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At A Glance

Fire Hall bond issue on ballot in Melrose Township May 6

On Tuesday, May 6, Melrose Township voters will go to the polls to decide the fate of a bond referendum for an expanded and renovated Melrose Township Fire Hall.

Building on the existing hall on M-75 in Walloon Lake, the proposed improvements include a 5,900 square-foot addition, bringing the hall to a total of about 8,300 square feet. The building will house both the fire hall and a township hall. The addition will include two new firetruck bays; upgrading existing facilities to ADA standards; a 52-foot by 24-foot meeting/training room facility; basic kitchen facilities; and office space.

Financing on the \$995,000 project is being sought in the form of a low interest loan from USDA Rural Development, to be paid for over 30 years with voted bonds. Anticipated maximum levy, according to township officials, is less than one mill.

Buff Up Boyne set for May 3

Area residents are invited to help spruce up their hometown during the annual Buff Up Boyne event, scheduled for Saturday, May 3, from 8:30-11 a.m.

Those wishing to participate will meet at the Veterans Park Pavilion at 8:30 a.m. Target areas will include city parks, along the river, and alleyways. Trash bags will be provided, but those participating are asked to bring rakes, brooms, and/or shovels. All participants will receive a gift in appreciation for their help.

At 11 a.m., an official ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held to acknowledge the completion of the River Walk project, followed by a picnic lunch at Veteran's Memorial Park.

The public is invited to both events, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority.

For more information, call city hall at 582-6397.

Late resident keeps giving

Last week, the family of the late Marie Zoberski announced that the Friends of the Boyne River, of whom Zoberski was the co-founder, would receive a \$10,000 donation from her estate, earmarked for protecting land from development along the Boyne River.

To further recognize Zoberski's contributions to the community, her family, along with the Friends of the Boyne River, will be awarding a \$500 scholarship in her name to a sophomore college student in biology from Boyne City. The scholarship will be granted to a worthy recipient yet to be determined for the fall semester of 2003.

For more information, call Tom Sheets at 582-5824.

Home sweet home

Though signs of spring have been slow in coming to northern Michigan, area birds are right on schedule. This chickadee, for example, spent time recently scoping out a front-porch birdhouse, seeking just the right nesting site to raise its spring brood.

photo by Angela Shultis



Tough cuts

Boyer Falls School makes cuts in athletics, staff to balance budget for 03/04

In the wake of state-wide budget cuts, the Boyer Falls Board of Education made some tough choices last week in the quest to balance their own budget for the upcoming 2003-04 fiscal year.

At last week's regular meeting, the board voted 6-1 to reduce the middle school teaching staff by one member, and 7-0 to eliminate volleyball, football, and the game manager staff position.

The choices weren't easy ones, according to school superintendent Mark Parsons, with the district taking into consideration input given by community members during a recent town meeting on the subject.

Middle school teacher Linda Bearss, who joined the staff in the fall of 2002, will not be returning in the fall, her position eliminated in the cutting process. "Eighty percent of school budgets are personnel," said Parsons, who noted staff reductions were in no way based on merit. "When we had to reduce, we looked at personnel and [eliminating] one teaching position became a necessity."

Though a teaching staff reduction obviously has the potential to impact academics, "we'll be able to rearrange and cover our basic program pretty much. Some of the enrichment things we do will be a little bit limited," Parsons said.

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OFFICIAL GROUNDBREAKING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 14

Bids come in under budget in EJ school project

In the final step before breaking ground, the East Jordan Board of Education last week awarded bids for the construction and renovation projects slated to begin in the district next month.

Bids for the general contracting, mechanical contracting, and electrical contracting came in slightly under budget, with bid awards going to Petrie Construction, Arms and Cole, and Sky Electric, respectively.

"We are especially pleased that the project will be completed with local contractors," said schools superintendent

Chip Hansen, as Petrie Construction and Sky Electric, both of East Jordan, submitted the low bids in their respective divisions.

Petrie took the general contracting package with a bid of \$3,260,000,

beating out the next closest bidder, Grand Traverse Construction, by \$294,000. Sky Electric submitted the

Every domino has dropped in the right spot so far. We'll do everything we can to make sure that continues"
-- East Jordan schools superintendent Chip Hansen

lowest bid for electrical contracting with a base bid of \$1,058,200. Arms and Cole of Traverse City took the

mechanical contracting package with a low bid of \$1,540,208.

According to Hansen, two preconstruction meetings with contractors are scheduled to take place this week. "We expect we'll be moving dirt sometime next week," he said.

The construction project, which begins this year with work on the el-

ementary and high schools and will continue next year at the middle school, will include expanded classroom space, upgraded offices, media centers, and infrastructure improvements, as well as a 500-seat auditorium at the high school for district and community use. The projects are supported by a \$7.9 million bond proposal approved by East Jordan voters in September of 2002.

"We've had so many positives in this project," Hansen said. "From the

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At left, local anglers Dave Goodman and Kyle Marshall met up with the pup they rescued, Cocoa, and her owners Carl and Pat Bloom at the Blooms' East Jordan home last week. Also pictured is the Blooms' daughter's dog, Sophie, who played a role in the rescue by calling attention to her stricken friend. Despite her close call, Cocoa, above, has returned to the privileged dog's life she'd enjoyed prior to the rescue.

A dog's life

Not just a pet, the Blooms' beloved Cocoa became the recipient of a risky rescue on the melting ice of Lake Charlevoix

Cocoa, an 8-year-old chocolate lab owned by East Jordan's Carl and Pat Bloom, loves the water. That passion, however, found itself tested recently when a trip onto the ice turned into an unplanned dip into the icy waters of Lake Charlevoix.

Fortunately for Cocoa, a couple of local fishermen were in the right place at the right time, and, more importantly, were willing to go that extra mile to save a stranger's beloved pet.

According to Dave Goodman, an employee at Red Mesa in Boyer City and an avid fisherman, the evening started out innocent enough, when he and coworker Kyle Marshall, a

Boyer City resident, took a trip out to the boat launch at Dutchman's Bay to check on the status of the ice. The two had hoped to simply get a lock on when they could make plans to take the boat out and do a little angling.

Approaching the shoreline, however, their attention was drawn to a small dog "frantically pacing" on the shore, Goodman said. "We wondered why the dog was so upset." Looking out onto the lake, the two noticed a hole in the ice and something thrashing in the water. Their first thought, he said, was that a child had fallen through the ice; rushing

down to the beach, they discovered that the one in peril was actually a dog. "We could tell it was getting very tired and knew it didn't have much time left," Goodman said. Being a big man, he added, he knew that the ice probably wouldn't hold him; Marshall, however, might have a chance. "We just couldn't sit by and not do anything," Goodman noted.

Adrenaline pumping, Marshall eased out onto the ice, only to have it break under his feet. Up to his knees, he pressed on,

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Discolored Paper

BCHS band trip cancelled

Decision based on concerns about SARS in Toronto

Though for most local residents SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) has been viewed as a distant issue, for members of the Boyne City High School band, concerns about the disease has meant the cancellation of a long-anticipated trip out of the country.

Band members and chaperons were scheduled to take a trip to Toronto last weekend, but a World Health Organization (WHO) travel advisory cautioning against all but essential travel to the Canadian city gave school officials no choice but to cancel the trip.

The decision, according to Boyne City High School band director Brandon Ivey, was not a tough one to make. "It was not just for the safety of our students but for the safety of everyone in the city and even everyone in the state," Ivey said.

SARS, a respiratory virus spread by person-to-person contact, has been documented in more than 5,000 individuals worldwide according to the WHO, with 321 deaths reported. Outside of Asia, specifically China, Toronto has found itself the next largest focus of the SARS outbreak brought to the forefront by the travel advisory issued by WHO.

Talk of canceling the BCHS band trip, however,

began before SARS became a concern; initially, officials were keeping tabs on other world events, with concerns arising from the international climate stemming from the war in Iraq. "We had some parents concerned with what was going on in the world, but back then the war was also a big issue," Ivey said. Ivey, along with high school principal Karen Jarema and schools superintendent Jim Cooper, had agreed to "continue to monitor the situation" as information continued to come in regarding SARS from the WHO and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

The week prior to the trip, the travel advisory

from the WHO came down, leaving school officials with little choice. "As soon as that happened, there wasn't much of a decision [to make]," Ivey said.

Students, to be sure, were disappointed; however, Ivey noted, "I think overall the students understand. We tried to prepare them for this possibility ahead of time, and they understand it's the right decision."

Now, Ivey said, the main focus is on recouping at least some of the money already spent on the trip. All funding for the trip was made through fund-raising efforts and student contribution. "I know that we will be able to get some money back, but I highly doubt

we'll be able to get it all back," Ivey said. "The tour company that I work with said that vendors were going to be far more flexible than usual. It isn't just like we decided to cancel; things going on in the world dictate that a school is going to cancel."

As for any chances of travel yet this year, Ivey is hoping that perhaps a more local trip, to Mackinaw Island, for example, might be organized as a concession for students who're missing out on their Toronto adventure. "Travel-wise, we're probably looking at planning for something next year," Ivey noted, "though probably not out of the country."



Congressional visit

Students from East Jordan High School recently got a personal tour of the Senate floor at the Michigan Capital building in Lansing from State Senator Jason Allen (R-Traverse City).

EJES Stepping Stones event will focus on bike safety

Safety skills and fun will be on tap for Children's Transportation Day from 1:30-3 p.m., Thursday, May 8, in the East Jordan Elementary Gym.

Children ages 1 to 5 and their families are invited to attend and learn about bicycle/tricycle safety. A makeshift town with a car wash, bank, gasoline pump, restaurant and working stop light will be set up for children to "drive" around. Children are asked to bring their tricycle, bike or push

toy to the event. Those who have a safety helmet should bring it.

Transportation Day is sponsored by Stepping Stones to School, East Jordan Elementary and the East Jordan Coop Nursery.

As part of the free Transportation Day event, families may register in Stepping Stones to School to help prepare their child for public school. Stepping Stones to School is free and open to all families of children ages birth through age five.

Families that enroll in Stepping

Stones to School receive invitations to playgroups to meet other families with young children; newsletters with information on health, nutrition and activities to try at home; birthday packets from their local elementary school until the child reaches kindergarten; and home visits from a registered nurse.

For more information about Stepping Stones to School call 231-547-6217 or toll free 1-877-866-3714.

Concert set at JRAC

The Jordan River Arts Council will host a concert featuring singer/songwriter Bobby Watt. The concert is set for Friday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan.

If Scotland is enjoying a cultural renaissance due to exports like the films "Trainspotting" or "Shallow Grave" or the works of author Irvine Welsh, then singer/songwriter Bobby Watt is certainly making his contribution to that success.

Watt, a native of Arran Island who emigrated to Canada some 20 years ago, is noted for a voice that's as smooth, warm and

memorable as one of Scotland's other favorite exports.

His songs are full of stories of his homeland and of his adopted country of Canada. The songs themselves are an unlikely blend of traditional music and fresh lyrics, brought down to earth and rooted by Watt's barely mellowed Scottish accent.

Bobby has three solo albums to his credit. The first, "Homeland," was released in 1991 and that was followed in 1994 with "C'est Watt" both produced by SnowGoose Records.

His performance schedule takes him across

Canada and into the United States and to Europe. He has been featured in festivals from Vancouver to Montreal, Boston to Ballymena and Tonder in Denmark to Arran in Scotland. He first appeared in the area in 1994 at the Dennis Museum Center in Traverse City.

Tickets for Watt's East Jordan appearance are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are available at the Jordan River Arts Center and Two Dog Deli in East Jordan. Advance reservations can be made by calling 582-5057 or by calling the Arts Council at 536-3385.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Framing and more available at 'Sweetgrass' in Boyne City

When Chrissie Esch and her husband Jack Laurent were naming their new Boyne City business, they wanted something open-ended, in order to give them the freedom to expand. "The logical choice would have been something like 'Boyne City Custom Framing,'" said Esch, "but we wanted some latitude."

Though the business is based on custom framing, Esch is toying with various retail ventures, selling things like postcards, prints, and gift items. "Jack has been custom framing for a long time," she said, but it's her desire to "round out the business" with retail items which will include work by local artists. With the possibility of an ever-changing inventory, "it'll stay fun," she said. "We're looking for people to tell us what they like."

The base of the family-owned business is, for now, the framing aspect which, according to Esch, is focused on providing framing needs to fit every budget. "We can work with you to preserve family photos, children's art, and



Sweetgrass co-owner Chrissie Esch plans to combine the custom framing business with a gift shop and gallery.

more," Esch said. Originally from Mt. Pleasant and Laurent hails from Massachusetts; the couple has two children, Paul, 7, and Sadie, 1. Originally targeting Petoskey, the family was steered by friends into checking out Boyne City, with which they subsequently fell in love. "It was very welcoming," Esch said, adding that since their February opening, other business owners have been encouraging and helpful.

Sweetgrass will hold a grand opening open house and ribbon cutting on Friday, May 9, from 4-6 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and door prizes will be awarded. The public is invited.

Sweetgrass is located at 114 E. Main St., Boyne City. For more information, call 582-2620.

OBITUARIES

Lawrence Dale Curtiss



Lawrence Dale Curtiss

Lawrence Dale Curtiss of Blackwell, Okla., died Wednesday evening, April 23, 2003 at Integris Blackwell Regional Hospital at the age of 84.

No services are planned at this time.

Lawrence D. Curtiss was born on Jan. 22, 1919, in Alto, Mich., to Dale Vinton and Laura M. (Underhill) Curtiss. He grew up in Alto and attended South High School in Grand Rapids, graduating in 1937. He then furthered his education by attending Michigan State University. He worked for and owned Curtiss Dairy Company along with his father, in Boyne City for many years.

He married Frances Arlene Dowling on Aug. 22, 1940, in North Manchester, Ind. They

retirement they moved to Bradenton, Fla. where they lived for thirty years, prior to moving to Blackwell to make their home. He remained an active entrepreneur throughout his retirement and spent a great majority of his spare time making birdhouses for friends and family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Curtiss of Blackwell, Okla.; sons, Jim (Dolores) Curtiss of Ponca City, Okla., and Larry Curtiss of Davenport, Fla.; daughter, Diane Cossart of Bradenton, Fla.; brothers, John David Curtiss of Naples, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one granddaughter.

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EJ bandshell effort still going strong

Though their efforts have been low key, members of the committee supporting the construction of a bandshell in East Jordan's Memorial Park have succeeded in raising more than \$30,000 towards the project, and continue to work to garner support.

According to committee chairperson Carl Bloom, the committee has "gotten encouragement from everybody" they've approached on the project. "There's no question about the interest and support."

Considering the current state of the economy, Bloom added, the amount of financial support they've received in cash and firm pledges has exceeded expectations. In addition, in kind contributions from area contractors in the form of labor and materials has brought the cost of the project down from a projected \$106,000 to about \$75,000.

The committee, which consists of representatives from the City, the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, the local business community, and the arts, has secured most of the contributions thus far through personal contacts to "stakeholders." In addition, committee members are currently working on grant proposals to both the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Michigan Arts Council. "The downside is that since

we started this thing, we've learned that the State's in the worst financial shape it's been since World War II," Bloom said, meaning that funds to support the arts and arts projects are in short supply. "[Supporting the project] would've been a no-brainer for the state if they hadn't cut all the funding for this [type of project] by over 50 percent."

Last year, the City of East Jordan voted to give the committee permission to place the bandshell in Memorial Park, giving them a two-year timeline to complete the project.

Despite the current economic climate, local support has bolstered Bloom and other committee members to continue pursuing the project, which was initiated by former city commissioner Bernie Hammond. "We're optimistic," he said of the group, which meets every two to three weeks to discuss fund-raising and to "cheer each other on."

Any one interested in donating to the effort can do so through a special fund set up through the City of East Jordan. Donations are tax deductible, and can be dropped off at City Hall, where the monies will be earmarked by city treasurer Susan Moreau for the bandshell project.

For more information, call Bloom at 536-7602 or City Hall at 536-3381.

BC takes stand on Water Street roadend

In two significant motions last week, the City of Boyne City took decisive action on riparian issues that have plagued the city in recent weeks.

First, the city commission voted to engage the services of Benchmark Engineering in Harbor Springs to review proposed riparian lines as drawn by surveyor Sherm Chamberlain in a study commissioned by the City of Boyne City. Presented earlier this year to the commission, the riparian lines resulting from the study have not been adopted by the city due, in part, to questions regarding the ownership of the triangle of property at the roadend of Water Street.

According to the proposed riparian lines, the ownership of the roadend belongs to One Water Street property owners Greg Krueger and Joe Thomas; previous riparian lines, however, place ownership with the City. A review of the study conducted by Chamberlain, it is hoped, will help clarify the issue for commission and staff. "We need more information," said city commissioner Ron Grunch. Commissioner Vicki Standen

commended the citizens who have taken an interest in the issue and brought information to city hall for the commission to consider. "It's not black and white," however, Standen said. "There are enough inconsistencies in the information we have. It depends on who's in the room at the same time. You can put a different spin on the same information."

According to city manager Michael Cain, one of the first steps will be to meet with representatives from Benchmark and present Chamberlain's findings while "making sure everyone is up to speed."

"We're not trying to reinvent the whole wheel," Cain said, but rather simply review the information at hand by an outside party. A second motion gave Cain and city attorney Jim Murray authority to move forward as needed to declare the City's claim to ownership of the disputed Water Street property. Calling it a "grey area,"

Cain said in addressing the commission that if the issue goes to court there are no guarantees [that the result will be in the city's favor]; however, he added, "I think there's more [evidence] in our corner."

Commissioners agreed. "Legally," said city commissioner Vicki Standen during subsequent board deliberation. "I believe we have enough evidence to lay claim to this property." The motion, Cain said, gave City staff "an operating principle to work

from." The direction is to take steps as needed, up to and including court, Cain noted, though "we hope we don't go down that path." First, he said, it's likely that City representatives will meet with the One Water Street property owners to formally present the City's position.

Boyne City convenes market study committee

The Boyne City Market Study Committee met for the first time last week to review the results of a market study commissioned by the Downtown Development Authority and completed last year by the Chesapeake Group.

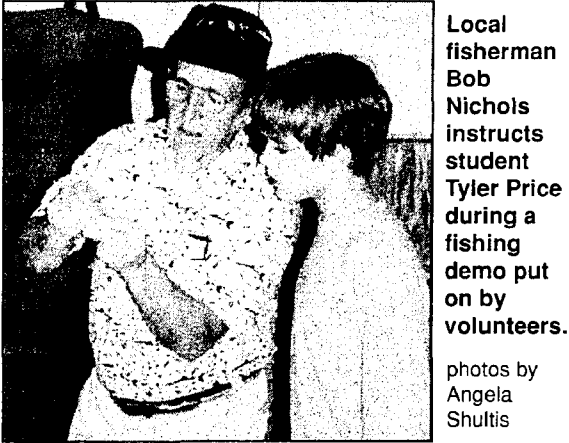
Consisting of representatives from the DDA, the City Commission, the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, and city staff, the committee will be meeting regularly to, essentially, "make sure the market study doesn't become a nice bookend," said city manager Michael Cain.

One of the first things to be considered, Cain continued, will be some of the recommendations coming out of the market study, in terms of which of the different bodies involved might be put in charge of various areas. The goal will be to come up with a "strategy of implementing those recommendations," Cain said, as well as coordinating that list with the goals developed through city goal setting sessions, like the top 10 goals as adopted by the City Commission at its last regular meeting.



Celebrating Earth Day

Boyne City Middle School students took part in a variety of activities designed to educate while celebrating Earth Day, guided by members of Friends of the Boyne River and other local volunteers. Above, students gather around Boyne City's Don Lockman as he shares the fine art of fly-tying. At top right, BCMS students Matt Keiser, Sam Dunwoody, and Charlie Courtright show off grocery bags decorated for the occasion and distributed at area grocery stores. Other activities included a waterfront clean-up and storm drain labeling.



Local fisherman Bob Nichols instructs student Tyler Price during a fishing demo put on by volunteers.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Eveline Twp official urges no vote on recall

TO THE EDITOR:

To the voters of Eveline Township:
When I ran for elective office in 1996 I stated, among other things, that I would serve all residents of Eveline Township equally without catering to special interest groups, single-issue advocates, or those wanting special consideration to the detriment of all other residents. I continue to advocate that policy today.

Early in 2001 the Eveline Township board was advised that wind turbine generators would be an issue in the near future. The elected officials of the board are Dan Skrzeczkoski, supervisor; myself, Don Hayden, clerk; Deb Jason, treasurer; Eric Beishlag and Sam Persons, trustees. As required by law, one member of the board must be appointed to the township planning commission. Eric Beishlag agreed to accept that appointment, and by virtue of his seniority on the commission has been named chairman.

Prior to my election in 1996, and re-election in 2000 with 97.3 percent of the votes cast, I was zoning administrator for several years. Since I had to attend all meetings of the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals I was appointed recording secretary for both those groups. I therefore have some background in zoning and planning. By law, one member of the zoning board of appeals must also be on the planning commission. Chris Carson, chairman, fills that role.

Following several months of monthly meetings of the planning commission, at the request of the Township board developed zoning rules and regulations to control wind turbine generators, with an approved amendment to the zoning ordinance adopted by the Township board. Following that action a request was received from property owners to issue a special use permit for several wind turbine generators. The planning group had to hear the request - they could not ignore it.

When the neighbors heard about the request, as required in the ordinance, they were up in arms although they had not attended one meeting in the several preceding months that regulations were being discussed. Their excuse? They didn't see the notices printed for every meeting in the Petoskey News-Review since they didn't read that paper!

When they couldn't persuade either the commission or the board to change things their way by intimidation they resorted to recall action.

Dan Skrzeczkoski has no more influence over the planning commission than do members of the Splinter Group now known as the "Eveline Preservation Group." He is being subjected to recall action because he (and I quote) ignored letters from 250 residents. Those letters were form letters sent out by the Splinter Group. More than 1,000 were sent out and only 250 returned, mostly without comment-other than signatures. That hardly qualifies for a reason to recall somebody.

I am subject to recall because I was recording secretary and the Splinter Group did not like the way I kept the minutes of the meetings. Again, a poor reason for a recall costing the Township several thousand dollars. The fact is they are attempting to recall me from my clerk position because of what I supposedly did or didn't do as recording secretary.

Because of the regulations and restrictions placed in the zoning ordinance, and twice unanimously approved by both the planning commission and the Township board, I seriously doubt that there will ever be wind turbine generators installed in Eveline Township.

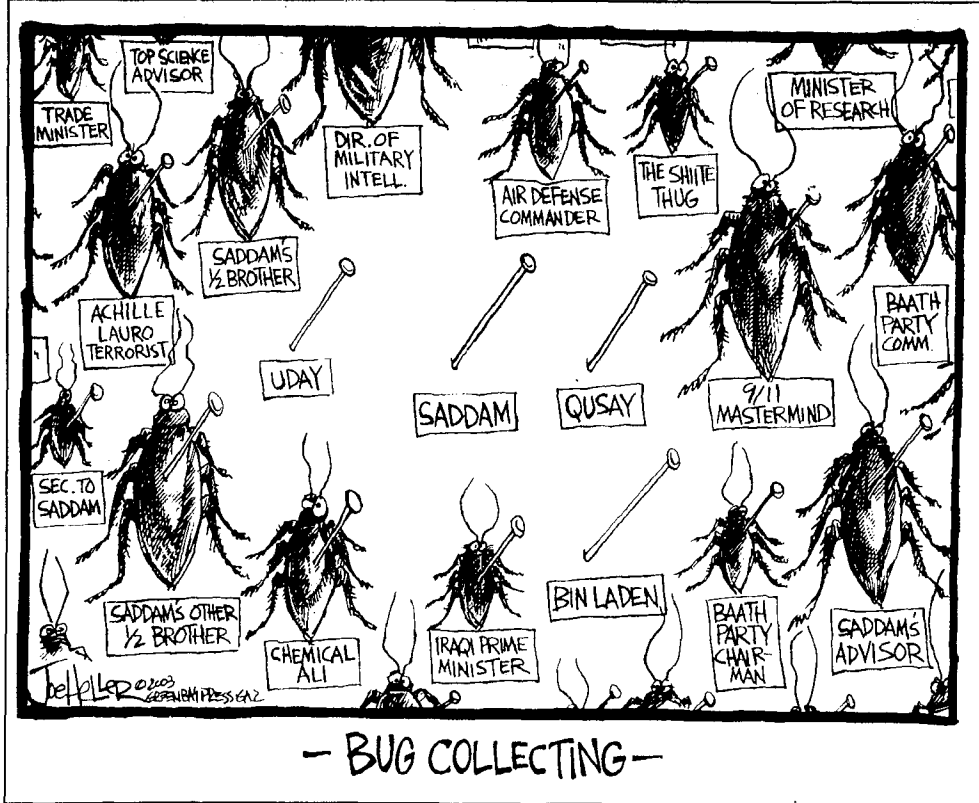
I urge everyone to vote no on the recall petition for both Dan and myself. The election will be held Monday, May 5, 2003 at the Township Hall.

I would normally supervise any election in Eveline Township but since I am the subject of the recall the county clerk's office must supervise this election at extra cost to the Township.

More importantly I suggest that you contact someone who knows the truth about the situation before deciding how you plan to vote. By doing so you will have the true facts and not innuendo and half-truths. In effect get "the other half of the story" that has not been given to you.

I can be reached at 231-582-3119 if you want to discuss it.

Don Hayden



MANY THANKS

RSVP volunteers make a difference

This year we celebrate the 30th anniversary of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 27 through May 3. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, administered by the Friendship Centers of Emmet County, has over 280 volunteers, who over the past year have generously volunteered over 39,000 hours. RSVP volunteers make a difference in nearly every aspect of society such as the environment, health care, mentoring, the arts and our senior centers. Our volunteers not only save non-profits resources, they enhance our way of life. We are thankful for their efforts and appreciate all they do. Hats off to all our wonderful volunteers, we appreciate you every day.

Sally Pickering, Project Director
RSVP of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties

Easter party a success thanks to local businesses

A king size thank you to the Boyne City businesses that donated prizes for the Senior Easter Party. It was well attended and a fun time for all. It's very heart warming to see the kindness shown to our precious Seniors.

Terri Powers

Grandvue grateful for volunteers

During this National Volunteer Week, all of the staff and family members, residents and board members at Grandvue Medical Care Facility wish to honor and extend a sincere thank you to our great team of volunteers. The many generous and caring efforts these individuals and community groups have contributed over the past year have helped to ensure a high quality of life for our residents and have helped us create a real "home" environment for everyone who lives and works at Grandvue.

We feel very fortunate to have the continued support of so many fine people living in our area. Thank you for your involvement.

Grandvue Medical Care Facility

A Mom's LIFE

For Mom, letting go is hard to do

By CINDI PLACE

We are entering a time in our parenting lives when we get to see the "fruit of our labors" so to speak. Most of our children are nearly adults, responsible for their own daily needs and making decisions without needing parental consultation. Good times, except for the fact that letting go has been much more difficult than we envisioned.

"What do you mean you're not coming home for a few weeks?" we asked our college student. "School's out this week; don't you want to come home?" The reply? "I am home, mom" cut deep.

Of course, their idea of being on their own is a little skewed. Who do they think makes sure their laundry is done before every family visit ends? Or crams the kid's car full of healthy food and snacks so that they don't starve for the next few weeks? Or remembers exactly what kind of shampoo and personal items will be needed when they

return to school?

"But who asks you to do all of that?" is the standard reply from our kids. And you know...they're right. We're just so used to doing all that stuff that sometimes we feel like it's the only way to make ourselves indispensable. Imagine how much money we'd save by being a little less "indispensable?"

Of course the really important stuff, like making sure the tuition is paid and tucking a few extra dollars in the savings account, those things we aren't being told are unnecessary. I guess it depends on their definition of what's important (and probably a more direct relationship exists between how much money the kid has and how hungry they really are).

In any case, as our kids become adults, preferably with real jobs that pay real money, we are going to have to learn to cut those strings. And to be patient when we haven't had a telephone call in a few weeks.

Who knows. We might decide to get a life.

LETTERS

Eveline Township supervisor doing a good job

TO THE EDITOR:

To the voters of Eveline Township. Vote NO on the recall election for Dan Skrzeczkoski, supervisor, and Don Hayden, clerk.

Speaking from the past 25 years, as trustee and supervisor of Eveline Township I believe for the past three years, Dan Skrzeczkoski is doing a good job and has been hard working as Supervisor of Eveline Township. He researches issues thoroughly and acts on them lawfully and honestly. Dan served the Township as Trustee for 12 years before being elected supervisor, and I believe he has a good knowledge of the issues concerning the township. Dan is doing a good job in regards to road issues, he conducts orderly meetings while allowing input from the audience with pertinent concerns.

Don Hayden has been the township clerk for six years, and in my opinion is doing a good job. Don served as zoning administrator before being elected clerk and did a good job in that position also. Don has always been available when information is asked of him. Don has also served as secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning commission and the Charlevoix County Chapter of Michigan Township Associations. He keeps on being re-appointed to or re-elected to these jobs. He must be doing something right.

The issue of Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs), has been resolved after months of research and work by the Planning Commission, Township Board, Township Planner and Township Attorney. The resulting ordinance regarding WTGs gives the Township Board and Planning Commission very good guide lines to control WTGs in Eveline Township. The issue of the re-zone of property

along Brock Road has also been resolved, it was turned down by the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, Eveline Township Planning Commission and the Eveline Township Board.

I would strongly urge you, the voters of Eveline Town-

ship, vote NO, on the recall election on May 5, 2003.

David Willson
Resident (38 years) supervisor (1979 to 2000)

Recall campaign is 'divisive'

TO THE EDITOR:

To the voters of Eveline Township:
We have a recall election coming up and I urge you to vote no on the recall of the supervisor and the clerk.

I think a recall campaign is one of the most divisive things that can happen in a community. I believe the only time a recall should happen is when there is a criminal action or a criminal intent. Neither of these has occurred. Everything, every action taken by the township boards has been legal. The township attorneys have so stated.

A focus group takes one or two items and beats them to death without regard to what else is happening. If blame is to be laid it should be on the preservation group. They have used delaying tactics month after month. At every meeting they have gone over the same subjects time after time. This has created many hardships on the boards. They needed many more meetings to accomplish the very goals

that the group wanted.

If they feel so strongly about issues they should pick a candidate and run him or her at the next election and do things in an ordered and democratic way.

I for one have heard enough half truths and innuendos to last me a lifetime.

The supervisor and the clerk are dedicated people and they don't need to be recalled. They have done a good job of representing the total population of Eveline Township. I urge you to VOTE NO ON THE RECALL.

Barry Wood

PLEASE SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

MORE EASTER news to share: Derrick Lamy of Holland, Mich. and fiancé Erika spent the Easter weekend with Mom, Sandy Lamy in Boyne City. They attended the Easter dinner hosted by John and Theresa Hecker and family in Boyne Falls and had a great day enjoying horseshoes and games and plenty of food.

MARY CASE of Litzenger Place was honored with a party on Wednesday, April 23. Her granddaughter, Pam Hartwick, brought in a beautifully decorated cake for her grandmother to share with her friends and neighbors in the community room in celebration of her 94th birthday. Still quite active, exercising three times a week, she is a lady of strong faith, attending a Bible Study group. Mary also had sad news to share, even though she had been prepared for it, as she and Pam had been in Maple Grove, Minn. visiting her then-ailing sister, 96-year-old Helen Hurley, at the home of her granddaughter Jill. Mary received word on Wednesday that her sister Helen had passed away, the very day of Mary's birthday. "I am so glad we'd had a really nice visit," she said. "Helen knew then that death would come soon." Mary and Pam attended her funeral and burial services in the family's hometown of Niles, Mich. Out of five girls, Mary and her sister, Annette Herman, age 86, of nearby Edwardsburg, are still living.

LOIS (LISCOM) Dexter of Traverse City spent Wednesday here in Boyne, visiting

Betty Kelts at Deer Meadows.

THE MONDAY STUDY Club met on April 21, with members and guests, at the Boyne District Library. Director Nannette Miller welcomed them in celebrating the library's 85th anniversary. Boyne City's Mayor, Eleanor Stackus, presented a commemorating message of congratulations from the city. Ruth Sheets, president of the Monday Study Club gave an interesting report on the history of the club, which was enhanced with display tables of books of Boyne City's history, including among its early settlers, the Shaw and White families. In her short report, The Monday Study Club was founded in 1906 by the Methodist minister's wife, Jessie Greenbaugh. In 1942, the MSC paid \$500 of the Carnegie Corporation, for the purchase of 800 books, which they donated to the school library in 1913. A request was made and granted, to the Carnegie Corporation in New York City for the need for a new library. The Board of Education donated \$3,000 and the gift of \$15,000 from the Carnegie Corporation. In 1917 the library was built, where it stands today. Myrtle White, the first Librarian, earned \$75 a year. Her mother, Hannah White, was president of the Monday Study Club, and ten years later, Mary Louise White was. In 1929, it was her daughter Eleanor. Today, her daughter, Marjory White Ackland is an executive member of the Monday Study Club of 2003. President Sheets gave recognition to her as well as active member, Sally Shaw Ellingwood. Throughout 97 years, many changes have been made, but the Monday Study Club has maintained the

same high standards of the preamble of their constitution. Thorneta Rowe chaired the beautiful table for the lovely Tea.

I HEARD IT said that, "Devere Middleton was to be commended" as guest speaker this past Sunday, at the United Methodist Church.

THAD HEGERBERG of Honolulu arrived on Thursday to spend the week here, visiting his mother, Virginia, and other friends and relatives.

JOHNNIE AND CHRIS KNIGHT of Boyne City were in Chicago this past week. Saturday night they stayed on the lakefront in downtown, attended the Toyota Dealer Award Banquet and then after dinner, Toyota treated them to the Broadway play, "The Lion King."

THE BOYNE VALLEY Slim & Trim Club celebrated a belated Easter potluck and party in the community room of Litzenger Place on Wednesday. A weight loss group, they had a beautiful and fairly legal meal together, which included table favors of jellybeans. There were door prizes and it was also a "welcome back" to Thorne Rowe, who had been away for a while. After dinner, three tables of members had a riot as well as a little frustration, in playing Mexican Train Game dominos.

(To submit an item for Nancy's column, call her at 582-9174 or e-mail her at neighbors@gtlakes.com)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Stephanie Mills
PARENTS: Karen Nelson and Ron Mills
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Previously in Charlevoix Youth Orchestra, church volunteer
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Art, hanging out with friends, swimming
FUTURE PLANS: Attend college and continue in the art field.
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "It is a real pleasure to have Stephanie in class," said Jennifer Richardson. "She is a very bright girl, and extremely kind and open-minded."



Stephanie Mills

"This is the student that is always kind, always helpful, and above all of that the top of the class for creativity," said Pat Tinney. "She has such talent and when you combine that with her outstanding work ethic you have a student of the week that is probably more deserving than any student I have ever nominated."

"I believe Stephanie would excel in any field of study she may choose, including song writing," said Rob Essenberg. "Way to go Stephanie!"

"I have had Stephanie in seminar for two years and this year in Chemistry," said Sharon Moeke. "Stephanie is an extremely talented student and very creative. In class Stephanie can always get a conversation started!"

"Stephanie is an intelligent young woman who excels in the classroom," said Alice McPherson. "Her assignments are always top-notch."

Boyne Falls

NAME: Garrett Fogo
PARENTS: Matt and Sue Fogo
GRADE: Kindergarten
FAVORITE CLASS: Gym
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Riding my bike
FAVORITE SPORT: Soccer
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE CARTOON: Yu-Gi-Oh!
FAVORITE BOOK: Three Blind Mice
FAVORITE MOVIE: Recess
FAVORITE FOOD: Apples
NOMINATING COMMENT: "Garrett Fogo is an outstanding member of our class," said Mrs. Grams. "He gives 100 percent of his work and his classmates. Garrett takes pride in doing his best and is helpful to others."



Garrett Fogo

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LIVING WITH GRIEF Wednesday, April 30

The program Living With Grief: Coping With Public Tragedy will be held from 1-4:30 p.m. at Charlevoix Area Hospital in Classroom B - lower level. The live-satellite televised broadcast will examine factors that define a public tragedy and offer insight and advice to organizations and professionals as they support their communities and help those coping with loss. The event is sponsored locally by: Charlevoix Area Hospital, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, and NW Michigan Community Health Agency. For more information call Linda Parsons, BSW, 547-8569.

middle craft show at the spring school gym from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Booths are still available to rent for local crafters. For more information, call 582-0269 or 582-3694.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE Thursdays

A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post or call 582-7811 at that time.

AL-ANON Thursdays

Al-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

The Boyne Valley Group of AA meets in the basement of St. Matthew's, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday 12 noon, 8 p.m.; Tuesday 12 noon; Wednesday 12 noon (Big Book Study); Thursday 12 noon, 8 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study). Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m.

To have your event included in the calendar, call 582-6761 or e-mail citizen@voyager.net.

FINANCIAL PEACE ORIENTATION May 4 and 11

Orientation for a Financial Peace University seminar scheduled for June 8 will be held for those interested in attending on May 4 and 11. There is no cost or obligation. Orientations will be conducted by local pastor Russ Hager. The seminar, based on the teaching of nationally syndicated radio talk show host Dave Ramsey, aims to educate participants on gaining control of their finances. For more information, call Hager at 582-5009.

EJ FOOD PANTRY Monday & Thursday

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

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.

BOYNE VALLEY LIONS CLUB MEETINGS Wednesdays

The Boyne Valley Lions Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library Community Room. Any interested person is invited to attend.

GRANDVUE AUXILIARY Second Thursday

The Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month, except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. For more information, call 582-6278.

KIWANIS OF BOYNE Thursdays

Interested persons are invited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie, and community service every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City.

BAC PAC Wednesday, May 7

Bac Pac will hold a meeting at the Boyne City High School media center at 7 p.m. All parents are welcome.

SPRING CRAFT SHOW Saturday, May 10

The Boyne City Middle School PTO will hold a

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post #228

At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held on April 3, the following letters were read: RSVP's Sally Pickering thanking the Post for supper and the opportunity to speak; Cub Scout Pack 49 thanking the Post for use of the basement to build pine wood derby cars; the Fire Department thanking the Post for the \$100 donation for fire prevention materials. The Post Honor Guard conducted Veteran of the Month ceremonies for Harvey Varnum and John Wesley Hayden. Post adjutant Mathers reported that membership stands at 140 and that bingo attendance is up as expected with good weather. Assistant Chaplain Cosier reported on

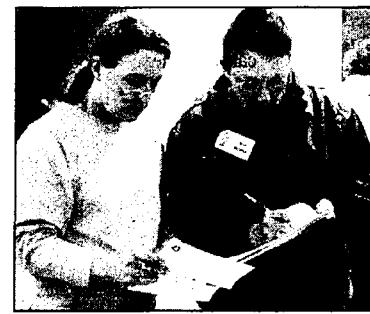
visits to veterans who are shut-in, sick or disabled or have answered the final call. Sons of the American Legion Squadron 228 is making plans to organize a "safe sport shooting" program in the near future which will be available to area children whose parents endorse the program. Veterans Appreciation Day will be held Thursday, May 15, with law enforcement and military representatives on hand to answer questions and explain their missions. The next regular meeting will be held May 1, at which election of officers will be conducted and will be preceded by the Veteran of the Month ceremony at 6:15 p.m., followed by a potluck supper.

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library. The April meeting was canceled due to an ice storm, so the program has been rescheduled for the May meeting. The speaker will be member Carol McWain Goodenough. She is the society newsletter editor and a professional family history researcher. Her presentation will be "Family Reunion Planning - Big and Small, Near and Far." She will give ideas for planning both small family gatherings and large family reunions. Goodenough will

also explain the significance for genealogists for holding family reunions. Afterwards, those attending will have the opportunity to share their own reunion stories and mementos. The community room will be open at 6 p.m. to allow those in attendance to peruse the society's mail including newsletters received from other societies throughout the state. Also, an experienced genealogist will be available to assist those just beginning their research and those who have encountered stumbling blocks. The meeting is free, and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call Joy at 582-3440.

East Jordan Garden Club



With Native Flower Power the theme of the 2003 Spring Plant and Fashion Show, Sue Falco's program on native plants was most appropriate for the April 21 meeting of the East Jordan Garden Club. After a brief quiz that demonstrated that even seasoned gardeners have misconceptions about what is or is not native to Michigan, Falco, owner of Circle Herb Farm, gave a presentation complete with graphics and resource websites. At the business meeting, reports were given concerning the status of the May 21 plant and flower show, development of the community gardens, the May 22 opening day of the new Farmers Market, and the sale of the EJ Garden Club's logo tee and sweatshirts.

At the April 21 regular meeting of the EJ Garden Club, Sue Falco, left, answered questions for member Pat Bloom and others on the topic of plants native to Michigan.

Friends of the Boyne River

"Ironton: A Story About Its Iron Works" is the program scheduled for the regular meeting of the Friends of the Boyne River, to be held on May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Boyne District Library.

Local historian Bob Morgridge, a former Boyne City educator, will present the program. The public is invited to attend.

To have news of your club or organization included in The Citizen-Journal, submit items to P.O. Box A, Boyne City, MI 49712, or e-mail to citizen@voyager.net.

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MORE SPORTS

Boyer City girls take third at invitational meet

By **PHIL TROMBLEY**
Sports writer

The Lady Ramblers track team put up some good numbers against some stiff competition when the team placed third at the Boyer City Rotary Invitational track meet on Thursday.

Traverse City St. Francis won the event with 87 points, followed by Harbor Springs with 83 points and Boyer City with 76 points.

Katie Martin won the pole vault for Boyer City when she cleared 9' 6" and Kim Foster took a first place in the high jump with a leap of 4' 11".

The 3200 relay team of Brie VanDam, Carly Stieber, Hannah Decker and Theresann Zimmerman also captured their race with a time of 10:39.20.

Other results included Jenna Pearsall (2nd-100 hurdles), Sarah Hall (2nd-100, 13.19), Stieber (2nd-3200, 13:16.00), Zimmerman (3rd-800, 2:31.90) and Foster (4th-long jump, 14' 0").

In the shot put competition Christine Dixon and Robyn McCarry broke the 25-foot mark for the first time.

Coach Andy Place was pleased with his team's showing, saying "I felt good about this meet. We close the gap [from Tuesday's meet] with St. Francis and we showed some real good progress.

Tuesday's event was a quad meet at home that saw St. Francis dominate with a total of 112 points. Charlevoix was second with 68 points, Boyer City grabbed third with 62 points and Elk Rapids came in with 12 points.

"We found out that St. Francis is the real deal," Place said. "They have a great team and we have a bit of work to do."

The winners for the Lady Ramblers were Hall (100, 12.94), Martin (pole vault, 9' 6"), Foster (high jump, 4' 8"), and the 3200 relay team (10:39.20).

Zimmerman posted a second place in the 1600 with a time of 5:56.30 in her first attempt at the longer distance.

Hammond wins four at quad meet

By **PHIL TROMBLEY**
Sports writer

Courtney Hammond dominated the sprint races in Monday's quad meet at Kalkaska by winning the 100, 200 and 400 meter events and then anchoring East Jordan's first place 400 meter relay team.

Hammond turned in times of 14.00 in the 100, 24.00 in the 200 and 1:05.00 in the 400.

The relay team won their event with a clocking of 59.00.

East Jordan placed first in the meet with 62 points, Harbor Springs finished second with 54 points and Kalkaska trailed with 47 points.

In the field events Megan Warnos cleared 7' 0" to win the pole vault and Amanda McMichael grabbed the high jump with a leap of 4' 7".

Sierra Roberts followed Hammond to the line in the sprints with second place finishes in the 100 (14.50), 200 (30.00) and the 400 (1:06.00).

Chelsea Poindexter also had a pair of runner up spots in the 1600 (6:16.00) and the 3200 (2:03.00).

Heather Danforth (800, 3:06.00) and Jeleesa Beier (200, 31.00) took third place finishes.

EJ soccer team still struggling

By **PHIL TROMBLEY**
Sports writer

The East Jordan soccer team continued to have its problems on the field as the squad was shut out by Glen Lake 2-0 and by Suttons Bay 3-0 in a pair of nonconference home matches last week.

East Jordan outshot Glen Lake in Monday's game which featured some close action in the mid field, but the Red Devils were unable to put the ball behind the opposing goal keeper.

Glen Lake scored once in each half of action to post the two-goal win despite some aggressive play by freshman Sierra Roberts who led the Red Devil attack.

Roberts was supported

by some good mid-field play from Cayla Tinney, Tiffanie Brammer and Kelsey Poinneau.

As the team continues to grow and learn the game, coach Pete Elliott said, "I am proud of all the ladies and the effort

they are putting out."

In Thursday's contest, Suttons Bay scored once in the first half and twice after the intermission, while holding the Red Devils scoreless in their second game of the week.

Margaux Rowley had

13 saves in goal for East Jordan and Elliott cited Josephine Cook and Kaitlin Hefty for their strong efforts.

The team will be in action today when they will host Houghton Lake at 5 p.m.

East Jordan bids

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work of the Facility Review Committee initially planning such a great project, and the community support for the project was so overwhelming last September, and the bond result was positive."

Those factors, combined with the under-budget bids and partnerships with local contractors, contribute to what Hansen hopes will translate to a heightened sense of community ownership.

"We've had really good fortune so far," he said.

"Every domino has dropped in the right spot so far. We'll do everything we can to make sure that continues."

AN OFFICIAL groundbreaking ceremony will be held at East Jordan High School on Thursday, May 15, at 4 p.m., at the site of the new high school auditorium.

The public is invited to attend.

NEWS BRIEFS

Benefit set for humane society

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will host a dinner and silent auction on May 7 to help celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week. To be held at Giuseppe's Italian Grille in Charlevoix, the event will feature dinner, door prizes, and a silent auction to benefit the Humane Society's 2004 calendar. A cash bar will run from 6-7 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 each, and are available at the door or

at the following locations: The Charlevoix County Humane Society in Boyer City; Busy Bridge in East Jordan; and Donito Kennels in Charlevoix. For more information, call the Humane Society at 582-6774.

Friends of the Jordan cleaning up

The public is invited to join The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed in their spring clean-up of the Jordan River, and a two-mile portion of M-66 in the valley.

The clean-up will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, and will be completed around noon. Everyone will meet at Graves Crossing and M-66, and proceed from there.

For more information, call Joe Nerone at 544-6386.

JV band to give concert on May 4

The Jordan Valley Community Band will perform their annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. in the East Jordan High

School auditorium. The concert will feature selections from South Pacific, The Great Escape March, the 1812 Overture, and many more favorites.

The Jordan Valley Community Band is under the direction of Rebecca Palmer.

Scrapbook workshop to be held in EJ

On Saturday, May 3, thousands of people across the world will celebrate National Scrapbook Day -- an annual event that em-

phasizes the importance of documenting and preserving family photos and stories in safe, meaningful scrapbook albums.

A National Scrapbook Day hands-on workshop to help participants organize and preserve their photographs and stories will take place on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the East Jordan Middle School, on Elm Street, East Jordan.

Those interested in participating can pre-register by calling Laura Hansen at 536-3416. Space is limited.

There is a fee to participate, however, there is no charge for those who wish

to stop by and see how others are working to preserve their family photos. Creative Memories products will also be available for purchase throughout the day.

Local ladies golf league being formed

The Ye Nyne Olde Holles Wednesday Morning Ladies League will hold an organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse. New members are welcome.

For more information, call 582-3488.

Golf outing set for this weekend

The Everett Kircher Memorial Fund-raiser golf outing will be held Saturday, May 3, to benefit Challenge Mountain. The four-person golf scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

The cost to participate is \$60 per person. For more information or to register, call 535-2141.

Boyer City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing

and the \$100 winner is **Chris Christiansen**

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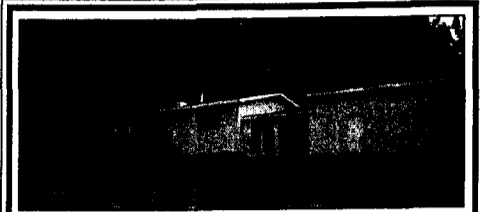
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POLICE REPORTS

Boyer City Police Department

The following information has been provided by the Boyer City Police Department.

Monday, April 21: Property damage accident on South Park Street; non-sufficient funds complaint from Butler Drugs; assist at Bank One on paper service; officer assisted with injured child at South Park Street and East Main Street until ambulance arrived; called to Shates on assist with the Fire department.

Tuesday, April 22: Unlock at Lexamar; report of larceny from South East Street; family dispute on South Lake Street; minor in possession of tobacco on South Lake Street; check resident on 911 hang-up; larceny of bike from South Lake Street; one arrested on Friend of Court warrant and transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

Wednesday, April 23: Unlock of vehicle on Roosevelt Street; stalking complaint filed; officer assisted SANE on arrest from Water Street; report of loiterers on South Lake Street and one warned for bike on sidewalk; 911 check at Lake Park Drive.

Thursday, April 24:

Called to fight in progress on South Lake Street; complaint of skateboarders on the Gazebo in Old City Park; possible domestic on Maple Street; phone harassment on Grant Street.

Friday, April 25: Officer was called to Boyer Avenue on suspicious situation; found bike behind

Glen's turned in; larceny reported from Silver Street; malicious destruction of property in Lakeview Trailer Park; assisted on paper service to Shate's; one arrested on trespassing warrant - transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; assault complaint from North

East Street.
Saturday, April 26: Trespassing complaint from Lower Lake Drive; larceny from Litzemberger Apartments is under investigation; assisted on Trent Street in vehicle dispute.
Sunday, April 27: Public peace call at ParkView Apartments.

East Jordan Police Department

The following information has been provided by the East Jordan Police Department.

Thursday, April 17: Assist Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on Ellsworth Road; breaking and entering on State Street; parole detainer arrest on Main Street; 911 hang-up on State Street; larceny of gasoline on State Street.

Friday, April 18: Family dispute on Water Street; funeral escort on Rogers Road; alarm on South Lake Street; disorderly conduct on Spring Street; golf cart on roadway-warning-on Third Street; lost wallet on South Lake Street.

Saturday, April 19: Suspicious situation on Bridge

Street; civil dispute on Second Street; violation of posted speed - cite - on Water Street; violation of posted speed - cite - on Water Street; private property accident on South Lake Street; 911 hang-up on South Lake Street; personal injury accident on South Lake Street; illegal entry on Esterly Street.

Sunday, April 20: Suspicious Situation on Second Street; illegal entry on Williams Street; larceny of stereo equipment from motor vehicle on Fourth Street; assault and battery on Manning Drive; harassment on Water Street.

Monday, April 21: Littering on water Street; 911 hang-up on Maple Street; dog running at large on

Josephine Street.
Tuesday, April 22: Assist Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on Maple Street; civil dispute on State Street; assist citizen on Maple Street; fingerprints for employment on Main Street; traffic accident on Mill Street.

Wednesday, April 23: Family dispute on Manning Drive; assist Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on Fuller Road; natural death on Manning Drive; larceny of fishing pole - arrest - on Mill Street; assault and battery on Maple Street; found bike on Memorial Bridge; assist citizen on Sunset Street; vehicle inspection on Esterly Street; harassment on Manning Drive.

Boyer Falls library has a new look

Crooked Tree District Library's Boyer Falls branch is sporting a new look this spring. Thanks to donations from Great Lakes Gas Transmission, the Boyer Falls Polish Festival and the Friends of the library, new shelves have been installed in the children's area of the library.

The shelves provide "an attractive and user-friendly way to display our children's books," according to library director Susan Conklin. The children's collection has many new additions from a recent gift by the Lake Louise Christian Community.

Children and parents have the opportunity to check out the new shelves and books at the library's weekly preschool story hour on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. At the Walloon Lake location, story hour



Children's books have a new place to call home at the Boyer Falls library.

is Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is not required. There will be no story hour at either location on Wednesday, May 7, due to staff training. The Boyer Falls library will be closed that day. For more information, call 535-2111 or 549-2277.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Louis C. LaChance and Cynthia G. LaChance, husband and wife, to Ameriquet Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated Feb. 17, 2000 and recorded March 20, 2000 in Liber 384, Page 564, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 94/100 Dollars

(\$53,890.94) including interest at the rate of 11.75% 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 foreclosed 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 11:00 a.m. on May 16, 2003.

The premises are located in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Mich., and are described as: Lot 60, of plat, Springbrook Hills Subdivision No. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2, of Plats, Page 197-200, Charlevoix County

Register of Deed. 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 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

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BOYER CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

April 22, 7 p.m. regular meeting - The City Commission adopted the 2003/2004 millage rate of 17.20 (17.00 operating; 0.20 for voted infrastructure debt); re-appointed Chris Carleton to the Boyer City Historical Commission; engage services of Benchmark Engineering, professional licensed surveyors, to review the Riparian Study prepared by Sherm Chamberlain; direct City Administration to take actions necessary to preserve and protect the City's ownership of Water Street property; approved 2002/2003 budget amendments; adopt top 10 City goals; award contract for municipal park system janitorial services.

A dog's life

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taking a few more steps until he was up to his hips, breaking ice as he went along. "I gave myself a lot of room," Marshall said later of his trip into the lake. Venturing out until he was chest-deep, Marshall made an attempt to grab the dog, but instead of welcoming his advance the dog thrashed and went under. Fearing losing his own footing, Marshall said "that was as far as I was going in." He wasn't, however, giving up. "Kyle yelled at [the dog] to give him his paw, and lo and behold the dog seemed to understand and reached a paw to

Kyle," Goodman said. After three hard tries, Marshall was able to pull the dog to the beach. "She rolled on her side," Marshall said, "and I was dragging her to shore."

It was just about that time that the Blooms, who had witnessed the rescue from their waterfront yard, arrived on the scene to discover that the rescuee was in fact, their beloved dog Cocoa. "He saved our dog," Carl said later. "If it weren't for him, she surely would have drowned."

The rescuers, however, didn't stick around for any pats on the back. "We offered to have them come in for some hot cocoa or coffee,"

Pat Bloom said later, but the two declined.

Both Marshall and Cocoa weathered the incident unscathed, but hopefully not unchanged. The Blooms hope that the experience will stick in Cocoa's mind for awhile so that the next time she considers venturing onto the ice, she'll think twice. "She's our Cinderella dog," Carl said. "We rescued her from the Humane Society when she was three, so this is the second time she's been saved."

Marshall, for his part, is a reluctant hero, downplaying the significance of his selfless act in true hero fashion. "I have a dog," he said. "I'd like somebody to do the same for me."

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Arbor donor Chuck Leazier, above, helps students Paul Esch-Laurent and Nigel Bell do their part with a post hole digger. At right, site volunteer Jinny Heick hoists an Earth Day reminder while students check out the garden's new addition.



Local artisan leaves his mark on BCES garden site

Students at Boyne City Elementary were treated to a special event in the school's Peace Garden and Habitat Site last week, as area resident and Boyne City graduate Chuck Leazier, proprietor of White Cedar Rustics, arrived with his own contribution to the site, a custom

made cedar arbor. According to Peace Garden coordinator Jinny Heick, Leazier was never asked to make an arbor, but rather took it upon himself to create the piece "to make something beautiful for the kids and the garden." The garden itself is still evolving. According to Heick,

the next goal is to finish the Peace Grove, for which the effort is hoping to acquire six more ornamental flowering plums. Bird houses, feeders, baths, and benches are also needed. To donate items or funds, or to volunteer, call Heick at 582-3539 or Sylvia Hyland at 582-5362.

Honor Roll

Concord Academy Boyne has named the following students to its middle school and high school Honor Roll for the third quarter:

High Honors (All A's)
 7th Grade: Rebecca Berns
 9th Grade: Beth Kosci, Hannah Precup, Chris Taylor
 10th Grade: Rachel King
 11th Grade: Aria Everts, Bekah Redmer, Amanda Korthase, Kyria Osterhouse, Martha Precup
 12th Grade: Nick Moes, Claudia Rubach, Cassandra Schroeder

Honor Roll (All A's and B's)
 6th Grade: Jared Forbes, Margaret Burns, Ryan Burns
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Boyne Falls school cuts

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Numbers of participants and cost, he said, played a large role in the decision to eliminate the football and volleyball programs. The measures, Parsons said, will still leave the school with a projected \$140,000 deficit, but no other cuts are likely to be on the horizon for this year. "Right now it looks like that's where we're going to be," he said. "It depends on student numbers next fall, so a lot of things could change, but that's our best guess right now."

Indeed, the school budgeting process is a bit of a guessing game, considering that by law a balanced budget must be passed by June 30, despite the fact that the state budget will not likely be finalized until the end of September.

In addition, school budgets are based on projected student numbers which will not be made concrete until the school year has already begun.

The projected deficit will be covered by

dipping into the district's fund equity, reducing the year-end fund balance from \$456,000 in June of 2002 to a projected \$260,000 in June of 2004. The balancing act creates another long-term concern for the district, in terms of maintaining a healthy fund balance to cover unplanned financial needs that can crop up throughout the year.

The June 2002 balance of \$456,000, Parsons said, is considered "pretty healthy as a percentage for our district," sitting at about 20 percent on a \$2.6 million budget. "Obviously [the proposed 2003-04 budget] is cutting that in half," he said.

Boyne Falls is, of course, only one of many area schools forced to tighten their belts as the state faces budget woes calling for cuts across the board.

"Gaylord laid off 30 teachers and closed a school," Parsons said. "We're making some adjustments, but we're pretty much going to offer the same program [as before the cuts]."

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