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## At A Glance

### Fire depts will face off in donkey basketball

It's time once again for local fire departments to face off in a contest of epic proportions. Well, sort of.

Firefighters from Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Walloon Lake, and East Jordan will meet up for the second annual Donkey Basketball matchup, to be held on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the Boyne City Middle School. Besides the basketball action, free donkey rides will be offered to children under 12 at the show's intermission.

The event is a fund-raiser for the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids, and will be \$2 more at the door.

Tickets are available at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce office.

### State 'Main Street' reps to make public presentation

The Boyne City Main Street Program will host a public presentation on Thursday, April 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the City Hall auditorium, featuring information gathered by the State-sponsored "Resource Team" who have spent time in the city this week.

The team, made up of representatives from agencies such as the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the National Main Street organization, will present some of their conclusions and recommendations for the Main Street Program, based on information gathered through interviews with business owners, property owners, residents, and others in the community.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the Boyne City Main Street office at 582-9009.

### Hydrants to be flushed in BC

The Boyne City Water Department will be flushing hydrants from April 19-April 30. Area residents whose water becomes discolored should open a cold water faucet (without a screen) and let the water run until clear.

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## Boyer Falls School bond issue to be decided

After more than three months of pursuing public input in earnest, the Boyne Falls Public School is putting its proposed millage in front of voters, seeking approval for the bond issue in a special election to be held Tuesday, April 20.

The polls will open at 7 a.m. at the Boyne Falls School library, and will close at 8 p.m.

If it passes muster with ballot-casters, the bond issue will mean \$2.65 million in additions and renovations to the existing school building.

Planned work includes two new classrooms on the elementary wing, two new classrooms on the middle

school wing, and two new labs for the high school wing, as well as additional storage space, additional restrooms, and an expanded cafeteria.

Technology upgrades, the purchase of additional a new school bus, and the construction of a bus garage are also part of the proposal package.

According to school superintendent Mark Parsons, most of the proposed

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--Boyer Falls School superintendent Mark Parsons

additions were originally included in the plan for the existing building, which opened in the fall of 2000. They were, at that time, cut from the plans due to state regulations regard-

ing the square footage permitted in the project based on bonding issues. The need for the space, however, hasn't changed. In fact, Parsons said, it's greater than ever. With enrollment numbers over 330 students, up from just 287 in 1999, the district is experiencing substantial growth, including more than 70 students in the district through Schools of Choice.

Despite a multimillion dollar pricetag on the current proposal, through some creative financing, the bond issue as presented by the district will not mean an increase in the annual millage rate paid by taxpayers.

After a resolution passed by the Boyne Falls Board of Education earlier this year reduced the current millage on the building by 1.99 mills, approval of the current ballot issue will simply increase the millage by 1.99 mills, restoring the amount to the original total of 6 mills.

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## Seeking input

### April 22 town meeting will kick off BC Main Street market study

What does the future hold for downtown Boyne City? Community residents and business people will have a chance to discuss possibilities for Boyne City's downtown business development and marketing initiatives at an open invitation Town Meeting and Workshop, set for Tuesday, April 22.

The meeting will take place at the Char-Em Building, 1313 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City from 6-9 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The town meeting and workshop is a community-wide forum being staged to kick off the Downtown Boyne City Market Study project. Downtown Professionals Network (DPN), a consulting firm based in the Chicago area, was retained by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to facilitate the study for Boyne City and to provide recommendations for downtown business development and marketing strategies. According to Jay Schlinsog, DPN President, the study will include an in-depth analysis of input collected from local business and consumer surveys scheduled for distribution in the near future.

Schlinsog said the town meeting and workshop is being conducted as part of the project's initial "discovery" phase that includes the collection and review of additional background information and an assessment of the downtown business climate. During the first site visit scheduled for April 22 and 23, the DPN consulting team will also perform a

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## River walk

The Boyne River is a popular destination this time of year, with anglers of all types making tracks for the opportunity to pull a day's catch from the still-icy waters. Those who know say that the steelhead fishing has been a bit slow with the recent colder temperatures, but the projected warm-up should, they say, turn things around.

photo by  
Vic Ruggles



## ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUGGESTS PARK BE RE-DUBBED 'SOUTH ARM CAMPGROUND AND BEACH' New identity for EJ Tourist Park

After being known for more than 75 years as the Tourist Park, East Jordan's municipally-owned campground and beach may be getting a new identity, and with it, park advisory committee members hope, a new marketability.

"We're trying to develop new marketing plans for the parks," said committee chairman Dan Miller at last week's regular meeting of the East Jordan City Commission. "One thing we feel real strongly about is changing the name [of the Tourist Park]."

After several months of consideration of various options, the committee has recommended changing the name to "South Arm Campground and Beach," with a slogan identifying the park as a "proud offering of the City of East Jordan."

The name, Miller said, gives the

park its own identity, while indicating that the campground and beach are, in fact, two separate entities.

The impetus for the name change came initially, Miller said, at the suggestion of East Jordan Economic Development Coordinator Rod Benson, who made giving a new moniker to the park his number one recommendation in improving the location's marketability.

"The local people are always going to know it as the Tourist Park," Miller concedes, but for travelers, the name doesn't imply a beach or a campground.

Being on the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix, too, was identified by the committee as a unique feature of the East Jordan community, one that deserves to be a focal point. "South Arm" tells where it is, as well," Miller

said, adding that 'Municipal Campground' was also considered, but rejected for sounding "sterile."

"It [doesn't capture] the homey atmosphere of the north woods like South Arm does," he said. "When you say South Arm, it represents East Jordan, represents our area. It's really something that's quite unique."

"Lake Street Campground and Beach" was also considered, but later rejected due to the feeling that the name was "not unique," Miller said. "Several [local] towns have a Lake Street."

Taking action on the name change is a critical step, Miller notes, because the rest of the committee's marketing strategies for the park cannot move forward until a name is finalized. "It is critical," he said, adding that all

see NEW IDENTITY on pg. 12

## Miss East Jordan will be crowned Saturday, April 17

Though construction of a new auditorium at the high school has forced a change of venue, the 16th annual Miss East Jordan Pageant will go on, set for Saturday, April 17, at the East Jordan Middle School.

This year, nine contestants will compete for scholarship money, with a top prize of \$1,000, followed by \$700 for the first runner up and \$500 for the second runner up.

Each remaining contestant will earn \$300 in scholarship funds just for participating.

Entered in this year's pageant are Kim Beauvais, Courtney Hammond, Chrisanne Selonke, Whitney Hershberger, Tiffanie Bearden, Samantha Bingham, Jillian Derenzy, Jessica Crick, and Margaux Rowley.

The pageant will, as always, award two, \$200 ambassador scholarships to male students acting as escorts for the event.

Tickets are \$6 each, and are available from contestants as well as at the EJ Shoppe and the Main Street Hair Cottage, both in East Jordan.

## Local business to host "BIKEFEST" in celebration of spring

Billed as a bicycle, parts, and information swap, BIKEFEST will celebrate the coming of spring weather with a festival of bicycles.

The day-long event, set for Saturday, April 24, is an advocacy project of a Boyne City bikeshop, BIKEFIX, owned by local resident John McClorey.

According to McClorey, the idea behind the event is to provide a forum for people who want to buy, sell, or trade good used bicycle equipment as well as a place for cycle shops to sell old stock in a festival atmosphere.

"If we can improve the secondary market for used bicycles, both those with bikes to sell and those in the market for an economical ride will win," McClorey said.

The event will feature not only bikes and bike parts, but also information on bicycling organizations, such as the League of Michigan Bicyclists and the Tip of the Mitt Trails Council, who work behind the scenes to advance cycling activity in daily life. Riders who race or tour will be able to pick up trail or route information as well as dates and registration forms for regional and statewide events. Additionally, BIKEFIX staff will present workshops on care and maintenance of bicycles, and will display some of the latest equipment.

Participation from the biking public is encouraged, McClorey notes, adding that anyone may bring clean, functioning bicycles and bicycle-related items to use the free trade area to sell or trade what they bring. Besides the swapping people will do amongst themselves, event sponsor

The Outside Edge, an adventure gear outfitter located in Boyne City, will be on-site with a booth stocked with bicycle parts accumulated through years spent in the industry, as well as last season's new stock, available for purchase.

A highlight of the day is scheduled for 4 p.m., when Melrose Township supervisor Mike Webster will moderate an informal discussion exploring the issue of "What can and does local government do to influence bicycling?" Bicycle clubs, advocacy groups, and interested individuals are all invited to participate.

In addition to the general discussion, a survey will be taken for use in determining bike traffic flow in Boyne City. Throughout the festival, door prizes will be awarded, including a new Breezer transportation bicycle.

Refreshments will also be served. The event will run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at BIKEFIX, located at 114 State St., between Lake and Park streets in Boyne City.

For more information or to discuss bike or parts consignment, call 582-6622 or visit bikefixcyclingcenter.com.

**ALSO TAKING** place on April 24, the Boyne City Police Department will hold a bike auction at 9 a.m. at the Boyne City Police Department parking lot, next to city hall.

Auctioneer for the event is local resident Scott MacKenzie.

For more information, call the police department at 582-6611.

## CHECK IT OUT

### For taxpayers, library is best bargain in town

By NANNETTE MILLER

In this third and final installment in the series addressing where libraries get their money, I will discuss district libraries' major source of funding — property taxes.

District libraries are taxing authorities and ask voters to approve millage to support library services. In 1996 voters in this area approved making this library a district library with .75 in

operating millage. Due to the "Headlee" rollback, which is way too complicated to explain here, or anywhere really, we collected .6814 mill this year. That amount will continue to be reduced every year.

This is my first year as a homeowner in Boyne City, so I opened my December tax bill with trepidation. I was very pleased to see that I pay only \$42 per year for the library.

For this amount I can, and do, read an unlimited

number of books. I can read the newspaper every day. My family and I have enjoyed many videos and DVDs. I have high-speed Internet access and my kids can do homework on the PCs. We have listened to numerous audiobooks on our frequent trips downstate. There are lots of magazines I could read if I had the time.

As I figure it, if I purchased all of these things I would spend about \$3,500 a year.

Granted, I am probably a more loyal library user than some folks — hey, I'm there every day anyway. But even if you only borrow two books a year, or use the Internet or computer once, you come out ahead. Libraries are the best bargain around.

After looking at the paltry amount of money we get from the state, and the unstable income from penal fines, it is clear that without tax dollars there could be no library in Boyne City.

No one likes taxes, and the word millage strikes fear into the heart of every homeowner. But come take a look at the library, check out a book or movie, use our computers, attend an event in the meeting room, and I think you will agree that the small amount you pay each year for the library is money well spent.

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

### Local author will discuss book at Boyne library

Boyne City resident John Deckinga will discuss his new book, "Enemy in Shadows" at a Meet the Author program at the Boyne District Library on Tuesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

"Enemy in Shadows,"

released in November 2003, is the first of a three-part series about a fictitious photographer named Peter Clark and his adventures in Bolivia, Montana and New York.

In this first book we find Pete and his wife Brenda

angling with guerillas while hiking in central Bolivia.

Deckinga lived in Central America for 14 years with his wife and daughters, teaching English as a second language. His two years in Bolivia provide the

grist for "Enemy in Shadows."

Other events at the library to celebrate National Library Week, April 18-24, include the ever-popular Amnesty Week (return overdue items and pay no fines), participation in the

area-wide Born to Read Baby program (the first baby born during the week wins reading prizes), and a chance to win a Library Gift Basket.

For more information, call the Boyne District Library at 582-7861.

### St. Matthew Church to hold card/game party

St. Matthew Church in Boyne City will host a Card/Game Party on Saturday, April 24, at 6:45 p.m. in the church hall.

Door prizes and table prizes will be awarded, and a 50/50 drawing will be held. Refreshments will be served.

The cost is \$5 per person, or \$4 for seniors. For more information, call the rectory at 582-7718.

### Bond issue

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The total cost to a taxpayer whose property has a taxable value of \$100,000 is approximately \$300 per year. Based on the consistent long-term growth of the district's State Equalized Value, school officials say, the millage is expected, in a best case scenario, to drop over time.

With what they believe to be a sound proposal, the biggest challenge for the district has been to get the word out in a relatively short period of time between the initial announcement, in early January, and

the election next week.

Two town meetings were held early in the process, and subsequently, administrators and school board members, as well as volunteers, have made it their mission to get the word out into the community, including visits to township board meetings, and to agencies like the Boyne Valley Township Fire Department. "We feel we've explained this and made the information available to our community," Parsons said. "There haven't been a lot of extra questions, so it seems that they understand it."

"We're really hopeful we can get this bond so that Boyne Falls School can continue to move forward."

### Super Crossword

Answers

1. BASS 2. WEPT 3. HEARD 4. DRAWN  
 5. ANNA 6. ALVA 7. ELUDE 8. BERTIE  
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 31. BEBEVE 32. SCORPI 33. MORNADO  
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## Big readers

During the month of March, East Jordan Elementary students were challenged by their principal Cal Prins to read 7,000 books. Taking the task to heart, however, the kids surprised Prins by reading a grand total of 18,026 books. For their accomplishment students were treated to ice cream sundaes and prize giveaways. Here, Brianna Nise, Jeffery Bellant, Weston Swanson, teacher Donna Bennett, and Prins pose with a banner announcing the accomplishment.

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# Cool Cities

## East Jordan, Boyne City looking to take advantage of funding and support through new State program

In Michigan, it's all about creating "Cool Cities." At least, that's what they're calling the State's latest community-based initiative, being touted as a program geared towards building vibrant, energetic cities, in the interest of attracting jobs, people and opportunities. The pilot program, first announced in the fall of 2003, is gaining momentum, and in East Jordan and Boyne City, community leaders are ready to take advantage of the opportunity.

According to East Jordan Economic Development Coordinator Rod Benson, East Jordan was among the first group of communities to sign on for the program, with the East Jordan City Commission approving participation last year. After news of a grant program was announced by the State in March, Benson was sent to a Cool Cities meeting in Traverse City last week to gather information regarding the available funding.

According to information provided by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, the Michigan Cool Cities Grant Pilot Program is making \$3.45 million available over a three-year period to be distributed through the MSHDA, the Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (HAL), and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). At least \$1.15 million is planned to be awarded in 2004, with no single grant to exceed \$100,000.

To be eligible to apply, a community must create a Local Cool Cities Advisory Group (LCCAG), and must either be a Michigan Main Street Program community, an MEDC Blue Prints Program community, and/or one of the 267 "invited" cities identified by Governor Jennifer Granholm in September of 2003. East Jordan, as an invited community, qualifies, and is in the process of creating a local advisory group.

According to Benson, the community will apply for the final \$20,000 needed to fund the construction of a bandshell in Memorial Park, set to be built this summer. "This will speed up the process [of getting the bandshell built] if we get some help from the state," Benson said of the grant opportunity. Though the deadline of May 7 for grant applications might be daunting for some, East Jordan, he notes, is in a good posi-

tion, considering the extent of the work already done on the bandshell project, with architectural plans and the majority of the fund-raising already in place. "That's one thing they're interested in that we feel good about," Benson said. "Projects [included in the grant program] have to be started by December 31, with awards to be made by June 1." The intent, he added, would be to begin construction following the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival, held in late June.

The Cool Cities program, he notes, is not based on one project, however, but rather on the community's approach to long-term improvements as a whole.

"The state is looking for a holistic approach,"

Benson said. The grant application, he said, must include not only information about the project in question but a "reiteration of various other projects recently accomplished, now underway, and being considered for the future."

The approach, said Boyne City Main Street Program manager Kelly Larson, is an attractive one to Boyne City as well. "Main Street and Cool Cities just seem to fit together so well," she said. "Both programs want to accomplish the same things."

After several community leaders from Boyne made the trip to the Cool Cities meeting in Traverse City last week, the Main Street Program held a special board meeting, putting the organization on the fast track to signing on for Cool Cities and making a grant application. The project for which funding will be sought, Larson said, is the establishment of what's called "Wi-Fi," or a wireless zone, in which anyone with a laptop can connect to the Internet, whether sitting in a restaurant, library or on a park bench.

The establishment of such a zone will, Larson said, "bring people downtown," and would include not only the technology costs but other related aspects, such as signage, benches, or the establishment of bike lanes.

"It would be very exciting to have this in a small town," Larson added. "It'll be a niche, and small business owners will benefit by being able to hook in."

Grant applications will be reviewed in May, with grant awards expected to be announced in June.

For more information, call Benson at 536-3381 or Larson at 582-9009.

### FAST FACTS

• In September of 2003, the State of Michigan invited 267 communities to take part in the "Cool Cities" Pilot Program.

• In January of 2004, Governor Jennifer Granholm announced the Michigan Cool Cities Grant Pilot Program, to be launched in March of 2004. The three-year commitment is expected to make \$3.45 million available in grants to communities.

• Grant awards are expected to be announced in June of 2004.

• For more information on Cool Cities, visit [www.michigancoolcities.com](http://www.michigancoolcities.com)



Dapper Dan, the Pattern Man, created by middle school students at Concord Academy Boyne, will be at the Duct Tape Show, set to open April 18.

## JRAC announces scholarship competitions for art students

The Jordan River Arts Council has announced the organization's scholarship competition for 2004.

Open only to seniors, the Betty Osborne Scholarship award is \$500, given in Osborne's memory by her husband, Garner "Skip" Osborne. Betty Anne was a fine art oil painter who often shared her expertise with high school students. This scholarship is awarded to the student after proof of continuing in art studies.

Open to seniors and juniors is the Doris and Bill Huckle Scholarship of \$350, an award funded by JRAC in honor of Doris and Bill Huckle for their support of the arts in the community. Up to three

Honorable Mention awards of \$50 are also presented. The Huckle Scholarship and the Honorable Mention awards are presented for the merit of the work submitted.

Information has been sent to all high school art teachers and guidance counselors. A letter of intent is requested by April 13. Work should be brought to the art center by May 13. Students should submit a minimum of five, but not more than eight works of art in any media for jurying. All work must be original. Juniors and seniors from schools in Antrim and Charlevoix counties are eligible.

The Osborne and Huckle winner's names

will be added to the Memorial Scholarship plaques displayed permanently at the Jordan River Art Center.

An exhibit of the works submitted will be May 16 through May 28.

The opening reception and awards ceremony will be May 16 with awards being presented at 2:30

p.m.

Gallery Hours are 1-4 p.m. daily during the exhibit.

For more information or questions contact Sara Vondran, JRAC Board Member and Chairperson, at 536-0918, e-mail her at [saravondran@yahoo.com](mailto:saravondran@yahoo.com) or see the Web site: [jordanriverarts.org](http://jordanriverarts.org).

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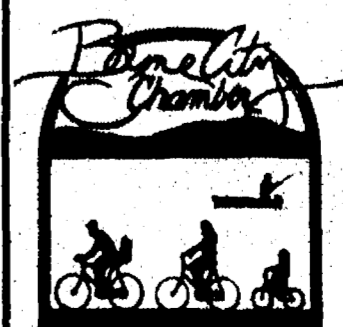
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## EDITORIAL

### Boyer Falls bond proposal is a good deal

What's not to like about the Boyer Falls Public Schools latest bond proposal, to go before voters on Tuesday, April 20?

Seeking \$2.65 million in funding for additions to the existing school building and technology upgrades, as well as a new bus garage and school bus and other site improvements, the proposed project couldn't, by all appearances, be made easier for voters to support.

For one, through a little financial magic, passing the proposal will not mean an increase in millage to taxpayers (earlier this year, the Board of Education passed a resolution to reduce the existing 6 mills by 1.99 mills; the proposal, if passed, will merely raise the millage back to the initial 6 mills, for a net increase of zero).

Second, and more importantly, anyone who's been in the school recently can't deny the need for more space. Students are receiving instruction in every available nook and cranny of the building, including a middle school "science lab" with no windows or water, and a makeshift classroom area on the school stage.

The reasons for the cramped quarters are primarily twofold. First, enrollment is growing -- a good problem to have. Recent figures put the student body at 335 kids, up from just 287 students in 1999.

Second, the district had, several years ago, been fully aware that more space would be necessary, and had been proactive in planning that space into the design for the current building, construction of which was completed in 2000; however, due to state bonding regulations, that extra space had to be cut out of the plans in order to have the original bond proposal approved to go to vote.

Though the district has made the best of what they had to work with in the beautiful but reduced facility, the time has come for adding that extra space back into the equation. With little or no storage space, a cafeteria that's bursting at the seams and all possible classroom space being utilized, it's hard to imagine that there's any other real choice but to create more space. With a growing enrollment, including more than 70 students brought to the district through School of Choice, it's clear that the school is doing something right. And in making a proposal that will not raise current tax bills, and will only increase the quality of the education that students receive in Boyer Falls, the district has made it a bond issue that, for all practical reasons, voters shouldn't refuse.

-- Angela Shultis

## LETTERS

### Commissioner's stand on river discharge is a surprise

TO THE EDITOR:

I was very surprised to read the stand of Jerry Douglas on the wastewater discharge into the Boyer River. With his long time affiliation with the annual Mushroom Festival, Jerry is certainly aware of the importance of tourism to Boyer City.

The Friends of the Boyer have worked hard since their formation to clean up and stabilize the Boyer, and restore it to its former pristine state - which attracts fishermen, kayakers, canoers, etc. - something to be proud of. With its designation as a Main Street recipient, Boyer City receives many benefits - and assumes certain responsibilities.

Using the Boyer River as a discharge receptacle and further filtration system for wastewater before entering Lake Charlevoix sends the wrong message. Accidents happen, and when one does, the Boyer River and Boyer City will be set back 10 years as a tourist destination for many people.

There are reasonable alternatives to discharging into the Boyer River. Don't send the wrong message. Don't take a chance. Do the right thing the first time and we won't worry. We've worked a long time to "Save the Boyer." Let's not trash the Boyer, Jerry.

Joe Breidenstein



## LETTERS

### Local soldier sends news, small requests from the war in Iraq

TO THE EDITOR:

Greetings from Baghdad, Iraq! Hope everyone in Boyer City and the surrounding areas are doing well. By now I'm sure most of you are tired of the snow.

As for myself, the only storms I've seen are sand and dust storms. Since I deployed here back in January, it has only rained three times.

This deployment is a lot different than when I was in Bosnia in 1996. Some of the things that go on here most of you know. I thought when I write to the Citizen I might put a few bits of information in each letter.

1. In Iraq, Thursdays are wedding days.
2. Women do not work. Few drive.
3. Women do not speak unless their father or husband lets them.
4. Education level of the average adult - sixth grade.
5. Women are fully covered by cloth. Even young girls wear robes.

These are just a few bits of information for now. I'll enclose more in another letter.

My job over here is the same. I am a mechanic. I work on HMMWV (Hummers), Track Recovery Vehicles, M113A3's, M1064 mortar tracks, Bradleys, command tracks, Hemmets, load handler systems, and just about anything else they bring to us.

We are in the process of getting a Russian T-72 Tank running and an old Military motor cycle with sidecar up. These are side projects the Battalion and Brigade Commanders want us to do.

Besides turning wrenches, I have been out on missions. So far I've got 11 missions under my belt with the infantry.

Most of the missions we have been shot at. One of the missions we were doing involved clearing a bridge. 300 meters to our left an explosion rocked the bridge. No one was hurt.

On a nightly basis our camps take AK-47 fire, RPG rounds, and Mortar rounds. You get used to it after the first couple nights.

If anyone is wondering what my fellow soldiers and myself could use or need, here is a list: Paper, pens, envelopes, AA batteries, baby wipes, lotion, powder, books, hand sanitizer, and toothpastes and toothbrushes.

If anyone wants to send these items and others I will enclose my address. I will pass them out to my soldiers.

As for myself. You can't find anything from the Red



Sgt. Eugene M. Mont Jr.

Wings or U of M here. I have just one simple request, a hat of each team to help keep my mind of the teams in which I like.

If The Citizen-Journal would like, I can take pictures and send the film back with a letter and paper detailing each photo. The cameras would have to be disposable. I don't have a camera over here.

Hope all is going well with everyone. Look forward to hearing from you. If you write, enclose a picture so I know a name with a face. I will write back to all that write.

A couple notes to close this letter out: Congrats to Jody Crosier on your baby! Mom and Dad I'm doing fine, no Purple Heart! The staff at B.C.H.S. - take care of yourselves.

I'll end with a quote this time for everyone to remember. "Tough times do not last, Tough people do!"

Take care and God bless you all.  
Sgt. Mont, Eugene M. Jr.  
A.F.S.C, 15th FSB, 2nd BDE, ICAV  
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## MANY THANKS

### Boyer Area Hockey grateful for support from sponsors

Thank you to Ace Hardware, B.C. Pizza, Lexamar, East Jordan Iron Works, Paul Bunyan Lanes of Charlevoix and Witbeck Appliances of Petoskey for their financial sponsorship of the Boyer Area Hockey Association. We appreciate your unending willingness to sponsor our dedicated players. Also, earlier this season BAHA held a spaghetti dinner in which Glens, McDonalds, and BC Pizza

of Boyer City donated food and drinks. Dennis Crissman and the BCHS Hospitality Class donated their time preparing the meal.

Thank you all for being involved in the lives of your community!

Robin Reynolds  
BAHA sponsorship committee

## LETTERS

### Commissioners not representing the will of the people in Boyer

TO THE EDITOR:

I just got home from a three week vacation and there were a lot of calls on my answering machine and most of them were on one subject. Most of the calls went something like this "call me back as soon as you can. It's important. You won't believe what our city commissioners did." I called these people back and was told that the city commissioners had voted to discharge the sewer into the Boyer River. They were right. I couldn't believe that anyone in their right mind, would vote to have the sewer put into the Boyer River.

Then I read the papers and found out it was true. But I was pleased to read that there were a couple of the commissioners that were against the idea. Then I read Jerry Douglas' letter and I thought to myself, why is it that when ever anyone gets elected into an office, they think they are smarter than anyone else. His letter didn't make any sense whatsoever and there were all kind of false statements.

Come on Jerry, you really didn't believe that the people were going to believe any of what you wrote? All that entire letter showed was that you didn't do your homework. You just took what someone had said and took it for the truth and passed it on as your thoughts. If you are going to make a motion or even vote for something that affects all of us as well as our future then please, at least do your homework.

We would have to be a little stupid to believe that the sewer water going into two feet of river water is going to be diluted better then going into 20 to 30 feet of lake water. Come on Jerry, even you can't believe that. There are times when that river hardly moves at all. It moves fast up by the dam but down further, where the City plans on dumping the sewer in the river, it moves slowly. I know this for a fact because I have been walking that river bank for over 40 years. There are places on that river where you can wade across the river. I mean wade where you can roll your pants up and wade across and not get your pants wet.

Wastewater treatment plants do not remove pharmaceuticals. Our river is known as a trout river and there are a lot of people who fish this river. They are going to think twice about eating any fish taken from this river. I sure wouldn't eat any of those fish. You had made a statement that no one has shown you where pharmaceutical has harmed the fish. You want to take a chance? Would you eat the fish?

My boys grew up on this river and spent most of their days either on it or in it. Do you think I would have let them do this if the sewer had been put in the river back then? Would either you or [city commissioner] Chuck [Vondra] let your children play in the river? We have a lot of people who use that river to boat, fish and swim in and don't you think that they will think twice before doing any of these? They will just go to a different river. That will sure bring the people to Boyer City.

All of the city commissioners were voted into office to represent the people of Boyer City and from where I stand they are not doing that. You have already ruined our lake and now you want to ruin our river. Do something different commissioners, listen to the people. Believe it or not, we really do know what we want. Why is it that you think you know better of what we want even after we voice our concern with abundant amount of people.

Don't let this be another of your mistakes. Listen to us!

Shirley Howie

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## NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

**CONGRATULATIONS** and wishes for great success goes out to Pastor Dave Crumbaugh. Still acting as pastor at the Lakeshore Community Church, he is also the Branch Manager of HLI, a new home loan business in Boyne City. Dry waller Larry E. Williams, who did much of the remodeling, will be "climbing a different ladder" and he too, is wished the same success, as he joins Pastor Dave and the HLI staff as a loan officer.

**MARY GOY** and Barbie (Deming) Jenkins motored to Flat Rock, N.C. last week to attend the wedding of their daughter and sister, Liane Deming. Liane became the bride of Robbie Fisher on Saturday, April 2. Mom and sis said the wedding was beautiful. Liane, Robbie, and baby daughter, Kyira, will be coming to Michigan later this year.

**THE MONDAY** Study Club will meet April 19 at 1:30 p.m. in the community room of the Boyne District Library. Guest speaker Carol Book will present "Out on the Farm."

**AN INTERESTED** enthusiastic group warmly welcomed Mary Hancock and Sharon Ruge of Boyne City's "Curves For Women" as guest speakers at Wednesday's Boyne Valley Slim & Trim Club, in the community room at Litzenburger Place. With pictures and explanations of the various health benefits of a low impact 30-minute workout, with doctors permission, these ladies also did a great job answering health related questions as well as advising it to be utilized by men too, in controlling and keeping in good physical condition and how it makes one just plain feel better!

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES** go out this week to friends and family members in the loss of their loved ones Ruth Koteskey, Helen Sparks, Ardis Lockman, and Max Mosser, all of Boyne City.

**LORI AND BILL BAILEY** of Alto spent the weekend here with her dad, Nels and Louisa Northup. After Easter dinner at Garrett's One Water Street, they enjoyed visiting relatives.

**BOB AND HEIDI MATHERS** and twin sons Alan and Andy have returned to Boyne after spending spring break in Florida. A belated "Happy Birthday" goes out to the twins, who celebrated their 12th on Saturday!

**"DOC" HEATON** has returned, after having spent the past three months in Florida.

**BILL AND NANCY NEMECHECK** of Millford spent the Easter weekend here with his Aunt Gen Varnum.

**UNITED METHODIST** Church members in Boyne City were happy to see members Betty Kelts and Marilyn Bouters able to join them for the beautiful morning worship service Easter Sunday.

**FORMER RESIDENT** Traci Bishop and her children, Morgan, Eric and Jenna were here for a week, visiting family and friends. Traci is the daughter of Marti Hutchinson and granddaughter of Mary Hutchinson of Boyne City.

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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Monday, April 19  
A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. at Boyne City High School in Boyne City.

**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.

**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.-noon.

**OES CHAPTER 95**  
First Monday  
The OES Evangline 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.

**SCRAPBOOKING**  
First Tuesday  
Come join the scrapbooking group at the Boyne District Library in the community room from 5-10 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring any projects you are working on.

**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 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.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
First Wednesday  
The Alzheimer's Association Support Group meets every first Wednesday a month from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Adult Day Center (Senior Center). The Center is located at 116 Main Street in East Jordan. For information, call Barb Shooks at 231-536-5300.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 noon; Tuesday noon; Wednesday noon (Big Book Study); Thursday noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday 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.

E-mail calendar items to citizen@voyager.net

## MORE LETTERS

# April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

TO THE EDITOR:

The majority of sexual assault victims are young women between the ages of 16 and 19, and the perpetrators are almost always men, in many situations an acquaintance of the victim. Only a small percentage of men in our society commit sexually violent crimes, but it can be difficult to tell the "good guys" from the "bad guys."

It is clear that sexual assault is everyone's problem, and everyone must play a role in ending it. It is especially important for men and women to be allies in taking a stand against sexual violence. It is not enough to simply acknowledge that a problem exists. We must take action to end sexual violence. Here are a few things that we can all do to help prevent rape from happening:

Be aware of language. We live in society where words are often used to dehumanize or put women down. If females are seen as less than human, it becomes much easier to disrespect and mistreat them. Do not use degrading language and correct someone when they do in your presence.

Communicate. It is important to know your sexual limits, to be able to tell your partner your sexual limits, and to understand and respect their sexual limits. One must al-

ways get consent (permission) from their partner before engaging in any sexual activity.

Speak up! When you see or hear attitudes that degrade women, speak out against it. Do not tell degrading jokes or laugh when others do. By putting women down, you support violence against them. Do not support politicians who aim to limit women's rights.

Contribute your time and money. Volunteer your time or donate money to organizations that work to end vio-

lence against women. You can make a difference.

Talk about it. It is important that men and women are able to talk about sexual assault. Find out how the risk of being raped affects a woman's daily life. Find out how you can be supportive of someone who has been sexually assaulted. Talk to others about how sexual violence can affect them and what they can do to be part of the solution.

Rape is a choice that is made to use sex as a weapon of control. In order

to end sexual assault, men must be conscious to make different choices. Men play a vital role in raising awareness about sexual assault. The WRC would like to thank all the men in this community who are working to end violence against women. Every time a man's voice joins those of women in speaking out against rape, the world becomes safer for us all.

The WRC is a community supported non-profit agency serving residents throughout Antrim, Emmet,

Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Otsego counties. To learn more about sexual assault, our educational program can be brought to schools for students and parent groups, and to area churches and community organizations. For more information, call 231-347-0067; our 24-hour crisis and information line is (800) 275-1995.

Casey Robinson  
Sexual Assault  
Prevention Educator  
Women's Resource Center

## 'Annie' was wonderful, all around

TO THE EDITOR:

As a proud parent of one of the cast members of the Boyne City Middle School production of "Annie" on April 1, I just had to write to praise so many people that made this play shine!

First of all, I was so very impressed with the poise and talent of these young actors and actresses. Their hard work and dedication to the play was evident from the very first scene. From the sets, to the music to the singing... this was one fantastic rendition of a family classic.

Many thanks go out to Ms. McGeorge who took these kids under her wing and brought the best out in each and every one of them.

Also, to Mrs. Fry who lent a helping hand throughout the last few months to help pull it all together. There are several others that helped backstage and with the props, costuming, lighting, music... the list goes on and on.

I was so proud watching these kids give it their all. They certainly inspired me, and from the standing ovation they received, I would say they did everyone



Cast members of BCMS's "Annie" included, from left: Erin Haley, Zachera Wollenberg (Annie), Emmy Phillips, Kaitlin Fitzpatrick, Natasha Bell, Courtney Culver, Stevee Carlston, Melissa Seeley. Front: Ashley Lockery.

who had the pleasure of watching "Annie." Wonderful job you guys!

Michelle Culver

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## Boyer City 'Early Learners' open house set for April 22

An open house will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 22, for parents of 3-5 year olds to learn about the new, year round, licensed Early Learners Program in Boyer City.

Parents and guardians attending the event will have an opportunity to meet the teaching staff, tour the facility, and learn more about the program.

Summer and fall registration is now being accepted for the Early Learners Program, located in the Boyer City Early Childhood Building at 321 S. Park, Boyer City.

According to Boyer City Elementary Principal Fred Sitkins, the year-round, licensed program is designed to be flexible to meet the needs of parents/guardians and their children. Parents/guardians can choose the hours or number of days their child will attend the program. They can also choose whether the child will attend a half-day or all day.

The program will incorporate both educational and fun activities into the schedule. FIA reimbursement is accepted.

For more information, call 439-8178.



Parents and guardians are invited to an open house to meet with Early Learners teaching staff and learn more about the program.

## POLICE REPORT

### Boyer City Police Department

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

**Monday, April 5:** Two minor in possession arrested and lodged; malicious destruction of property to shed in trailer park; officer assisted with family dispute on North East Street; unlock on North Park Street; suspicious kids on Wenonah Street; hit and run accident in Glen's parking lot; found property turned in and returned to owner; suspicious kids at city property off Division Street.

**Tuesday, April 6:** Non sufficient funds turned in from Par-T-Pac; larceny from Boyer Country Provisions; suspicious person near North Boyer Well Site.

**Thursday, April 8:** One arrested for flee and elude/driving while license suspended/careless - transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; suspicious person on West Division street; report of kids skateboarding in the downtown business area; harassing complaint received; located kids shooting cap guns near East Water Street; threatening complaint turned in; complaint

of harassing phone calls from State Street; breaking and entering/larceny from Lewis Avenue under investigation.

**Friday, April 9:** Well being check on Thompson Street; threaten person in Glen's parking lot reported; civil stand by at McDonald's; drive off from Shell Station of \$15 worth of gas; found property turned in.

**Saturday, April 10:** three speed citation issued; officer assisted Boyer City Ambulance on Grant Street; one arrested for warrant from Emmet County - turned over to them; one arrested for driving while license suspended and citation for disobeyed stop sign; operating while intoxicated arrested - transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

**Sunday, April 11:** Personal property damage accident at McDonald's; property damage accident in parking lot of Parkview Apartments; speeding citation issued; civil dispute at Parkview Apartments; one arrested on warrant - transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

## COLLEGE NEWS

**JENNIFER SHALER** of Boyer City recently received a Bachelor of Business Administration from

Northwood University. She is the daughter of Kevin Shaler and Shelly Breimer, both of Boyer City.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### Boyer Valley Garden Club

The Boyer Valley Garden Club will meet on Thursday, April 22, at 1 p.m. in the Community Room of the Boyer District Library, with the meeting being promoted as "Bring A Guest Day."

The program will be "Butterflies and Blooms," by Jennifer Gelb, a landscape architect. Hostesses for the meeting are Diane

Strzelinski, Pat Wulff, Alice Marshall and Billie Stanley.

The spring shrub sale fliers will be distributed at the meeting. This year's shrub is the Diablo Ninebark, zones 2-7, extremely hardy for our zone 4. It has beautiful reddish-purple foliage on long canes. Creamy-white flowers in late spring are a contrast to the dark foliage. This ornamental

shrub tolerates a wide range of soil types. Reddish-brown dried capsule fruit remains on the plant all winter.

Sign up begins at this meeting for assignments of summer flowerbed maintenance for weeding, watering and deadheading.

Those planning to attend can also sign up and pay \$20 for the District V spring

meeting to be held May 14 at Crystal Mountain. Members will carpool.

The annual large flowerbed planting all around town will take place on June 2.

Once again, the emptied flower pots will be recycled and donated to the Horticulture Organic Gardeners at the Kinross Correctional Facility in the upper peninsula.

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Anyone who would like to lend a hand and help with the planting on June 2 is eagerly invited, no experience is necessary and there is no obligation to join the club. If you are new in town, community spirit and friendship will abound.

The next meeting will be May 27 and the program will be "Organic Farming

Practices," which includes both animals and vegetables, by the Wagbo Peace Center.

Anyone interested in learning how to garden or to learn more about gardening is invited to attend a meeting, held the fourth Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. For more information call club president Betty Shaver at 582-5545.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Friends of the Jordan River to host annual spring cleanup**

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed is inviting the public to take part in the group's annual spring cleanup of the Jordan River and a two-mile portion of M-66 in the Jordan Valley.

The cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 1, at 9 a.m., and will end around noon. Participants will meet at Graves Crossing and M-66, and proceed from there. A complimentary lunch will be provided following the cleanup.

Those wishing to take part are reminded to wear appropriate clothing and bring gloves. All other equipment will be provided.

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

**Registration set for April 14 and 17 for Boyne Pop Warner Football**

Boyne Pop Warner Football will hold registration for players on Wednesday, April 14, from 6-7 p.m., and on Saturday, April 17, from 10-11 a.m., at the Boyne City Middle School cafeteria.

There are two divisions of players: pee-wee, for ages 8-10 weighing between 55 and 95 pounds, and junior midgets, for ages 10-12 weighing between 80 and 125 pounds.

A copy of the player's birth certificate is required at registration, and a parent must be present to register.

For more information, call Mark Ameal at 582-2075 or 439-8212.

**'Art on the Go' auction will benefit Concord Academy Boyne**

Concord Academy Boyne will host its annual "Art on the Go" auction at the school on Friday, April 23, beginning with the silent auction at 6 p.m. The live auction, to be run by local auctioneer Sam Kosci, will start at 7 p.m.

Donated items up for bid range from student artwork to hotel stays to gift baskets to services. Proceeds will benefit arts presentations and activities at Concord Academy Boyne.

Tickets for the auction are \$5 and include hors d'oeuvres and entertainment, and are available both in advance and at the door. To purchase tickets, call the school at 582-0194.

The school is located at 00401 E. Dietz Rd., Boyne City.

**Five-week grief support program is being offered by the Hospice of Northwest Michigan**

Loss, whether it be a spouse, parent or child due to death, or through divorce, job loss, or a move, is an emotionally taxing experience. To help those experiencing a loss to cope, the Hospice of Northwest Michigan is hosting a Grief Support Program, a five-week series of sessions on consecutive Tuesdays from April 27-May 25 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. The sessions will be held from 6:30-8 p.m.

Sponsored by the hospice as well as the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Agency, and Charlevoix Area Hospital, the program is designed to help facilitate growth through grief and learning the five tasks of grief work.

Hospice spiritual advisor Pastor Carl Litchfield and bereavement coordinator Margaret Lasater will facilitate the sessions.

There is no charge to participate in the program. St. Joseph Catholic Church is located at 207 Nichols St., East Jordan.

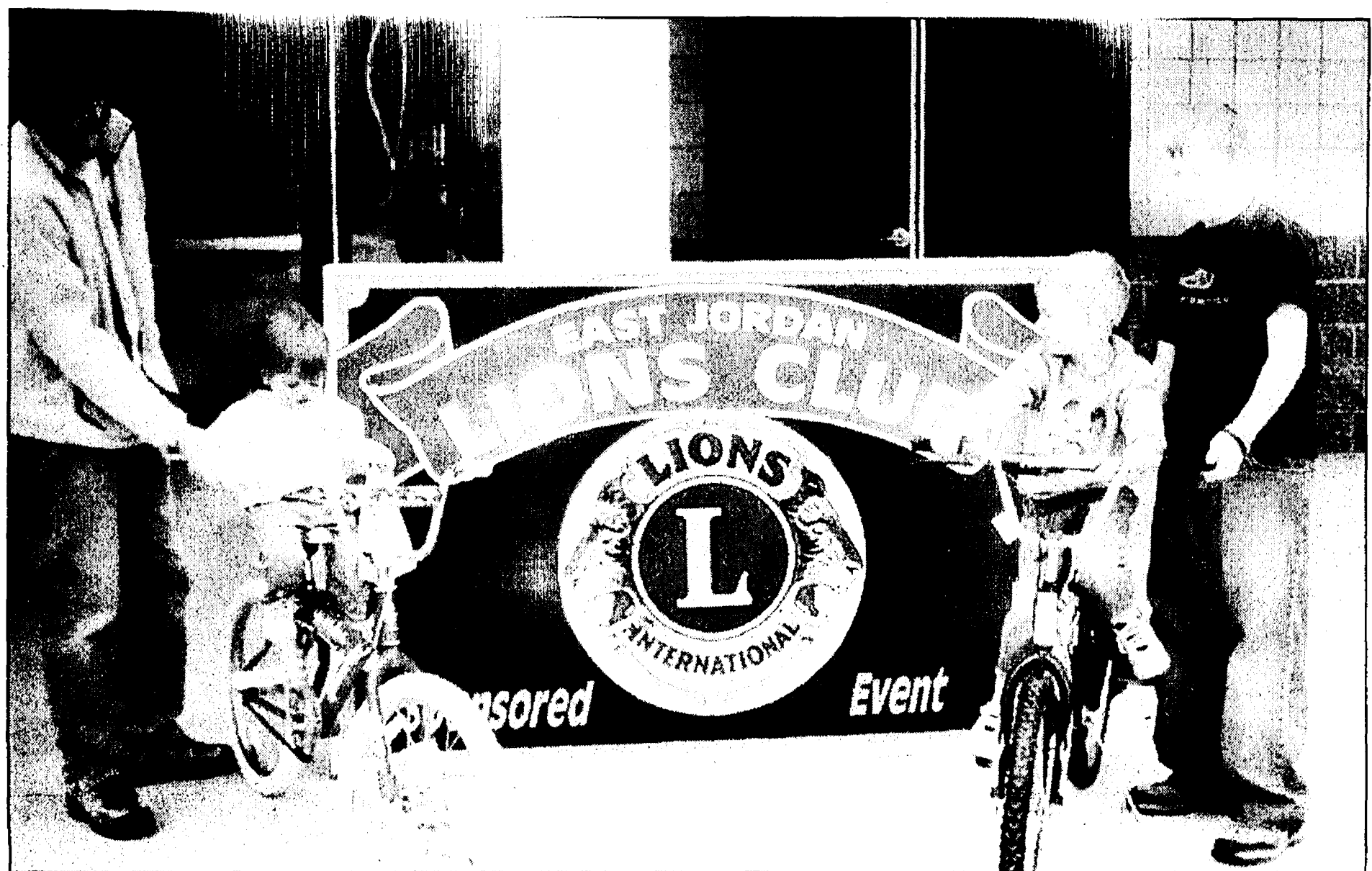
To register or for more information, call the hospice office at 536-2842.

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

**Easter egg fun**

Folks all over the area have, in recent days, indulged in the springtime fun of old-fashioned Easter Egg hunts. In Boyne City, Margaret and Dan Hutterer hosted an outdoor Easter Egg Hunt for children from Boyne City Preschool. At right, Logan Flynn, Tyrrell Chaeuz, and Dylan Hutterer are on the run as they look for their colorful treasure.

courtesy photos



The East Jordan Lions Club held its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 10, with more than 100 children in attendance for the hunt and games. Two bikes were raffled off during the event. Games and activities were organized by Lion Gary Bartlett and his wife, Lioness Dorothy Bartlett, with the help of a number of other Lions and Lionesses as well as several local Girl Scouts.

**Elsenheimer seeking 105th state house seat**

Lifelong northern Michigan resident Kevin Elsenheimer has announced he is running as a Republican candidate for the 105th District State House seat currently held by Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord).

Bradstreet is unable to run for the seat due to term limits. The 105th District covers Antrim, Charlevoix and Otsego counties, and most of Cheboygan County.

Elsenheimer, who lives in Bellaire, is a municipal,

land-use attorney and former assistant prosecutor in Antrim County. He and his wife Ann have three children, two of whom are enrolled in the Bellaire Elementary Michigan Coalition of Responsible Gun Owners (MCRGO).

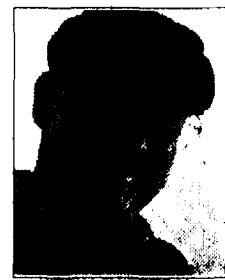
"I am a pro-life, pro-gun, and pro-school choice candidate who will work to protect our way of life in Lansing," Elsenheimer said. "I will work to restrict the growth of state government. I believe that government is better and more re-

sponsive when it is local." Elsenheimer is a lifelong hunter and fisherman.

"I learned a love for the outdoors from my father and as a Boy Scout. While we need to protect our environment and enable the recreation and tourism that is so important to this area, we also must respect the rights of private property owners to utilize their property. Lansing can never forget the value that our Constitution places on the ownership of private property."

**Walking - more than just a great exercise**

By Ernie Harwell



In my experience, the way people walk gives them away quicker than anything else. I think if I were an actor, I would study a role and make sure I understood how my character walks. Fast or slow? Upright or slouched? It all says something about a person.

I think that as you get older and you don't want to appear old, one of the most important things is to police the way you walk. If you have a spring in your step, you give people the idea that you're optimistic and that you're having a good time. You don't want to slouch and shuffle around. (I've found that even when I'm a little down, walking with a little more energy actually makes me feel better.)

There's even talk that people in the workplace draw conclusions about their coworkers based on how they walk. A brisk walker is viewed more positively than a leisurely one. The idea is that a brisk walker is on his way to accomplish something, to meet a deadline.

I always encourage people to walk whenever possible because it's great exercise. While you're at it, think about whether the way you walk says what you want it to.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF BOYNE FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHARLEVOIX AND ANTRIM COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD APRIL 20, 2004**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that a special election of Boyne Falls Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim counties, Michigan, will be held in the school district on Tuesday, April 20, 2004.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

The following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the special bond election:

**BONDING PROPOSAL**

Shall Boyne Falls Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,650,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and partially remodeling the Boyne Falls Public School facility; acquiring, installing and equipping the facility for technology; erecting, furnishing and equipping a bus garage and a restroom/storage building; acquiring school bus(es); and developing and improving the site?

The following is for information purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2004 is 1.99 mills (\$1.99 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a -0- net increase in debt millage. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, will not exceed twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.68 mills (\$1.68 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation.)

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FOR GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.**

THE VOTING PLACE IS AS FOLLOWS:

**PRECINCT NO. 1**  
Voting Place: Boyne Falls School Library

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Boyne Falls Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties, Michigan.

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## BASEBALL

## BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS

The Boyne City varsity baseball team will take to the field with just a 12 man lineup for the 2004 campaign so the ability to play well in different spots on the diamond will go a long way to determine how well the Ramblers can put games in the win column this year.

"With only 12 players we will have to stay away from injuries and our players have to be able to play many different positions," said Boyne City head coach Beano Archey. "We have been moving them around in practice and they have been doing very well."

"Our goals are to contend in the conference, be competitive every time we play and then play well when tournament time comes around," Archey said.

Seven Ramblers are back from last year's team with seniors Nick Follett, Tyler Daniels, Darren Looze and Justin Houck; as well as juniors David Austin, Drew Mittig and Ryan Hennessy heading the list of returning lettermen.

"We may have lost Darren Looze for the season with a knee injury, so we'll lose some experience and leadership there, but I think that our players are capable of stepping up and filling in where needed," Archey said.

The coach feels that he has a very good core of nine pitchers ready to take to the mound, while the infield is working hard at all the positions picking up on the responsibilities of each spot.

The outfield lineup is yet to be set, but Archey has them working hard to get ready for the start of play.

The Ramblers hope to be a factor

in another tough Lake Michigan Conference race that will have Boyne City battling with Grayling, Kalkaska, Elk Rapids and Charlevoix for the top spot in the standings.

The league schedule will start next Monday when the Ramblers play host to East Jordan.

Coach Archey, who has been coaching organized baseball for 20

years, is currently entering his seventh season as the head of the Boyne City varsity program.

Filling out the coaching staff are varsity assistant David Vasquez, JV head coach Don Richards and JV assistant Doug Archey. In addition, Don Richards Sr., Aaron Richards and John Bush will be on hand to help out where needed.

## BOYNE FALLS LOGGERS

"with a desire to make this season as fun as it will be successful."

The Loggers will feature a good hitting lineup in 2004 with lots of speed on the base paths helping to push across the runs.

The pitching staff will be all new, due to the graduation of two strong starters, but Reynolds does have some young talent ready to step in and keep the opposition at bay.

Defensively the Loggers are strong, both in the infield and the outfield, and this experience will help to back up the young staff as the season progresses.

"Our team is somewhat inexperienced, but our level of motivation and

skill more than makes up for it," said Reynolds.

"The key to our season will be to find a comfort level in each player for the position they play. Almost every player is in a new position, so only practice will help us come together as a team," said Reynolds.

The Northern Lakes schedule is set to begin on Thursday, April 22, when the Loggers will play host to Mackinaw City.

Reynolds, a 1989 Boyne Falls graduate with a mechanical engineering degree from Michigan State University, will have assistant Randy Black on the staff to help with the overall coaching duties.

## EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

East Jordan's varsity baseball team has a new head man for 2004 as first year coach Mike Gle takes over a Red Devil program that will feature a large number of upperclassmen taking the field this spring.

Gle comes to East Jordan after one year as an assistant coach at Traverse City Central.

"There may be a learning curve, but they are positive and hard working

and I see that keeping them in a lot of games," said Gle about his squad.

The Red Devils have a fairly deep pitching staff to help keep them in those games with Tom Krause, Jordan Roberts, Dallas Dougherty, Caleb Brown and Tyler Spence all set to take to the mound.

A trio of Red Devils are back for another season - second baseman Reece Bartlett, outfielder Kevin

Whiteford and utility player Matt Huver. The new skipper has a hardworking group of players and he says that their adjustment to the varsity level of play is the team's key to a successful season.

A large group of players are moving up from the junior varsity team to fill out the infield and outfield positions and Gle feels that these youngsters are capable of making the ad-

justment.

The Red Devils are set to begin the conference schedule next Monday at Boyne City and then will play the home opener on Thursday against Charlevoix. All of the team's home games will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Gle teaches government and physical education at East Jordan High school. Chip Brown is the assistant varsity coach.

## SOCCER

## EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

East Jordan's girls varsity soccer team enters the 2004 season with eight returning lettermen on the squad who will provide the nucleus of an otherwise young group of Lady Devils set to begin play this week.

"Probably our greatest strength is having a couple of strong returning players who play with lots of determination. They will help our new players learn the game," said Red Devil coach Pete Elliott.

Third year fullback Carolyn Elliott is the veteran on this team, while Michelle Britt (midfield), Brooke Howley (forward) and Margaux Rowley (goalkeeper) round out the

senior class.

Also back for another year are juniors Nina Romero (forward) and sophomores Kaitlin Heffy (midfield), Kelsey Poineau (midfield) and Sierra Roberts (forward/fullback).

Elliott has his team working hard to learn the game and honing the skills needed for a successful season.

"We have a number of players who have never played soccer and are learning everything for the first time," said Elliott. "Being very young will hurt us in the physical aspect of the game, but it looks good for the coming years."

## BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS

Boyne City girls soccer coach Nick Baic will have loads of talent to draw on as well as a wealth of players to choose from when his current group of Lady Ramblers takes to the field in 2004.

A total of 38 players make up this year's team and that includes five returning seniors, 12 returning juniors and five returning sophomores, all eager to make the upcoming season a winning one.

"We have more good players on this team than we've ever had," Baic said. "It's just a matter of how well

they come together.

"We have a lot of young girls on the team and if we can get them to play well with the experienced players, we should have a winning season."

Due to the weather and a lack of good practice time Baic is still to have a set lineup, but things are coming together as the schedule gets underway.

The Lady Ramblers will have seven three-time letter winners that will anchor the roster with Megan Keiser, Riley O'Brien and Aurora

Ryan, who are all seniors, and juniors Emily Ostby, Kyle Barden, Allison Anzell and Kim Foster the veterans of the team.

Players back for their third year on the varsity include senior Keisha Krusel; juniors Katie Eaton, Ashley Gibbs, Melanie Higgins and Rachel Percy and sophomores Erika Braukis, Regina Davis and Chelsea Rewald.

This year's Lake Michigan Conference race is likely to come down to a battle between Elk Rapids, Charlevoix and Harbor Springs, but Baic also sees his team as a contender

in a conference that is strong from top to bottom.

The Lady Ramblers will open league play tomorrow with a trip to East Jordan.

Baic, who has lived in Boyne City since 1989, is the owner of Boyne Valley Lodge and is entering his third season as the head of the girls soccer program.

Eric Richardson is starting his second year as the assistant varsity coach. Richardson also coaches the boys soccer team at Northwest Academy.

## SOFTBALL

## BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS

The Boyne City varsity softball team has a big hole to fill with the graduation of last year's pitching star Jessie Raber, but head coach Sandy Clausen still has seven returning lettermen to work with as the Lady Ramblers head into the 2004 season with high hopes.

"I hope to have a good season, not just in winning, but a good learning season," Clausen said.

"Defensively we should be pretty solid and offensively we will score some runs to win some games."

Look for another solid year from senior veterans Emma Persons (SS), Susie Wellert (C, OF), Michelle Metzger (CF), Lyndsay Tomkins (1B) and Cadie Britton (P, 3B); along with junior Emily McLane (3B) and sophomore Haili Friedrich (2B, OF).

Filling out the 12 player roster will be juniors Kassie Bedford (P, SS), Tori Crum (3B, OF), Amanda Westrick (C, 1B), Leslie Meads (OF) and Jenna Raber (P).

Clausen says that defense will be the strong suit for the Lady Ramblers with the hitting lineup to be tested when play begins.

"We've been working on our hitting, but that doesn't mean anything until you get into the game situations," she said.

Clausen teaches math and physics at Boyne City and this will be her fifth season as the head softball coach.

Tom Neidhamer and Kathy Schmoltd are the assistant varsity coaches.

## EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

East Jordan's varsity softball team will have an experienced bunch of players throughout the lineup as the Lady Devils look to break into the upper level of the Lake Michigan Conference standings this season.

Coach Meg Kitson enters her 12th year as the head coach with nine returning lettermen on the squad.

The pitching staff includes returning junior lettermen Tabatha Grove and Kayla Matejowski as well as transfer senior catcher Christie Steuer, who lettered at Elk Rapids last season.

The entire infield is back from last year with Sam Bingham (Sr., 1B), Jill Derenzy (Jr., 2B), Krista Kenny (Sr., SS) and Amy Schroeder (Sr., 3B) all ready to plug the gaps and keep the bases clear.

In the outfield Jessica Crick (Sr., RF) and Chrisanne Selonka (Sr., LF) both return to fill out the field.

Kitson feels that she has a hard-working group that is very supportive of each other and sees the key to success will be avoiding mental errors.

The Lady Devils will face a strong Lake Michigan Conference again this year with Traverse City St. Francis and Elk Rapids the pre-season favorites, according to Kitson.

The Lady Devils will open the conference schedule next Monday at Boyne City and then will play their home opener on Thursday against Charlevoix.

All of the team's home games will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Kitson, who was a four year starting catcher at Alma College, is in her 15th year teaching fourth grade at East Jordan.

Assistants Leroy Buchanon and Kelly Neer will coach the bases and help with the overall team management.

## BOYNE FALLS LOGGERS

An experienced core of eight returning players along with a group of young hardworking newcomers should put the Boyne Falls varsity softball team in a good position to challenge the top contenders in the upcoming Northern Lakes Conference season.

Coach Al Gasco has five upperclassmen, two sophomores and one freshman back in 2004 all looking to provide leadership and lead the way in the conference and post season play.

"We are young and we have a lot of growing to do, but the attitudes are good and the girls are working hard," said Gasco.

A trio of fourth-year players highlight the veterans on the squad with Megan Pernicano (Sr., SS), Missy Anthony (Sr., 3B) and Ashley Mauchmar (Jr., OF) all poised for another fine season.

Also look for returnees Amanda Suttle (Sr., OF), Katie Grumbaugh (Jr., C), Clarissa Sevanski (So., OF) and Melissa Suttle (Fr., OF) to bolster the lineup again this season.

How well the younger players on the team develop and how the team adjusts while learning some new positions will be the key to victory in 2004, according to Gasco.

Gasco has the battery set with Annie Pernicano on the mound and Grumbaugh behind the plate, while Anthony and Megan Pernicano will anchor a solid infield crew.

Gasco is banking on the newer players to fill outfield positions and says that the girls are working hard at learning the game.

The Lady Loggers will have to contend with another strong conference field that features Ellsworth, Harbor Light and Mackinaw City as the early favorites to take the title.

League play is set to begin on Thursday, April 23, when Boyne Falls plays host to Mackinaw City.

Coach Gasco is currently entering his fifth year as the head softball coach and this year his assistant will be Amanda Raphael.

STORIES BY SPORTS WRITER PHIL TROMBLEY

NEXT WEEK: BOYNE CITY &amp; EAST JORDAN BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK PREVIEWS



# Green River Trout Farm wins long battle with DNR

By NATE THOMPSON  
Contributing writer

It's been a long three-year battle between the Hallberg family and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The disagreement between the two centered on ownership of the Green River Trout Farm, located on South M-66 in Mancelona.

"We are happy we settled with the DNR," Jerry Hallberg said, "but we're not really happy it took so long and cost so much money." Brothers Jerry and Steve, as well as Jerry's son, Erik, purchased the property from a group of six Windsor, Ontario businessmen in April of 2001.

According to the Hallbergs, however, the DNR has coveted the property for some time.

"It had been for sale for about seven years before we purchased it," Steve said. "I think we just beat them to the punch."

After battling in court over the purchase, the two

sides finally reached an agreement to allow the Hallbergs to continue ownership, but with some stipulations.

Besides some required minor facelifts to alter the property, the main agreement would allow the DNR to remove the dam on the property which would ensure the Green River being a free-flowing river.

The DNR, in turn, would eventually replace the dam with a new intake system near a bridge on the river that will allow seven cubic feet of water per second to flow into the trout runways.

Increased sedimentation after removal of the dam would be sucked out, Jerry said, and the DNR will also add a number of boulders that will obstruct just enough water for the operation.

"I'm a little curious about this, because the costs are going to be astronomical to complete this," said Jerry, who resides on the property. "Plus it's all going to be done on private property, so I do have my

suspicions." Despite his concerns, Jerry is happy to have the past bickering behind him and is looking forward to starting a new career.

"This is a big lifestyle and career change for me," he said. "I spent 36 years teaching high school art in the Saginaw School District and also helped over the Arts & Science Academy for gifted students."

Brother Steve currently works at a software company in Denver, but is planning on moving back home to Michigan shortly.

With their purchase in 2001, the two took over an establishment rich in history. The farm first opened in the 1940s and was eventually purchased by Mancelona's Farrell Webber.

"Farrell was the man who built a number of the ponds that are still here today," Jerry said.

"He stocked the ponds with trout and people from all over would come here and fish."

The location was also used as a cabin camp,

where a number of teens and other visitors would visit and enjoy a great fishing experience.

Farrell would sell the property in the 60s to his son, Kenny, who was a familiar icon to many in Mancelona.

"He was just a giant man," Jerry said. "He was about 6'7" and he weighed well over 400 pounds. And not a lot of that was fat, either. He was a strong man."

Kenny Webber built three more ponds and also added more cabins to the property. Maintaining the property became too much for him, however, and he eventually sold the farm again.

He currently resides in Walled Lake and he still keeps in touch with the Hallbergs.

Today, Jerry has plans on revitalizing Kenny's practice when he used to produce as many as 800,000 trout a year and sold them from Mackinaw City to the Ohio border.

"We only produce about 200,000 now but we eventually hope to establish them to customers," said

Jerry, who currently maintains the property by himself and with the help of his wife, Beverley.

"Kenny used to have a refrigerated truck and he would sell a number of trout to upscale restaurants and meat markets."

The location of the farm is ideal, Jerry said, because the Green River's water is perfect for growing trout. The cold waters are producing some good-sized fish, which Jerry says currently weigh over five pounds and are 20 inches in length.

"And these fish are absolutely pure," Jerry said. "People don't have to worry about antibiotics in the fish or mercury run-off or other metals that has affected some in the Great Lakes."

Jerry hopes he can reestablish the past traditions on the farm of teaching kids how to fly fish and also letting kids feed the fish, which creates quite a splashing site. He also doesn't mind anxious anglers taking their chances hooking onto the giant trout.

"We had a couple young guys from Detroit a while back who were fishing all day on the river and didn't catch a thing," Jerry said.

"We let them fish in our ponds and they just had a wonderful time. We charge them 40 cents an inch, but they went home with a big

bucket of fish. "After that I told them they just had to think of a good story to tell their wives."

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### EAST JORDAN

**April 15:** Varsity baseball/softball, at Pellston, 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer, Boyne City, home, 5 p.m.; Track, at Harbor Springs, 4 p.m.  
**April 16:** JV baseball/softball, Inland Lakes, home, 4:30 p.m.  
**April 19:** Varsity baseball/softball, at Boyne City, 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer, Charlevoix, home, 5 p.m.; Track, at Charlevoix, 4 p.m.  
**April 20:** JV baseball/softball, Boyne City, home, 4:30 p.m.  
**April 21:** Track, Boyne Invitational, TBA

### BOYNE FALLS

**April 22:** Baseball/softball, Mackinaw City, home, 4:30 p.m.

### BOYNE CITY

**April 15:** Boys tennis, at Petoskey, 4 p.m.; JV softball/baseball, Traverse City East, 4:30 p.m.; Track, at Grayling, 4 p.m.; Girls soccer, at East Jordan, 5 p.m.; Varsity softball/baseball, Cheboygan, home, 4:30 p.m.  
**April 17:** Boys tennis, at Traverse City St. Francis, 10 a.m.; Varsity baseball only, at Hillman, 10 a.m.  
**April 19:** Track, at Charlevoix, 4 p.m.; Varsity softball/baseball, East Jordan, home, 4:30 p.m.  
**April 20:** JV softball/baseball, at East Jordan, 4:30 p.m.  
**April 21:** Boys tennis, at Harbor Springs, 4 p.m.; Track, Boyne Invitational, home, 3 p.m.

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photo by Vic Ruggles



# New identity

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things, such as signage and the creation of a Web site, are on hold until a decision is made. "It's holding up all we want to do with advertising."

Though the commission was generally supportive,

some concern was voiced, particularly by mayor Mark Postma, over the placement of "East Jordan" in the name.

"I think the words East Jordan should be in the name," he said simply, suggesting "East Jordan's South Arm Campground

and Beach."

In the end, it was agreed that the placement of East Jordan in the name is flexible, to be decided, in the long run, by the commission and the sign-makers; moving forward with the marketing of the park is, of course, the primary goal.

"It is an enterprise fund and we do need to market it," Postma said, adding that the Tourist Park advisory committee has "been doing a phenomenal job."

The final decision on the renaming is expected to be made at an upcoming city commission meeting.

# Market study

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series of field exercises and conduct interviews with downtown business leaders.

"The raw data and numbers collected through local surveys and other sources will provide one view of downtown Boyne City, but it's a rather impersonal view," Schlinsog said. "We'll be spending time talking with the people of Boyne City and hearing about their plans and hopes for the future of downtown. As a result, we'll gain a better sense of what downtown Boyne City can be in the future, and how the community can focus its efforts to make positive things happen in the downtown."

"Ultimately, the information and residents' input will be used to create strategies aimed at retaining and developing a quality mix of businesses and uses that, based on solid market data, show the best potential to succeed in downtown Boyne City."

Special components of the study, scheduled for completion this summer, include an assessment of opportunities for business expansion and recruitment in the downtown business district and recommendations for the implementation of related projects and activities.

Workshop exercises at

the April 22 town meeting are designed to encourage participants to share thoughts and ideas that will set the tone for local research activities and the development of strategies and recommendations to guide Boyne City downtown business development initiatives.

"Throughout all phases of the project, we'll actively seek input from all sectors of the community," Schlinsog said. "We'll be asking lots of questions and exploring a broad range of scenarios in an attempt to determine a direction that's right for downtown Boyne City."

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58 Neon —

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77 Mouth piece?

78 Long or Peoples

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90 Part 4 of remark

93 Comic flicks

94 Bizet opera

95 Nasty

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98 Cpl.'s superior

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