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At A GLANCE

Information sought on Young State Park break-in

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department is seeking information regarding a break-in at the ranger station at Young State Park.

On Friday, Sept. 10, at approximately 8 a.m., park officials reported that the ranger station had been broken into, and equipment had been taken.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater, entry appears to have been made through a window of the back door of the building, which had been smashed.

Items taken from the building included a Dell computer monitor, a computer printer, keyboard, and other computer accessories, as well as a carpenter's miter saw.

Soon after the incident was reported, the stolen items were reported found in Mackinaw City and Boyne City. According to Lasater, some computer equipment was found in the water at the Boyne City Marina, and the computer monitor and miter saw were found in the water at the docks in Mackinaw City.

The Sheriff's Department is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the responsible perpetrator. Information can be submitted to the sheriff's office by calling 547-4461.

Fall clean-up set on the Jordan River

The public is invited to join the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed in its fall cleanup of the Jordan River and a two-mile portion of M-66 in the valley. The outing has been scheduled to coincide with the International Coastal Cleanup, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. until noon.

Participants will meet at Graves Crossing and M-66, and proceed from there. All are reminded to wear appropriate clothing and gloves. Everything else required will be provided. For more information, call Joe Nerone at 231-544-6386.

BCHS reunion will include other classes

The Boyne City High School Class of 1984 will hold its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 18, and is inviting alumni from the classes of 1982, 1983, 1985 and 1986 to join them from 8 p.m. until midnight for music, dancing, and catching up.

The event will be held at the Beach House on Deer Lake. The cost for members of the classes of '82, '83, '85 and '86 is a \$5 donation to help cover the cost of entertainment.

For more information, call Deb Jason at 582-0234.



Under construction

After two years of grassroots fundraising, the East Jordan Bandshell project is finally coming to fruition, marked by an official groundbreaking ceremony in Memorial Park last week. Those attending with shovel in hand included, from left, bandshell committee chairman Carl Bloom, East Jordan Area Chamber director Diane Gorkiewicz, city administrator David White, East Jordan mayor Mark Postma, committee members Margaret Thomson and Amy Sherman, project construction manager Armand Drapeau, DDA chairman Tom Teske, and bandshell committee member and East Jordan Iron Works president Tad Malpass. Work has already begun on the structure, and it is expected to be "90 percent" complete this fall, according to Bloom. A dedication is expected to be held in the spring of 2005.

photo by Angela Shultis

Celebrating the great outdoors in East Jordan

New event encourages participants to enjoy the community, 'one park at a time'

Capitalizing on the eco-tourism focus the community has long fostered, East Jordan will play host to a unique take on a community day, with "Explore East Jordan" set for Saturday, Oct. 9.

The creation of the event grew from a desire of the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and other

community members to establish an event as an alternative to the annual Community Picnic. Typically held in August, the picnic had been put on hold for the time being, but the idea was for the community to put another event in its place, perhaps to be alternated every other year. Initially, plans were to hold the event in August, but

in the process of working out details with the city and other interested parties, the event took on a fall focus.

According to East Jordan chamber director Diane Gorkiewicz, the idea of "Explore East Jordan" is a simple one: to incorporate use of all the parks in the community, encouraging awareness of what the community has

to offer while combining physical, family-friendly activities and a focus on eco-tourism. Parks to be featured include the Tourist Park, Sportsman's Park, Elm Pointe, and the East Jordan Community Park.

The concept is action-oriented, in-

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AREA RESIDENT WILL PURSUE HISTORICAL DESIGNATION FOR EAST JORDAN TRAIN

A piece of history

Though it's always meant a lot to the community on its own, an East Jordan landmark may receive recognition that, historically speaking, it's something special.

Situated in East Jordan's Memorial Park, the East Jordan & Southern Railroad locomotive engine has attracted the attention of local resident Gene Barfield, a consultant with a Master of Science degree in historic preservation. Barfield recently contacted city administrator David White with regard to the possibility of writing a nomination for the locomotive to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

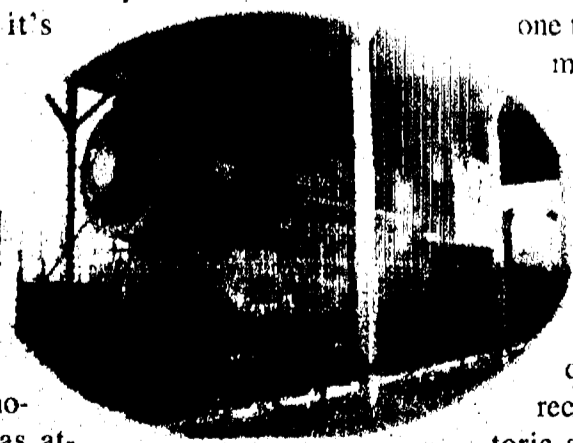
The old No. 6 steam locomotive was presented to the city by John, Howard and Donald Porter, in memory of their father, W.P. Porter, famous lumberman and founder of

the railroad.

The railroad itself, incorporated in 1901, was owned by the East Jordan Lumber Company and at one time boasted 55 miles of track.

"Although many people correctly believe that the purpose of the National Register is to document and recognize the historic significance of buildings," Barfield noted in his letter, "it is also correct that other kinds of objects are eligible for National Register recognition."

Barfield, noting that as a "sole surviving" type of example of East Jordan's railroad-related history the engine would be an appropriate candidate for nomination, sought the permission of the East Jordan City Commission to move forward with his project. The National Register, he said, requires the consent of the owner



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School days

Challenges are varied as districts settle into new year

As students and staff settle into the rhythm of a new school year, area school administrators are reporting strong openings and, in some districts, new challenges that come with new and ongoing construction projects.

IN BOYNE CITY, this school year is the first in recent memory that will begin with no sign of the construction project that began in 2000 and resulted in a new high school and renovations at the middle and elementary schools.

"For the first time [in a while] it's pretty much been routine maintenance and clearing," said Boyne City schools superintendent Jim Cooper. "The custodial and maintenance staff were really pleased to get back to their routine."

"They did a wonderful job. Our buildings look fantastic."

The school year began smoothly, as well, for staff and students, Cooper said. "It's been a really good start," he said. "Everybody came back enthusiastic and everything's gone well."

Though it's too early for official numbers, which will be taken statewide on the Sept. 29 "count day," Boyne City's numbers, district-wide, are looking good. "We're up at the elementary, and with late enrollers at the high school, it looks like we're going to be fine there," Cooper said. "We're cautiously optimistic that we're going to at least meet the projections, and hopefully exceed them a little bit."

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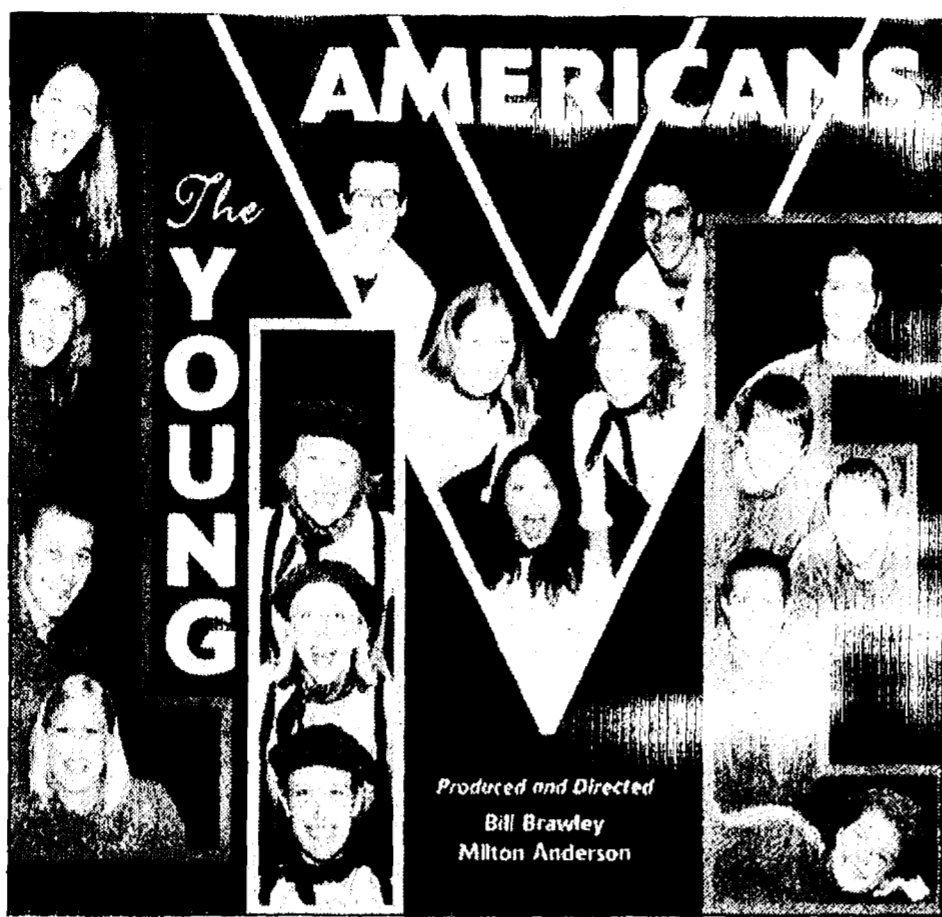


Students at Boyne City High School joined many others around the nation in honoring Patriot Day, the official designation of Sept. 11. At BCHS, the entire student body gathered in the auditorium on Friday, Sept. 10, to observe a moment of silence, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and listen to presentations from administrators as well as a representative from the United States Coast Guard. Members of the American Legion Post #228 were on hand to present the colors.

photo by Angela Shultis

Local youth invited to take part in "Young Americans" workshop

Area students are invited to sing and perform with the Young Americans, when the nationally known entertainers will conduct a three-day workshop, part of their National Music Outreach Tour, at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center, Oct. 14-16.



Produced and Directed
Bill Brawley
Milton Anderson

The Young Americans, who perform nationally and internationally, will host a performing arts workshop for kids in the Char-Em Intermediate School District.

Oct. 13-16. For more information, call Cindy Kujawski at 582-7573.

The company of 38 performers and six staffers will present three days of workshops in voice, dance, and all aspects of the performing arts for students grades 4-12. Classes presented will include Television, Theatre and Stage; Vocal Techniques; Sound and Recording Technique; Musical Theatre; Stage Movement; Vocal Ensemble; and Performance Workshops.

On the final evening of the event, students and Young Americans will present a full, two-hour concert/show.

The goals of the workshop program are, according to organizers, to encourage music in schools nationwide, to train young people in performance, and to build character in students across the country.

The program is open to students from throughout the Charlevoix-

Emmet Intermediate School District. The cost for the workshop is expected to be about \$75 per student. Organizers hope to register around 200 students for the event.

Tickets for the final show are \$8 per adult, or \$5 for students/children.

The Young Americans boast 40 years in the entertainment business, with cast members having appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show; Bob Hope Specials; Bing Crosby specials; goodwill tours to Japan and the Far East; five European tours; national US tours; International Music Outreach tours; and on nine album/CD recordings.

For more information, call Kathy at the Boyne Area Chamber, 582-6222.

HOMESTAYS are also being sought for the Young Americans participating in the Boyne City workshop event. Homes, preferably in the Boyne City area, are needed for a total of 38 performers and six adults from

OBITUARIES

Robert M. "Bob" Benson

Former East Jordan resident Robert M. "Bob" Benson, 73, of Cathedral City, Calif., died Aug. 7, 2004, in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Mr. Benson will be honored at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21, during a concert at the Annenberg Theater in the Palm Springs Desert Museum.

He was born on Oct. 29, 1930, in Charlevoix, to

Marvin and Frances (Rogers) Benson. Bob graduated from East Jordan High School and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

He taught in public schools in Detroit and in Long Beach, Calif., and later was a professor at Long Beach City College.

An accomplished pianist and organist, he performed professionally as well as

taught piano at his home studio. He also held various positions in professional music teacher organizations in California.

Bob is survived by his companion of 42 years, Aart Hennekes, of Cathedral City; and by his brother, Frank Benson, of Burbank, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, U.S. Army Col. Roger R. Benson.

Classes will focus on genealogy research

The Jordan Valley Library Friends will offer three classes in genealogy research this fall.

The first class, "Organizing Your Research," set to begin Sept. 22, is for those who have begun to collect family history but just aren't certain how to organize it or what to do next with their research.

On Sept. 29, "Tips and Tricks for Genealogists Using the Internet" will be offered. Participants will find out how to be more successful in researching and how to do research for free.

Meeting on Oct. 20 will be "Hometown Research for Genealogists." Participants will learn techniques to gather information by visiting local courthouses, libraries, churches, cemeteries, and even discover hidden places to find family records.

Carol McWain Goodenough, a local resident and professional genealogist, will guide beginner and intermediate genealogists in these three workshops on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m.

All classes will be held at the Jordan Valley District Library.

The cost for each class is \$7 for Jordan Valley Library Friends and \$10 for

non-members. For information about class content, call Goodenough at 582-7042. To register for the classes call Kim at 536-2250.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Playland adds to family focus of BC Pizza in East Jordan

BC Pizza in East Jordan is making a big move to become even more family friendly, with the addition of a children's playland, as well as several more tables, to serve families even better.

"We've had a lot of people asking for this for a long time," said restaurant owner Kelvin Johnecheck.

The new playland area, which has been created in space previously utilized as

a bar/restaurant area, also features video games. As in the rest of the restaurant, the walls are adorned with the handiwork of local artist Martina Oswald.

Besides creating an attractive family space for restaurant patrons, sans alcohol, Johnecheck, a grandfather of five, also hopes that the playland will be utilized by groups and organizations.

"We plan on working

with schools and churches, and other organizations, and plan on setting up achievement programs and things like that," he said.

The restaurant is already booking birthday parties in the space as well.

Open officially on Thursday, Sept. 2, the playland has already caught the attention of area diners, Johnecheck said.

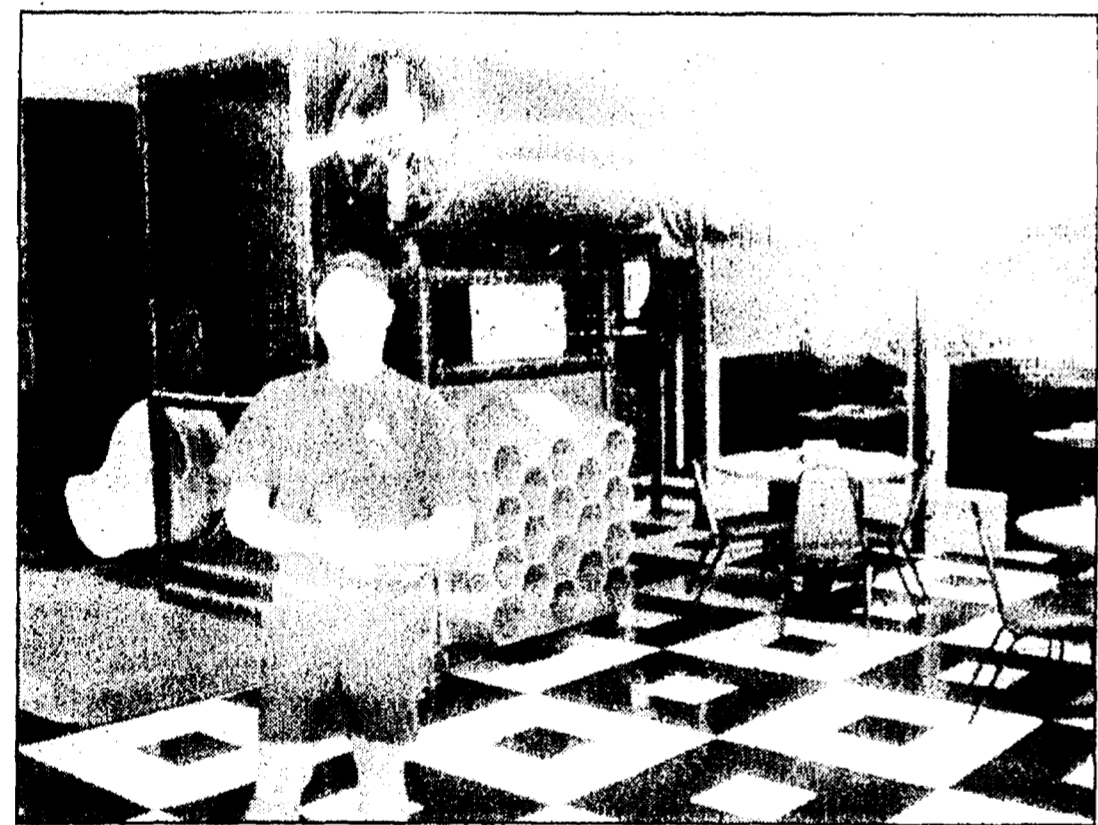
"I can't explain how positive [the feedback] has

been," he said. "For the last two years we've had people requesting a play area for kids in town. It's overdue."

BC Pizza is located on Mill Street in downtown East Jordan.

The playland is open daily from 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

For more information, to book a birthday party, or to make arrangements for a special program, call Johnecheck at 536-5555.



Kelvin Johnecheck, owner of the BC Pizza in East Jordan, stands in front of the newly-installed playland equipment, which has moved into a space which once housed a restaurant and bar area. The restaurant, which no longer serves alcohol, added the feature to fill what Johnecheck perceived to be a need in East Jordan.

Boyne City Public Schools

Week of Sept. 20-24

Middle School	High School
Sept. 20: Cook's choice, pizzeria pizza, tossed salad, peach slices, herb buttered noodles	Sept. 20: Hot pockets, chicken parmesan
Sept. 21: Chicken rings, sloppy joes, applesauce, oven baked fries, peas, banana	Sept. 21: Sloppy joes, salad bar
Sept. 22: Hotdog on a bun, nachos with cheese, corn apple, maci rice	Sept. 22: Nachos and cheese, chili dogs
Sept. 23: Cheese pizza, deli sandwich, applesauce, fresh baby carrots, tater tots, Sponge Bob milk	Sept. 23: Salad bar, pizza sticks
Sept. 24: Chicken patty on a bun, broccoli, mashed potatoes, peach cup, taco salad	Sept. 24: Beef tacos, BBQ wrap

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East Jordan Public Schools

Sept. 20: Nacho cheese, meat cheese, baked potato or cook's choice, broccoli, pineapple

Sept. 21: Walking tacos, chicken fajitas or pot pies, bean dip/lettuce, peaches

Sept. 22: Hamburgers, hot dogs or pot pies, tater tots, fruit

Sept. 23: Pizza dippers, lasagna or cook's choice, asparagus, peas, (stromboli at M.S. and H.S.)

Sept. 24: Pizza or taco salad, corn, orange smiles

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Week of Sept. 20-24

Boyne Falls Public School

Lunch Menu

Week of Sept. 20-24

Sept. 20: Chicken pot pie or PB&J with cheese stix, fruit

Sept. 21: Cheeseburger or chicken casserole, mixed veggies, fruit

Sept. 22: Ham slice or turkey slice, mashed potatoes and gravy, fruit

Sept. 23: Pizza pockets or turkey sandwich, veggie tray and dip, fruit

Sept. 24: Fish sandwich or cook's choice, fries, fruit

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HERO - PG-13
Thurs, Sat & Sun at 12, 2:30, 5, 7:15 & 9:15
Fri at 5:10, 7:15 & 9:15
at 7:15 & 9:15 nightly
Fri & Sat at 11:30 p.m.
WICKER PARK - PG-13
Thurs, Sat & Sun at 4:45 & 9:15
Fri at 5 & 9:15 & 9:15 nightly
at Fri & Sat at 11:30 p.m.
RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE - R
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Fri at 5:10, 7:15 & 9:15
at 7:15 & 9:15 nightly
Fri & Sat at 11:45 p.m.
WITHOUT A PADDLE - PG-13
Thurs, Sat & Sun at 12:15, 2:30, 5:15, 7:15 & 9:15
Fri at 5:15, 7:15 & 9:15
at 7:15 & 9:15 nightly
Fri & Sat at 11:45 p.m.
CELLULAR - PG-13
Thurs, Sat & Sun at 11:45, 2, 4:30, 7:15 & 9:15
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THE PRINCESS DIARIES 2 - G
Thurs, Sat & Sun at 11:45, 2 & 7
Fri at 5 & 7 - at 7 nightly
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Fri at 5, 7 & 9 - 7 & 9 nightly
Fri & Sat at 11:15 p.m.
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Sat & Sun at 2 & 4:15
DE-LOVELY - PG-13
at 7 & 9:15 nightly
Sat & Sun at 2 & 4:15
WITHOUT A PADDLE - PG-13
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Working with malleable metals

Workshops to be held in conjunction with Jordan River Art Center's latest exhibit

For patrons who enjoy a hands-on artistic experience, the Jordan River Art Center has scheduled a variety of metal workshops to coincide with the Malleable Metal Exhibit, set to run Sept. 18 through Oct. 15 at the art center in downtown East Jordan.

According to organizers, metalsmithing as an art form, except jewelry, is usually not found in the gallery, and some of the processes of working with metal are complex and costly. The art center's goal, with the planned demonstrations and workshops, is to expand the art patron's knowledge of the variety of techniques used in metal as an art media.

The first workshop is scheduled for Sept. 21, 6-9 p.m., with local resident Linda Beers Aydloft to instruct on working with Precious Metal Clay, a relatively new way of working with silver and gold that does not require extensive equipment. Aydloft will demonstrate and each participant will have the opportunity to make a pendant or small sculpture of sterling silver.

Aydloft has designed and created one-of-a-kind and limited edition jewelry for clients throughout the United States. From 1993 to the present time she has operated a shop/studio, Sacred Sparks, in East Jordan, and has received numerous awards for her jewelry and her one-of-a-kind pieces. Her clients include Walter B. Ford, Claudia Schmidt, Sally Rodgers, Shawn Gallaway, and Brian and Wendy Midener Froud. In 2003 Linda announced a new jewelry line, "Empowering embellishments for healing, support, and



East Jordan resident Linda Beers Aydloft is just one of a number of artists working with metal who will host workshops at the Jordan River Art Center in September and October.

transformation."

Scheduled for Sept. 25, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., is a workshop in Making Mobiles for the Garden or Home. John Unger is the instructor. The first part of the workshop will focus on design principles with a short overview of kinetic art mobiles. Unger will then assist students in de-

sign and use of different processes in working with metal to produce their own mobile. Students are welcome to bring some materials they wish to incorporate in their artwork.

Unger is a member of the Board of JRAC, lives and works in his studio near Mancelona where he creates a great variety of furniture, gates and other artifacts using many different techniques and materials. Metal is used in most of his art work, and his sculptures are included in many collections with his latest kinetic garden sculpture found at the Cycling Salamander Gallery south of Charlevoix.

On Oct. 2, two different sessions are scheduled, from 10 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m., in Blade or Knife Forging. Tim Zowada is the instructor, assisted by Kevin Cashen. Class size is limited and participants will take home a forged blade.

Zowada of Boyne Falls has been making knives for 25 years. He is self-taught in knife forging and now his individually crafted distinctive knives of Damascus steel sell from \$300 to \$10,000 each. Cashen, of Hubbardston, Mich., produces blades of state-of-the-art quality, with his specialty being Viking and Japanese type swords, all of which are highly collectible. Zowada and Cashen often demonstrate and hold workshops together throughout the United States.

All workshops are priced at \$50 each, and will all be held at the art center, 301 Main St., East Jordan. Class size is limited. For more information or to register, call Jane Diller at 582-6399. Art patrons will be able to meet the three instructors during the opening of the exhibit, Sept. 18, from 1-3 p.m.

"Beyond Jurassic Park" is focus of Raven Hill event

Raven Hill Discovery Center is hosting an open house on Sunday, Sept. 26, featuring its new outdoor exhibit, "Exploring Beyond Jurassic Park," a visual and hands-on timeline of the geological history of Michigan, located on the grounds of Raven Hill. The exhibit has been funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The open house will run from 2-4 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Raven Hill Discovery Center is located between East Jordan and Boyne City, just off of C-48 at Pearsall Road. For more information, call 536-3369 or visit ravenhilldiscoverycenter.org.

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SLEEPLESSNESS AND AGING

A recent report stated that the sleeplessness that affects one-third of older Americans isn't necessarily a natural part of aging. Physical changes, emotional trauma (like the death of a spouse) or decreased physical activity can all contribute to the problem. Lack of sleep can affect changes in metabolism and hormone production which in turn may interrupt sleep further. A lifestyle including a healthy diet and regular exercise can help break the cycle of sleeplessness. Short naps of 20-30 minutes during the day may also help. If the problem persists, see your doctor.

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of the object proposed for nomination. The commission gave its consent at the

regular meeting last week, giving Barfield the go-ahead to pursue the designation. Barfield, who currently is a partner and co-

owner of Crossbar Farm in Boyne City, has been a consultant in historic preservation, heritage conservation and grant writing since

1986. He is a member of a number of professional organizations related to the field, including the National Railway Historical Society.

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cluding organized outdoor activities. The schedule of events includes: a kayak and canoe excursion/demonstration at Elm Pointe; a nature walk and wildlife program led by Shirley Vollbach at the Tourist Park; a 5K footrace at the Community Park; a "shaggy chic" pillow demo at the Quilt Cottage (billed as a "quieter" activity for those not hiking, biking, etc.);

geocaching 101, meeting at the Tourist Park; a bike ride and nature hike, including a poker run, starting at the Community Park; drop-in soccer and drop-in street hockey at the Community Park; all followed by a brats and hot dog barbecue at Community Park.

For more information, or to volunteer to help out with the event, call the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351.

COLLEGE NEWS

KATHERINE L. GOEBEL of East Jordan is among the students on the summer honors list at Central Michigan University.

Students named to the honors list have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The summer session ends in August.

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LETTERS

Using cell phones while driving is hazardous

TO THE EDITOR:

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's office wishes to inform the driving public in Charlevoix County that although most Americans agree that the use of cellular telephones while driving can be hazardous to their health, more motorists than ever are making calls while behind the wheel. During 2003, there were 822 crashes in Michigan resulting from cell phone use with five of them being fatal.

Ninety one percent of all Americans believe that use of cellular telephones while driving distracts drivers and increases the likelihood of accidents. However, despite this belief, self-reported cellular telephone use while driving continues to increase. Last year in the United States, nearly 110 million people used cellular phones, compared with approximately five million in 1990.

There are two dangers associated with driving and cellular telephone use. First, drivers must take their eyes off the road while dialing. Second, people can become so absorbed in their conversations that their ability to concentrate on driving is impaired. The National Safety Council found that among those engaged in a cell phone conversation, twice as many missed simulated traffic signals when compared with drivers not talking on the phone.

Preventative Measures:

1. Pull over to the side of the road to make or take calls on your cellular telephone.
2. Use a hands-free device when available.
3. Do not engage in stressful or emotional conversations that may divert your attention from the road.
4. Do not take notes or look up phone numbers while driving.

Also, it is important to always wear a safety belt. It is the best defense against injury if you are involved in a crash.

George T. Lasater,
Charlevoix County Sheriff



GUEST COLUMN

Concerns over Boyne City river discharge persist

By LARRY MALTBY

Boyne City has repeatedly stated that everything is going along just fine with their plan to build a new wastewater treatment plant and discharge its effluent into the Boyne River. We point out that the City must still be planning to discharge the sewer wastewater into the Boyne River because the City Commission passed a resolution

to do just that on March 9, 2004.

We have never heard that the resolution was ever rescinded; therefore, we must consider that they remain resolved to discharge the sewer wastewater into the Boyne River.

In reality, the plan has been modified significantly. Some time ago the City applied to the DEQ for a permit to discharge sewer wastewater into the Boyne River. Due to the fact that the DEQ had recommended the river discharge in the first place, it would seem that the permit was well on its way toward approval.

However, James Olson, the attorney representing the Friends of the Boyne River, through various letters and appeals, reminded the DEQ of the laws that govern such actions. The City had not provided an environmental impact statement nor had they conducted a thorough analysis of alternatives.

The City at the last minute withdrew or placed on hold their river discharge permit application in an attempt to avoid having to evaluate other alternatives in connection with its proposed treatment plant improvements. The Friends of Boyne River have requested MDEQ and the Circuit Court in Lansing to require the City to plan for sound, comprehensive (not just expedient) treatment and discharge alternatives, including some state-of-the-art land application, that protect the long term water quality, fish, recreation and values of the Boyne River and Lake Charlevoix.

Because the City was unable to obtain a permit to relocate the sewer wastewater discharge out of Lake Charlevoix and into the Boyne River, the City must now apply for an extension of the existing Lake Charlevoix discharge permit. The existing permit expires on Oct. 1 of this year.

The City had planned to significantly reduce the disinfection process in the new plant by using the Boyne River to allow 40 times more coliform bacteria to pass out of the new plant than was allowed to pass out of the old plant. The increase of coliform bacteria levels in the Boyne River would have increased the health risk to fishermen, kayakers, swimmers, tubers, waders and kids that play along the river bank in the Old City Park. Again,

due to letters and filings by attorney Olson, the DEQ has ruled that the new plant must meet the same level of disinfection that was required for the lake discharge and the old plant. Now the City must make a design change to the new plant to assure compliance to the more rigorous disinfection requirements.

In addition, the Friends of Boyne River have challenged the DEQ's issuance of the construction permit for the new wastewater facility, since the permit does not assure protection of the public health, and prevent unlawful pollution. The challenge to the permit would assure that the DEQ considers the independent evaluation by experts before the City's permit for its proposed waste treatment facility improvements becomes final. In summary, FOBR has brought forth critical information and triggered positive changes within the MDEQ and in the City's design and decisions, and will continue to seek to do so for the good of the Boyne River and Lake Charlevoix watersheds and community.

It is interesting to note that The State Of Michigan Water Quality Rules R 323.1100.100 (2) state, "All surface waters of the state are designated for, and shall be protected for, total body contact recreation from May 1 to October 31 in accordance with the provisions of R 323.1062. Total body contact recreation immediately downstream of wastewater discharges . . . is contrary to prudent public health and safety practices, even though water quality standards may be met." With a rule like this in place, we find it incredible that the City and the DEQ would consider placing Boyne City downstream from a wastewater discharge whether it be a direct discharge to the river or an indirect discharge to an inadequate wetland that will overflow into the river.

It remains our hope that reasonable people will prevail and together we will eventually find a way to remove Boyne City's wastewater effluent from all surface waters including Lake Charlevoix and thereby, protect the high quality water in the Boyne River and begin the restoration of water quality in the lake.

(Larry Maltby is a member of the Friends of the Boyne River and the Coalition to Save the Boyne River.)

MANY THANKS

'Treats for Troops' program concludes after successful run

The "Treats for Troops" program was an overwhelming success. Kilwin's offered a reduced price for a half-pound of fudge to be sent to Boyne City's Legionnaires serving overseas. Local citizens and people from out of town and out of state responded enthusiastically to send these special treats to our soldiers.

Within the last 10 days, 96 boxes were purchased. The boxes will not be sent all at one time, but will be included in "care" packages that are sent intermittently.

(This writer attributes the huge sales this last week to SP4 Jennifer's Lehto's picture in the front window of Kilwin's, showing her standing in front of a bullet-riddled picture of Saddam Hussein.)

The following people made purchases: Marilyn Roberts, Leonna Bartlett, Sue West, John Weglinski, Ruth Looze, Sonia Cetnerowski, Pat Spence, Dorothy Daniels, Sharon Russell, Art Cosier, Clara Davis, Fran Hayden, Frank and Jan Leist, Bob and

Kathy Schmoltdt, the Dean Kleinschrods, Roseann Herrman, Ruth and Bill Spinner, the Bedford Family, Anne Weglinski, Diane Munson, Ralph Parker, Bob and Sherry Pursel, Oneonta Beach, East Jordan, the Carriers, West Bloomfield, Mich., William Beachum, Birmingham, Mich., John and Felicia Lindsay, East Jordan, the Gaither family, Boyne City.

Many of the above people purchased two, three, and even 10 boxes for our troops. Additionally, on Aug. 30, the American Legion's Tuesday night bingo players collected \$80 toward the program, and Tuesday, Sept. 7, they collected \$40. The American Legion Auxiliary donated \$100 for the Treats for Troops program.

This special offer ended Labor Day.

On behalf of our fellow Legionnaires serving overseas, we, the veterans of American Legion Post #228 in Boyne City say thank you.

Maxine Hough

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

MARTHA DOUGHERTY celebrated her 80th Birthday on Sept. 9 with a surprise gathering of many of her friends at the Boyne City Eagles Club. All shared cake, food, and many good wishes, including a very special birthday card from President and Laura Bush.

LAURETTA WAELEZ of West Bend, Wis. visited her mother, Evelyn Gould, sister Patricia Schroeder and Debbie Brandt and families on Aug. 1 and attended the Hardy-Plumb reunion. The Hardy-Plumb reunion was held Aug. 1 at Pat and Nord Schroeder's home in Boyne City with 100 members attending from Ludington, Harrison, Wayne, Alpena, Gaylord, Westland, Wyoming, West Bend, Wis., Cadillac, and Pachuca, Mexico; as well as many from Boyne City.

FINAL FIGURES for Charlevoix County for 100 Miles in 100 days of "Get Moving Northern Michigan" are: Boyne City total miles 12,901.90; Charlevoix total 8,478.39 miles; and East Jordan total 5,653.03 miles. The grand total: 27,033.32. Winners for the final drawings were: Anne LaCross who was the "big" winner in the 100 Miles drawing. Anne, of East Jordan,

won \$100. Other winners include Karen Spruce and Kathy Gill from Boyne City. Both ladies won a Pilates gift certificate for five Pilates mat classes from The Method Studio 2 in downtown Boyne City. Charlevoix winners were Ann Burzyk who won a very nice backpack donated by Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation and Ted Dumbauld who won the three month adult pass to Charlevoix Area Community Pool. There were two East Jordan winners; Angela Beier, who won a backpack from Charlevoix Area Foundation and Kellie Barber who won a decorative wine tote and a bottle of sparkling cider from Charlevoix Area Hospital. A big "thanks" to all for walking!

CONGRATULATIONS go out to Scott Elzinga and Denise Hughey, who married at his Horton Bay Road home on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 11, 2004. The lovely ceremony was officiated by James Gallop before many friends and relatives from throughout Michigan and the local area, followed by warm congratulations of Elzinga-Gregware Genson-Cool families and friends at a lively reception of good food (the wedding cake especially made by his sister, Patty Kellogg) and live music. Parents of the newlyweds are Roy and Bonnie Cool of Boyne City, and Dennis Hughey of Boyne Falls. The groom's grandmother, Mrs. Madeline Mitchell, was

also among those attending.

A FALL WHEELCHAIR clinic will be held on Friday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Litzinger Place Circle Drive Parking lot, by the garage, on 829 S Park Street in Boyne City. Sponsored by Easter Seals and the efforts of Lynda Christensen and Gen Varnum of the Loan Closet, area wheelchair users are getting another chance at a free and fun clean up and repairs. Hopes are high in having a better turnout for a very nice gesture from these folks so willing to help others keep moving!

MARTI HUTCHINSON returned Saturday from a week visiting her daughter Traci Bishop and her family in Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

THE GRANDVUE Auxiliary met on Thursday for a good meeting, with 14 members and four guests present. The lady residents there are encouraged to participate in Auxiliary endeavors, as honorary members. A fund raising "Bakeless" Bake Sale is underway. Donations may be directed to Peg Crozier.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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, 9 a.m.-noon.

OES CHAPTER 95 First Monday
The OES Evangeline Chapter 95 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 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.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE Tuesdays
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City every Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. preceding weekly bingo. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets or call 582-7811 at that time.

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 8 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 the first Wednesday of each 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.

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 582-8278.

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, 8 p.m. (Big Book Study); Tuesday noon; Wednesday noon, 8 p.m.; Thursday noon, 8:30 p.m. (Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday noon, 8 p.m. (Grapevine Study); Saturday 10 a.m. Meetings are closed and non-smoking. The first Friday of each month is an Open Talk/Potluck at 7 p.m., with meeting at 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.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Frank Lewis Howes

The Veteran of the Month for September is Frank Lewis Howes. Born on Feb. 15, 1920 in Grand Blanc, Mich., Howes graduated from Goodrich High School in 1936 and attended Michigan State University from Sept. 21, 1938 to the spring of 1940. On Feb. 11, 1941 Howes enlisted in the US Army Air Corps at Muskogee, Okla. and was detached on April 29, 1941 to Randolph Field, Texas for training. On July 14, 1941

Howes was transferred to Kelly Field, Texas where he "satisfactorily completed the course of instruction prescribed for Airplane Pilots" on Sept. 26, 1941. On Sept. 27, 1941 Howes married Clara Jane Burns in San Antonio, Texas and on July 1, 1942 was transferred to London, England, assigned to the 347th Fighter Squadron-350th Fighter Group. On June 8, 1943 Howes family was informed that Howes was missing in ac-

tion and the War Department said he had been missing since April 23, 1943. Howes was reported killed in action Sept. 29, 1943 with the actual date of death April 25, 1943. Howes was buried in Plot G Row 3 Grave 10 in the North Africa American Cemetery in Carthage, Tunisia. Howes was awarded the Purple Heart, the American Defense Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal and attained the



Frank Howes

rank of Captain. Howes is being honored by his wife Clara and daughter Patricia Ann

Carlisle. The Veteran of the Month program is available for any deceased veteran who served honorably in the United States military. To honor a veteran call (231) 588-6067 or Tuesdays (231) 582-7811 between 4-6 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed the first Thursday of each month in front of the American Legion Post, located at the corner of Lake and Main in Boyne City at 6:15 p.m.

GUEST COLUMN

Troops will benefit from continued support from Legion, community

By MAXINE HOUGH

From the veterans at American Legion Post #228, Boyne City: Thank you to Gayle Harbaugh of Kilwin's of Boyne City for promoting the highly successful "Treats for Troops" program whereby supporters of our troops could purchase 1/2 lb. of fudge at a reduced price to be mailed to our men and women in the combat zone. Last week, Ila Leque donated many, many books and toilet articles to be sent to our women soldiers. More books were donated by Jim and Jackie Bates; Fran Hayden donated (just about) every Danielle Steele book ever written (she knows what women like to read!) All of the above were packaged and mailed to Sgt. Kelli Howard and Sp4 Jennifer Lehto with a box of fudge tucked in each box. The men, also, were mailed some Alfred Hitchcock, Ellery Queen and Zane Grey books along with a box of fudge. Postage on those and other boxes mailed this past week was paid by the Boyne City Police Dept., Pat Haver/Boyne City City Hall, Jim Bates, John Weglinski AND, the "lunch bunch" at the Boyne City Senior Center who paid for FIVE boxes. Changes in items needed for troops: The flea season is just about over so don't buy any more flea collars; if you already have them, go ahead and send them. There's about a six week period of time from ship-

ping packages to receiving them. Please continue searching for the special moisturizing eye drops for contact lenses. If our soldiers don't wear contacts, they will give the drops to someone who does; you just may have saved the eyesight of some soldier. Sgt. Troy Drebensted - featured in an interview in The Citizen-Journal last week - told about "Operation Outreach" whereby the troops give T-shirts to the Iraqi children, which serves two purposes: the kids need the clothing, and the U.S. is being promoted in a positive way. He suggested sending T-shirts with the United States Flag on them; some that have U.S. on them with red, white and blue in the design; or T-shirts that have printing in English, so the kids can learn some American words (watch the language - we don't want the kids to learn the wrong words). **MYSTERY SOLVED.** To the "angel" who left the huge box of books and other good things in the Advance Store last week: A boarding pass made an excellent book mark for you while flying first class with a World Perks upgrade a few months ago. Look for it in your mail box soon. On behalf of the all the Legionnaires at American Legion Post #228 in Boyne City, we thank you for your generosity and helpfulness in making the stay overseas a little more pleasant for our fellow Legionnaires. (Maxine Hough is a member of the American Legion Post #228).

CRADLE CALL

RAYGEN JANE LEAZIER was born to Brandy Kuhlman and Purl J. Leazier of Boyne City on Aug. 30 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Raygen weighed 7 lbs. 7.7 oz at birth. Her siblings are Chellsie Leazier, 14; Taylor Leazier, 9; Tyler Kuhlman, 6; and Jacob Leazier, 5. Grandparents are Tony and Pam Dunn of Cincinnati, Ohio and Purl C. and Vivian Leazier of Boyne City.

Republicans to celebrate opening

The Charlevoix County Republicans will host the grand opening of their Action Center on Saturday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m. The center is located in the Oleson's shopping center on Antrim in Charlevoix. Sen. Jason Allen and 105th House District candidate Kevin Elsenhiemer will be on hand, along with county officers and county commissioners. Refreshments will be served.

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Partner with your doctor for a healthier you

By Ernie Harwell

When was the last time you had a good, long talk with your doctor? I mean a real heart-to-heart.

If you're like most people, you probably haven't spent a lot of time picking your doctor's brain. We're so busy, it's natural to not pay much attention to our health until we're sick.

I think we can all benefit by having meaningful conversations with our doctors and taking advantage of their expertise. After all, your doctor has a lot of training and is the most familiar with your particular health situation. So why not ask a few more questions and get more insight?

Before your next appointment, take some time to really think about your health and jot down some questions to ask your doctor. Consider such things as your weight, medical history, family medical history, eating habits, fitness level and gaps in your general knowledge about health.

I'm confident you'll find that your doctor can be a tremendous resource for you and sincerely wants what you want - a healthy you!

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 and Blue Care Network, 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.

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Woody Hayes documentary to be screened at art center

The Crooked Tree Arts Center announces a showing of the documentary, "Beyond the Gridiron," chronicling the life of football coaching great Woody Hayes: on Friday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m.

Petoskey film producer, David Crouse, has teamed up with Chip Duncan of Duncan Entertainment to produce a new one hour public television documentary "Beyond the Gridiron: The Life and Times of Woody Hayes. The documentary is being distributed by NEA and will air on PBS affiliates nationwide this fall.

This is the first in-depth television biography ever produced on Woody Hayes. CMU Public Television will air the documentary on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 5 p.m. with a rebroadcast set for Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 10 p.m. (CMU Public Television airs locally on Chan-

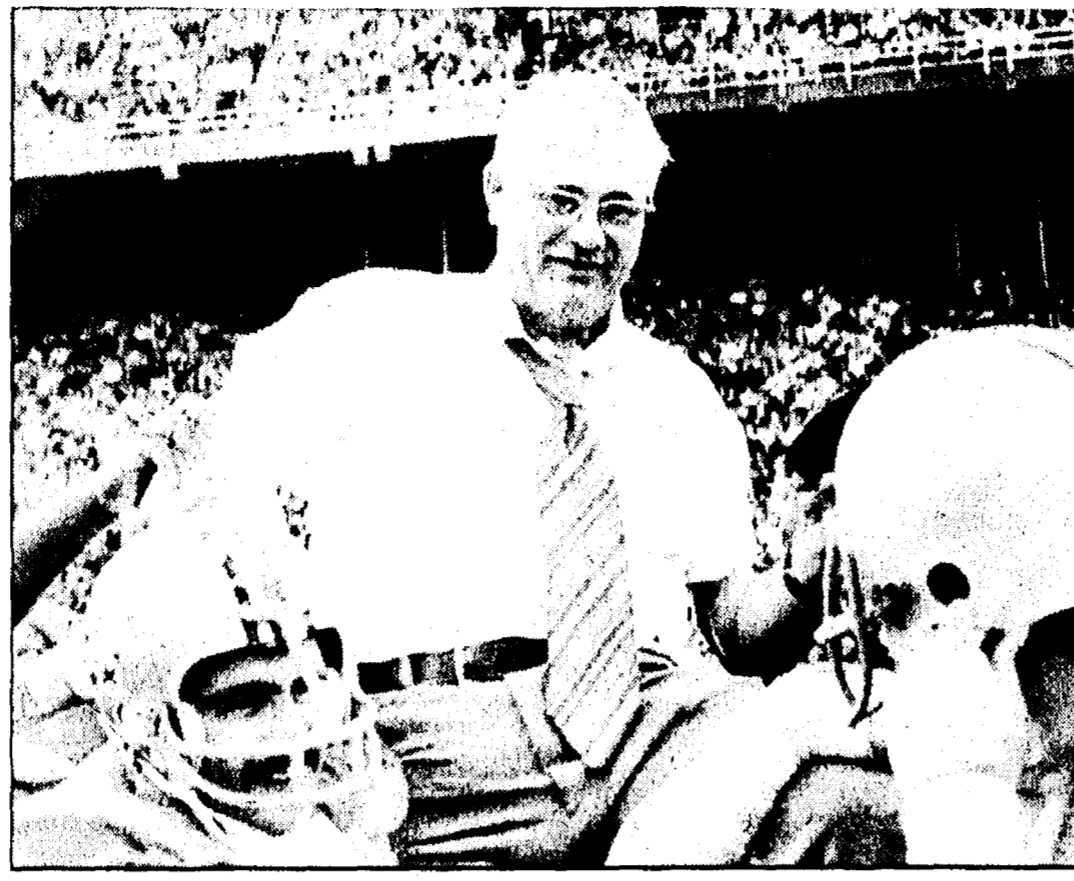
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Considered one of the greatest football coaches of the 20th century, Hayes was a study in contrast. Hard-nosed, demanding, often ill tempered on the sidelines; Hayes was known to be genuinely concerned about the young men in his care, and acted as a mentor.

Many players attribute their present success in life to Hayes' strong influence.

Woody Hayes enjoyed a long and acclaimed career as the head football coach of the Ohio State University Buckeyes. The film provides an in-depth look at Hayes' life on and off the field, as well as the times by which Woody Hayes was influenced.

From 1951-1978, the football stadium at Ohio State University was ruled by a man whom critics and fans alike called "the most colorful, charismatic, non-conformist, controversial



The documentary Beyond the Gridiron: The Life and Times of Woody Hayes will be shown on Friday, Sept. 24, in the theater of the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

coach in college football." Coach Hayes was a man who appeared to many fans

and national television audiences as despotic, demeaning and combative.

The show features interviews with current OSU head football coach Jim

Tressel, golfing legend and OSU alumnus Jack Nicklaus, two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin of Ohio State, and former players Greg Lashutka, Rex Kern, Daryl Sanders, and Alan Natali, author of "Woody's Boys."

Also interviewed was former Michigan head football coach Bo Schembechler, who played for Hayes at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and then became an assistant coach for him, first at Miami of Ohio and then at Ohio State.

When Schembechler was named head football coach at Michigan in 1969 it began what many would call the greatest rivalry in college football.

Hayes and Schembechler bounced back and forth in a series of games that would determine national champions and Rose

Bowl appearances. Four times during the first six years of their rivalry, both teams were ranked in the nation's Top-Five when they met. While fierce competitors on the field they were very close friends off the field.

According to ESPN, Ohio State vs. Michigan is the "greatest sports rivalry in the history of any sport during the 20th century."

"Beyond the Gridiron: The Life and Times of Woody Hayes" was recognized at this year's New York Film Festival, winning a Bronze Medal in the biography category.

In June of this year the documentary also won two regional Emmys for "Best Sports Program" and "Best Musical Score."

David Barrett, composer of the music for the documentary, is a Michigan resident and lives within several blocks of

the Big House in Ann Arbor.

In addition, Beyond the Gridiron won a Telly Award at their annual awards ceremony.

The program was nominated and won as "Best Documentary for a Television or Cable Program" in 2003.

For more information please visit www.CrouseEntertainment.com for more information on the company.

Following the film, David Crouse will host a meet and greet to discuss his experiences with filming the documentary. There is no charge for this event.

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Boyer City Police Department

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

Monday, Sept. 6: Possible domestic near West Division Street; three speed citations issued; property damage accident on High Street; assisted fire department on Groveland Street; larceny of fishing equipment from Lewis Avenue.

Tuesday, Sept. 7: Two complaints of non-sufficient funds checks turned in from Par-T-Pac; car/deer accident reported; speed citation; assault complaint on East Main Street.

Wednesday, Sept. 8: Property check on Boyer Avenue; unlock on North Park Street; malicious destruction of property in Veteran's Park; juvenile runaway returned home; unlock on North Park Street; loud music reported at Parkview Apartments.

Thursday, Sept. 9: Malicious destruction of property on South Lake Street; Reh Lane dumpster complaint; family dispute on Poplar Street; property dam-

age accident at Water and Park Street; unlock at Carter's.

Friday, Sept. 10: Parking citation issued from South Lake Street; assault reported on West Court Street; suspicious activities at Grace Lane; dog running at large on Poplar Street.

Saturday, Sept. 11: Dog barking in area of Boyer Avenue; suspicious people behind McDonald's; unlock at Parkview Apartments; unlock at Litzenger; one arrested for furnishing tobacco to minor; minor in possession of tobacco and alcohol; missing person reported - returned while officer there.

Sunday, Sept. 12: Arrested one for malicious destruction of property at Tannery; assisted county with unknown accident on Wildwood Harbor Road near Clute Road; fireworks complaint on East Main Street; two speed citations; no proof of insurance citation; arrest for minor in possession - fourth; possible runaway - person located.

Local hospice seeking volunteers

Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals who would like to join its family hospice volunteers.

Hospice will be conducting a volunteer training program starting on Tuesday, Sept. 28. The sessions will run for four weeks.

meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. The classes will be conducted at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Bellaire.

The first session will be a hospice orientation and discussion of the role of the volunteer. Each class will deal with a different aspect of training, including grief and bereavement; death

and dying; communications skills; understanding the family; spiritual care of the family; care and comfort measures; ethical issues, and personal stress.

Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services, including respite care to the terminally ill and their family. Anyone who has been a caregiver knows how important it is to have some

time for themselves, and hospice volunteers provide this very needed help by staying at the home so the caregiver can get away or just to rest. Volunteers provide help, whether it is with patients, in the office or helping with fundraising.

For more information or to volunteer, call the Hospice of Northwest Michigan office at 536-2842.

Car totaled in Boyer Valley rollover accident

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a one-vehicle rollover accident that took place last week on US-131 near Addis Road in Boyer Valley Township.

According to Charlevoix

County Sheriff George T. Lasater, on Wednesday, Sept. 8, a 16-year-old driver was northbound on US-131 when she lost control of her Ford Escort. The vehicle ran off onto the right shoulder while on a

curve; the driver over-corrected, Lasater said, causing the vehicle to swerve back onto the pavement where it spun twice in front of oncoming traffic.

The vehicle then rolled over when it entered the

ditch on the west side of US 131 and came to rest upside down. The driver told deputies that she was attempting to adjust a CD player when she lost control.

The driver and three passengers refused medical treatment for minor injuries and lacerations. The driver was cited for negligent driving; the vehicle was totaled.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Boyer Valley Garden Club

Boyer Valley Garden Club will hold its September meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23, at 1 p.m. in the Boyer District Library Community Room.

The hostesses will be Julie Bradford, Ann Robins and Kathy Sheehan.

The featured speaker will be master gardener and bird watcher, Glen Williams. William's topic is "Growing the Correct

Flowers for Backyard Birds".

Anyone interested in learning more about "backyard birds" or who would

like to join the club are invited to attend.

For more information call garden club president Gary Francis at 582-1129.

Monday Study Club

The Monday Study Club of Boyer City will be begin its 98th year on Monday, Sept. 20, with a luncheon at 12 noon at the

Boyer Mountain Beach House in Deer Lake.

Donna Moll will speak on her spring cross country bike trip.



Jim Belch (center) and Sheila Schrauen (far right) practice lowering a lift - both hydraulically and manually - on a bus as part of the Char-Em ISD and Iosca RESA's recently held Special Education Transportation Seminar.

Bus drivers benefit from workshop

Student safety, new transportation regulations, and evacuation procedures were just a few of the topics covered during the annual workshop attended by area bus drivers and others who work with special needs students.

Sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency, the seventh annual Special Education Transportation Seminar attracted almost 70 bus driv-

ers, aides, therapists, and teachers who work with special needs students from throughout the region.

Workshop topics included updates on transportation issues, safety matters concerning wheelchairs, lift procedures and other devices for students with disabilities, and safe use of safety vests, infant seats, and car seats.

"We had a good mix of workshop topics," said Bill Coaster, Char-Em ISD Transportation Director.

Through hands-on activities and lectures, participants were equipped with knowledge and coping skills to work with situations that may arise at the workplace and in working with students with disabilities.

Judy Wagner, the transportation supervisor for Mason Lake ISD, said the drivers she sent to the workshop "came back with a wealth of information."

"They could not say enough good things about the workshop; both (drivers) said it wasn't long enough, the information presented was great, and the speakers/presenters were excellent. They were both would up like 'eight day clocks' as we spent over two hours reviewing the materials," Wagner said.

For more information about next year's conference, call Bill Coaster at Char-Em ISD at 547-9947, or Vincent Weiler at Iosca RESA at (989) 362-3006, extension 137.



Bill Coaster, Director of Transportation for Char-Em ISD, leads bus drivers, aides, and therapists through a classroom exercise during the workshop.

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Tough loss for the Red Devils

By PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

The Red Devil varsity football team held an eight point lead with just three minutes remaining in last Friday's Lake Michigan Conference opener in Charlevoix, but East Jordan could not hold the lead in the end as the Red Rayders tied the contest with a late drive and then pulled out the win by a 17-14 score.

The Rayders ended the game with a successful field goal on the second possession of the overtime. The Red Devils missed their chance to win the game when they failed to convert a field goal try of their own after three shots at the end zone.

"It was a big game for us and I can't say that we played bad, but they played well and they made fewer mistakes," said East Jordan head coach Kris Ernst. "We look on this as a learning experience and we hope to build on this for the future."

The Red Devils struck for the only score of the first half with a touchdown on their first drive of the game. Tom Krause ran the ball in from eight yards out and then Josh Cooper kicked the extra point conversion to give East Jordan a 7-0 lead. Neither team could cross the end line again until Charlevoix cut the margin to 7-6 with a long scoring drive in the third period. Krause got his second touchdown of the night with Cooper adding his second extra point kick to put the Red Devils ahead 14-6 with the clock running down in the final quarter. A late game Red Rayder touchdown followed by a successful two-point conversion tied the contest and forced the game into the extra session.

For the game Krause was five of ten passing for 78 yards and gained 39 yards rushing on eight carries. Kyle Peters led the rushing game with 86 yards on 19 carries. Defensively Peters led the team with nine tackles, Cooper chipped in with eight tackles, while Cody Thayer and Mitch Bartlett had six takedowns each. The Red Devils will play host to Elk Rapids this Friday night for another Lake Michigan Conference match-up.



Boyne City's Dillon Oismstead makes the tackle against a strong Traverse City St. Francis team last week. The Ramblers lost the game 19-0, and face another big challenge with a match-up against Charlevoix set for this Friday.

photo by
John L. Russell
Great Lakes Images

Ramblers will be put to the test

While it will still be a few weeks before their fellow students receive their progress reports, the Rambler football players will get theirs about 9 p.m. this Friday.

And for head coach David Hills and the rest of his coaching staff, they are hoping there are huge strides of progress compared to last Friday when the Ramblers were soundly defeated by Traverse City St. Francis 19-0.

In a game that for the past several years has been played at the end of the conference season, St. Francis and the Ramblers opened the Lake Michigan Conference this season and St. Francis made it clear it will again be a force to be reckoned with. The Ramblers, on the other hand, now realize that much work lies ahead if they hope to be in the chase for a conference crown and a berth in the state playoffs.

The Ramblers face another big challenge this Friday when they travel to Charlevoix.

The Rayders will come into the game on an emotional

high after defeating East Jordan 17-14 last Friday in overtime.

"We need to get back to some basics," Hills said. "We have yet to play our brand of football. We have to sustain physical football for four quarters."

Against St. Francis, the Rambler offense never got on track. Part of the reason was the loss of senior running back Reed Ameal who was out with a leg injury suffered against Rogers City the week before. But the main reason was the lack of execution, Hills said.

"We had a number of breakdowns offensively early in the game," Hills said.

The result was St. Francis was able to bring eight players up to the line of scrimmage and stop the Ramblers' running game. When they tried to pass, St. Francis blitzed, giving quarterback Grant Ameal no time to find his receivers.

But while the offense struggled, the Rambler defense "played well at times," Hills said. It held St. Francis out

of the end zone until just under the three-minute mark of the second quarter. Right at the end of the half the defense made a big play when Jordan Sweet recovered a fumble inside the Rambler 10-yard line to keep the score 7-0.

In the second half, it was more of the same with St. Francis controlling the Rambler offense, limiting it to no first downs while its offense maintained ball control.

St. Francis scored its second touchdown with about three minutes remaining in the third quarter and put the game out of reach with its final touchdown midway in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, the Ramblers were led by Tyler Kruzal who had 14 tackles filling in for Reed Ameal. William Brown had 12 tackles and Sweet had six tackles to go with his fumble recovery.

Offensively, Brown gained 32 yards on nine carries and David Austin carried the ball eight times for 23 yards. The Ramblers were 0 of 4 passing.

East Jordan takes first loss of the season on the court

Red Devils follow win over Boyne City with loss against Charlevoix; BC finishes the week topping the Elks, 54-36

East Jordan's girls varsity basketball team had an off night in the shooting department, while Charlevoix responded with the hot hands when the Red Rayders downed the Red Devils 65-25 to remain an unbeaten 6-0 for the year.

It was the first loss of the season for the Lady Devils after starting with three straight wins.

Charlevoix (2-0 Lake Michigan Conference) wasted no time, taking a 15-10 lead after one quarter and then stretching the margin to 45-14 at the

half. The Red Rayders did not let up after the break, outscoring the Red Devils 20-11 in the second half to cruise to the 40-point victory.

East Jordan coach Lisa Greenier summed up the loss saying, "It just wasn't our night."

A trio of Charlevoix players hit for double digits with Grace Farrell (16 points, 10 rebounds) leading the way. Jamie Pettis (12 points) and Laura Nitchman (10 points) also contributed to the attack.

Sierra Roberts led the East Jordan scoring with nine points.

East Jordan 65, Boyne City 54
Three Red Devils scored in double figures on Tuesday, Sept. 7, when East Jordan won its conference opener by downing Boyne City by a 65-54 score.

For East Jordan, Roberts tossed in 17 points with nine rebounds and six assists to lead the offense, while Jessica Skop added 16 points, four boards, three steals and two assists.

Meghan Thomas contributed with 11 points and five rebounds.

"It was nice to open up the conference play with a win," said Greenier. "The team played hard and got the win."

East Jordan took control in the early going with a 13-point first quarter followed by a 22-point second to gain a 35-21 half time advantage.

Boyne City cut the margin to 10 points after three periods, but East Jordan out scored the visitors 16-15 the rest of the way to cut down the comeback effort. "We weren't able to contain Sierra Roberts in the second quarter," said Boyne City head coach Maurie Tomkins. "The girls didn't quit, [they] fought hard in the second half and cut the lead to six points in the fourth quarter. But we had dug ourselves too deep in a hole in the first half."

Whitney Spaay and Holly Stanek scored 17 points each to lead the Lady Ramblers. Stanek also led in rebounds with 18, followed by Amanda Westrick with seven.



Red Devil Katherine Rowley looks to connect with a teammate in what turned out to be a fast and physical game against the Boyne City Ramblers. East Jordan pulled out the win with a final score of 65-54.

photos by Angela Shuttles

East Jordan will be off until Thursday, Sept. 23, when Kalkaska visits to continue league play.

Boyne City 54, Elk Rapids 36
Boyne City finished its week with a resounding 54-36 defeat over a visiting Elk Rapids team, on Thursday, Sept. 9. "We started a little sluggish

in the first quarter, but dominated in the second quarter to take control of the game," head coach Tomkins said. "Melanie Higgins played outstanding in her first start." Tomkins also cited Emma Clemens and Molly Hauser as being strong off the bench.

Stanek led the Ramblers in scoring for the night with 12, followed by

Clemens with 11 and Spaay with 10. Stanek also led in rebounding with eight, followed by Hauser with six.

The team was 56 percent from the line.

Boyne City was scheduled to play Grayling on Tuesday night, and will travel to Suttons Bay on Thursday, Sept. 16.



Boyne City's Emma Clemens is on the run with the ball against East Jordan last week. Later in the week, Clemens put in a strong performance against Elk Rapids, tallying 11 points.

Back to school

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changes, with the ongoing construction project entering its second year. The work, part of a \$7.9 million bond issue approved by voters in September of 2002, included major alterations at the elementary and high schools last year, including the addition of a 500-seat community auditorium. This summer, construction crews continued to log long hours, to complete an extensive laundry list of project items.

Work completed through the summer months at East Jordan Elementary included: four new classrooms; two new technology labs, a new art room and a new music room; and an overhaul of the heating and air handling system. Work is ongoing on the installation of the elevator at the elementary school, and a small amount of site work is to be completed in the coming weeks. All in all, however, said East Jordan schools superintendent Chip Hansen, "by and large the elementary school is complete and in good shape."

At East Jordan Middle School, work has progressed on four new classrooms and a new band room, though students are not yet utilizing those spaces. The kitchen enlargement, Hansen said, is nearly complete, with lunch being served out of the facility.

Perhaps the most significant body of work this summer was completed at East Jordan High School which, according to Hansen, was "almost completely gutted" in key areas, including the media center and school office.

What once served as the media center is now two walk-in computer labs. The new media center is now receiving its finishing touches, located in the space that once housed the high school offices, which now occupy what used to be the "cafetorium" stage area. The Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) classroom, and woods and auto labs have been expanded, doubling their space, with work ongoing. The high school also received three additional classrooms, to house photography, art, and graphic design/yearbook classes.

The East Jordan Community Pool also received some attention, with the interior lighting system completely replaced.

Completing such a large body of work is always a challenge, Hansen notes, especially when counting down to the start of a new school year. "We were in a sprint for the finish all summer long," Hansen said, "but I can't say enough about the work of our school family, to bite the bullet and deal with the disruption in such a positive way."

The construction, he said, had minimal impact on the start of the school year for students, and staff put in the extra effort to make it work. "We had an excellent first week of school," he concluded. "I'm really pleased with the effort of all school family members who continue to work around ongoing construction at all three schools."

Early numbers in East Jordan are less positive, however, indicating that the district may be down a bit in numbers from what had been projected in last spring's budget process. "I'm thinking we're going to be down from what we projected probably about 15 students," Hansen said. "Depending on what happens with state funding, we're hoping it will be a manageable number for us."

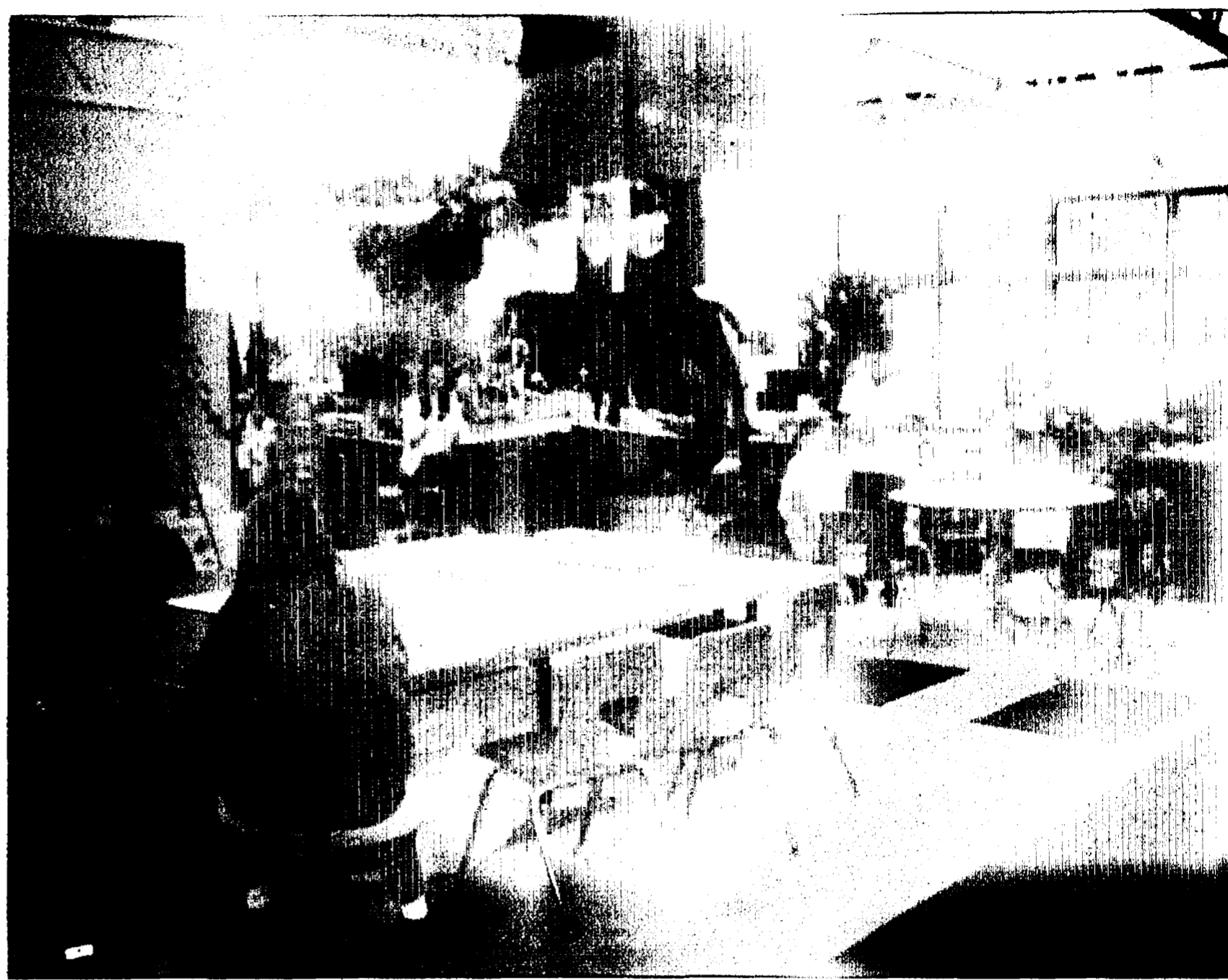
AS OTHER districts have completed or are in the last leg of construction projects, Boyne Falls Public School finds itself at the cusp of a major addition and renovation project, with site work having begun just prior to the start of the new school year. Though it's early in the project, according to Boyne Falls school superintendent Gary Urman, so far so good.

"So far there's been minimal disruption because of the scope of the project," Urman said, noting that thus far, work has consisted of footings and foundation work on the exterior of the existing school building.

With the bid award expected this week for Phase II of the project, the more intense portion of the project will begin soon. "Then we'll start the big mobilization into heavier construction work," he said, "but we don't anticipate that being a big disruption."

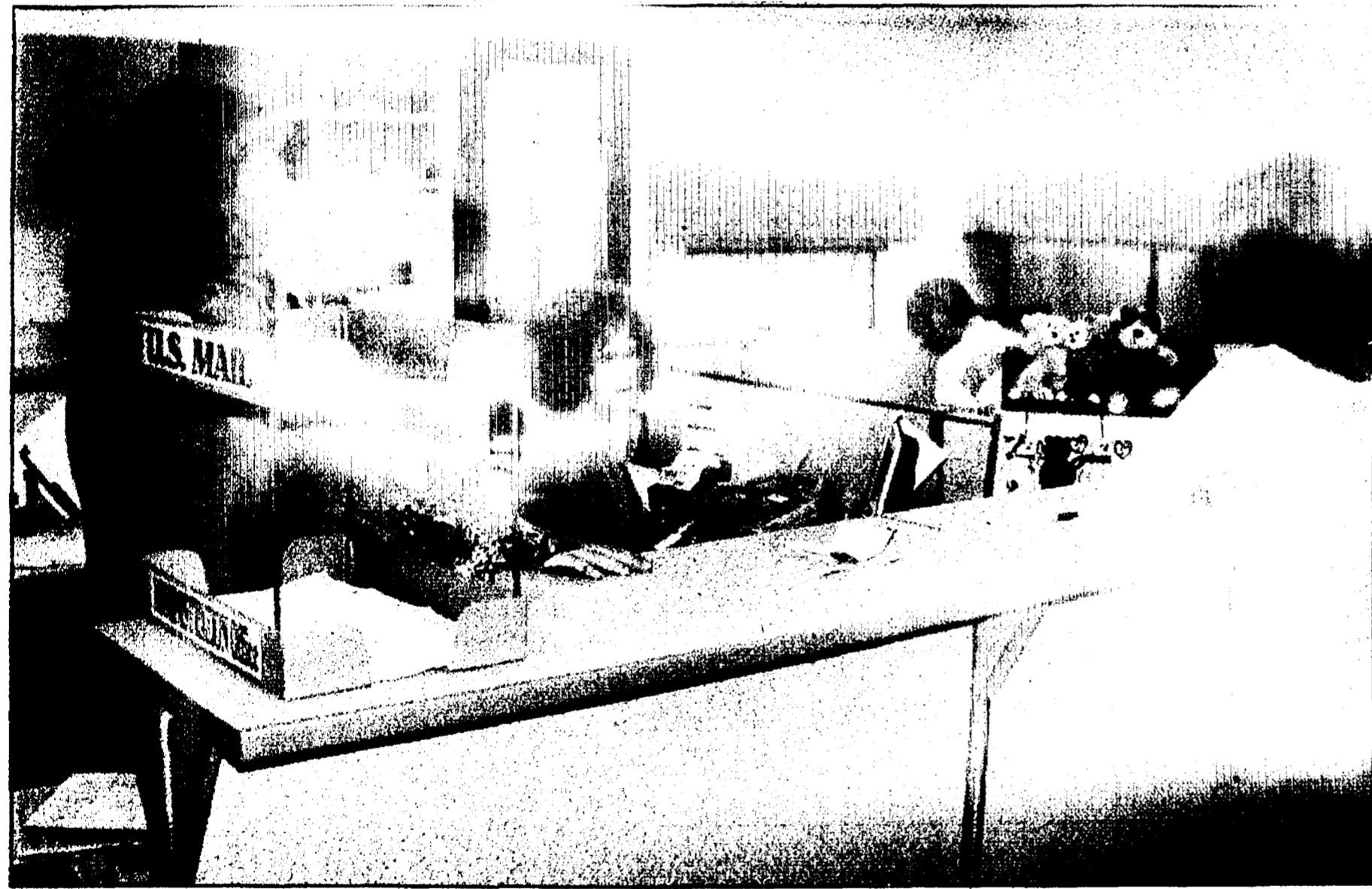
With a construction project that includes additional classrooms and/or lab areas added on to each of the elementary, middle school and high school wings, much of the work will actually take place outside of the current school building. "There will be noise and those kinds of things for kids in those classrooms [closest to the work]," Urman said, but other things, such as entrance and exit routes to busses or the playground, as well as fire exiting adjustments, are already in place so as to minimize impact.

As far as numbers go, Boyne Falls is, preliminarily, optimistic. "I believe we're going to be right around 340 [students]," Urman said, adding that the number will be subject to fluctuation until that first count day later this month. "The budget numbers were projected on 333 [students], so we're up a little bit."

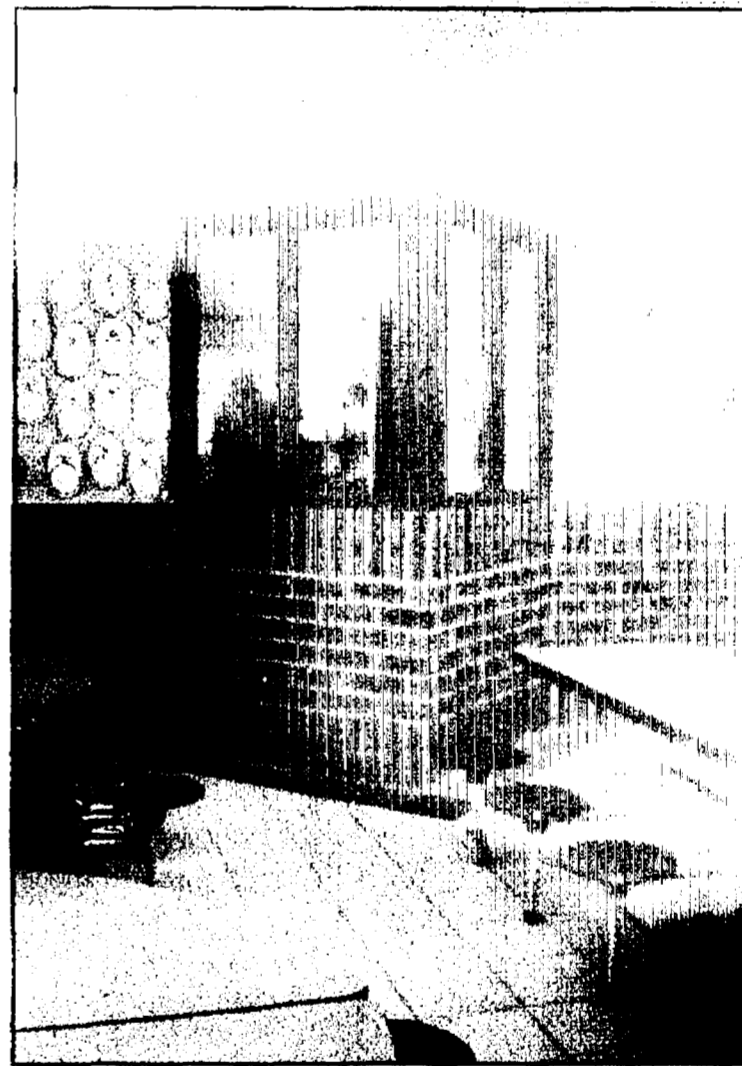


Students and staff are making the most of new classroom space at East Jordan High School, like the bright and roomy art classroom, above. At left, workers are continuing to put the final touches on classroom additions and renovations, even as students have returned to school.

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East Jordan High School principal Tammy Jackson, left, and school secretary Ellen Brouwer, seated, are quickly getting settled into their new digs at the school's new office space.

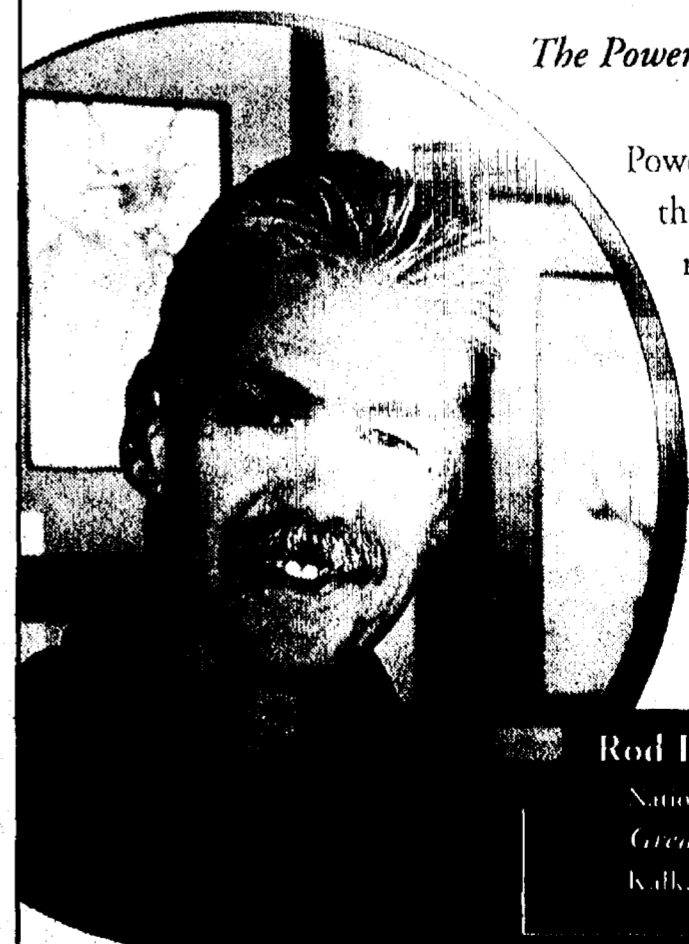


Located in what was once the stage area, the new high school office features a window that looks out over the cafeteria, allowing office staff and administrators to keep tabs on students in the commons area.

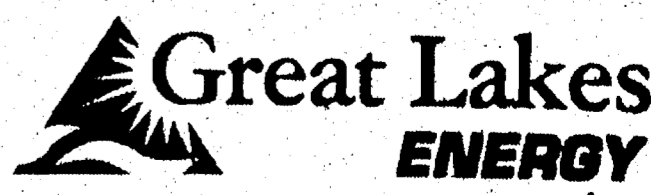
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I would like to talk this opportunity to send my sincere thanks for a job well done at Michigan Spine & Pain. I came to you with ligament damage in my lower back, and I was causing me a great deal of pain and discomfort. My activities were limited and I was concerned about my future. You assured me that my injury would heal, but also an opportunity for better overall physical health. Not only is my back feeling great, my attitude toward better overall health has improved substantially. The confidence in your voice made me realize that there was not only hope for me, but also an opportunity for better overall physical health. Not only is my back feeling great, my attitude toward better overall health has improved substantially. You should be proud of the group of people working at Michigan Spine & Pain. They are some of the most caring and sincere people I have ever met. The Physical therapy I received was key in my rehabilitation and the family like atmosphere made it all that much easier to stick with it. I am grateful to you and staff at Michigan Spine & Pain for giving me a new beginning and I am taking full advantage of a second chance to do the right things.

Very Best Regards,
 Scott Ryan

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