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## At A Glance

### East Jordan Tourist Park clean-up scheduled

The City of East Jordan will hold the annual fall clean-up of the grounds of the East Jordan Tourist Park, to be held on Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18.

Volunteers who work on the park grounds for a few hours will receive a free overnight campsite for either Friday or Saturday.

On Saturday, the Tourist Park Committee will host a cookout with hot dogs and chips for all those participating in the clean-up. The committee will also be giving special recognition to individuals and civic groups that have contributed to the beautification of the Tourist Park over the past year.

For more information, call East Jordan Parks and Recreation director Fred Murray at 53-2561.

### BCHS to host Holocaust presentation

Boyer City High School will host a special event on Friday, Oct. 24, featuring Holocaust survivor George Brown.

Brown is the single survivor from a family of six that was sent to Auschwitz during the Holocaust; he is committed to sharing his story around the country.

Brown will give his presentation twice, first from 1:10-2:10 p.m., and again from 2:15-3:15 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend this special event. For more information, call Michele Deming at 439-8112.

## Roadside attraction

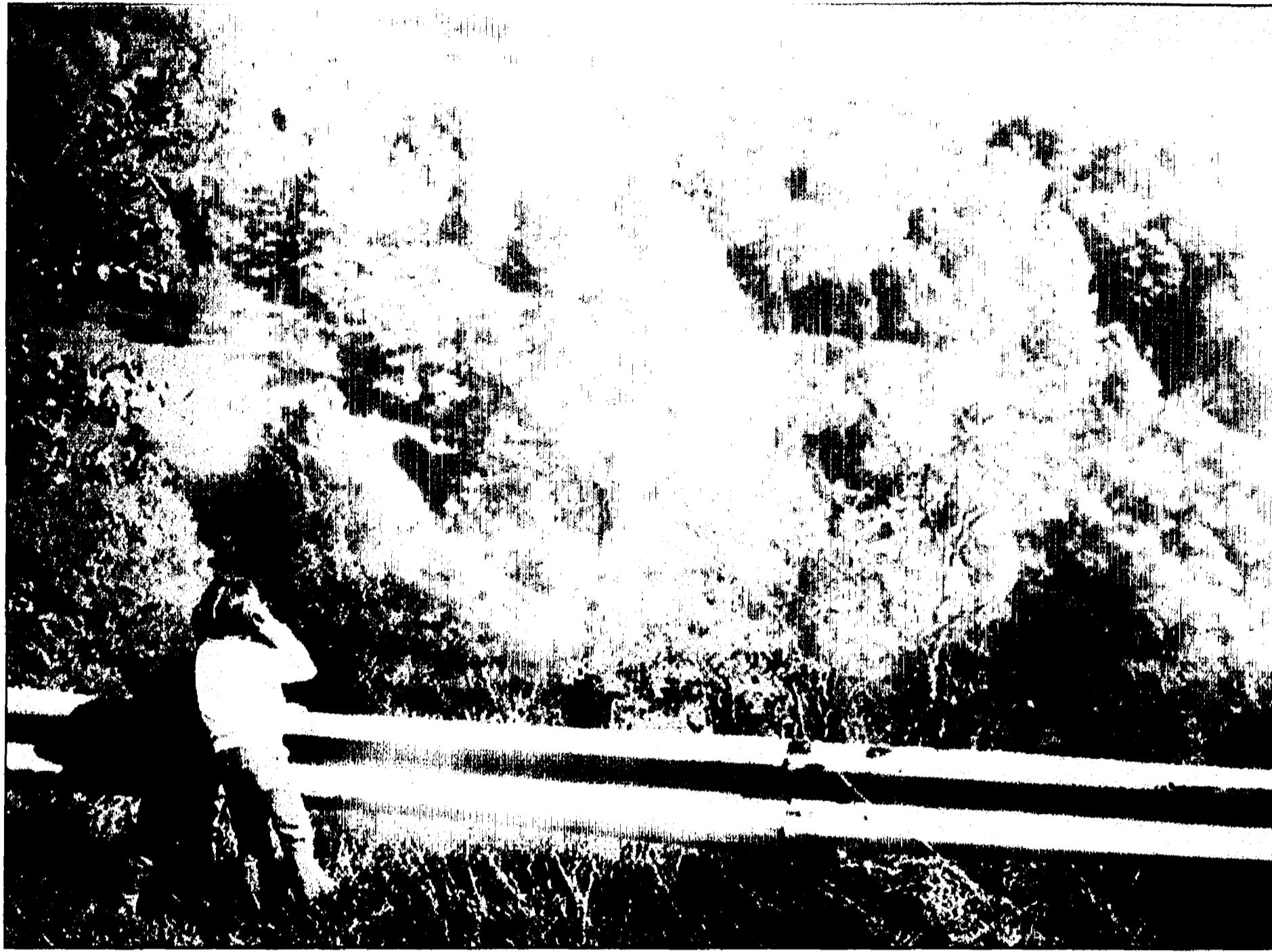


photo by Angela Shultis

Those seeking a peek at fall color in the area last weekend weren't disappointed, with area trees pulling out all the stops in a better-late-than-never color show. It's an annual treat that is always worth the wait.

## Key spot

### Boyer City to seek new planner as Tim O'Leary takes his leave

With longtime Boyer City planning and zoning administrator Tim O'Leary leaving his post for other pursuits, the City of Boyer City is putting the wheels in motion to find a successor.

"We're very sorry to see him go," said city manager Michael Cain. "He's done a great job in the community."

O'Leary's last official day on the job was expected to be Wednesday, Oct. 15. He spent his last few days at City Hall helping to acclimate new assistant planner Scott MacPherson to the job, who started on Monday; MacPherson was hired to replace former assistant planner Chuck Stewart, who left his post this summer. "We've got about three days of overlap" with the positions, Cain said.

The City has already posted the planning and zoning administrator's position in local media outlets as well as on "various Web sites that would be attractive to municipal planners,"

see BC PLANNER on page 4

## Boyer Falls School considering expansion project

### Growing enrollment numbers have district in preliminary stages of planning for classroom needs

Student enrollment is on the increase at Boyer Falls School, which is good news for the district; the growing number of students, however, means that classroom space is at a premium. At a special meeting last week, the Boyer Falls Board of Education discussed options for a potential expansion project, which would include the construction of four to six new classrooms.

"We're in the very preliminary basis of looking into the possibility of adding rooms to our school," said Boyer Falls superintendent Mark

Parsons. With growth in the elementary calling for two sections per grade level, and two large classes in the high school next year (including a total of 31 students in 10th grade and 35 students in eighth), "it doesn't take long to figure out we're going to be short on space." Classroom space likely to be added would include two rooms on the elementary wing and two on the high school wing, with the potential for the addition of two classrooms on the middle school wing as well.

Though the current school building was completed just three years ago on

a \$6,575,000 bond issue, at that time the district was restricted in their planning by the fact that the project used what are known as qualified bonds, which gives the school the benefit of the State's bond rating.

While the school board and administration was aware of the potential for growth, in terms of planning the space to be included in the building, they were required to utilize a strict formula which included as factors only the current population and projected birth rates. At the time of the construction project, Parsons noted,

the classroom additions currently being discussed had to be removed from the initial building plans due to the fact that they were not considered necessary based on the formula utilized by the bonding authority. Though the rooms were removed, the building was designed so as to easily accommodate future additions.

Just as administrators expected, the school has jumped in enrollment from a total of 278 students in 2000 to a current tally of 331. "The growth that this community anticipated did occur, even though, statistically, it wasn't in

the formula," Parsons said.

Though expansion seems inevitable, the board, Parsons stresses, is in the very early stages of planning. Currently, the focus is on making a decision regarding bond alternatives; that is, whether to utilize the qualified bond again, or go to an unqualified bond, which would allow the district to build without the size constraints.

According to Parsons, whichever way the bonding alternatives are de-

see EXPANSION on page 4

## Familiar face returns to BC school district

Longtime educator Mary Jason will return to the Boyer City School District, taking on the position of director of Alternative Education.

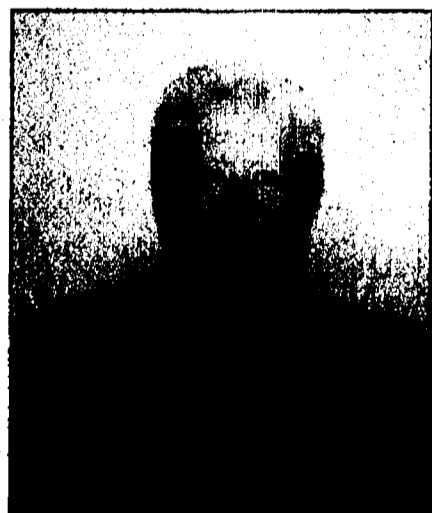
The hiring was made official at Monday night's school board meeting, where a resolution to bring Jason on board was passed by a vote of 5-1. The dissenting vote was cast by trustee Richard Mansfield.

Jason has previously held various positions within the district, most recently as interim superintendent and interim principal at Boyer City High School. The alternative ed job is not a new one for Jason, who in the past has held the same position.

Jason had recently announced that she would be leaving her post of two years as middle/high school principal at Central Lake Public Schools.

According to Boyer City Public Schools superintendent Jim Cooper, the alternative education position is a partnership with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate; the cooperative arrangement means that "we're able to [fund the position] with a cost savings to both districts."

Jason has been an educator for more than 20 years. She also serves as president of the East Jordan Board of Education.



Mary Jason

## Getting community input

### Special meeting gives community members a chance to have their say in shaping the future of East Jordan

As a major step in the information-gathering phase of the Chain of Lakes Downtown Economic Enhancement Study, East Jordan residents were invited to take part in a goal-setting of sorts last week. Though only about 20 residents took part, the session, led by study coordinator Patrick J. Coleman of U.P. Engineers, was long on ideas and input.

The event was one of four meetings held that week in the communities participating in the Chain of Lakes study, including East Jordan, Ellsworth, Central Lake and Bellaire. It began with an overview from Coleman, who explained the scope of the project currently being undertaken.

"We're at the beginning of the process," he said, noting that recent weeks have been spent meeting with area residents and businesspeople and doing research on the specifics of the communities in question. Information gathered, including that gleaned from the public meeting, will be utilized to produce a long-range market study, which will encompass not only

the economic future of East Jordan but the Chain of Lakes region as well. "We'll be returning to Houghton and continuing to research," Coleman said of the process, "collecting demographic information, as well as retail sales and market information," both local and from surrounding communities and counties.

Last week's meeting, however, was all about East Jordan. Coleman sought the audience's input in two areas: problems and opportunities. Residents had no difficulty in identifying either.

In the problem category, the issues were wide-ranging, including the threat of "big box" stores and the willingness of folks to leave the area to do business. "Too many people are programmed to go out of town," said local resident Jean Pardee. "We need more things to bring them to town."

A lack of identity was also pinpointed as an issue that needed addressing. "We need to identify what our market is, we need to define our target market," said resident and local business owner Barb Worgess. "We



Patrick Coleman of U.P. Engineers explained the scope of the market study currently being undertaken in East Jordan.

need to find out what that market is and build on that."

Specific business needs, such as a bookstore and more lodging were dis-

cussed, as well as a lack of capitalization on existing assets, such as the

see MARKET STUDY on page 7

# Boyer Area Hockey has a new home ice, for now

■ Contract has players skating indoors at Polar Ice in Petoskey for 2003-04 ice hockey season

Players with Boyne Area Hockey will be getting a change of scenery this year, with the league set to skate at Polar Ice in Petoskey for the season.

According to BAH board member Curt Reynolds, a couple of factors contributed to the decision, including the fact that "we have a girls team that does very well, and are interested in skating [as a] travel team. In order to do that, we had

to have an indoor facility." In recent years, players have skated on a refrigerated rink located at Avalanche Preserve in Boyne City.

The second major factor, Reynolds said, is that the group has a commitment from Boyne Mountain for property on which to construct an indoor rink, as well as a \$100,000 commitment from the LexaMar Corp. towards the construction of said rink. If that plan were

to come to fruition in the near future, he noted, "to do that we have to be flexible with the compressors [currently at the Avalanche rink]."

In the meantime, however, working with Polar Ice turned out to be a good, short-term solution. Boyne Area Hockey has entered into a contract to skate at the rink for this season; though BAH is still focused on the Boyne area, kids from out-

side the area who skate at Polar Ice will also be welcome to play.

The longterm goal is, and has been for a number of years, to create an indoor ice rink in the local area for the league. "If you look to the north, there are three ice rinks in Emmet County, to the east Otsego County has an ice rink," Reynolds said. "We don't have one, which is actually a challenge for [Boyne Area Hockey] on

our borders to keep kids. They want that extra ice time they have with an indoor facility. If we want to compete, it's something we want to do." Too, the organization is at its heart, he said, for Boyne area kids. "We're from Boyne City and we want to stay here."

As for the fate of the rink at Avalanche, the future is undecided. Even though the compressors won't be running this year, the rink can

still be filled with water and will, of course, be frozen as the weather permits. Though the BAH board has had some discussion with the City of Boyne City over potential public use for the rink, "no decisions have been made at this point."

AREA KIDS still interested in skating for Boyne

Area Hockey this season will have another opportunity to sign up, with a registration set for Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Polar Ice in Petoskey, from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information, call Reynolds at 582-3238; Todd Shumaker at 582-0658; Ruth Ann Porter at 582-3412; or Diane Courtwright at 582-0905.

## Enrichment Ed offered for fall

The East Jordan Schools Community Enrichment Education has announced its schedule of fall enrichment classes. Courses offered this season include the following:

"Back to Basics" Fresh Flower Arranging. The class will cover identification, care, and design of fresh floral arranging. Tools are provided. The class will be taught by Judy Wagner-Worgess of Backdoor Florist and Gifts. Class dates are Tuesdays, Oct. 28-Nov. 18, from 7-9 p.m. at the East Jordan High School art room. The cost is \$35, plus a \$25 materials fee to be paid to the instructor.

Isshin Ryu Karate. Students will learn the traditional Okinawan Karate. Classes are taught by second-degree black belt Tim Reeves, and will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 22 and 29, Nov. 5, 10, 17, 19, 24, Dec. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, and 17 at East Jordan Middle School. The cost is \$60, with a family rate of \$60 for the first student and \$50 for other students in the same family.

Beginning Microsoft Word. The class focuses on proficiency in creating and saving documents; typing; navigation; and more. Taught by Becki King of the Computer Center, the class will be held on Wednesdays, Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3, from 5-7 p.m. at East Jordan High School. The cost is \$35.

Intermediate Microsoft Word. Geared towards those who are familiar with or have taken Beginning Word, the class will include mail merge; creating and importing tables and sheets; customizing MS Word for individuals; and more. Taught by Becki King of the Computer Center, the class will be held on Wednesdays Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3, from 7-9 p.m. at the East Jordan High School. The cost is \$35.

Introduction to Computers for Senior Citizens (55 years and up). This course is designed to make students familiar with basic tasks including Microsoft Word, Internet, and e-mail. Taught by Ellen Brouwer of East Jordan High School, the class will be held on Mondays, Oct. 23, Nov. 3, 10, and 17, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the high school. This course is free; those interested must call 536-0053 ext. 5371 to register. The class is limited to 12 participants.

Microsoft Excel. Students will be introduced to spreadsheets using Excel. The class will be taught by East Jordan High School instructor Rob Essenberg, on Tuesdays, Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11 and 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the high school. The cost is \$35.

To register for classes, or for more information, call Deb Harm at 536-0053 ext. 5371.



### Fire safety

Boyer Valley fire chief Mike Richards, taking questions, above, directed programs at Boyne Falls School last week educating kids about the finer points of fire safety. Richards and other firefighters spoke to kids about what to do in case of a fire, and took students outside for an up close look at a fire truck. First graders, at right, had a surprise for Richards, presenting the department with a Logger teddy bear to be gifted to a child who has lost a home to fire. The students purchased the bear with funds raised through a pop can collection held last year.

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# Getting acquainted

For Kelly Larson, the words "small town" evoke no mystery. The recently-hired manager for Boyne City's fledgling Main Street program, Larson is a native of Scandia, Kansas, which boasts a thriving population of 500.

Of the 3,500-strong Boyne City, "this is a big town," Larson laughs.

As of two weeks ago, it's also home, as Larson settles in and takes on the task of helping to develop a program that could shape the future of Boyne City. The task is one she has long wished to be a part of, even before she knew that Boyne City existed.

As a graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor's degree in Interior Architecture, Larson has always had a love for historic preservation, a major tenet of the Main Street program initiative. Her educational and professional pursuits have taken her from internships

cataloguing architecture in India to working on a multimillion dollar preservation effort on the Kansas Statehouse, to surveying historic architectural sites in Alabama, Indiana and Pennsylvania. Throughout her travels, however, the Main Street program which has national roots more than 20 years old, has always piqued her interest. "I was always keeping up with [what was happening] with Main Street," Larson said. "I made a decision that that's what I want to do."

It's her small town roots, in fact, that have led to her passion for Main Street. Growing up, Larson said, "you'd see people going off to school and then moving to a bigger city." After gaining some experience of her own, she added, "I want to go to a small town and bring back my experiences and education."

Finding herself at a point in her career where she was ready to make a change, Larson began to watch job

postings on the national Main Street Program Web site. She applied for several, but had an idea early on that the Boyne City position might be just what she was looking for.

Despite an early summer trip to Interlochen, where her sister was working, and through the Upper Peninsula, Larson had almost no previous experience with Michigan. Interviewing for the job, she said, "I really didn't have any expectations [about the area]." After a first interview by phone, Larson traveled to Boyne City for a second interview, after which she was offered the job. Despite the relocation far from her home state, she didn't hesitate to take it. "I'm not married, I have no kids," Larson said of her thus far unencumbered lifestyle. "I was kind of ready to move." Move she did, and quickly, leaving almost immediately for five days of Main Street training in Lansing, provided through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the body through which the Michigan Main Street Program is administered.

Returning to Boyne City last week, Larson had a chance to get settled into her apartment as well as her office, located on the upper level of the Railroad Office Building downtown.

"My first thing is that I need to become familiar with the community," she said, a task that's taken her, literally, to the streets. "It's a small town, but when you're trying to [meet everyone] individually at each business, it takes a long time." This week, Larson, along with the newly-formed Main Street board, will take another step forward in establishing the direction of the Main Street program, undergoing two days of goal-setting ses-



New Main Street Program manager Kelly Larson has been busy getting settled in to her downtown office while getting to know community members.

sions with a team of representatives from MEDC, which includes a public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23 (see box). The goal-setting, she said, "is very important, sitting down and finding out exactly what our mission is."

Larson will also be busy, in the coming weeks, becoming familiar with the types of assistance available to the community in a number of areas, ranging from grants and loans to housing issues, streetscape issues, and beyond. Larson's job will also require her to

be a liaison between and coordinate efforts between the community and the Main Street board, and the MEDC.

During the first year of the Main Street Program, Boyne City, which was selected earlier this year as one of four communities to be included in the first-ever State of Michigan Main Street participation, Larson said that the community will "get a lot of assistance, a lot of training," either in Boyne City or in conjunction with other Main Street communities. "It

will be interesting, and important, to learn about the other cities' problems and what they see happening there,"

Larson said. The three other Michigan Main Street communities are Marshall, Portland, and Calumet/Calumet Township. For now, though, Larson is focusing on getting to know Boyne City. "I'm just trying to get out there and introduce myself," she said. Larson's office is located at 112 S. Park Street, Suite F. She can be reached at 582-9009.

**What:** Boyne City Main Street Program Meet and Greet, and Visioning Session

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 16, with the Meet and Greet at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Visioning Session at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Wolverine-Dilworth Inn, downtown Boyne City

**Why:** To meet the Main Street board members and manager, and to discuss the direction of downtown Boyne City.

For more information, call Main Street manager Kelly Larson at 675-0315 or e-mail her at [larson\\_kelly@yahoo.com](mailto:larson_kelly@yahoo.com).

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## NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

**RICHARD MCKINNON** and wife Thelma of East Jordan have looked forward to attending the annual reunion in York, Pa. of Richard's U.S. Army days, as he served his country in Germany during World War II, in the 1661st destroyer battalion. They also planned a visit with their son, Richard Jr. and wife Betty in North Carolina before returning home.

**ROBIN WRIGHT** and daughters Sarah and Rachel and Linda Cardova, all of Texas were here in Boyne with mother and grandmother Vernice Nelson, before joining other friends and relatives in Grand Rapids in attending the Oct. 11 wedding of granddaughter, niece and cousin, Amanda Nelson to Bradley Hussey. Amanda is the daughter of Kenneth and Theresa Nelson.

**SHIREEN GRUNOW** of Boyne City went to Manchester over the beautiful weekend to watch the Friday night football game of grandsons Zach and Jake and to visit her children, Craig and Kerry LaCross and Deb and Joe Ruttan.

**SURPRISE!** And that it was, for Charlotte (Beebe) Scott of Boyne City. Husband Bill Scott had secretly arranged a family dinner party at Lester's, honoring her 65th birthday on Oct. 9.

**MARY JUDAY** of Boyne City was honored with a surprise "early" birthday gathering on Saturday, Oct. 11. Anyone who knows Mary, knows it's hard to "put one over" on her, but as her 90th birthday isn't

until December, she really was surprised when her Glenwood Beach neighbors Rose, Connie and Jeff Langhart rounded up other neighbors, Lions Club members, and all of Mary's family, except for about six great-grandchildren. Her sons and spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren came from Marshall, Grand Rapids and the Petoskey area to share in her special occasion of a nice buffet, snacks, birthday cake and ice cream and lots of fun, if you know Mary!

**HILDA JOHNECHECK** returned to her home in Greenwood, Ind. on Friday, after having spent the week here with her mother, Irene, and family in the area.

**RAY AND GLORIA ANDERSON** and Joe and Joann Bowers have returned to Boyne after a wonderful ten-day trip (with no rain) south to Tennessee and coming back through the Virginias, stopping in Ohio to visit Jim and Joann's daughter Pam and Ken Laurie and family.

**JIM AND ELEANOR STACKUS** have returned after about 10 days, enjoying a side trip to Herman, Mo., then joining the many from Jim's Navy days, in the annual reunion of the USS Wilkes of World War II, held in Branson, Mo. They went from there to Tupelo, Mississippi and visited relatives there.

**CHUCK AND PAT (THAYER)** Snedeker of El Torro, Calif., and en route from visiting relatives in Ohio, arrived just in time for dinner at the Woody and Penny Hardy home on Sunday afternoon. The Snedekers will be in the area for the week, and Penny, knowing that most of the family would be working

throughout the week, invited many, making it 41 there for dinner, so everyone would get to see them—and, it was like an early Thanksgiving meal—family and Turkey, with all the trimmings!

**BILL AND MARY DUNLOP** have just returned home from a trip to Colorado to visit Army friends in W. Pueblo and a nephew in Avon, Colorado. While there, they visited many beautiful sites including the Royal Gorge Bridge and the Garden of the Gods. On their return trip, they headed south then east to Birmingham, Alabama and visited with Bill's elderly sister, Ann.

**TIM MCCARRY** and sister Erin, Loretta and Don Richards, Jim and Deb Allport, Eleanor and Oral Sutliff and Catherine and Brian Brandenburg were among those from the Boyne City/Gaylord areas attending the beautiful ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Escanaba on Saturday night. United in marriage were Jill Johnson, daughter of Chuck and Gerry Johnson, and Trevor Belleau, all of Escanaba. Trevor is the son of Ilene Belleau and the grandson of James and Leanna McCarry, all of Boyne City. A reception was held at Mead Lodge, with many staying for the weekend.

**JUST A REMINDER** to all, that Great Lakes Energy will be at Charlevoix Area Hospital this next week on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. with their electrical safety demonstration.

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

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### Boyne City

**NAME:** Heather Clark  
**PARENTS:** Patricia and Bryce Clark  
**GRADE:** Senior  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Drama, colorguard and National Honor Society  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** "I just like to be with my friends goofing around and having fun."  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** "I plan to go to Grand Valley State University and major in psychology. I plan on becoming a child psychiatrist."  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Heather is a wonderful student to have in class as she is doing an excellent job in Biology II," said Elizabeth Hemming. "She is dedicated and her work is of the highest quality. Heather has a positive attitude and a pleasant smile - I find her genuinely nice. Congratulations Heather!"



Heather Clark

### Boyne Falls

**NAME:** Kayla Carson  
**PARENTS:** Kelly and Connie Carson  
**GRADE:** Kindergarten  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** Gym  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Play outside with my cat  
**FAVORITE SPORT:** Baseball  
**FAVORITE COLOR:** Blue  
**FAVORITE CARTOON:** Powderpuff Girls  
**FAVORITE BOOK:** Clifford  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Kayla is a warm and friendly student," said Mrs. Collins. "She has made friends with everyone in class. She is always the first to lend a helping hand to those who need it. She is a great addition to our classroom and our community!"



Kayla Carson

### East Jordan

**NAME:** Eryn Willson  
**PARENTS:** Wayne and Angie Willson  
**GRADE:** Sophomore  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Dirt biking, wood working, and skateboarding.  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** Work as an auto mechanic.  
**FAVORITE CLASSES:** Communication Arts II and Math.  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Eryn has a great attitude in class, making positive contributions during discussion," said Roxanne Zell. "He's really putting forth a good effort and a joy in class."  
 "Eryn is working hard this year," said Michael Gee. "He comes to class prepared and is enthusiastic about learning new concepts. Keep it up!"  
 "Eryn is doing a wonderful job this year working hard and setting a great example for the other students," said Lisa Greenier. "He has a good attitude and is keeping up with his work!"



Eryn Willson

## OBITUARIES

### Veryl "Sis" Erno

Veryl "Sis" Erno, 62, left our midst to be with the Lord on Oct. 3, 2003, at Northern Michigan Hospital.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

Sis was born May 9, 1941, to Veryl Grenier Lawson and Earl L. Lawson of Boyne City, where she grew up and at-

tended school. She also attended First Presbyterian Church, where she went to Sunday school and sang in the children's choir.

On Dec. 28, 1956, she married Terry Erno, also of Boyne City, at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. Except for a brief time living downstate, Sis and Terry lived their 47 years of marriage and raising their family in Boyne

City. One of Sis's favorite places to be was in the kitchen, cooking and canning.

She was very proficient at it, and provided a large variety of tasty canned foods for family and friends over the years. She enjoyed bowling, as well, and was on a team with her mother for many years. As much as Sis loved her home/kitchen,

she was equally desirous of the out-of-doors.

Gardening was one outlet of that pursuit, but camping was the other. Mother's Day weekend was the first outing of the year, no matter the weather. She could combine her love for outdoors with her cooking talents and she'd set up an outdoor kitchen to accomplish this.

Sis was the Boyne City chair for cystic fibrosis. She was also president of the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, where she used her talents in various ways for their many worthy causes.

Sis has left behind her loving husband, Terry Erno; son, Terry Paul (Mia); daughter, Emily (Erno) Loranger; four

grandchildren, Teresa Messer, Valerie Loranger, Dalton Pickles and Wyatt Pickles; daughter-in-law, Doreen Erno Wise; sisters and brothers, Marillyn Grant, Barb (Dick) Wheeler, Roger (Betty) Lawson, Al (Jenny) Lawson, Bruce (Nancy) Lawson, Dorothy Bishaw; many nieces and nephews and several pets.

A son, George Erno, and a sister, Carol Martin, preceded her in meeting our Maker.

In lieu of flowers, contributions will be received by the family to be designated to a charity of choice at a later date.

The family was served by Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

### Doris Mae Johnson

Doris Mae Johnson, 82, of Gaylord, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003 at Tendercare in Gaylord.

Mrs. Johnson was born in East Jordan on May 17, 1921 and moved to Gaylord in 1986. She had

worked for United Tech in Boyne City.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her children Carol Carney of Gaylord and Florida, William Johnson of East Jordan, and Wayne Johnson of Gaylord; many

grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and two sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

### Calvin G. Snyder

Mr. Calvin G. Snyder, 55, of Vanderbilt, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Nelson Funeral Home in Gaylord.

The Rev. Charles Fowler officiated. He was born in Boyne City on Dec. 6, 1947 and lived most of his life there. Calvin was a Vietnam Veteran and worked at Boyne Mountain for many years. He last worked for Unipro Unlimited.

Calvin liked hunting, fishing, mushrooming, and building things. He would always lend a hand to those who needed it.

He is survived by his wife, Denise; two daughters from a previous marriage, Kelly Hayward and Stephanie Hayward; grandchildren, Todd and Kaleigh; mother, Lillian Snyder; mother-in-law, Denelda Joseph; brothers and sisters, Lester (Caroline) McGeorge of Boyne City, Wilbert (Carol) McGeorge of

Clare, Lloyd McGeorge of Boyne City, Esther Hudson of Charlevoix, and E.J. Snyder of Richardson, Texas; and many nieces and nephews who loved him very much.

Mr. Snyder was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Snyder.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Nazarene, through the Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Jack A. Roberson

Jack A. Roberson, 87, of East Jordan died Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix. Funeral

services were held on Friday, Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

### Jessica Marie Ballard Robtoy

Jessica Marie Ballard Robtoy, 20, of East Jordan, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2003 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 14,

at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan.

The arrangements were handled by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.



Winners of the third annual East Jordan Lions Club Bass Tournament are from left Joe Czuj, Brad Westbrook, Dan Smeltzer, Bryce Hewitt, Bob Downing, and Joe Zolnierok.

## Winners announced in East Jordan Bass Tourney

The East Jordan Bass Tournament, hosted by the East Jordan Lions Club, was held late last month, with seven boats entered. A total of 17 fish were caught, with a total weight of 55 lbs., 8.25 oz., on a day that turned out to be unseasonably cold and rainy.

First place went to Joe Czuj of Ossineke and Brad Westbrook of Alpena, with five fish, weighing 21 lbs. 3 oz. Second place winners were Joe Zolnierok and Bob Downing, both of Alpena, with five fish weighing a total of 13 lbs., 2.5 oz., Third place went to Bryce Hewitt of Boyne City and Dan Smeltzer of Petoskey, with four fish weighing 10 lbs., 13.5 oz.

The Big Bass prize went to Czuj, for one fish weighing 5 lbs., 7.5 oz. Cash prizes were awarded to all winners. Sponsors for this year's tournament were Jay's, Northern Taxidermy Art, Tom's Bait and Tackle, Jack's Sports Shop, The Trophy Case, and WalMart.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### CREATIVE MEMORIES Saturday, Oct. 25

A "Croitoberfest" hands-on scrap booking workshop to help participants organize and preserve their photographs and stories will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Jordan Middle School, on Elm Street. Space is limited so pre-registering is required and there is a fee to participate. Creative Memories products will also be available for purchase throughout the day. For more information, call Laura Hansen at 231-536-3416.

### FOOD PANTRY Every Sunday

The East Jordan Baptist Church holds a food pantry every Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the church located at 812 Ontario Street. For more information, call 536-7155.

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The Boyne City Gridiron Club will meet Monday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Boyne City High School in coach Hills room. For more information, call Steve Ryder 582-9656.

### 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.

### JORDAN VALLEY VFW MEETING Second Tuesday

A meeting of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 is held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For more information call 544-5312.

### JV VFW POTLUCK Third Tuesday

A potluck dinner of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 and Auxiliary is held at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For more information call 544-5312.

### BC FARMERS MARKET Wednesday & Saturday

The Boyne City farmers market is held in Old City Park from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### OES CHAPTER 95 First Monday

The OES Evangeline Chapter 95 meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 212 N. Lake Street. All OES members are invited. For membership, call 582-6819 or 582-0506.

### 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. The food pantry is located at 401 State Street.

### BOYNE VALLEY LIONS CLUB MEETINGS Wednesdays

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 at the corner of Lake and Main

streets or call 582-7811 at that time.

### AA MEETINGS Weekly

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, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m.

### ALANON Thursday nights

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

To have an event included in the community calendar, call 582-6761.



Students at Boyne City Elementary, right, were eager to do their part as music instructor Robert Dudd presented a quick lesson on stringed instruments at the school last week. The presentation kicked off an after-school strings program being offered to third and fourth grade students at the school, through the Crooked Tree Arts Council. For information, call the school at 439-8300.



## COLLEGE NEWS

**AMANDA MARIE ROBERTS** of Boyne City graduated from The Thomas M. Cooley Law School in May 2003. During her time at Cooley, Roberts was on the

dean's list. She is also a graduate of Hillsdale College where she received her bachelor of arts degree in 2000, and of Baker College, where she received her AB in

2002. She is a graduate of Boyne City High School. Amanda is the daughter of Tom and Karen Roberts. She is married to Jason P. Stoffel.

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# The thrill of *FLIGHT*

■ Boyne City Elementary third and fourth graders became "Young Eagles," thanks to flights via the EAA at Boyne City airport



Over the weekend, Boyne City Elementary students had the chance to get a bird's eye view of Boyne City, taking to the air as part of a special program put on by local pilots. At left, principal Fred Sitkins gave kids a hand as they scrambled aboard. Above, third-grader Brittany Bentley gave a cheerful wave after returning from her flight.



Students and parents all received a primer in pre-flight preparation, as a pilot goes over his pre-flight checklist, above. At right, a small aircraft lifts off into the hazy sunshine Saturday morning.



It was a day of heavy traffic at Boyne City airport, as planes carrying eager young passengers waited their turn for take-off, clearing the way for others who'd already had their flight to return to the terminal. Approximately 70 students were given flights through the event, at no cost; pilots donated their time and fuel.

photos by Angela Shultis

## EJ market study

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lake, were thrown into the mix as well.

One less tangible, but equally important problem identified was a general feeling of apathy on the part of some business owners and residents. "Our own self-image as a town is one of our biggest enemies," said East Jordan mayor Mark Postma.

On the plus side, however, the number of opportunities identified grew quickly, including a

rich historical and cultural base as well as an already-established base of nature-based tourism.

Coleman noted that, as part of the exercise, many problems can also be identified as opportunities; at the base of all of the areas identified, both positive and negative, he added, is the issue of communication. "That's the ticket to all these things," he said. "I look at all these problems and try to turn them into opportunities. Problems create opportunities for

improvement."

The two-hour-plus meeting gave Coleman and his associates plenty to chew on. "We've done a lot of brainstorming tonight," he said as the meeting wound down. "We have a lot here to work on."

Coleman and his team, hired earlier this year by a multi-community committee to take on the market study, expect to have a market study report generated for each of the four participating communities, as well as for the

Chain of Lakes region, after the New Year, at which time another public meeting will be scheduled to go over their conclusions and recommendations. A follow-up meeting two to three months after the initial presentation will also be scheduled.

The project is being funded in part by a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, secured through the assistance of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

## Flu shots available through NMCHA

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is offering flu shots for children six months and older at its offices in Charlevoix, Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties.

The cost is \$18 per dose; there is no charge for children enrolled in Medicaid. Families whose insurance does not cover immunizations, or who are not insured, may qualify for a reduced fee of \$10 per dose through the health agency.

According to NMCHA, new recommendations from both the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics encourage an annual flu shot for all healthy children six months to 23 months of age. "Healthy children younger than two are at as great a risk of being hospitalized from the flu as are adults over the age of 50," said Joshua Meyerson, M.D., medical director for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

Infants under six months of age are at greatest risk of contracting the flu, but they are too young to receive the vaccine. "The best way to protect them is to make sure that their parents, siblings, and caregivers are vaccinated," Meyerson said.

Influenza (flu) is caused by a virus that infects the nose, throat, and lungs. It typically is spread through the air or person-to-person when an infected person sneezes, coughs, or talks.

Although some vaccinated people will still get the flu, Meyerson noted, they generally get a milder case than those who are not vaccinated.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Charlevoix, Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties.

To schedule an appointment for a flu shot at the health department, call (800) 432-2141 during regular business hours.

**Quilt winner**  
Margaret Kida of Boyne Falls was the lucky winner of a swirling stars quilt, donated by the Boyne City Piece Makers as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Boyne District Library. Raffle tickets were sold for the quilt, with proceeds to benefit library programming for the community. For more information on the Friends group, call 582-7861.



**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Boyne Valley Garden Club**

The Boyne Valley Garden Club will host its next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m. in the Boyne District Library Community Room. The hostesses will be Nancy Cunningham, Suzie Dickow and Ruth Anne Spinner. The meeting's

program will feature Jim Couling, a staff member of Kinross Correctional Facility, and a master gardener. Couling was instrumental in starting a garden at the correctional facility as well as working extensively with community gardens in the area. His video presentation, "Connecting the Dots" will illustrate what a community working together can do.

Garden club members are busy making bows and wiring pinecones in preparation for this year's Christmas wreath sale. These beautiful, festive wreaths will enhance any Christmas display and are available in five sizes ranging from 16 inches in diameter for \$15 to 36 inches in diameter for \$50. Several larger sizes are available this year in response to numerous requests. Order blanks are available from garden club

members and at the library; orders and payment are due by Nov. 10. All proceeds from the sale are used to purchase flowers for the 12 gardens planted and maintained by the club. For more information, call Betty Shaver at 582-5342.

Susan Mattox was chosen as Star of the Year. Suzanne Frisk received her life membership from Worthy Matron, Mary Tison.

**Evangeline Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star**

Evangeline Chapter, Order of Eastern Star No. 95, of Boyne City recently selected new officers for 2003-04, including Worthy Matron, Nancy Bachelor; Worthy Patron, Larry Mattox; Associate Matron, Suzanne Frisk; Associate Patron, Eugen Switzer; Secretary, Susan Mattox; Treasurer, Nancy Waring; Conductress, Shirley Bowers; Associate Conductress, Nancy Hersha; Chaplain,

Dan Chingwa; Marshall, Bonnie Carlson; Organist, Shirley Crozier; Adah, Marie Kring; Ruth, Evelyn Gould; Ester, Jerie Leyh.

An open installation will be held at the Boyne City Masonic Lodge on Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Martha, Gladys Graham; Electra, May Tison; Warder, Mary Jo Chipman; Sentinel, Marilyn Emshwiller.

Keefe of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Frank Rasch of L'Anse, Mich.; and Amil Rasch of Rockford, Ill., who were there to attend the "Veteran of the Month" ceremony for veteran Eric Rasch. The minutes of the meeting of Sept. 4 were read and approved. The Sunshine Chairman, Patricia Hayden, reported that Evelyn Gould had fallen and broken her

**American Legion Auxiliary**

Keefe of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Frank Rasch of L'Anse, Mich.; and Amil Rasch of Rockford, Ill., who were there to attend the "Veteran of the Month" ceremony for veteran Eric Rasch.

The minutes of the meeting of Sept. 4 were read and approved. The Sunshine Chairman, Patricia Hayden, reported that Evelyn Gould had fallen and broken her

wrist. Chairmen for the coming year were appointed by president Virginia Stokes. It was also voted to send two girls to Girls State this coming year.

**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Local agent named Realtor of the Year**

The Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of Realtors has named Mario Cioletti of RE/MAX of Boyne as the 2003 Realtor of the Year. The award is given in recognition of outstanding leadership and service for the association, the community and the real estate industry. Award winners are chosen by their peers and were recognized locally and at the Annual Convention of the Michigan Association of Realtors in September in Traverse City. Nominees are evaluated on their community service, their education and business accomplishments and their service to the REALTOR® organization at the local, state and national levels. Cioletti is a member of

the Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of Realtors with 12 years experience as a realtor in the Emmet and Charlevoix county area. Highlights of his accomplishments include: five years of service on the Board of Directors for the Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of Realtors, having served in the positions of Director, Secretary/Treasurer, President Elect and is currently the President of the Association for 2003.

He also serves on the New Member, Finance and MLS (Multiple List Service) Committees. In addition to donating his time and efforts to his profession, Cioletti is active in supporting "Camp Quality," an organization that provides support for children with terminal cancer. He is also a member of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce as well as the Boyne Support Group, the forerunner of the Boyne DDA, whose objective was

to promote Boyne City. Mario was instrumental in getting the one and only non-state directional sign promoting Boyne City, which now sits at the foot of Elmira Hill on US 131. The Michigan Association of Realtors (MAR) is a 39,000 member trade association which serves as the primary source for Michigan housing and real estate data. MAR is comprised of 44 Local Realtors Associations.

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POLICE REPORTS

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

Monday, Oct. 6: Assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on Jaquay Road; noise complaint on East Main Street; forgery complaint under investigation at Carter's; parking complaint on East Cedar Street; larceny complaint at Parkview Apartments; property damage

accident on Nordic Drive; forgery complaint from Groveland Street; suspicious person on East Cedar Street; person threatened on North Lake Street; unlock at S&K Foods.

Tuesday, Oct. 7: One arrested for operating while intoxicated and careless driving on South Lake Street; 911 hang-up on Poplar Street; Boyne City Housing turned in Builders Trust Fund investigation;

Boyne City Police Department

property damage accident on State Street.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Vehicle blocking vision on Front Street; officer called to Parkview Apartments reference to suspicious person; complaint of high school student minor in possession of tobacco; malicious destruction of property to vehicle at Skip's Auto; 911 hang-up at Boyne Area Medical Center; found property that was returned to owner; citation

issued for speed.

Thursday, Oct. 9: Wire fraud under investigation; parking ticket on Water Street issued; 911 hang-up on Groveland Street; citation issued for speed; unlock at high School; one arrested for retail fraud at Carter's.

Friday, Oct. 10: Citation for speeding issued; officer assisted on house move near Boyne Avenue and East Main Street; unlock near Lester's; parking citation

issued from Water Street; vehicle unlock on North East Street.

Saturday, Oct. 11: 911 hang-up checked on East Main Street; assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department with vehicle in ditch on Anderson Road; one arrested for operating while intoxicated/minor in possession of alcohol; larceny from Second Street; assault complaint under investigation from North Lake Street;

dog running at large in Veteran's Park; neighborhood complain on Pleasant Avenue; noise complaint on Terrace Street; civil standby at Parkview Apartments; assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department with domestic dispute on Anderson Road.

Sunday, Oct. 12: Officer checked on alarm at Deer Meadows; called to Barn Mountain reference to kids playing with construction equipment.

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

Thursday, Oct. 2: 911 check on Manning Drive; assist Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on North M-66; suspicious situation on South Lake Street; suspicious situation on Maple Street; dog running at large on Garfield Street; barking dog on Third Street.

Friday, Oct. 3: Fishing violation on Spring Street; assist citizen on Spring Street; abandoned vehicle on Main Street; suspicious subjects on Main Street; no registration/expired operators/no proof of insurance citation on Williams Street; retail fraud on South Lake Street; two violation of posted speed citation on Water Street and Sunset Street; suspicious subjects

on Erie Street; larceny from motor vehicle on Erie Street; malicious destruction of property to vehicle on Erie Street.

Saturday, Oct. 4: Abandoned vehicle on Main Street; assist East Jordan Schools on Main Street; assist Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department on Lalonde Road; paper service on South Lake Street; fail to pay/returned on Water Street; minor in possession of alcohol on Fourth Street; alarm on Bridge Street; loiter in park after closing on Bridge Street; fishing violation on Spring Street; paper service on Echo Street.

Sunday, Oct. 5: Suspicious situation on Williams Street; unsafe towing complaint on North Lake Street; paper service on Bowen Street; public relations on Spring Street; suspicious

East Jordan Police Department

vehicle on Maple Street.

Monday, Oct. 6: Assist Charlevoix Police Department on Garfield Street; assist citizen on Sunset Street; illegal entry on Maple Street; fingerprints for federal firearms license on Main Street; paper service on Grant Street;

Charlevoix; assist citizen on Bridge Street; 911 check on South Lake Street; harassing phone calls on South Lake Street; skateboard on sidewalk on Main Street; harassing phone call on Fourth Street.

Tuesday, Oct. 7: Probation violation arrest on

Nicholls Street; ATV on roadway on Fourth Street; careless driving on Park Street; hit and run on McKenzie Street.

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Domestic dispute on State Street; assist Emmet County Sheriff's Department on warrant arrest on

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department

The following information has been provided by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department for Thursday, Oct. 9.

Alarms: Residential alarm in Marion Township; residential alarm in Bay Township. Delinquent minor complaints: controlled substance violation in Boyne Falls; disorderly student in Wilson Township; disorderly juvenile in Boyne City. General complaints: abandoned vehicle in Hayes Township; lost property in Wilson Township; found property in Eveline Township; abandoned vehicle in Melrose Township; larceny complaint in Boyne Falls; child abuse complaint in Boyne Falls; reckless driving complaint in Bay Township; conservation complaint in Bay Township. Civil complaints: family dispute in Boyne Valley Township. Traffic accidents: three car/

deer accidents in Bay Township; car/deer accident in Boyne Valley Township; car/deer accident in Hayes Township; three car personal injury accidents in East Jordan. Traffic citations/warnings: four traffic violations in Melrose Township, Eveline Township, Marion Township, Charlevoix Township, East Jordan, and Boyne Falls. Marine complaints: boating violation on Lake Charlevoix.

Maple Street; assist citizen on Main Street; landlord/tenant dispute on Nicholls Street; public peace disturbance on Mill Street.

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