Boyne City's fire and ambulance crews, city workers, police department and Charlevoix County Sheriff Department, and their families who graciously give up their 4th of July together, because these devoted people work from 6 a.m. to midnight so that everyone is assured a safe and fun festival.

A thank you to all those who donated to the various fund-raisers, those who "adopted their favorite fireworks," the Fireman's Auxiliary Canisters and to the sponsors Eta Nu Sorority and Great Lakes Energy for their Silver Sponsorship. To Boyne City's Rotary Club, Bank One, Old Kent Bank, and Boyne Falls Polish Festival for their gracious Bronze Sponsorship.

A kind appreciation to businesses that have donated various acts of kindness, supplies and services: Charlevoix County Transit, Frank's Towing, Boyne USA, Great Lakes Motor Works, Top Rank, Glen's, Northland Tobacco, Litzburger Place, Ralph Gillett, Tim Arner, Thick N' Juicy, One Water Street, and Boyne City Rotary. A special thank you to Boyne Valley Lions who very successfully manned the fireworks safety area and to Clinton River Ski Club who volunteers year after year where help is needed.

To all of the participants in the Grand Parade, the Independence Day race, the decorated bike contest, the soap

box derby, and the Boyne City's Yacht Club Parade of Boats, a special thank you because without your participation and hard work, our festival would be very dull.

A sincere appreciation to those involved with the All Class Reunion, Waterfront Revival and the community church service prior to the parade. With an estimated 600 people attending this year, we hope to see it become a permanent addition.

Finally, but most important, THANK YOU TO EVERY SINGLE VOLUNTEER. There are close to 10 unselfish fun-seekers who meet five months a year, to plan and execute the best festival that northern Michigan can be very proud of. There's an additional 50 other people that fill in where needed. For those that wish to complain, we do desperately need volunteers. It is essential to recruit new volunteers for 2002, so step up, and be involved in a fun committee that brings so much pleasure to people of all ages.

If you enjoyed yourself and would like to help to pay for that fun, then please send a check to P.O. Box 407, Boyne City, MI 49712. Help us start 2002 off with a BANG!

It's been estimated that close to 15,000 people come to Boyne City to see what can be done by a small community of 3,500 full-time residents. All the volunteers deserve every "oohh and ahhh" that is heartfelt by all the spectators of Boyne City's 4th of July Festival! You are the ones that make our job so very easy and so much fun.

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

## A CLOSER LOOK

### Following simple rules will keep the rage at bay

By AMANDA RUIS

Yes, I admit it, I have a bad case of the dreaded "road rage."

It seems to be a popular phrase lately, though, so I am sure I'm not the only one dealing with this affliction.

However, today I began thinking, is road rage the true affliction, or is it people who don't know how to drive?

I mean, seriously, if everyone followed the same driving courtesy rules that I learned in driver's ed, I don't think road rage would be an issue.

For example, I really do get frustrated when the Cadillac with Florida plates in front of me refuses to drive faster than 43 miles per hour, and I am trying to get to work on time.

Another thing that annoys me is when people slam on their brakes in front of me and make a left turn without using their turn signal. If I'm not mistaken, it is against the law to fail to use your turn signal, not to mention rude.

Of course, the best ones are when they slam on the brakes in front of me to make a left turn, and not only do they not use their turn signal, but they have no brake lights. Here's a suggestion: to avoid being rear-ended, make sure your brake lights work.

However, these things are minor compared to my biggest pet peeve of all time.

I attend Grand Valley State University, so I have often made the trip to Grand Rapids down US-131, which is where I run into my pet peeve most often.

It's simple, really. If you are driving in the right lane, and you want to pass the person in front of you, move into the left lane and pass them, and then get back over.

Now, most people can figure that out on their own, but some people do not realize that in order to pass someone, you have to be going faster than the person you are passing. It will not work if you are driving next to them at exactly the same speed.

To me, there is no greater sin than you could commit on the road (other than drunk driving) than driving at almost exactly the same speed as the person next to you, and in doing so, preventing anyone else from being able to pass you.

I find that semis are the most likely to pull this stunt. If the semi in the right lane is going 65 miles per hour, the semi behind him will pass him at 66 miles per hour. Will the insanity ever end?

The solution? When passing, do so as quickly and efficiently as possible. I am not saying to tear around the person at 90 miles per hour, of course, because safety must come first.

However, keep in mind that when you annoy the people behind you, you are jeopardizing your own safety. I am sure that if we all work together, we can eliminate road rage from rearing its ugly head in northern Michigan.

How about a compromise? I will promise to be more patient on the road, if you promise to drive more courteously. That way we can all get to work (or the beach) safely and on time, and we will all live happily ever after.

(Amanda Ruis is a summer intern at The Citizen-Jordan Journal.)



### 60th reunion

More than 35 classmates and spouses attended the Boyne City High School Class of 1941's 60th class reunion last week at the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City. Pictured class members are, front row (seated), from left: Marie Coon Everst, Helen Tompkins Edenfield, Francis Behling Winegarden, and Oneta Jacobson Goebels. Back row, from left: Wally Dietze, Doris Hawkins Grutsch, Hilda Hossegood Ross, Ruth Hocquard Hausler, Anabelle Ostrander Galmore, Woody Everst, Betty Snyder Tyler, Helen Munson Sturgell, Bill Houck, Ada Clute Piechowiak, Harold Price, Ken Dyer, Tom Turcott, and Cliff McGeorge.

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# Hatchery helping to restock Lake Michigan Trout



Blocks of ice are cut by Mike Tinney to keep the water cool for the yearlings. If the water rises above 50 degrees, the trout will get sick. The Jordan Hatchery uses over 100,000 lb of ice a year.

By KEVIN POIRIER  
Contributing Writer

Close to extinction only 50 years ago, the lake trout population is steadily rising in the Great Lakes thanks to the federal Great Lakes Lake Trout Restoration Program.

The program involves three hatcheries: the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery, the Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery in the Upper Peninsula, and the Iron River National Fish Hatchery in Wisconsin.

Every year in November, the hatcheries receive 4.3 million eyed eggs via FedEx. Two months later, the eggs hatch. The newly formed trout are kept inside at a steady temperature of 40 degrees until August when they are moved to the outdoor raceways. The employees use the couple of months when the indoor tanks are empty to clean them before the arrival of the new eggs in November.

In January and February, every trout in the outdoor raceways is tagged and their fins clipped. This process will allow the assessment team to monitor the progress of the

restoration program once the trout are released in the wild.

The fish are raised outside for seven months, after which they are released in the lake. At that time, they are about seven inches long.

Starting in mid-April until the end of June, the workers from the Jordan River hatchery, helped by employees from the other two hatcheries, restock the waters of the Great Lakes with lake trout. It is a labor-intensive job requiring long hours.

This year, the restocking process is three weeks behind because of the weather. The planting boat does not leave the port unless the lake waters are calm. Waves over two feet can make the trout seasick from the roll of the boat. They start vomiting and could die. The trout are not fed the two days prior to their trip from the hatchery to avoid potential problems. The restocking process starts early in the morning, filling up the newly disinfected tanks with water and ice to keep the young trout around 40 degrees during their journey from the hatchery.

The fish are directed from the race-

ways towards a giant "vacuum cleaner" that will suck them from their pond into the trucks for the upcoming journey to the Great Lakes.

Once on the truck the fish will be checked for good health. There are three health checks in all, the first one is done as the trout are put into the truck, the next one before they are taken out of the truck, and the last one on the boat. The checks allow the hatchery to determine if any of the transportation procedures are harmful to the fish and need to be modified.

The trout are released from the boat over historical spawning reefs, which have been identified as locations where the trout used to reproduce. The hope is that they will return to that location to reproduce in eight years, when they reach maturity. The restocking is done in the spring because food is abundant for the yearlings and there are no predators on the reefs. In the past, the hatcheries tried to release the fish in the fall, which is mating season for trout, and discovered that older trout, which are on the reefs at that time to repro-

duce, ate many of the yearlings.

The restocking season requires 23 trips in Lake Michigan and 12 in Lake Huron. Lake Superior needs very few trips and restocking is all done from the shore. There were only four trips there last year.

The three hatcheries released more than 3.6 million yearlings in the Great Lakes last year.

The Great Lakes Lake Trout Restoration Program started in the 1950s when lake trout were virtually extinct from Lake Michigan. Because of the low Lake Michigan Trout population, the genetic make-up of the original fish was lost. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service bred trout from Lake Superior, the closest to the original Lake Michigan stock, to repopulate the lake.

The Jordan River hatchery raises four different strains of trout each season. They rely on the results of assessment to determine which genetic stock to use.

"We want the natural environment to select the appropriate fish," said David Huntly, assistant manager at the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery.

The Jordan River facility opened in 1964. The stocking procedures have changed over the years as the hatchery experimented with different techniques.

"It was a learning process," said Huntly.

At first, the fish were released from the shore, but they would return to that spot to spawn, and since most shore sites are not suitable, reproduc-

tion was unsuccessful.

"The fish had a good survival rate, but no reproduction took place," Huntly said.

Starting in the 1980s, the hatchery started using boats to stock the lakes. They first used car ferries and Coast Guard vessels to take the fish to historical spawning reefs.

"The survival rate increased when we switched from shore to off-shore release," Huntly said.

The arrangement was not ideal, according to Huntly. The vessels had their own schedule to maintain and were not always available for the hatchery to use.

In 1987, the hatcheries acquired a confiscated drug trade vessel, the M/V Little Bell. It took two years to ready it for the planting of fish, but in 1989, the renamed M/V Togue was used in the Great Lakes for the first season.

Today, the M/V Togue is suffering from the lack of proper maintenance during its 12 years in salt water as a shrimp trawler. The boat probably has only a couple years left of

service.

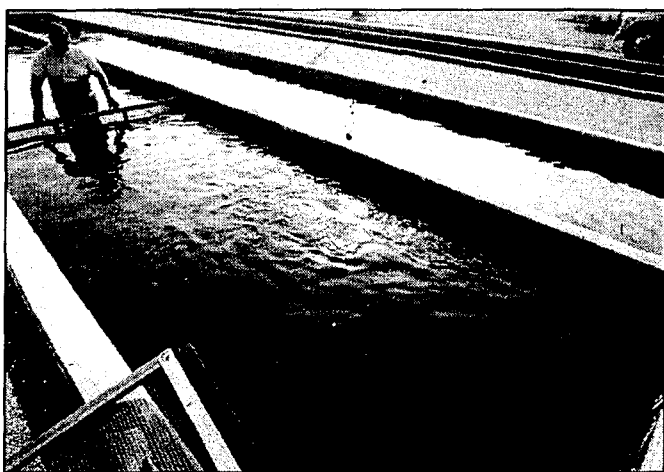
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is looking at acquiring a new boat. They have contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Marine Design Center to design a new boat. They plan on starting construction in 2004. The new boat will cost approximately \$4.3 million.

Last year for the first time, the assessment team found a large group of fry in the Little Traverse Bay by Petoskey.

"It is very encouraging," Huntly said. "Hopefully they'll come back and spawn in eight years."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is encouraged that they are moving in the right direction to achieve a self-sustaining trout population in Lake Michigan. It takes a while to see results from the restocking. Trout will not start reproducing until they reach maturity, which takes eight years. It will take an additional eight years for the offspring of these hatchery-raised fish to reach maturity and start to re-

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Animal caretaker Paul Hover of the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery gathers yearlings at one end of the raceway where they will be pumped into trucks.

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed the accuracy of the fuel saving describe in this advertisement.

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In addition to this government study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "Almost a half million Gas Savers have been sold. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

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Friday, July 27, 2001

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Come enjoy a spirited auction featuring automotive and marine art as well as unique items from local retailers and artists. A selection of vintage automobiles will be on display as a sneak preview of the Concours d'Elegance for the public on Saturday, July 28 in the Bay Harbor Marina District.

With special thanks to Ford Motor Company and MSN Carpoint, premiere sponsors of the 2001 Bay Harbor Concours d'Elegance

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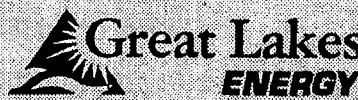
Make checks payable to NMH Foundation. Your gift, less \$40 per ticket is a tax-deductible charitable contribution. For more information, call the Foundation office at (231) 487-4800. Clip this RSVP and mail by July 23 to: NMH Foundation, 360 Connable Avenue, Petoskey, MI 49770

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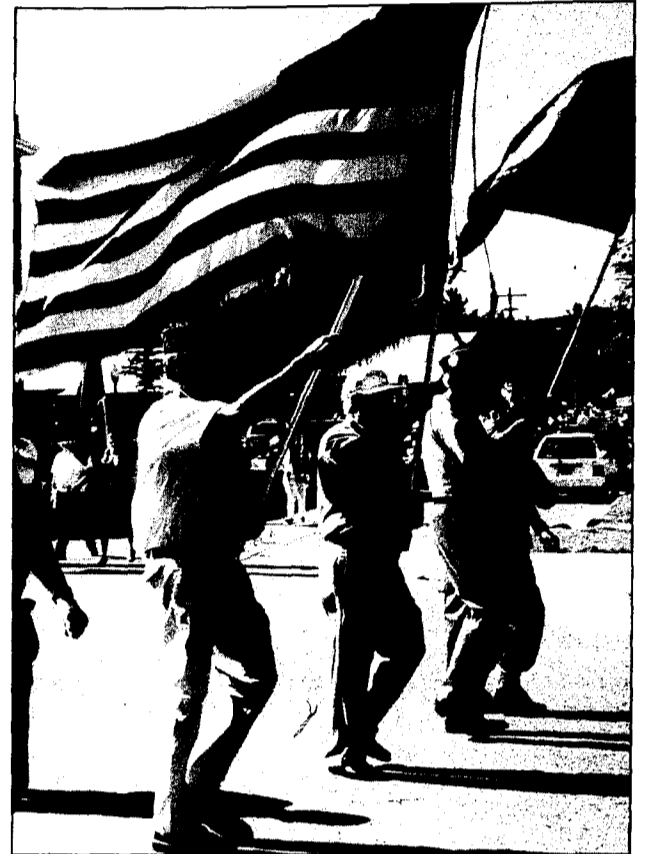
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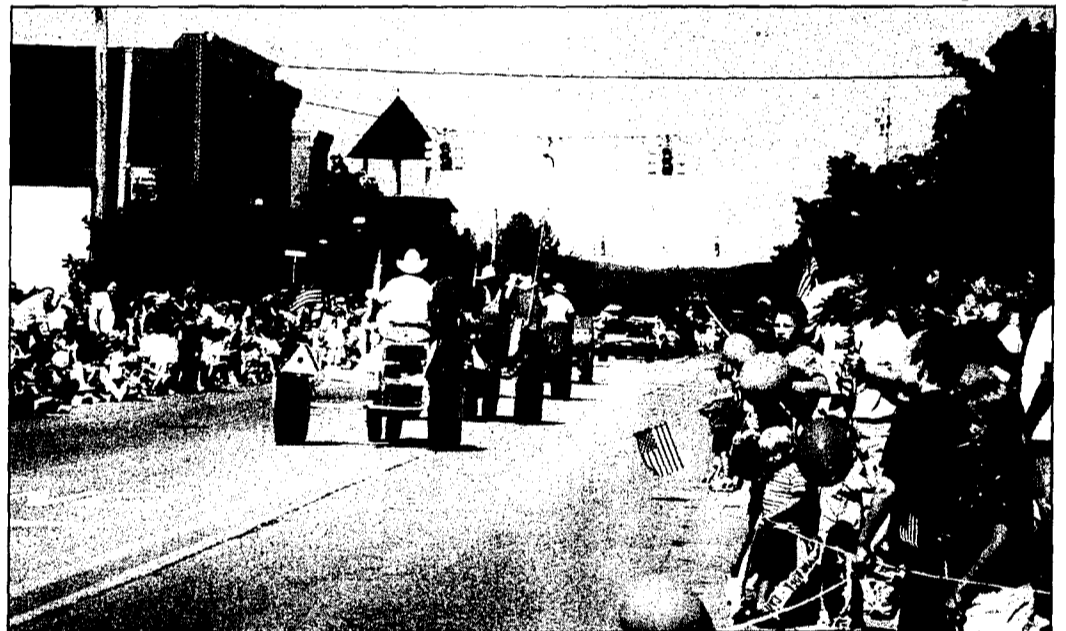
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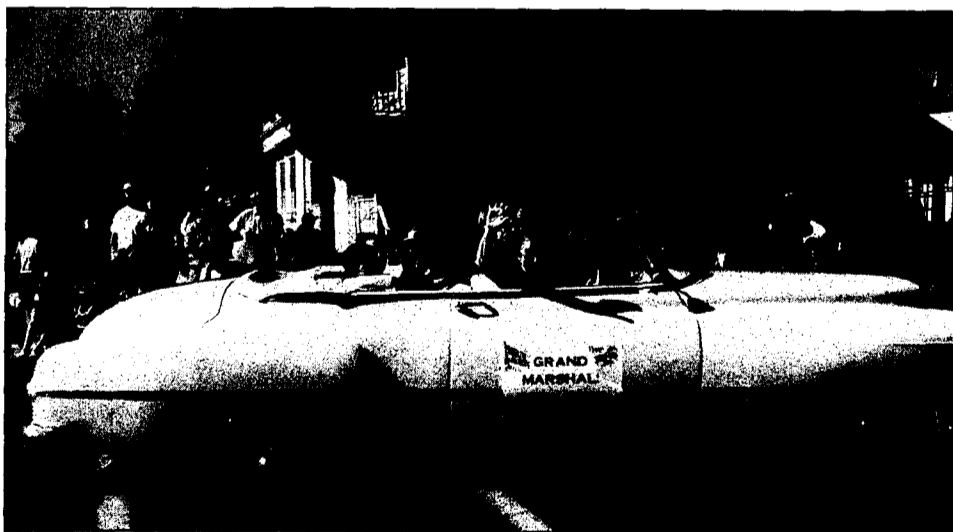
It was the perfect day for a boat ride, as these kids from Charlevoix County 4-H Swim School cruised down Water Street. At right, members of the VFW carried flags, along with the American Legion, to lead the parade.



The Eta Nu clowns were out in full force, keeping the kids in bright balloons throughout the parade.



An enthusiastic crowd lined the streets to enjoy both the parade and a glorious sunny sky.



A rousing performance by the BCHS band (with some community musicians), along with a host of decorated bikes made the parade a colorful one.

All modes of transportation were represented, including this miniature antique car, at left, and a grand classic carrying a grand lady, parade grand marshal Betty Kelts.



Photos by Angela Shultis



## NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

**THE 55TH REUNION** of the Boyne City High School class of 1946 gathered at the Dilworth Hotel on Tuesday evening, July 3, with 29 former classmates, spouses, guests and friends attending, which included Betty Kelts, Arvilla Dixon, Vernice Nelson of Boyne City, and Barbara Brickner Arnett of Shepherd and her brother, Duane of Arizona. The enjoyable evening included a short program, a wonderful dinner and much reminiscing, enhanced by booklets for each to keep. Featuring names and addresses, the booklets contained items of interest as well as pictures of former school nurse, Carolyn Geiken, former librarian, Mrs. Cook, of the hotel and of the new addition to the library. The class of 1946 also bought a \$100 brick for the endowment fund of the Boyne District Library.

**MANY THANKS** and appreciation goes out to Sherry Bedford of NMO (Northern Michigan Online) for her gift subscriptions to the magazines, 'Christianity Today' and 'Grit' for the residents of Litzenger Place. Both magazines will be greatly enjoyed.

**CHARLOTTE AND BILL** Scott of East Jordan hosted a Scott-Beebe Family gathering on Saturday. The outside BBQ and family fun was a warm welcome home to their son Jeff, who is visiting from the Detroit area.

**SURPRISE, SURPRISE**, and no one was more surprised than I, that the honorees of my own family gathering were not listed! It must have been that I was running past the deadline and then answered the fire alarm that it was overlooked. Better late than never, it was Nels and Louisa Northup of Boyne Falls who received a beautiful engraved plaque of Family Appreciation Award and a round of applause from their siblings on July 1.

**LOUIE AND DEBBIE PECK** of East Jordan spent the first week of July in South Dakota, enjoying the sights.

**VISITING THE** Lakeshore Drive home of Thorema Rowe over the 4th of July holiday were Dusty and Susan Rhodes, and Michael Cowell of Troy; Pat and Sally Rowe of Trenton; Shannon Cowell and Hannah Godwin of Birmingham; Jason Rhodes and Laura Shryock of Clawson; Larry and Elsie Godwin of Troy; Ron and Cheryl Andres of Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada; Brian and Tina Jarrel and children of Novi; and Chris and Judy Clark and children of Warren; all en-

joying a grand time.

**ROCHELLE BARNHART** of Minneapolis, Minn. was here over the holiday visiting her mother, Dolores Barnhart. A perfect view of the fireworks was theirs, as the family gathered up behind the Boyne City Glen's, at the home of Dolores' sister, Glenda Planck.

**TREY ALLAN PETERSON**, son of Allan and Beth Peterson of East Jordan turned three on July 4, and was most willing to tell everyone, he was a baby boy, born on the 4th of July! Trey and sisters, Martina and Abigail, brother Jordan, and lots of family and friends joined in a grand time of celebrating.

**CRISTY DAVIS** returned to his home in Jackson after having spent several days in Boyne City visiting relatives in the area.

**CHUCK AND ANDY VONDRA**, along with Frank Shaler, spent the weekend working on the Vondra Farm in Warren, Ill. Both Chuck and Andy spent many summers of their youth working on the family farm and need to return every now and then; for a 'quick fix.' Instead of traveling the eight hours by car, this time Frank had arranged for them to fly out of Charlevoix on a six-passenger plane piloted by two inspectors he works with.

**VIRGINIA BELL**, a lady from the Upper Peninsula who makes frequent mission trips to Haiti, will be speaking at the Boyne City United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 12, at 6 p.m. A dinner will be served. Anyone interested in missions to Haiti is welcome to come. Even if you know you are unable to travel to Haiti, and maybe you'd like to know more about the mission endeavor there or like to assist in some other way, all are welcome. Virginia has slides, videos and photos and will answer questions about Haiti, where HIS TEAM plans to make their mission trip Nov. 19.

**PHYLLIS LEGATO** of East Jordan has guests here from Switzerland. Her granddaughter-in-law Simone Joos and great-granddaughter Joanna, are here for the summer. The family enjoyed celebrating the July 3 birth of great-granddaughter and newest member of the family, Madison Bliss, born to Jennifer Legato and Joe Cassidy.

**A GROUP** of friends honored Kris Grice of Boyne City on Saturday, June 30, giving her a surprise birthday party at One Water Street. Thanks to friend Cathy Wonski, her mother was there from downstate! Then, on July 2, her real

birthday, another group of friends, Bardel Belford, Kelly Looze, and Patti Lapeer, took her to Lester's on the deck and, "We had a riot," she said. They made this birthday a great one for her. Kris sent the added message of, "My friends, I love them all!"

**MARK ZINCK** and family of Grand Rapids were in Boyne City this past weekend visiting his mother, Meta Zinck and sister Diane and family. Mark was also here for his 25th reunion of the BCHS class of 1981. Grandma Meta enjoyed playing with grandson Andy and decided to go back to Grand Rapids with them so she could spend some time with her sister Maxine and her daughter Brenda and family.

**DAVID SHALER** has returned to his home in Vista, Calif., after having spent a couple weeks here in Boyne City with his parents, Frank and Ann Shaler, and family. He came to especially be among the 110 friends and relatives attending the lovely 50th wedding anniversary celebration, which was a buffet dinner, held on June 24, at the Dilworth Hotel.

**JERRY AND KATHY JORDAN** of the Boyne Ridge Condos are now settled in at their new home at Villa de Charlevoix.

**AN UPDATE** on Vivian Heaton of Boyne City is that she is now a resident of Grandvue.

**BARRY HOWARD** of Atlanta, Ga. spent the weekend here with his Aunt Billie Stanley. On Saturday, they went to the Cherry Festival in Traverse City and were pleased to see his brother, Brian Howard, and wife Vicki there.

**JUNE MOREY** of Ionia and friend Faith Heffeman and two daughters of Greenville, Mich. spent four days in Boyne Falls with her mother, Anne Jenkins. All were pleased by a drop-in visit from niece Marsha Lewis of Sterling Heights.

**THE BOYNE CITY** High School class of 1956 gathered on the beautiful evening of July 7 for their 45th reunion. The 57 former classmates, spouses, and guest Vernice Nelson, came from Missouri, Ohio, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, and the local areas for dinner at The Beach House in Deer Lake. It was a great time of reminiscing as well as updating each other.

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

## VETERAN of the MONTH



Warren J. Davis

The Veteran of the Month for July is Warren J. Davis, who served in the US Army during World War II.

Davis was born on June 3, 1921 in Boyne City. He was inducted into the Army on Aug. 1, 1942, and entered into active service Aug. 14, 1942 in Kalamazoo.

After Davis received basic training at Fort Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo. and assigned to the Quartermaster Corps., he was reassigned to the Administration and Personnel School for training.

On Dec. 8, 1942, he departed the United States by ship from New Orleans, arriving in Port of Spain, Trinidad on Dec. 25. On Jan. 18, 1943, Davis was flown to Zandery Field, Dutch Guyana where he was transferred to the US Army Air Corps and worked as a clerk-typist attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant before departing on Sept. 13, 1944 for the US. He was assigned to a squadron at the Army Air Force Base Unit at Miami Beach, Fla., where he remained until his discharge in 1945.

On Sept. 20, 1947, Davis married Clara J. Burns of Boyne City and in 1951 went to work for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He retired in 1980.

Davis enjoyed collecting antiques, gardening, cross country skiing and square dancing. He passed away Dec. 2, 1999, and is being honored by his wife Clara.

The Veteran of the Month program is available for any deceased veteran who served honorably in the United States military.

To honor a veteran, call (231) 588-6067, or 582-7811 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3-6 p.m. The Veteran of the Month ceremony can be witnessed at 6:15 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month in front of the American Legion Post at the corner of Lake and Main Streets in Boyne City.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Entertainment

**The Dilworth Saloon**  
Boyne City  
Michelle Chenard performs at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 13. Johnny Johnson performs at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 14.

**Pocket Shots Bar**  
Boyne City  
Karaoke every Thursday night, starting at 9 p.m. Paulding Lights performs Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14, at 10 p.m. each night.

**Sportsman's Bar**  
Boyne City  
Blue Cat performs Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

**Stafford's One Water Street**  
Boyne City  
Chris Merrill plays every Wednesday and Thursday night. Marty Ward performs every Friday and Saturday night.

**Rainbow Bar**  
East Jordan  
TNT performs every Friday in July, 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

**Aten Place**  
Boyne Falls  
Kitty Donohoe will perform two special children's shows on Thursday, July 19, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person for the earlier performance, and \$3 per child and \$5 per adult for the evening show. On Saturday, July 21, Michael Camp and Tom Kimmel will perform at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Aten Place is located one half mile south of Cherry Hill Road on Old Mackinaw Trail in Boyne Falls.

**BANDSHELL CONCERT**  
Friday, July 20  
On The Beach, a northwest Ohio pop-rock group, will perform at the Veteran's Park bانشell in Boyne City at 6 p.m. The group features strong vocal harmonies and cites influences including Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, and Natalie Merchant.

**EVENINGS AT THE GAZEBO**  
Wednesday evenings  
Bring your lawn chair or blanket for concerts on the lawn at Old City Park in Boyne City, every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For more information call 582-7573.

### Community Meetings/Events

**QUILT AUCTION**  
Wednesday, July 11  
The Little Traverse Bay Quilt Guild presents a quilt auction of mini lap and bed quilts at the Crooked Tree Arts Center on Mitchell and Division Street in Petoskey. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and auction will begin at 7 p.m.

**SENIOR PICNIC**  
Wednesday, July 11  
The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging's 22nd annual senior picnic will be held at 12 noon at Whiting Park in Advance. Barbecued chicken with all the fixings will be served at noon, and entertainment will be provided by Bill Stevens and his band. Door prizes will be awarded. Tickets are \$3 for seniors and \$5 for people under 60 years of age. Tickets can be purchased at the senior centers in

Charlevoix County, at the Commission on Aging office at 207 Antrim St., Charlevoix, or at the door. For more information, call 237-0103.

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Friday, July 13  
A Honeywell Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Boyne City Hall, Boyne City. For appointments, call Joyce Newville at 582-3938.

**EJFF CAR SHOW**  
Friday and Saturday, July 13-14  
The Jordan Valley Freedom Festival Car Show will be held on Main Street in East Jordan. For more information call 536-7351.

**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 through Oct. 13 in Old City Park. Project Fresh vouchers (from WIC) are accepted by some vendors.

**EAST JORDAN FARMER'S MARKET**  
Fridays  
The East Jordan Farmer's Market will begin on Friday, July 6, and run through Friday, Sept. 28, from 8 a.m.-12 noon in the Huntington Bank parking lot on Mill Street. Produce, crafts, and more will be available.

**EAST JORDAN FOOD PANTRY**  
Every Monday & Thursday  
The East Jordan Food Pantry is lo-

cated at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of Health Center. Pickup or donation hours are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

**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.

**IN GOOD COMPANY**  
Thursdays  
A newly-formed group for single, divorced or widowed individuals meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Annet's by the Lake in East Jordan. \$5 cover charge. For more information, call 536-9622.

**CREATIVE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Wednesdays  
The Boyne City Creative Playground committee meets on Wednesdays at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn in Boyne City at 7 p.m. For more information, call Scott MacKenzie at 582-0486.

**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.

**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), 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.

To place an item in the calendar, call 582-6761, fax 582-6762 or email citizen@voyager.net. The deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

## ADVENTURE PROGRAM

**Thursday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.:** Rockin' Reptiles - Meet some of these interesting animals and learn of the good they do in nature. Don't be afraid and bring your folks; **3 p.m.:** Wetland Wonders - Explore the park in search of different wetlands. Discover who inhabits each. Be prepared to get your feet wet!

**Friday, July 13, 3 p.m.:** Beautiful Birch Trees - Learn about these stately trees and make a basket with the bark; **7:30 p.m.:** Adventure Campfire - Meet at the host site #41 and bring a chair. Sing some songs, hear some stories and enjoy a snack over the fire.

**Saturday, July 14, 10:30 a.m.:** Feathered Friends - Learn some bird basics and search for the locals here at the park. Bring some binoculars if you have them; **2:30 p.m.:** Nature Bingo - Explore the woods and see if you can get bingo first!

All events are held at Young State Park under the direction of Adventure Ranger Holly. Meet at the camp store.

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# EQUESTRIAN PRINCESS

## Jennifer Compton takes second at state pageant

By AMANDA RUIS

When Jennifer Compton filled out a scholarship application for the Miss Michigan Equestrian Princess Pageant back in April, she "didn't think anything of it." When she was chosen as one of the top 30 applicants and went to Mt. Pleasant for a preliminary interview, she still had no idea what was in store for her.

So, it came as a surprise when she found out she was chosen as one of 12 finalists out of the more than 100 students who applied for the pageant.

"I had no idea I would make it to finals," said Compton.

In fact, not only did she make it to finals, but she finished runner-up overall and will fill in for the actual Princess if she is unable to fulfill her duties, which include making appearances at industry events and being a spokesperson for the riding community.

For placing second in the competition, Compton will receive a scholarship from the Miss Michigan Equestrian Princess Pageant. Her success at the competition also earned her a personal letter from State Rep. Andy Neumann, who congratulated her on her great achievement and praised her strong values and work ethic.

Compton, who has been riding horses since she was nine, is no stranger to competition, having participated in the Palomino World Championships. However, she was still pleasantly surprised by her confidence level at the pageant.

"I kind of shocked myself," she said. "I felt really confident and comfortable, and was able to answer all the questions."

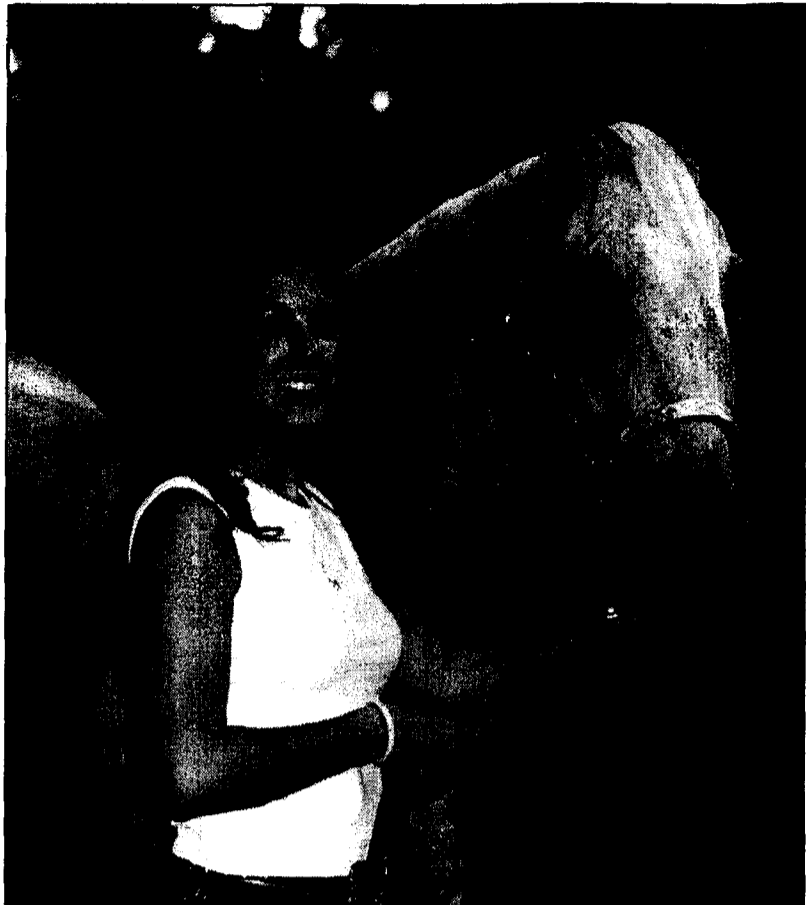
Yet, Compton says she has not always been so confident in herself.

"Working with horses really helped me come out of my shell, and has given me the confidence to do anything," she said.

At the pageant on June 9, Compton had to answer several questions on-stage, one in a riding outfit and several others in an evening gown. The competitors had to demonstrate poise, maturity, and knowledge of the riding industry.

She says her involvement in the Palomino World Championships gave her an edge over the competition because not many of the girls at the pageant had that kind of riding experience.

Compton also credits her success at the pageant to her deep love for



Jennifer Compton, shown here with Mr. Ed, a palomino quarterhorse, will receive a scholarship for her second place win in the Miss Michigan Equestrian Princess Pageant.

horses, especially for her palomino quarterhorse named Mr. Ed, who has been a part of her life for almost six years.

"There's something about a horse that makes it okay to be yourself, and it doesn't matter if you had a bad day, they are always there for you," she said.

A 2001 graduate of Boyne City High School, Compton plans to attend the Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University in the fall. She will major in advertising promotion and hopes to be a member of the equestrian team.

## Arts classes still in store for summer

If you're still hoping for a chance to learn something new this summer, you're in luck — enrollment for Crooked Tree Arts Center Community School of the Arts late summer session is still being accepted.

Catherine Carey is offering a watercolor workshop for beginners on Aug. 6 and 7, and one for intermediate students on Aug. 8-10. The cost to attend the beginners class is \$100, and \$150 for the intermediate session. The classes are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

Acrylic and oil painting on canvas with instructor Manna McGrew is available for ages 16 and up, Aug. 1-Sept. 5. The class runs from 12:45-3:15 p.m., with a class fee of \$80.

Harry E. Colestock offers a watercolor workshop Fridays, July 13 and 20, from 1-4 p.m. for ages 10 and up. The class fee is \$40.

For all painting classes, a list of required materials is available at the art center.

Young dancers can enroll in Arlene D. Larson's dance camp to be held Aug. 6-10. Larson, a Royal Academy of Dancing Teaching Certified Instructor, will offer classes from ages 3 and up. The class schedule is as follows:

Pre-Ballet One, ages 3-5, 10-10:30 a.m.; Pre-Ballet Two, ages 6-8, 10:45-11:30 a.m.; Beginning Ballet One, ages 9-12, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; and Beginning Ballet & Greek Modern, ages 13 and up, 1:45-3 p.m. Class fee is \$75 per class.

And if you're looking for something different to keep young minds and hands busy, a magic workshop will be offered for students ages 6-18 by Colestock on Saturday, July 14, from 1-4 p.m. Class fee is \$40, with all materials and props furnished for the construction and teaching of basic magic tricks with everyday objects, such as ropes, coins, cards, etc.

Classes for the fall session of Community School of the Arts will be available at the end of August. The center is located in downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell St. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, call 347-4337.

## CRADLE CALL

A daughter JADYN MARIE was born to Melissa Swem and Ryan Brooks of Charlevoix, on July 1, 2001 at Northern Michigan Hospitals in Petoskey.

She weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 18 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Don and Laura Swem of Charlevoix and Mel and Kay Sweet of Boyne City.

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Starring Vin Diesel & Paul Walker  
At 4:15 & 7:00 Daily

**July 13 - 17**

**Doctor Dolittle 2 - PG (87)**  
Starring Eddie Murphy & Raven Symone  
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### July 13th - July 19th

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## Three arrests made in Boyne area arson

Three local residents were arrested late last month in connection with a fire that destroyed an adult foster care home in Hudson Township in May.

Kathy Brenn, 48, of Boyne Falls has been charged with conspiracy to arson of a dwelling home, while Kenneth Wingo, 27, of East Jordan, and Angela Devers, 23, of Charlevoix, each face one charge of arson. The conspiracy charge, a felony, carries a possible sentence of 20 years plus a \$10,000 fine; the arson charges, also felonies, carry a maximum penalty of 20 years.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, the arrests were the result of a two-month-long investigation, which included assistance from the Michigan State Police Fire Marshall's office.

The fire that resulted in the arrests took place on May 2 of this year, and involved an adult foster home at 04921 Kuzmick Rd. in Hudson Town-

ship. The fire was responded to by the Hudson Township Fire Department.

Later, according to an affidavit of probable cause from Charlevoix County D/Sgt. Michael Wheat, an investigation determined that the fire was "intentionally and deliberately" set using an accelerant.

The affidavit further states that Brenn, who owned the home and carried insurance on both the home and business, admitted to asking Wingo the day before the fire if burning the house was something he could do for her, to which Brenn said that Wingo replied that it would be "no big deal."

In the affidavit, Wheat notes that Brenn also admitted to suggesting the use of gasoline to start the fire, and that on the day of the fire she received a phone call "from a man whose voice she did not recognize" who asked her "haven't you left yet?"

Following that call, the affidavit

said, Brenn left her home, which burned later that day.

According to Wheat, Wingo said that Brenn had told him she would leave the garage door open for him to park his car, and left a crowbar out on the porch for Wingo to break into the house with, in order to make the incident look like a breaking and entering.

In a second affidavit, Wheat stated that Wingo admitted to having set the fire using gasoline in exchange for payment from Brenn.

Devers, according to a third affidavit from Wheat, admitted to assisting Wingo in purchasing gasoline and supplies for the arson, and was present at the home at the time it was set on fire.

Charlevoix County District Court Judge Richard W. May set the bond for Brenn at \$5,000; for Devers at \$2,000; and for Wingo at \$50,000.

All three were scheduled for pre-

liminary examination at the District Court in Charlevoix on Tuesday, July 10.

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# Ghana trip

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of friendly openness wasn't reserved just for Bricker and other foreign volunteers, she said, but is rather just a part of their culture. When anyone enters a home in Ghana, she said, "the first thing the host says is 'you are welcome,' no matter who you are."

Not that Bricker's being an American didn't hold a special fascination for the people she met. It was interesting, she noted, to discover how they view America.

"They think we're all wealthy," she said. "They have the impression that [America] is just a very wonderful place."

"And it is," she adds, "but they think money grows on trees." Bricker and other Americans, she said, would receive numerous requests from local citizens for assistance in obtaining Visas to America, which, of course, she had to turn down, not having any way of helping even if she wanted to.

"You also receive a lot of marriage proposals if you're a woman," she laughed. "You couldn't even walk down the street [without a man calling out things like] 'Are you married? I'll be your husband' or 'I love you too much.'"

There were, of course, other contrasts to the U.S. that were more unsettling, education being a major one. "It's so difficult for them [to get an education]," she said, adding that roles in the family structure or financial difficulties often keep Ghanaians from getting the schooling they desire. "They have no toys there," she said. In the school, "they don't even have paper or pencils. They have a

single bucket and cup that the children drink out of when they are thirsty."

Despite those challenges, though, the people live life with love and vitality. "It helps me to be grateful for what I have," Bricker said, "but it also shows me the things I don't have to have to be happy in life. It's such a peaceful, loving culture."

"It was a really refreshing and beautiful contrast to the emphasis on money at home."

Now that she is back home, Bricker is teaching at the 4-H Swim School program in Boyne City, and contemplating the possibility of going back to school in the fall.

Someday, she wants to return to Ghana to learn more about cultural music and dancing, which falls in line with her interest in holistic medicine and dance therapy. She still hopes to one day join the Peace Corps. No matter what she ends up doing, though, she knows that there is more

travel in her future, and a return to Ghana may be sooner than expected.

Her older sister, Carrie, she said, is very interested in Africa, and is thinking of taking her nine-month-old daughter there for a visit soon; she's asked Molly if she'd be interested in coming along.

"Definitely," she says, smiling. "People keep telling me it's a once in a lifetime thing. But it's really only once in a lifetime if you choose it to be that way."



Ghanaian students at the Holy Childhood Preparatory School where Bricker taught particularly enjoyed painting sessions.

# Youth Advisory Committee makes grants

From string instruments and basketball hoops to peer mentoring programs and substance abuse prevention efforts, area projects that serve kids are receiving some financial help from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

Members of the youth group recently announced grants totaling \$33,755 to assist a variety of nonprofit organizations that focus on children and families. This most recent round of grants brings the YAC's grant-making total to over \$330,000 since the group began distributing money in 1994.

Money for the grants comes from the Community Foundation Youth Fund, a \$1.4 million endowment designated exclusively for the benefit of area young people. Twice each year, the YAC - made up of teen representatives from Charlevoix County - invites area organizations to submit grant requests. Using information

gleaned from a local youth survey and other criteria they develop, the group evaluates each proposal before deciding how to distribute grants.

This summer's selected programs and their grant amounts are:

- **Bay Area Substance Education Services** - \$3,000 to assist with building renovations; \$2,200 for an in-depth analysis of a Charlevoix County student view survey.
- **Beaver Island Youth Consortium** - \$1,000 to start an activities program for Beaver Island youth
- **Boyne Area Gymnastics** - \$3,100 for a tumbling pit in the new gymnastics facility.
- **City of Boyne City** - \$4,000 for a waterfront community playground.
- **Camp Daggett** - \$3,000 toward the barrier-free, indoor adventure and activity center.
- **Char-Em Housing Coalition** - \$2,000 for activities for youth in the transitional housing program; \$500 for the annual Paint Blitz.

- **CHIP Counseling Center** - \$1,450 for substance abuse prevention education programs for area youth.
- **Crooked Tree Arts Center** - \$1,800 for string instruments for Beaver Island youth; \$3,000 for school and community performances by the Visions of Peace Drum and Dance Company
- **City of East Jordan** - \$1,000 to provide basketball hoops at the Civic Center.
- **East Jordan Family Health Center** - \$1,000 for a comprehensive wellness program for overweight adolescents and their families.
- **M.S.U. Extension** - \$2,000 for equipment for the youth tennis program; \$1,255 for 4-H Learning Lab kits; \$500 for safety equipment for the youth wrestling program.
- **Northwest Michigan Human Service Agency** - \$250 to purchase books for the Head Start Reading is Fundamental program
- **Planned Parenthood Northern**

Michigan - \$2,000 to provide start-up funding for Project Straight Talk - a peer counseling program - in the East Jordan High School

• **Probate Court** - \$700 for a Creative Opportunity Workshop for youth on probation.

Members of the Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee are: Dylan Hall, Asuka Barden, and Riley O'Brien from Boyne City; Rene Fiel, Adam Utley, and Megan Pernicano from Boyne Falls; Jeremy Booze, Heather Jones, and Tarn Leach from East Jordan; Patrick Gowell, Travis Smith, and Anna Kate Trubilowicz from Charlevoix; and Abbie Adams, Kellie Gillespie, and Kristen Russell from Beaver Island.

The Foundation and its Youth Advisory Committee will again accept grant requests this fall.

For more information about the Community Foundation or grant-making guidelines, call 536-2440.

# EJ city commission

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the East Jordan Fire Department took part in a three-hour mediation session, which, according to city administrator David White in his regular written administrator's report to the commission, "was very informative."

"Many positive aspects were discussed and will be implemented by the department," White said in the written report. Though the details of the meeting will be kept private by mutual agreement of all parties involved, said White, "I feel the session started the process of reestablishing better communication and teamwork within the fire department."

The mediation session was part of the outcome of several months of sometimes heated discussion at city commission meetings regarding leadership and safety issues involving the department, most brought forward by city commissioner Shane Williams. On June 22, two long-time firefighters, Jon Sumner and Jim Nowka, were fired for alleged violations of department policy. Sumner and Nowka have each filed appeals, both of which were recently denied.

Earlier last month, White and fire chief Glen Thorman presented the commission with a report responding to several areas of concern. A motion was also passed to leave any further action on areas of concern to the department and city administrator.

Most recently, local citizens Mike Burr and Jack Vincent have begun a petition to recall Williams, in part as a result of what they perceive to be violations of the city charter in handling the issue.

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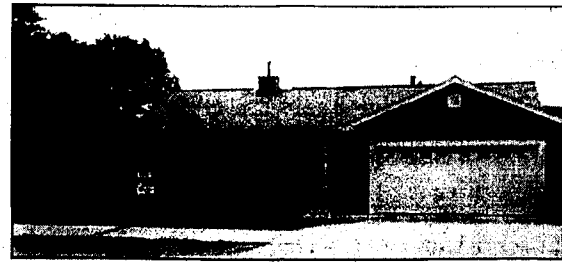
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by George A. Staffan, a single man, of 10617 Murray Rd., Charlevoix, Mich. 49720. Michigan, Mortgageors, to FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK OF DELAWARE, Mortgagee, dated the 5th of December, 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 11th day of January, 2001 in Liber 404 of Charlevoix County Records, page 982, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Seventy Three and 45/100 (\$200,073.45), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday the 20th day of July, 2001 at 11 a.m. local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main lobby Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Mich. (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.550% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:  
Commencing at the East 1/4 post of Section 11, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, thence North along the East Section line 200 feet; thence East 547 feet parallel with the East and West 1/4 line of said Section;

thence South 200 feet to the said East and West 1/4 line of said Section; thence East 547 feet along the said East and West 1/4 line of said Section 11 to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Commonly known as 10617 Murray Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: June 7, 2001  
Fabrizio & Associates, P.C.  
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)  
Attorney for First Union National Bank  
888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470  
Troy, Mich. 48064  
(248) 296-8684

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harvey W. Parker, a single man (original mortgagor) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated Nov. 19, 1999, and recorded on Nov. 30, 1999 in Liber 377, on Page 937, Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgage to the First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, A Delaware Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated June 2, 2000, which was recorded on July 21, 2001, in Liber 392, on Page 853, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN AND 13/100 dollars (\$64,647.13), including interest at 8.500% 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 Aug. 3, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF EAST JORDAN, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 4, Block #20 of Nicholl's Second Addition to the City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof. 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: June 20, 2001

For more information please call:  
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Attorneys and Counselors  
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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in regular session, July 3, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Klooster presiding with all members of the City Commission present except Gee and Norton. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amount of \$276,261.76.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of Boards and Commission minutes; acknowledged receipt of an introduction to Ordinance #142T: adopted Ordinance #178; approved lot split for Donna James at 1011 Sunset Street and approved city administrator's vacation request. A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

### BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES - Regular meeting June 14, 2001

All members except Chipman present. Acceptance of Treasurer's report. Approval to pay Township obligations totaling \$60,000. Report of Zoning Permits issued and miscellaneous Zoning Ordinance activity. Approval to engage Wade-Trim, Inc. for assistance in certain planning matters. Approval of annual fire protection agreement with City of Boyne City. Approval to accept bid of Manthei Corp. for improvements to Wildwood Harbor Wallon Lake access. Direction provided to Planning Commission regarding action to be taken on wind turbine generator amendment to Zoning Ordinance. Next regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2001 at 7 p.m. Next Board of Trustees regular meeting to be held on Thursday, July 12, 2001 at 7 p.m.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in regular session, June 19, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Klooster presiding with all members of the City Commission present except Cihak and Norton. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amount of \$149,872.36.

Further Commission Action: acknowledged receipt of Boards and Commission minutes; acknowledged receipt of zoning activity report, May 2001; acknowledged receipt of an introduction to Ordinance #178 and approved Lions Club request for use of Watson Field.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

### CITY OF EAST JORDAN INVITATION TO BID - STREET PAVING

The City of East Jordan will accept sealed bids until 2 p.m., July 26, 2001 for the following:  
Street Resurfacing at various locations throughout the City  
Bid envelopes should be marked "2001 Street Paving Bid." The bids may be submitted to:

City of East Jordan  
Attn: Street Paving  
201 Main Street, P.O. Box 499  
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The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids received, to waive bid irregularities and to make bid award as deemed in the City's best interest.

Any questions regarding bids should be directed to the City Administrator or DPW Superintendent.

### CITY OF EAST JORDAN ORDINANCE #178

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 25-61. OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED BICYCLES. THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN ORDAINS:

**ARTICLE IV, BICYCLES**  
Sec. 25-61. The following provisions of Article IV Bicycles, Sec. 25-61, Not to be ridden on sidewalks of the Code of Ordinances for the City of East Jordan are amended as follows:  
**ARTICLE IV, BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, ROLLERBLADES OR SKATEBOARDS**

Sec. 25-61. Not to be ridden on sidewalks. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle, scooter, rollerblades or skateboards upon any of the sidewalks or prohibited area so signed within the corporate limits of the city, not designated as a bicycle route by the city commission.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Hammond, Williams, Cihak, Hoffman and Klooster  
Nays: None  
Absent: Gee and Norton  
Adopted: July 3, 2001  
Published: July 11, 2001  
Effective: July 18, 2001

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS TO BE HELD JULY 19

# Kitty Donohoe returns to Aten Place

Kitty Donohoe will be performing two special children's concerts as part of the Concerts in the Barn series at Aten Place on Thursday, July 19, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Chances are that if you mention Kitty Donohoe you could get any number of ideas of who she is and what she does. Kitty is a diverse writer and performer, equally at home telling funny stories to children, enthralling older adults with lighthouse songs or playing fast rhythm guitar in an Irish band.

Those who know of her as a performer in coffee houses and concerts are touched by her mature, well-crafted songs and soaring voice as well as her haunting original instrumentals. Those familiar with her programs for children and families may think of the humor and warmth she projects, whether singing songs about Michigan or Great Lakes lighthouses or reciting poetry. Still others think of Kitty as a member of the very hot Irish band, Pub Domain or the more gentle, all-women quasi-Celtic group, The Troublesome Lasses.

For over 17 years Kitty Donohoe has been presenting folk music and story programs in a variety of family venues; elementary, libraries, museums, bookstores and more. Integrating a number of traditional instruments into the shows (guitar, banjo, mountain and hammer dulcimers, limberjack and, depending on the program, mouth bow and

concertina) Kitty uses humor and a large collection of material to inform and engage her audience, whatever the age.

Some recent experiences include: completing an Artist in Residency in Owosso schools, sponsored by the Association for the Education of Young Children; writing and performing the theme song for an award-winning reading readiness video, "It

Starts With a Book." (Award of Distinction Winner, Videographer Awards 2000); participating in Michigan's Great Outdoors Culture Tour, sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council.

Aten Place is located one half mile south of Cherry Hill Road on Old Mackinaw Trail, Boyne Falls. Aten Place concerts are non-profit productions. The 2 p.m. Children's Concert

is \$3 per person (children and adults) and the 7 p.m. evening concert is \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. There are no sales of food or beverages on the premises; patrons are encouraged, but not required, to bring an appetizer or treat to share.

Visit [www.atenplace.com](http://www.atenplace.com) for more details on other concerts and performers, or call 549-2076 for more information.

## Local act John & Dave to perform at Old City Park for "Evenings at the Gazebo"

The eclectic music of the duo John & Dave will fill Old City Park in Boyne City on Wednesday, July 11, as part of the Evenings at the Gazebo concert series.

John Warstler and Dave Eggebrecht have been playing music for the better part of their lives, with their work as a duo beginning as a result of the two being part of several bands, including Fog Harbor, the New Five Cents String Band, and Kit & Janel's Sideways Thing. Both John and Dave provide vocals and are multi-instrumentalists. The duo sings songs that range from contemporary to traditional.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. at the park, and those attending are invited to bring lawn chairs and a picnic to enjoy the evening. Sponsors for the performance include The White Rose and Huff Pharmacy. In case of rain, the concert will be held at St. Matthew Church Fellowship Hall at 1303 Boyne Ave. For more information, or to make a donation, call Cindy Kujawski at 582-7573.



John Warstler and Dave Eggebrecht

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Dolly's Distinctive Details opens storefront in Boyne City

If you're looking for a unique gift of accent, a new business recently opened in Boyne City that might have just the thing. Dolly's Distinctive Details, located at 437 Boyne Ave. in the Reh Acres Home Heating building, offers locally created pottery, prints, watercolor paintings, jewelry, and more.

Co-owner Shanna Robinson, who

opened the store with her sister Dulce Aronoff in June, makes pottery, along with her partner Barb Garbe. Another sister, Jessyn Peterson, makes block prints and watercolor paintings for sale, and Peterson's daughter, Susan Eybe, creates jewelry. The store also offers jewelry by Candace Thorsen, as well as Robinson.

The venture is very much a family affair, said Robinson, who noted that "it's important to me that it's a family endeavour." The business is named after Robinson's mother, and, she said, "the core of the business is it's a family business. We're working together to build this."

The shop is open Wednesday

through Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call 582-7565 or e-mail them at [danshan@freeway.net](mailto:danshan@freeway.net).

#### Boyne Falls man joins NCBT as sales associate

Mike Finstrom of Boyne Falls has joined North Country Bank and Trust as an executive sales associate. He will be based at the bank's 128 Water Street, Boyne City, location.

Finstrom was most recently a Vice President of Small Business Banking

for National City Bank in Petoskey. His prior experience also includes serving as president of a bank in Pueblo, Colorado. At North Country Bank and Trust, Finstrom will assist businesses with commercial loans and other financial needs.

Originally from Cadillac, Finstrom is a cum laude graduate of Hawaii Pacific University and earned his MBA from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. Area residents may also remember Finstrom as executive director of northern Michigan's Youth for Christ Ministry in the late 1980s. Finstrom, his wife, Paula and son, Joshua, live in Boyne Falls.

## Jordan River Hatchery restocking lake trout

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populate Lake Michigan. They hope that the sighting in one spot is an indication that they are one step closer to establishing a life cycle.

As the trout population increases, it will start colonizing other locations, eventually repopulating the entire lake.

Huntly acknowledged the goal of the restoration program is to put him out of a job.

The Great Lakes Trout Restoration Program is rebuilding the population of lake trout so that they will reproduce on their own, eliminating the need for hatchery-raised fish. But Huntly doesn't foresee reaching that goal for a while.

"We would do very well if we achieve a self-sustaining population within the lake in 20 years," he said.

Huntly also expects to have to continue to plant fish for a couple of years to maintain the population of trout in the lake.

For the first time last year, the hatchery left its door to the Jordan Valley trail open, and welcomes visitors during its business hours. Tours are available.

The Jordan River National Fish Hatchery can be reached at (231) 584-2461.

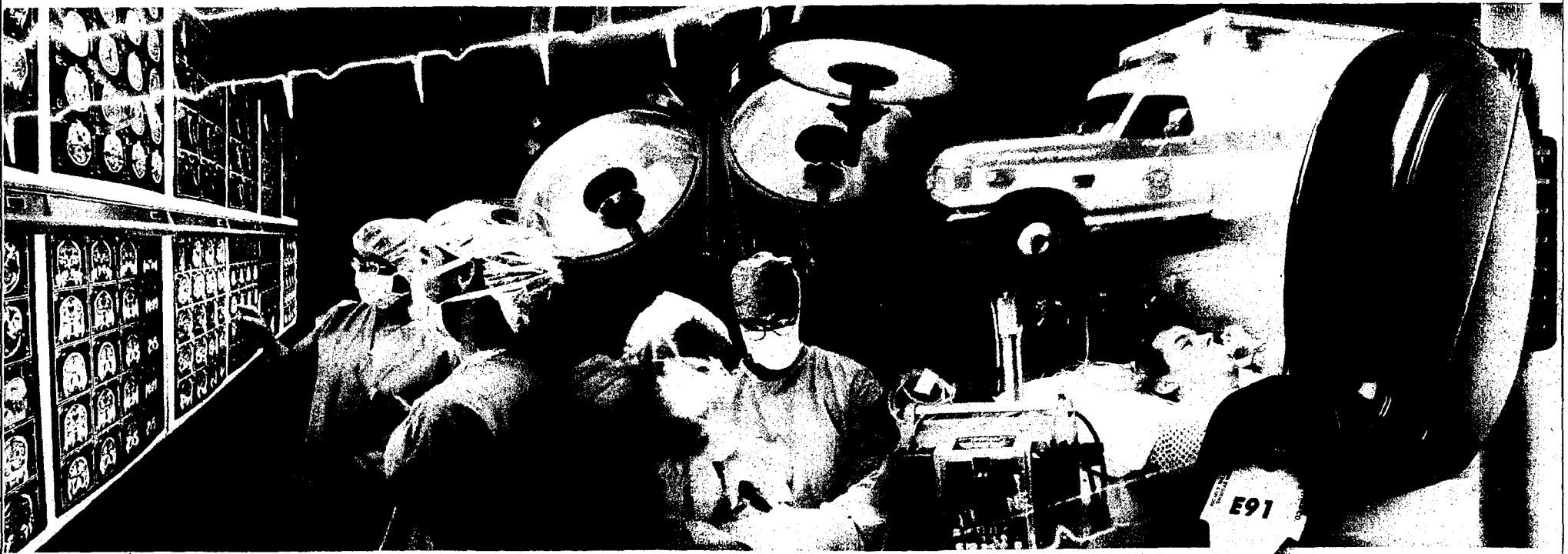
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