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## At A Glance

### Challenge Mtn holding training for volunteers

Volunteer training for summer programs at Challenge Mountain will be held June 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Challenge Mountain Lodge facility. The training program will be informative, and is a requirement to work with clients for the summer months.

Topics to be covered include setting up camp, working with specific disabilities, individual differences, hot and cold weather changes, and more. The course is part of a program that will include CPR/FA and Automated External Defibrillator training to be offered at a later date.

The courses are free of charge and are open to anyone. Volunteers are needed for overnight camping, check-in, hiking, horseback rides, camp set-up, cooking and meal planning.

For more information, registration or to become involved, call Sue Moody at 535-2141.

### Rambler Scrambler a benefit for Boyer football

The 10th annual Rambler Scrambler four-person golf scramble is Friday, May 17, at Ye Nynne Olde Holles golf course.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. with a shotgun start. The cost is \$30 per player, which includes golf, dinner, and prizes.

Other contests include the longest drive, closest to the pin, and a skins game.

All proceeds will benefit the Boyer City football program.

The event is sponsored by Glen's Market of Boyer City.

The scramble is limited to 22 teams. To register, call David Hills at 439-8114 or Mark Ameel at 439-8212.

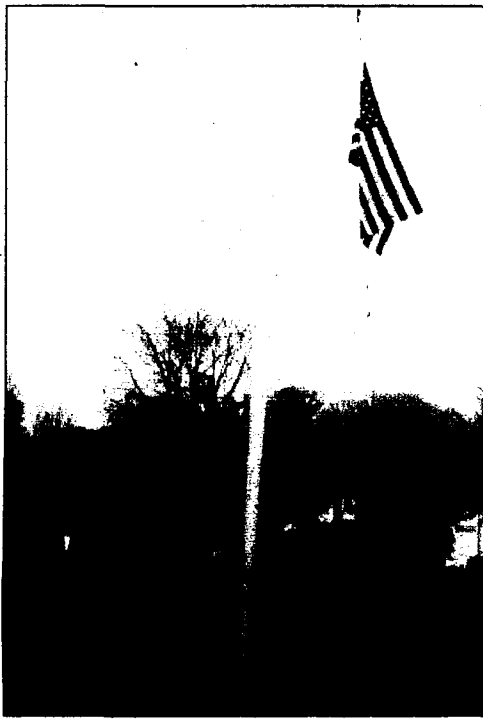
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Festival pull-out  
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Members of the American Legion were on hand to raise the flag last week.



### Former resident honors BC with military ceremony

Family and friends of Gene Farley of Boyer City braved a bit of soggy weather to gather around the flag pole at Boyer City's city hall to participate in a flag-raising ceremony.

Tim Farley, the son of Boyer City resident Gene Farley and a graduate of East Jordan High School, will retire on Aug. 31 after nearly 25 years in the United States Navy. His service flag, an official acknowledgement bestowed upon retiring military personnel in recognition of the completion of their service to the U.S. government, could have been flown for a day over any location of significance during Farley's career, including the US Capital, a ship, or particular military installation.

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## EJ budget approved, barely

After several weeks of back and forth budget talks, the East Jordan City Commission approved the 2002-03 proposed budget with no discussion whatsoever. The commissioners approved the budget with a 4-3 vote. By city charter, the budget was required to be approved by May 15 to be valid for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning July 1.

Initially, commissioners took issue with several aspects of the budget as proposed earlier this year, with water

rates and the reduction of an officer from the police department budget taking the most heat. Later, the commission asked city administrator David White to cut \$150,000 from proposed budget expenditures, in order to boost a shrinking fund balance.

White made the proposed cuts, with streets and sidewalks taking the biggest hit, in order to comply with the commission's request for a fund balance of around \$500,000.

At a subsequent special meeting,

however, called to further discuss budget issues last month, the commission decided by consensus to maintain a fund balance based on a percentage of the total budget, rather than a specific monetary amount. Nearly all of the \$150,000 in cuts were restored to achieve the final budget, which contained a fund balance of approximately 20 percent of the total budget. The original fund balance as proposed by White equalled approximately 30 percent of the total budget.

## Boyer readies for mushroom mania

You can almost hear the bustle of the carnival midway and taste the more delicacies, as Boyer City gears up for the 42nd annual National Morel Mushroom Festival.

Scheduled for Thursday, May 16, through Sunday, May 19, this year's event will feature plenty of familiar favorites, plus a new addition, the punfully dubbed "Fun-Guy (Fungi) Ball," on Saturday evening, with big raffle prizes in store for three lucky winners.

Children of all ages look forward to the carnival and midway, and this year no one will be disappointed, with the return of Schmidt Amusements.

Sponsored by the Boyer Valley Lions Club, the carnival opens on Thursday at 3 p.m., and continues all weekend long, with special coupon days every day.

On Friday, the arts and crafts fair will kick off in Veteran's Memorial Park at 9 a.m., continuing through the weekend.

More than 75 artisans will be featured, offering morel-related items as well as unique handcrafted specialties.

Mushroom hunting, of course, is the reason everyone will be in town, and hunters will be welcomed with a reception and seminar on Friday afternoon, with the official hunt taking place on Saturday.

And for younger morel enthusiasts, the festival mascot, Woody Pickme, will celebrate his sixth birthday with fun and games for the kids on Saturday.

For more information and a full schedule of events, see the special Mushroom Festival section inside this edition of The Citizen-Journal.

## Stafford's sells One Water Street

One Water Street, a longtime waterfront business in Boyer City, recently came under new ownership, with two summer residents joining together to purchase the property from Stafford's Hospitality.

Last week Joe Thomas and Greg Krueger, both of the Troy area, closed on the purchase of the restaurant and approximately one acre of land for an undisclosed amount.

According to REMAX of Boyer broker Jeff Wellman, who facilitated the transaction, the two have had summer homes in Boyer City for many years and had long hoped to undertake such a development project locally.

Negotiations to purchase the property began as early as November of 2001, wrapping up on Friday with the official closing.

While plans for the property are not complete, Wellman said Thomas and Krueger are going to "make sure there is some type of restaurant there," though perhaps a somewhat smaller facility. One possible additional use would be the creation of some type of dock system off of the property, which fronts Lake Charlevoix. The

goal, according to Wellman, is "bringing people down to Boyer City by boat." Thomas and Krueger hope that docks, or perhaps even mooring buoys, may help solve a citywide problem of a lack of accessibility for folks coming to visit the area via the lake.

One Water Street was constructed by Stafford's Hospitality and offered fine waterfront dining. Stafford's announced last year that it would be closing the restaurant for the winter with the intention of reopening this month. With the sale of the property, however, it may be a bit longer before anything is open for business, though Wellman said that the developers had hoped to perhaps have something up and running as soon as this summer.

Contrary to a story in the rumor mill, Stafford's is "not interested" in continuing participation in any form at the restaurant.

Thomas and Krueger have announced that they are seeking a restaurant operator to assist with the restaurant portion of the business.

For more information, call Wellman at 582-2400.



## Local quilters stitching for Freedom

Last fall, after the tragedy of Sept. 11 had rocked the country, people were looking for a way, any way, to ease the pain of those who'd suffered losses. While many donated blood, contributed what money they could, and wrote cards and letters, a group of local quilters was inspired by a project they'd seen on a TV news program, in which Iowa resident Betty Neilson was putting out a call for help in creating one quilt for the family of each victim of the Sept. 11 attacks. Longing for their own way to contribute, the quilters, based at East Jordan's Quilt Cottage, knew they'd found something meaningful.

Putting out the call locally for help, the group, consisting of quilters from East Jordan, Boyer City and Bellaire, gathered enough squares of a red, white, and blue heart pattern to create two quilts.

Once collected, Boyer City's Terri Weber got to work on the final creations, so far having completed one quilt with the other still in the process. Once finished, both quilts will be shipped to Neilson, who will hand deliver the completed pieces to New York City.

The process, said quilt enthusiast Kay Harper, was full of its own magic, making it as full of meaning for the contributors as it will likely be for the recipients. Most remarkable, Harper said, is that when those families receiving the quilts look at the squares, they'll know that "when [the quilters] were making them, they were thinking about why they're doing this."

Harper had her own magic moment during the quilts' creation, when a friend's 7-year-old daughter was spending some time with her. Upon learning of the project, the girl had commented, "I wish I could make a square." Harper seized the opportunity, allowing the child to pick some fabric and help cut and sew a square all her own. The quilt, Harper notes, was made by quilters (and non-quilters) of all ages, and all walks of life.

Most importantly, though, it was made with love.

"There's something about a quilt," she said, "that feels like you're wrapped up in a hug."

Donations are still needed to assist with finishing and shipping costs for the East Jordan quilt. For more information, or to make a donation, call the Quilt Cottage at 536-3363.

Quilters Helen Cook and Barb Malpass show off one of the Freedom Quilts stitched by local quilters.

# OPINION

## LETTERS

### Food, music, and fun on tap at Fun-Guy Ball

TO THE EDITOR:

If you're looking for a great event, filled with top quality entertainment, door prizes, great food, and a chance to win prizes worth thousands of dollars, Saturday's Fun-Guy (fungi) Ball is the party for you.

This year's 42nd annual Mushroom Festival will include our first annual Fun-Guy Ball Saturday, May 18, starting at 6 p.m., with musical entertainment by Judy Harrison and the High Impact Band.

A limited number of tickets will be sold for this event so it's first-come first-served.

The price of admission includes a tasty dinner for two by Lester's BBQ, a limited number of drink tickets for your choice of wine, Miller products, Labatt's products or soft drinks. Your \$100 ticket also includes a chance to win one of three prizes, either a 14 1/2 foot Alumacraft boat, 9.9 horse Yamaha engine, and a Karavan trailer from Sunburst Marine, or a top quality four-person hot tub from Luxury Bath and Spa in Petoskey, or a camping package including tent, sleeping bags, and 16-foot canoe from Outside Edge.

The Fun-Guy Ball is a Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored event with the goal of raising revenue to help meet the chamber's mission of advancing the economic, industrial, professional, cultural and civic welfare of the Boyne Area.

The tent doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is buffet style from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Judy Harrison and the High Impact Band plays from 8-11:30 p.m. Door prizes will be given out all night long, with the grand prizes announced around 10 p.m. (need not be present to win).

I think folks will be surprised at the quality of this event and the amount of effort our events committee has put into this. Along with the High Impact Band, we will even feature line-dancing lessons for those of us lacking right feet.

Come on down and join your neighbors, make new friends, support the Chamber, have a great time, and possibly even go home with a fantastic prize.

Scott MacKenzie  
Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce

## CHECK IT OUT

### Library looks for a few good friends

By NANNETTE MILLER

Great libraries need great friends. Most people would agree that the renovated Boyne District Library is pretty great. Now we are putting together a great group of Friends.

Friends are enthusiastic, informed, active citizens who support the library's mission and contribute their time and creativity to enhance library programs and services for the enrichment of the community — people like you.

John McClorey of Fire and Clay Pottery and Bike Fix is spearheading the formation of the Friends of the Boyne District Library. As their first foray into Friends activity, they are holding a book sale on Friday, May 24, from noon-5 p.m., and Saturday, May 25, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the library community room.

If you have any gently read books you would like to donate to the book sale, you may drop them off at the library during our regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., or Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Please do not put donated books in the drop box.

For more information about the Fiends and how you can be part of this worthwhile and fun new group, call John at 582-7689.

As part of your Memorial Day weekend plans, be sure to stop by the library and pick up some good books for your home library.

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



## A Mom's Life

### Kids 'pushing the envelope' create milestones of a different kind

By CINDI PLACE

For many of us, the milestones and accomplishments of our children define our role as parents. The first time they roll over on their own, eat solid foods, or sleep through the night are common goals that help to encourage us as we crawl down that bumpy road called parenthood.

But recently I was reminded of the milestones that, although generally unacknowledged, still help to define our parental path, so to speak. Like the first time a child of ours talks back to us. Or the first time we are told a fib. Or how about the first, and hopefully last, time a child of

ours sneaks a candy bar from the checkout counter at the grocery store. These are the times that call all our parenting skills into question.

And it's in these instances that we earn our stripes, and gray hairs, as parents.

In my imagination, I see the perfect child. One who needs little direction or motivation. But most of us are challenged by kids who, even if it's only once in a while, like to push the envelope a little bit. They call it "thinking outside the box." We call it screwing up.

Either way, when mistakes are made we get to be the big, bad grownups and find the best way to teach our kids what is right and what is wrong, and how to tell the dif-

ference.

Other "milestones" that we acknowledge as parents might include the first time our kids settle a disagreement by themselves, or deal with a serious financial responsibility on their own, only telling you about it after the fact. We've found ourselves watching a child fail, and get up, and fail, get up again, only to figure out a better, easier way to become successful.

And we've watched our youngest child sit down quietly on a Sunday afternoon and do a credible job of completing the New York Times crossword puzzle. In ink.

Sometimes, those kids just push the envelope a little too fast, don't you think?



### Spring ride

Though the weather's been temperamental, area residents and visitors have taken advantage of pleasant moments when they happen, like these horseback riders who recently enjoyed a leisurely trip through the Jordan Valley.

## WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.

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**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Charlevoix State Bank opens new branch in East Jordan**

In response to a growing number of customers in south Charlevoix County, Charlevoix State Bank has opened a new branch in downtown East Jordan. The branch will provide hometown services for East Jordan and Ellsworth residents.

"Our customers have believed in us since we formed the independent bank eight years ago," said Charlevoix State Bank chairman of the board Richard Hodgson.

"We believe in them, too. That's why we're making hometown banking even more convenient for them. When they walk into the new branch in East Jordan, they'll see the same friendly faces they've seen in Charlevoix."

Executive vice president Phil Kluczynski, newly appointed vice president Dave Atkins, and teller Stephanie Hughes will be taking care of customers at the East Jordan branch.

As a veteran banker of 46 years, Kluczynski is overseeing the transition. Atkins is serving as the area's market manager and will ultimately run the branch.

Together they bring 60 years of banking experience to East Jordan and Ellsworth residents and business owners.

"Our objective is to service everyone in the community whether they have \$5 in their account or \$500,000," Atkins said. "The small business owners and consumers are being ignored by the larger

banks. To us, they are as important as any other customer."

Rather than have your information taken at the local branch and then sent to a main branch in a distant city, as is done with some banks, Kluczynski and Atkins will be making the decisions regarding loan applications and operations in East Jordan.

"In banking, customer service is the only way to distinguish yourself," Kluczynski says.

"Knowing our customers helps us know how to best meet their banking needs."

When the front door of the new branch was unlocked at 121 Main St. on Wednesday, Charlevoix State Bank celebrated yet another milestone, opening its fourth branch in eight years.

Next year, the bank plans to move the East Jordan branch to where the former Dahlquist building is located on the corner of Main and Mill Streets in downtown East Jordan.

The building is expected to undergo major renovations and restoration throughout the winter.

The newer location will provide drive-in banking.

For more information on the move, call Charlevoix State Bank at its Charlevoix location, 547-4411.



Charlevoix State Bank employees who will be serving customers at the new East Jordan branch are, from left: Stephanie Hughes, teller; Dave Atkins, vice president; and Phil Kluczynski, executive vice president.



Pictured presenting checks to support the JVFF fireworks are, seated, from left: Barb Malpass (Quilt Cottage); Kay Harper (Jordan Valley Outfitters); Sharon Jackson (Busy Bridge). Standing are Kathy Cohen of Plaid Petunias, Ann Crick, and Mary Faculak (EJ Shoppe). Not pictured, but also contributing, was Elaine Birgy of Gatherings.

**Funds being raised to support JVFF fireworks**

Several East Jordan businesses recently participated in a fund-raiser that both celebrated spring and raised money for the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival fireworks at the same time. Taking advantage of the city's status as the destination of the recent bicycle "ride-in" held on April 27, in conjunction with Boyne City's Boats, Bikes and Blades festival, businesses encouraged patronage by holding special sales, with a percentage of the proceeds going to support the much-anticipated fireworks display at the annual Freedom Festival.

With the event set for June 27-30, the festival committee is in high gear, seeking funds to help secure the always-popular fireworks entertainment as well as to support the many other events the festival provides each year. The committee, led by president Ann Crick, must submit a 50 percent deposit to Zambelli fireworks to secure their services for the festival. As has been the pattern in recent years, even raising the deposit by the April deadline has been a challenge (this year, the committee was granted a one-month extension on the deposit deadline).

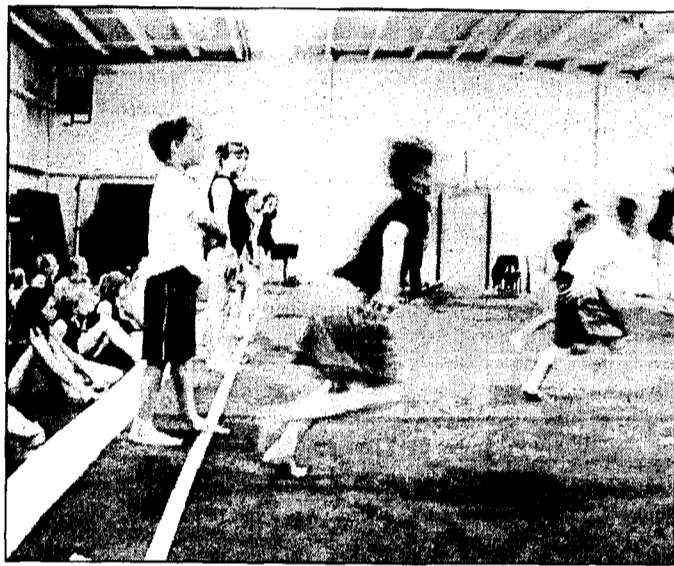
"We're trying to get more into year-round fundraising," Crick said. "The goal is to try to bring the community in a little more."

The familiar firework canisters will soon be placed in area businesses for community members to make donations to support the event.

While committee members are putting the finishing touches on the festival schedule, Crick did note the addition of one new event. Donkey Races, to be held at the East Jordan SpMoBiler clubhouse. "About half the donkeys are sold," Crick said, adding that anyone wishing to get on the donkey bandwagon can call her at 536-3300.

The theme for this year's big festival parade is "Proud to be an American," and the theme for the youth parade is "Great Americans."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to support the event, or who would like to volunteer some time during the festival, can call Crick at 536-3300.



**Fun-raising**

Students at Boyne Area Gymnastics took to the mats last week to participate in the annual Cartwheel-a-thon, a fund-raiser for the non-profit organization. Students chose to do either 100, 250, or 500 cartwheels, gathering pledges to earn by completing their promised amount. According to director Kari Streefman, the event raised an estimated \$3,000 for the gymnastics program.

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track meet

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The Boyne City sprinters took top sprint honors in both Invitational events this week. In the Boyne City Invitational, Kyle Gibbons broke the school record in the 200M with a time of 22.89 surpassing Bob Bryan's previous record. Aaron Sulak finished second in the 200M. Prior to that, Sulak (11.06) and Gibbons finished 1-2 in the 100M. Randall Sutton finished second in the Long Jump. Geoff Martin scored in both the 1600M and 3200M. Matt Mercier picked up a

third and fourth place in the shot put and discus, respectively. The relays rounded out the points as the Ramblers earned the second place trophy.

Kyle Gibbons continued his sprint dominance at the south end of Lake Charlevoix. Gibbons won the 100M and 200M races at the East Jordan Rotary Invitational in school and meet record times. Taking advantage of the tail wind, Gibbons ran 10.76 in the 100M breaking Geoff Detcher's school record of 10.91. Aaron Sulak finished third in the race, but also broke the record with a time of 10.87.

Gibbons then ran 22.88 to break his own school record in the 200M. The Rambler boys finished sixth overall in the team standings.

AT THE EAST Jordan Invitational, the host team's boys took fifth overall, while the girls placed eighth. Top performers for the boys included: Peter Warners, first, pole vault; Ted Slough, third, discus; Taka Kida, third in 110M hurdles, fourth in high jump, fifth in long jump, and sixth in 300M intermediate hurdles; Nate Richter, fifth, pole vault; Jeremy Penzien,

fifth, 300M intermediate hurdles. The girls were led by Courtney Hammond, who took second place finishes in the 100, 200, and 400 meter dash events. Heather Hammond took sixth in the long jump. Earlier in the week, Courtney took first place in the 400M dash, 60.72 seconds, competing against class A and B schools. "Courtney had a personal best by 1.5 seconds," said Red Devil coach Dennis Snarey. "She will have to run well and smart to qualify for the State Finals. We think she can do it."

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE #185 CITY OF EAST JORDAN FISCAL YEAR 2002/03 BUDGET

The City of East Jordan Hereby Ordains:

Section 1: Adoption of Budget

The revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003 are hereby appropriated on a major organizational unit basis summarized as follows:

PLANNED EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND

Table listing various general fund expenditures such as Governing Body/Commission, Administration, Elections, Assessor, etc.

Total General Fund Expenditures \$1,798,822.

PLANNED EXPENDITURES - TAX SUPPORTED FUNDS

Table listing tax supported fund expenditures such as Major Streets, Local Streets, Fire Equipment, etc.

Total Tax Supported Funds Expenditures \$913,266.

ANTICIPATED REVENUE - GENERAL FUND

Table listing anticipated general fund revenue sources like Property Tax, Misc. Tax Income, State Revenue, etc.

Sub Total General Fund Revenue \$1,490,840.

Funds on Hand (General Fund) \$ 307,982.

Total General Fund Revenue \$1,798,822.

ANTICIPATED REVENUE - TAX SUPPORTED FUNDS

Table listing anticipated tax supported fund revenue from Major Streets Fund, Local Streets Fund, etc.

Total Tax Supported Revenue \$1,143,363.

Table for ENTERPRISE FUNDS showing Expense and Revenue for various funds like Ambulance, Harbor, etc.

Table for DEBT SERVICE FUNDS showing Expense and Revenue for DDA 1997A, 1998 DDA, etc.

Table for CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS and FIDUCIARY FUND showing Expense and Revenue.

Section 2: Millage Levy to Support Budget

The Property Tax Millage Rate to support the 2002/2003 budget will be 18.4539 mills or less, subject to Michigan State Tax Statutes and will be levied as follows:

Table showing millage rates for General Operations and Fire Equipment.

Section 3: User Fee Increases Over Prior Year to Support Budget (effective 07/01/02 unless noted otherwise)

Table showing Civic Center Fees and Miscellaneous Fees with Current and Proposed rates.

Table showing Elm Pointe Fees with Current and Proposed rates.

Table showing Tourist Park Rates with Current and Proposed rates for 2003 Season.

Table showing Log Bldg rent, Log Bldg Sec Dep, and Pump Out with Current and Proposed rates for 2002 Season.

Table showing Water and Sewer Rates with Current and Proposed rates for Water and Sewer.

Table showing Sewer rates including Sewer OM&R, Sewer Debt, and Surcharges.

Table showing Transfer Station Rates and Zoning Permit Fees with Current and Proposed rates.

All other current rates are to remain the same.

Ayes: Hoffman, Postma, Symonds and Klooster
Nays: Williams, Hammond and Cihak
Absent: None
Adopted: May 7, 2002
Published: May 15, 2002
Effective: May 22, 2002

ORDINANCE #183 CROSS CONNECTION ORDINANCE

An ordinance regulating cross connections with the public water supply system, i.e., a connection or arrangement of piping or appurtenances through which water of questionable quality, wastes or other contaminants can enter the public water supply system.

Be it ordained by the City of East Jordan, State of Michigan:

Section 1. That the City of East Jordan adopts by reference the Water Supply Cross Connection Rules of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality being R352.11401 to R 325.11407 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

Section 2. That it shall be the duty of the City of East Jordan to cause inspections to be made of all properties with the public water supply is deemed possible. The frequency of inspections and re-inspections based on potential health hazards involved shall be as established by the City of East Jordan and as approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Section 3. That the representative of the City of East Jordan shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply system of the City of East Jordan for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof for cross connections.

Section 4. That the City of East Jordan is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue water service after reasonable notice to any property wherein any connection in violation of this ordinance exists and to take such other precautionary measures deemed necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply system.

Section 5. That all testable backflow prevention devices shall be tested initially upon installation to be sure that the device is working properly. Subsequent testing of devices shall be conducted at a time interval specified by the city of East Jordan and in accordance with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirements.

Section 6. That the potable water supply made available on the properties served by the public water supply shall be protected from possible contamination as specified by this ordinance and by the state and the Charlevoix County building code. Any water outlet which could be used for potable or domestic purposes and which is not supplied by the potable system must be labeled in a conspicuous manner as:

WATER UNSAFE FOR DRINKING

Section 7. That this ordinance does not supersede the state plumbing code but is supplementary to it.

Section 8. That any person or customer found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or any written order of the City of East Jordan, in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$500 for each violation.

Ayes: Symonds, Cihak, Hammond, Postma, Hoffman, Williams and Klooster
Nays: None
Absent: None
Adopted: May 7, 2002
Published: May 15, 2002
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ORDINANCE #182 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE 2002 SIDEWALK PROJECT

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Sec. 1 Special Assessment District Defined

There is hereby created a Special Assessment District, known as the 2002 Sidewalk Project Special Assessment District, to provide for the replacement of deteriorating walks and to add new walks in the following described areas:

- Replacement walks on east side of Third Street between Garfield & Nicholls Streets
Replacement walks on east side of Second Street between Garfield & Nicholls Streets
Replacement walks on east side of Main Street between Division & Mary Streets
Replacement walks on east side of Prospect Street between Division & Mary Streets

consisting of the following described parcels:

Table listing parcel numbers and addresses for the Sidewalk Project.

Sec. 2 Special Assessments Levied

A. Special assessments are hereby levied pro rata according to the square foot of the parcels benefited, provided, however, that in no case has the whole amount levied by special assessment upon any one lot or premises for said improvement exceed an amount of 25% of the value of such lot or premises as valued or assessed in the last preceding tax roll.

B. The bid price for the improvement is \$18,748.75, and the City will pay 40% of each assessment from the Sidewalk Department of the General Fund of the City and the owners of the properties to pay to the City 60% of the assessment, unless the property is located on a corner, in which case the City will pay 70% of the assessment and the property owners will pay 30% of the assessment.

C. The amount of Special Assessment to be levied pro rata to each parcel is defined on the 2002 Sidewalk Project Special Assessment Roll, which is attached hereto and made part of this ordinance.

Sec. 3 City to Construct

Because a favorable bid was received for the 2002 Sidewalk Project, the City will complete all work, by contract, alleviating the need for property owners to complete any of the work themselves. The provisions in Section 23.29 of the Code of Ordinances are hereby void for this project.

Sec. 4 Payment of Assessment

A. All property owner's financial obligations for said improvement shall be paid in full to the City by December 1, 2002. Failure to pay the amount owed by December 1, 2002 will result in a 10% penalty being placed upon the assessment.

B. Financial obligations for said improvements not paid by March 1, 2003 will result in the following actions:

- 1. the City placing the unpaid assessment balance on the 2003 tax roll, with the 10% penalty, for collection, or
2. the City turning over the unpaid assessment balance to an independent collection agency, with the 10% penalty, or
3. the City may remedy non-payment through appropriate court action.

Sec. 5 Lien Upon Property Assessed

The Special Assessments and all interest and charges incurred from the date of confirmation of the 2002 Sidewalk Project Special Assessment Roll, shall be and remain a lien upon the property assessed and that amount shall also be a debt of the person to whom assessed until paid.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Williams, Hoffman, Postma, Hammond, Cihak, Symonds and Klooster
Nays: None
Absent: None
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# REAL ESTATE

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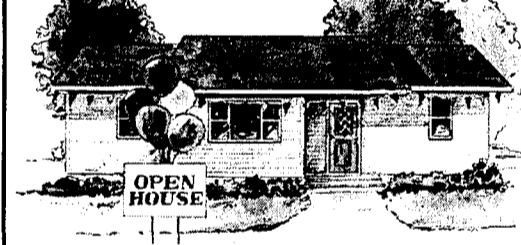
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William J. Matelski Sr., Veronica R. Matelski, William Matelski, Jr. and Gerald Matelski Sr. (original mortgagors) to Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated Oct. 5, 1999, and recorded on Oct. 15, 1999 in Liber 374 on Page 242 in Charlevoix County Records, Mich., and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated Oct. 23, 2000, which was recorded on Feb. 8, 2001, in Liber 407 on Page 672, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY AND 95/100 dollars (\$101,550.95), including interest at 6.95% 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 sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at public venue, at the Main lobby in the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on June 7, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BOYNE VALLEY, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at the intersection of the South and West 1/8 Lines of Section 9, Township 32 North, Range 5 West; thence East along the South 1/8 line of said section 400 feet; thence South parallel with the West 1/8 line of said section 400 feet; thence Southwesterly to a point on the Northeastly line of Highway M-75, at a point 300 feet from the West 1/8 line of said Section 9 (measured along the Northeastly line of said highway); thence Northwesterly along the Northeastly line of said highway 300 feet to the said

West 1/8 line of said section; thence North on said 1/8 line to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southeastly 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 32 North, Range 5 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) 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: April 24, 2002  
For information, please call:  
Jaguars 248-593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michella A. Conrad and Steven W. Conrad, husband and wife, to Old Kent Bank, mortgagee, dated May 21, 1999 and recorded June 2, 1999 in Liber 364 Page 870, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Old Kent Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank), by assignment dated May 21, 1999 and recorded on June 2, 1999 in Liber 364, Page 877, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eleven and 72/100 Dollars (\$45,211.72) including interest at the rate of 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be fore-

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix county, Mich. at 11 a.m. on June 21, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of Chandler, Charlevoix County, Mich. and are described as:

Commencing 25 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 17, Township 33 North, Range 4 West, South 275 feet along the East 1/8 line; thence West 330; thence North 275 feet; thence 330 feet to the Point of Beginning, part of Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 17. Also: North 275 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 lying West of Howard Road.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a third party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: May 8, 2002  
Orlans Associates PC  
Attorneys for Old Kent Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank.)  
As Assignee  
2501 Rochester Court  
Troy, MI 48063  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 200.0397

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Archie W. Graham, a single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc., ISAOI as nomi-

nee for Homestead USA, Inc. ISAOI, Mortgagee, dated May 14, 2001, and recorded on May 16, 2001, in Liber 419, on page 201 Charlevoix County Records, Mich. on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty five thousand nine hundred eighty six and 98/100 dollars (\$85,986.98), including interest at 7.500% 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, MI, at 11 a.m. on May 31, 2002.

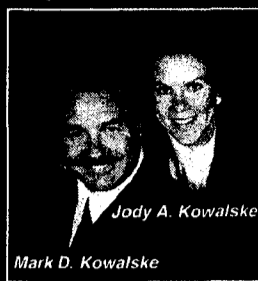
Said premises are situated in CITY OF EAST JORDAN, Charlevoix County, Mich. and are described as:  
Lots 7 and 8 Bowen's second addition to the Village of South Lake now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Mich., including the 2000 Skyline Manufactured Home, Serial #17-38-0182NAB, which is permanently affixed to the real property.

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: April 24, 2002  
Mortgage Electronic Registration System, Inc., ISAOI as Nominee for Homestead USA, INC. ISAOI Mortgagee  
Attorney for: Mortgagee  
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.  
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## ORDINANCE #184

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 27 VEGETATION, ARTICLE II. WEEDS AND GRASS, OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN CODE OF ORDINANCES.

THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN ORDAINS:

### ARTICLE II.

Sec. 27-26. The following provisions of Chapter 27 Vegetation, Article II Weeds and Grass, Sec 27-26 Weeds to be removed, grass trimmed of the Code of Ordinances for the City of East Jordan are amended as follows:

### ARTICLE II. WEEDS AND GRASS

Sec. 27-26. Weeds to be removed; grass trimmed.

4.) This article excludes those lands designated as conservation reserve and all areas of private land which are more than five acres in size, heavily wooded areas which are left in a natural state, steep slopes of more than 50% grade and land within 50' of a lake, river or stream.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Symonds, Cihak, Hammond, Postma, Hoffman, Williams and Klouster  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
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### Go fly a kite

Members of Ryan Books' fourth grade class at Boyne Falls School tested their kite making skills under gray skies and against some very blustery winds last week. While plenty of time was spent mending broken dowels, most of the students eventually got their homemade flying creations into the air.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### 'Buck Wilder' to appear at Sunburst Marine

Michigan author Tim Smith, the man behind the popular "Buck Wilder" children's outdoor book series, will make a special appearance on Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m. at Sunburst Marine in downtown Boyne City. Smith will make an educational family presentation and will be on hand to sign books, which will be offered at a discounted price after the presentation. For more information, call 1-800-994-BUCK or visit [www.buckwilder.com](http://www.buckwilder.com).

### EJ chamber unveils new, improved website

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce recently unveiled a new website, one which it hopes will increase accessibility to the community as well as serve as a resource for chamber members hoping to achieve even more visibility.

"Think of it as advertising 24 hours a day, internationally," said website designer Laurie Lesser Hodgson to East Jordan merchants at a recent meeting.

The site, [www.ejchamber.org](http://www.ejchamber.org), features plenty of new features, including a new and improved community calendar which not only lists, but explains events. Chamber members are also given opportunities to be featured with banner advertising as well as a chance to host their own simple webpage off of the chamber host site.

One of the biggest advantages of the new site, said chamber executive director Mary Faculak, is the ability to update the site directly by chamber staff, which will allow, for instance, the almost-instant addition of a new member through a few strokes on the keyboard.

Clubs and organizations are also encouraged to submit information to be listed on the site's calendar. As for the high-tech approach, Faculak

said, "We're in our infancy, please don't feel intimidated."

Chamber members will be receiving a letter from the chamber, outlining the new site and options available to members.

For more information, call the chamber at 536-7351.

### Challenge Mtn to co-sponsor summer water fun

Challenge Mountain has announced that it will co-sponsor two water sports events to be held on Saturday, June 22, and Saturday, Aug. 3, for disabled or impaired individuals.

Also sponsoring the events will be the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, furnishing volunteer lifeguards, information, products, and opportunities to learn more about Red Cross services.

The events will be held at the main marina in downtown Boyne City, with lunch on the waterfront. Sailboat rides, boat rides, and canoe demonstrations will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be at noon, and is

provided by Challenge Mountain.

For more information, call Sue Moody at 535-2141 or Todd Mattingly at 348-7666.

### JRAC to award scholarships, open Art Break

In conjunction with the opening of the Art Break exhibit, the Jordan River Arts Council will present the annual Huckle Scholarship, along with the newly-established Betty Osborne Memorial Scholarship, on Sunday, May 19. The Huckle Scholarship, a sum of \$300, and the Betty Osborne Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded to two area students to be announced at the opening.

The Art Break exhibit, which features the art of Ellsworth Public Schools students, will run at the Jordan River Art Center from May 19-28.

The Jordan River Art Center is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan. For more information, call the center at 536-3385.

### May 23 next date for Upper Room Coffee House

The Upper Room will be open May 25 at 7:30 p.m. Live music will begin at 8:30 p.m. and continue until midnight.

Open mike will follow the featured performance. Anyone who wants to take part in the open mike should check in with Karen at the sound table by 8 p.m.

The Upper Room has no cover charge, but donations to cover operating costs are accepted at the door. The Upper Room is located above Ray's Guitar on Water Street in Boyne City.

For more information, call Karen Robert at 582-1519 or Juli Fry at 347-6179.

You can e-mail us at [citizen@voyager.net](mailto:citizen@voyager.net)

## COLLEGE NEWS

LORRAINE BERRY, KIRK KUJAWSKI and LENORE SENTER, all of Boyne City, were among those students at Spring Arbor University to earn degrees during the February commencement services. All earned degrees in management and organization development, with Berry and Kujawski graduating summa cum laude, and Senter graduating magna cum laude.

JOSHUA BARNES of Boyne City presented his senior thesis research paper at Lake Superior State University's Biology and Chemistry Senior Research Symposium in April. The title of the project was "Cause and maintenance of factors determining human male sexuality."

Each senior student in the biology and chemistry programs at LSSU

conduct an original, independent research project under the guidance of a faculty member. Students work on their projects during their junior and senior years, then present the results of their studies to students, faculty and interested community members in a formal presentation and write a technical report based on the research.

KARA PERRY of Boyne City has been named to the fall term 2001 Dean's List at Davenport University. Perry is a 2001 graduate of Boyne City High School.

CASSIE JO KRAUSE, Hope College senior from East Jordan, received the Herman Miller Art Award during the annual Honors Convocation held April 25.

A cash award is given to the senior

most deserving of recognition and encouragement for creative work in the field of visual arts.

Krause and CHRISTOPHER WINKLER are among the candidates for graduation from Hope College this month. Krause will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art. She is the daughter of Thomas and Emily Krause of East Jordan. Winkler has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social studies. He is the son of Charles and Janine Winkler of Boyne City.

KEVIN MCNEIL and BRIAN MCNEIL, both of East Jordan, have made the Dean's Honor List for fall term 2001 at the University of Michigan College of Engineering. To qualify, a student must maintain a 3.5 or better grade-point average.

## NORTHERN INSIGHTS

### Computer users question appropriate eyeglass wear

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Recently, I have had many questions regarding eyeglasses for computer use. I believe the following should address most of the common questions and concerns.

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- New lenses on the market made especially for computer use allow full vision of the screen and keyboard.
- Trifocal or progressive lenses allows much better head and neck position than bifocals.
- Computer glasses, like all glasses, should block all the UV light with an ultra violet protective coating.
- You should block the overhead light reflecting from the monitor with a filter over the screen or a visor (like the bill of a hat.)
- Have anti-reflective coating put on your lenses to stop the glare and reflection.
- Double check your chair position. You want to be sitting at the proper angle, distance and height from the VDT screen.
- Place reference material at the same distance from the eyes as the monitor to avoid having to change focus when looking from one to the other. Frequent changes of focusing distance may cause your eyes to fatigue and you to tire quickly.
- To relieve near focus fatigue, look off in the distance now and then. Your boss may think you are daydreaming but you are actually recharging your eyes.
- Most importantly, have regular eye examinations so that your eyes and glasses are working together to give you the clearest and sharpest vision possible.

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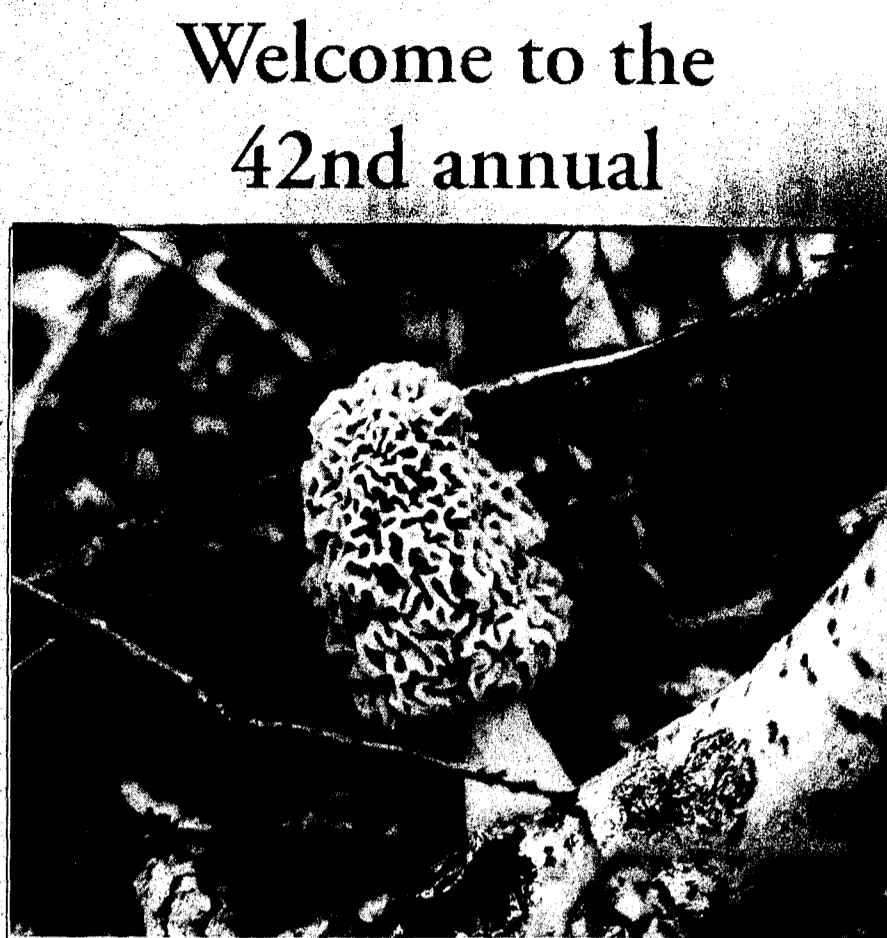
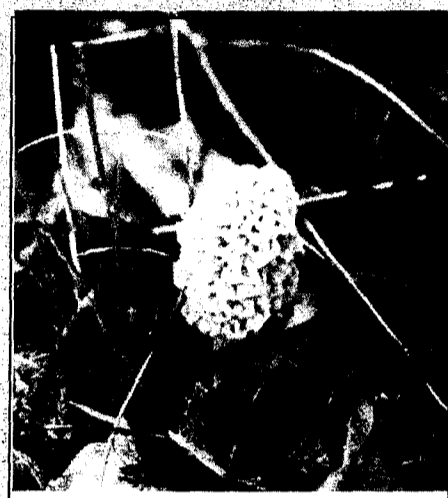
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The 42nd annual Boyne City Mushroom Festival is here, and like every year during its long history, this year's festival offers many activities for everyone to enjoy.

**Highlights include:**

**WELCOME RECEPTION AND SEMINAR**

To be held this year under the tent in Veterans Memorial Park, the event will feature an informational mushroom seminar, and free samples of morel mushroom soup. The evening should provide tasty as well as educational opportunities. For neophytes, the adventurous, or veteran hunters who want to hone their skills, local guides will provide a practice morel mushroom hunt after the reception.

**WELCOME CONCERT**

The second year for this event, the concert will feature the sounds of Dick Solberg and the Sun Mountain Band. Cheese and wine will be available. Those attending are invited to sit back, relax, and discuss the things learned at the guided hunt.

**THE HUNT**

The Championship Mushroom Hunt competition is divided into five categories — senior, resident men, resident women, non-resident men and non-resident women, with total number picked used to determine winners. The Grand Champion will be the person picking the most mushrooms during the competition Saturday.

Winners will be announced at 3 p.m. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded.

**MOREL BREAKFAST**

While all area restaurants will welcome you, members of the Mushroom Festival Committee will serve a morel breakfast in Sunset Park featuring a recipe from the "Taste of Boyne Cookbook," prepared by a local chef.

**TASTE OF BOYNE**

On Saturday, visitors can sample area restaurants' and chefs' morel mushroom recipes and other specialties at the tent in Sunset Park. Admission is \$2 this year and includes musical entertainment. Tickets are good for one sample each and cost 50 cents.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR**

Artisans will display their art and hand-crafted items Friday through Sunday in Veterans Memorial Park, just north of the Boyne River. The fair gets bigger each time the festival rolls around and this year should be no different.

**WOODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Sunset Park on the waterfront behind the Chamber of Commerce building will be the setting for festival mascot Woody Pickme's sixth birthday party on Saturday. Children 10 and under will have the opportunity to hunt for candy and prizes and celebrate Woody's birthday with cake, balloons, and more.

**SCHMIDT AMUSEMENTS**

Schmidt Amusements is back this year with the carnival opening on Thursday at 3 p.m. with more rides and a larger midway. Special coupon offers will apply every day all weekend long.

**FUN-GUY BALL**

The first-ever "Fun-Guy" (fungi) Ball will be held on Saturday under the tent in Veterans Memorial Park. Tickets are \$100 per couple, including dinner, dancing, and a chance to win big raffle prizes.

# Ah, those elusive morels

A local expert gives the inside skinny on all there is to know about our favorite fungi

By TOM JOHNSON

The true harbinger of spring is when the first black morels mysteriously begin to pop out of the ground. This is when I fall victim to my compulsive behavior of being in the woods and hunting morel mushrooms.

Many daydreaming moments are spent plucking these odd-looking fungi from the forest floor on a clear blue day. My fingers wriggle through the papers on my desk; searching through the leaves for the cool moist sensation of a mushroom; when all I find is a pencil eraser I know it's time to don my hiking boots and go after the real McCoy.

In northern Michigan this time of year begins during the last week of April on a good year, or the first week of May when we have a late spring. The buds on maple trees are bursting open, wild leeks, spring beauties, hepatics and trout lilies begin to carpet the forest floor and dutchman's breeches show their first pantaloons blooms. The bluebirds and tree swallows are back and the wild turkeys are settling in to their nests.

If you become consumed by the pursuit of morels and stay in the woods too long the hermit thrushes, vireos and spring peepers will begin to call towards dusk reminding everyone that it is time to look at their compasses and take a bearing towards home.

Morels are considered to be one of the safest types of mushrooms to eat once you know how to identify them. There are five basic types of morels

that can be found in the northern Michigan woods: black morel *Morchella angusticeps*, common morel *Morchella esculenta*, half-free morel *Morchella milibera* and bigfoot or giant morel *Morchella rassipes*.

Scientific names are given because people often see the same common names to describe two different species of mushrooms. Fortunately you don't have to be a mycologist (the scientific name for mushroom freak) to safely enjoy finding and eating morels. The most important thing to learn is how to identify the edible true morels from the poisonous false morels.

All true morels possess all of the following three characteristics:

- 1) They have a pitted cap where the pits are entirely surrounded by a continuous ridge.
- 2) The bottom of the cap (also called the skirt) is completely attached to the stem.
- 3) When the mushroom is sliced vertically it is completely hollow inside from the top of the cap to bottom of the stem.

There are two kinds of mushroom hunters: old mushroom hunters and bold mushroom hunters. There is no such thing as an old, bold mushroom hunter. Therefore it is wise not to eat any wild mushroom if you are not 100 percent sure of its identification. The best way to learn is to have an experienced hunter teach you. Always cook morels before eating them and eat them in moderation when trying for the first time in case you have a food allergy. Also avoid consuming

black morels (*Morchella angusticeps*) when drinking alcohol. The combination causes some people to get severe gastrointestinal upset.

If you are still concerned about morel identification, there is help available. The Mushroom Festival Committee will be sponsoring a guided practice hunt which begins with a tasty and educational seminar at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17, under the tent in Veterans Park. The practice hunt will be held from 5-7 p.m., leaving from Veterans Park. Space in the hunt is limited, so make sure you pre-register at the Chamber of Commerce.

There are two basic types of false morels, the verpas (*verpa bohemica*) also called caps and crude phallic names; and the beefsteak morels (*Gyromitra esculenta*). Both of these morels are poisonous. Both are consumed by people who appear to be immune to their toxins. Their families have been eating them for generations without any difficulty. Unfortunately one in every 10,000 people or so eats a false morel and dies.

Life is too short for this when there are so many true morels in the woods. Much of the difficulty and mystery of finding morels can be removed once you know where and when to find them. The edible, true morels are put into two general categories, as simple as black and white.

The black morels (*Morchella angusticeps*) are the first to arrive in spring. Begin looking as described earlier during the last week of April or beginning of May. If you are truly

addicted like me, head south to southern Indiana or Missouri in the middle of April for a long weekend to get an early start on the season. Look for black morels in stands of mixed hardwood trees containing beech, maple, basswood, oak, aspen, or "popple" stands and also try in conifer forests especially those containing spruce trees.

The second group of morels are the whites which include the common or yellow morel and the early or gray morel. The white morels don't start appearing until the middle of May when the black morels are at their peak of abundance. This is the time of year when the leaves on the trees are completely unfolded but still possess that light virginal green color. The umbrella-like flower clusters of wild leeks are in full bloom, along with the heart-shaped flowers of squirrel corn, trilliums and the yellow pollen of beech and maple trees is thick in the air and can be seen as a light covering of dust on the forest floor or on the edges of lakes and ponds.

Look for the white morels in mixed hardwood forests containing maple, ash, basswood and hop hornbeam. Old apple orchards are also excellent places to look. Good hunting will last all the way until the end of May. Basically when the trilliums die off and the leeks turn yellow, the season is

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## How the season's shaping up so far . . .

Though the season's been long in coming this year, by the time the hunt begins on Saturday, the pickings may be prime. An extended wet and cool spring may not be to the liking of many local residents, but according to Tom Johnson of Boyne City, are just the right conditions to get those morels growing.

The moisture, rain and snow, have been great for holding soil moisture," Johnson said, a necessary factor for good mushroom growth. If, in recent weeks, the area had experienced weather that was dry and cold, we wouldn't expect to see a very good morel crop; the heavy moisture may be the key to any chance for a bountiful season of the area's favorite fungi.

In recent days, Johnson has visited some of his favorite mushroom-hunting haunts, finding a reasonable number of the earlier black variety, though not a single white yet. Admittedly, though, he said, "I haven't looked much." The blacks have not been substantially sized, but, not minuscule, either. "They're not tiny, but thin," he said.

Currently, Johnson expects, the black morels should be in full swing, meaning the whites are likely beginning to show up as well. Regardless of the variety, though, mushroom hunters shouldn't leave the woods empty-handed.

"They're always going to find mushrooms at the festival," Johnson said, "Some years it's a bumper crop at that time."

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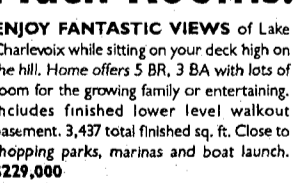
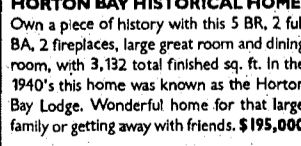
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If you are a first-time Morel mushroom hunter you should hunt with someone who knows what a good morel looks like. There are several types of morels — some edible and other poisonous. Cooking does not destroy any poison in a mushroom. Most toxic mushrooms will only make you sick to your stomach, however, wild mushrooms can cause kidney damage, hallucinations, and even death. A mushroom hunt is a great family activity. It's fun just to get outside and hike after being cooped up all winter.  
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# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

## THURSDAY, MAY 16

### SCHMIDT AMUSEMENTS CARNIVAL

3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park - Schmidt Amusements is back again this year with more rides and a larger midway as well as lots of concessions. The carnival, sponsored by the Boyne Valley Lions Club, will be open all weekend long with special coupon days every day.

## FRIDAY, MAY 17

### ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

9 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park - The annual fair is host to over 75 artisans. Morel-related items will be on hand as well as unique handcrafted specialties.

### SCHMIDT AMUSEMENTS CARNIVAL

3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park

### FESTIVAL WELCOME RECEPTION AND SEMINAR

4:30 p.m. Under the tent in Veterans Park. Marilyn Smith of SEE-North will share her expertise at a mushroom seminar featuring free samples of morel soup. This seminar has proven to be both tasty as well as educational to the expert and novice alike.

### GUIDED PRACTICE MUSHROOM HUNT

5-7 p.m. Leaving from Veteran's Park - Local experts teach novice hunters the art of morel hunting. Space is limited, please pre-register at the chamber by 4 p.m.

### WELCOME CONCERT

8-10 p.m. Under the tent in Veterans Memorial Park. Enjoy a wine and cheese kick-off with free concert featuring Dick Solberg and the Sun Mountain Band. Sponsored by Bay Beverage Corp.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

### MOREL MUSHROOM BREAKFAST

7:30-9 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. Scrambled eggs with morels and cheese in a pita, along with coffee, will be served at the Carter's wagon.

### BOYNE VALLEY LIONS CLUB NATIONAL MUSHROOM HUNTING CHAMPIONSHIP

7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration is from 7:30-9 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. For more than 40 years, hundreds of hunters from all over have come to Boyne City to challenge their morel hunting skills. The hunt will

follow a one-day format, with one round of competition for all categories. Total number of mushrooms picked will be used to determine winners for all categories. Cash prizes. Winners announced at 3 p.m.

### ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

9 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park

### SCHMIDT AMUSEMENTS CARNIVAL

At Veterans Memorial Park

### MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. Song of the Lakes, a perennial favorite at the Mushroom Festival, will perform "new folk" music with a maritime flair.

### HISTORICAL MUSEUM SPRING OPEN HOUSE

12-4 p.m. at 319 N. Lake St. (Next to Veterans Park) Learn the history of Boyne City and surrounding communities, Free guided tours and door prizes.

### WOODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

1p.m. at Sunset Park. The Mushroom Festival's mascot, Woody Pickme, turns 6 years old. Kids 10 and under hunt for candy and prizes and celebrate Woody's birthday with cake, balloons and other fun stuff.

### "TASTE OF BOYNE"

1-3 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park. The "Taste of Boyne" offers samples from area restaurants, their morel mushroom specialties and more. You won't want to miss

this one! \$2 admission.

### "FUN-GUY" (FUNGI) BALL

6 p.m. Under the tent in Veterans Memorial Park. The first-ever Fun-Guy Ball will be held, including dinner, dancing, prizes, and entertainment. A cash bar and "upbeat" country music will be featured. Three big prizes will be given away, including an Alumcraft V14 9.9HP Yamaha 2 Stroke boat with trailer from Sunburst Marine, a four-person hot tub from Luxury Bath & Spa, and Mountain Hard Wear camping gear and canoe from Outside Edge. Tickets are \$100 for two, including dinner and limited drinks, or \$25 for one (does not include raffle) with dinner and limited drinks. Tickets are available at the Boyne Area Chamber, Boyne River Bait, Bali & Beyond, Destress Express, Kilwin's, and the Wolverine Dilworth Inn.

### GARDEN CLUB 50/50 RAFFLE

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## SUNDAY, MAY 19

### ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

9 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park

### SCHMIDT AMUSEMENTS CARNIVAL

Noon at Veterans Memorial Park

For information on any of the events, call the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 582-6222 or visit the morelfest.com website.



**Making it happen**

Each year, the Mushroom Festival committee pools its talents and resources to create a festival the community can be proud of. Pictured here at a recent meeting are, front row, from left, Shirley Howie, Jerry Douglas, and Sandy Chambers. Back row: Kim Brown, Pam Barrett, and Robyn Morgan.

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# A TASTE FOR MORELS *Mouthwatering recipes from the "Taste of Boyne" cookbook*

## MOREL HASH

**Ingredients:**

- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups chopped morels
- 1/2 teaspoons Spice Island herb pepper
- 2 medium potatoes, cooked and cut in 3/4 inch cubes

**Direction:**

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a medium saucepan. Saute green pepper, onion, and garlic until tender. Remove from pan, using a slotted spoon. Set aside. In same pan, saute mushrooms in remaining butter until liquid is absorbed. Add green pepper mixture and herb pepper; salt to taste. Stir in potatoes. Blend together until heated through. Makes 4 delicious servings.

## VEAL STEW WITH MORELS

**Ingredients:**

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup diced carrots
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 pound well trimmed veal shoulder or leg, cut into 1 inch squares
- 5 or 6 morel mushrooms, cleaned (or reconstituted) and quartered
- 1 (14 1/2 oz.) can Italian plum tomatoes with juice
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 (2 x 1/2 inch) strip orange zest
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary
- 8 ounce potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 inch cubes
- 2 cups thick sliced zucchini
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

**Directions:**

In large non-stick skillet, combine onion, celery, carrot, garlic, and olive oil. Cook, stirring, until vegetables are tender. Use low heat about 10 minutes. Add veal and

mushrooms and salt and pepper to taste. Cook, turning, about 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, broth, rosemary, and zest. Cover and cook over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, until veal is tender, about 45 minutes. Add potatoes, cover and cook until potatoes are almost tender, about 10 minutes. Add zucchini and cook an additional 5 minutes.

## STUFFED MORELS

**Ingredients:**

- 3 cups morel mushrooms
- 1/2 pound ground beef or ground turkey
- Salt and pepper to taste

**Directions:**

Drain any excess grease. Wash, split, and dry mushrooms. Stuff with meat mixture. Bake, covered, 30 to 40 minutes in 375°F. oven. Variation: By adding 1/2 cup bread crumbs and 1 egg to meat mixture may give a better consistency to stuffing.

## MICHIGAN QUICHE

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup sliced leeks
- 1/2 cup shiitake mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup morel mushrooms, cut in halves
- 1 cup fresh asparagus, small diced
- 2 cups Swiss cheese
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 3 eggs
- Salt and pepper (pinch)
- 1 teaspoon chives
- Pinch of nutmeg
- 1 (9 inch) pie shell (ready to bake)

**Directions:**

Preheat oven to 350°. In a large skillet, saute leeks, mushrooms, and fresh asparagus. Cook until tender, then set aside. Bake pie shell about halfway (do not brown.) Heat heavy cream to boil, then remove from heat and whip in eggs and seasonings. Place mushroom mixture in pie shell and top with Swiss cheese, then pour in cream mixture. Bake at 350° for approximately 30 minutes. Serves 6.

## SCALLOPED MOREL MUSHROOMS

**Ingredients:**

- 6 cups sliced morel mushrooms
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup buttered bread crumbs

**Directions:**

Saute mushrooms in 2 tablespoons butter and stir until liquid evaporates. Place in shallow baking dish. Melt 2 tablespoons butter and blend in flour gradually, stirring until thickened. Add dry mustard and Parmesan cheese. Pour over mushrooms and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake in 350° oven until crumbs are brown.

*Morel cookbooks and wearables will be available during the festival at the information booth in Veterans Memorial Park.*

## those elusive morels

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sically when the trilliums die off and the leeks turn yellow, the season is over.

Finding morels requires the development of "morel eyes." Your brain needs to get used to picking out the subtle patterns and colors of morels against the camouflage of the forest floor. The best way to begin this process is to look at several pictures of morels before you go out hunting. After you find the first morel, spend some time looking at it, and call your friends around so they can have a chance to see it before you pluck it from the ground. You will soon be on your way to finding hundreds on a single outing.

After a long day of picking morels you will begin to notice an odd sensation at night. Just as you close your eyes to rest, all you see are morels counting everywhere. It sure beats sheep. This same type of image occurs after a long road trip when you continue to see the yellow lines of the highway. Michigan Because this area of is so popular for musbriOU hunting, thousands of people ach descend Upon the woods here e spring- All of

this activity can. have a negative effect on the woodland ecology. Bea conservationist and make an effort to tread lightly on the earth. Try not to through thickets of wildflowers and avoid disturbing nesting wildlife. with so many mushrooms in the Woods there is no need to be greedy either. When you find a large patch always leave a few mushrooms for the next person Or at least leave a few to give off spores to develop into mushrooms next year.

Also pinch or cut Off your morels at the stem about a half inch from the soil. This Will prevent tearing up the microfibrus root system that will sprout additional morels in future seasons. Sharing and eating morels is of perhaps the best part of all. To ensure that your morels remain edible always keep them stored in a breathable container whether in the field or refrigerator. paper bags and wicker baskets work best. Never use plastic bags or plastic containers. The lack of oxygen causes dangerous bacteria and mold to grow.

Once home, morels need to be properly cleaned and stored. Several varieties of slugs and insects inhabit the pits and hollow core of the morel.

The best method for cleaning is to simply brush them off in order to maintain their unique and delicate flavor. Then when cooking and eating just pretend that all the bugs are gone, right? Nothing like a little protein variety in the diet.

The alternative way is to cut the morels lengthwise and briefly (60 seconds or less) submerge and swish them around in cold water.

Immediately shake them off and lay them out on towels for 30 minutes on each side to drain off any excess moisture. Then put the "shrooms" into the fridge covered with a towel. They will keep up to one week when cooled this way.

Ninety percent of the flavor is maintained using this method.

If you want to preserve your morels to use on some cold winter day, then try drying them. Cut the mushrooms lengthwise and lay them out on screens or string them up to hang in the sun.

The best and safest way to dry morels is to use an electric dryer that can be purchased for around \$25 at any department store. Never store any morel until it is completely dry.

The true test is when they are com-

pletely crisp and snap in half like a potato chip. If they are at all flexible or rubbery the mushrooms Will mold or become rancid.

After the morels are properly dried, store them in sealed zip lock bags or jars. Put the dried morels freezer for further shelf life.

Dried morels will keep for one to three years and maintain nearly all their flavor and texture when reconstituted. No other methods compare to drying.

Never freeze morels in a container of water. They will lose their flavor and texture and turn mushy when thawed. You may as stomp on them with a dirty old shoe and then dry them on the hood of your car.

There are many fine recipes for cooking morels in quiches, gravies, sauces, soups, stews and pasta dishes. For further information on recipes, try the Morel Cookbook Boyne City Morel Festival Committee.

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*(Tom Johnson is a Boyne City morel expert.)*

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