

AT A GLANCE

Commissioners want hearing on marina

The Boyne City Commissioners approved a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Quality requesting a public hearing regarding the Devlon Properties proposed marina at the Boyne Beach Club site.

The date of that hearing will be announced, if approved.

A period of public comment was required and posted via a joint public notice, and will close on April 3.

Comments should be filed with Charles M. Simon, Chief, Permit Evaluation Branch A, Regulatory Office, Detroit District, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1027, Detroit, MI 48231. Comments may be E-mailed to Patricia.A.Borden@usace.army.mil, but must include a name and mailing address.

People wishing to comment must refer to file number 02-041-011-0/02-15-9.

Spring break just days away

East Jordan, Boyne City and Boyne Falls schools are all on the verge of spring break, and with the longer (and warmer) days, everyone is ready for it.

East Jordan schools will have a half day on Friday, April 1, which will mark the beginning of spring break. Students will return to school in East Jordan on Tuesday, April 12.

Boyne City students will have a full day of school Friday, and spring break will run from Monday, April 4 until Monday, April 11, with a return date of April 12.

Classes will resume April 12 in Boyne Falls also, but spring break starts after the normal school day Thursday, March 30, and there will be no school on Friday for Boyne Falls students or staff.

Jazz great coming to BC

World renowned jazz recording artist Maynard Ferguson will perform with his Big Bop Nouveau Band Sunday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Boyne City High School Performing Arts Center Auditorium.

The jazz legend and three-time Grammy nominee will interpret the standards as well as the ever growing list of new compositions with his famous emphasis on improvisation. His crowd-pleasing style focuses on individual expressionism and has been an exciting lure for millions world wide.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. All seats are reserved.

Tickets go on sale April 12 at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, Boyne City High School, and Boyne Country Books.

The Boyne City High School jazz band will open for the jazz legend.

Proceeds from the event will support future programming at the Performing Arts Center.

Time springs forward Sunday

Daylight-saving time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, April 3. Clocks are moved one hour ahead the first Sunday in April, and changed back on the last Sunday in October.



Flying sledders

Catching air wasn't just for skiers when Boyne Mountain hosted its annual snowmobile snowcross race last weekend. The event was well-attended with blue skies and warming weather. Mike Walk of the Michigan Snowcross Racing Association said, "The ski hills at Boyne Mountain offer some of the best racing of the year."

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

The journey leads back to home

By JANE BOOZE
Staff Writer

Brian Seelye has joined the law firm of Thomas Schraw in Boyne City.

The job is new, but the location is familiar as Seelye is now working in his home town, and living in the home where he spent his formative years.

He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1995 and spent the next two years at North Central Michigan College, before moving on the Michigan State University and where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He then attended the Detroit College of Law on the campus of MSU, until his graduation in 2002. He subsequently passed the

bar exam and went to work for the Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney's office.

It may sound like a straight path, but there were obstacles along the way.

He first recognized his ambition to be an attorney while a middle schooler obsessed with Thursday nights and "L.A. Law."

"I was addicted to legal dramas," he said. "But you are so bombarded by the time you get to your junior and senior years — I was lost. I no longer had any idea what I wanted to do."

In high school, the stage proved a natural habitat for Seelye, who enjoyed the public eye. And then he won

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Educators hear a sobering message about drug use

By JANE BOOZE
Staff Writer

Boyne City Public Schools held a teacher in-service last week, and East Jordan Public Schools held the same one recently. It featured guest speakers Randy Weston and Jim Rummer.

Rummer is the assistant principal at Petoskey High School and Weston is a public safety officer based at the same high school. While one is an educator and one a law enforcement officer, they have a shared goal: to keep the Petoskey schools safe, and to expand their drug-awareness and control program to as many school districts as they can.

The in-service included a student who is a former drug-abuser taking the mike to talk about the problem from his vantage point,



Jim Rummer is the assistant principal at Petoskey High School.

and the adults talking about it from theirs.

They discussed the variety of drugs commonly found, not only on inner-city streets, but in the bloodstreams of high school students in northern Michigan. These included everything from marijuana to heroin, with inhalants, over-the-counter and prescription drugs in between.

They discussed the availability of some of these drugs to all kids, any age, any exposure. Inhalants such as spray paint, glue and Readi-Whip are common drugs of choice, as are the dissociatives such as Coricidin D and Robotussin — also known as "Robo" and "poor-man's LSD."

Marijuana, they said, is no longer the "gateway drug," the drug that kids start with that leads to harder and more dangerous drugs. The gateway drug is now tobacco.

"It is against the law for anyone under 18," Weston said. "Once they have broken the law, it is easier to move on to something else."

There are warning signs: changes in relationships, depression, lack of motivation, truancy problems, quitting outside activities, and conflicts with parents and others.

Rummer said the most common one is depression.

The Petoskey schools are finding a lot of drug use. Trends change, drugs of choice change, methods of concealment change, methods of consumption change, but one thing stays consistent: drug use is a problem in many cases even prior to high school.

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Senior center moves one step closer

Planning commission approves plans

After 20 or 30 years in the works, Boyne City will finally be getting a new senior center. With voter approval in November, and now approval from the Boyne City Planning Commission for the preliminary plans and site plans, the Boyne Area Seniors are almost ready to break ground on the new building.

Todd Sorenson, executive director of the Boyne Housing Commission, who works with the Boyne Area Seniors, said the Seniors will move ahead with getting final documents approved by the planning commission next and then collect final costs and estimates. They should be ready to put the plans out for bid sometime in April, and plan to begin construction the first of May.

Northwest Design Group of Petoskey is the engineering firm on the project, working with architects from DEM of Gaylord. The two companies are working together to get final estimates before they go to bid. If the project bids come in reasonably close to estimated

costs, some items not in the initial bid requests could be considered.

"(For instance) we are hoping to be able to put in heated sidewalks leading to the entrance," Sorenson said. "But that may need to be bid as an alternate. It seems right now that every question I get answered, two more pop up—like all construction projects."

The building will be 5,400 square feet, its dimensions 60-feet by 90-feet. There was an elevation drawing done by Floyd Wright's company for the benefit of voters prior to the November election, and the project has tried to stay as close as possible to those drawings.

There will be no basement, the building will be built on a slab, and there will be no elevators.

"We are trying to make it energy-efficient and maintenance-free," Sorenson said.

It will be built near Litzenberger Place and Deer Meadows, on property that was donated by the housing commission.

While the plan is to create a "full-service senior center," one of the things that many people are looking forward to is a full-service kitchen. Currently the senior meals, provided daily, are being brought in from East Jordan. The

"Now we are at a point to finally go forward and get final documents drawn up and out for bid."
— Todd Sorenson,
BC Housing Commission
executive director

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Brian Seelye is a new associate attorney with Thomas Schraw's law firm in Boyne City. Seelye, a graduate of BCHS, is happy to practice near his home and family.

Local VIPs cut through the red tape in a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the Biz resource center last week. Pictured from left are Kelly Larson and Sally VanDomelen, and cutting the ribbon are Yvonne Looze, Carol Lupucki, Eleanor Stackus, Bob Trezice and Scott MacKenzie.



A wealth of business help

■ Biz Resource Center cuts through the red tape

The Biz Resource Center opened in the Boyne District Library on Tuesday, with a ribbon-cutting and a little fun fanfare.

There were about 40 business owners, area professionals and interested folks from other communities at the grand opening.

But what is a business resource center?

It is a cooperative effort of the Boyne City Main Street program, the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and the library, with administrative and resource contributions by Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center and funding by the Michigan Economic Development Center.

According to Kelly Larson of the Main Street program, it is a "one-stop location where current and future small businesses can find needed information and support on a variety of different business-building issues."

What that means in fact, according to Carol Lupucki of MI-SBTDC, is "hardware, software and print resources."

"Everyone is entrepreneurial," Lupucki said. "This provides a place to congregate information, to help people make educated decisions about whether they should go into business (for themselves) or not."

The Boyne District Library was a good fit for the new service, according to library board president, Yvonne Looze.

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— Yvonne Looze, Library board president

"One of the goals of the library has been to upgrade resources that we provide for the business community," Looze said. "This helps us meet that goal. There is a lot of excitement that we can help bring this service."

Looze also pointed out that the library hours make a lot of sense for this type of service.

"We don't close at five. Our hours really help people looking to start a business," she said. "The library should be a life-long learning center. This is another stepping-stone for progressing through that process."

The three agencies involved, NLEA, Main Street and the library, have a synergistic relationship in this: Main Street wants to bring businesses to Boyne City. NLEA wants to give entrepreneurs the tools to be successful and to grow and retain new and existing businesses. The library wants to expand its services and continue to be a dynamic, comprehensive community resource center.

The library provides the space. Main Street provides



Robert Trezice of the Michigan Economic Development Corp. speaks to the community members who assembled to celebrate the grand opening of the Biz resource center at the Boyne District Library last week.

services, information and expertise. NLEA provides Sally VanDomelen.

VanDomelen brings 25 years in the private sector and an MBA from Michigan State to the table. She is a certified small business consultant with NLEA. But most importantly, she is a smiling face and a knowledgeable go-to person in Boyne City.

The Biz resources are extensive and they are provided confidentially and free of charge. People interested in starting a new business will have a wealth of research materials at their disposal. But someone just starting out may not even know where to begin, and that's where VanDomelen comes in. She is an expert in providing direction, pointing to research, and knowing what questions to ask.

She is also encouraging, enthusiastic and excited about business.

Lupucki amends her earlier assessment. "Starting Biz takes nine to 10 thousand dollars worth of stuff," she said. "But it's not just about stuff. It's about having this conference room (in the library) attached to us. It is hardware, software, print resources — and human contact points."

Larson has created a survey which will go out to Main Street businesses to help Biz identify how the community will be best served.

"We will get a closer look at what their needs are," VanDomelen said. "We expect to identify areas where business people want the most help. Do they need help with store lay-out? Do they need help creating a marketing budget? Are they on-line?"

When Biz knows what those needs are, it will set up counseling seminars or one-on-one training sessions at low or no cost to its clients. VanDomelen said that state-wide there are 95 consultants such as herself, and that especially in larger cities, these consultants are specialized. Biz will draw on those people to help train business owners.

"The exciting thing to me is, these specialists —

'circuit riders' — are excited to come up here," VanDomelen said. "A day out of the office and into this paradise."

Small business training is nothing new. It has always been available in bigger cities, VanDomelen said, but Biz is trying to bring it here.

"We know that business owners' time is very limited," she said. "The training will be designed with business owners' schedules in mind."

And she pointed to the number of people that came to the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"It really is an example of Boyne citizens pulling together to let us know they want this training," she said.

State programs can be intimidating, VanDomelen said. That's why the human connection points are important to the success of Biz.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Mother and daughter open Rita's

Rita Olmstead and Heather Cardella are the mother-daughter team who opened Rita's Revente at 123 Water St. in Boyne City recently. These are not women who do things halfway, and they like to be where people can see them.



Heather Cardella, left, and Rita Olmstead love the sunshine and their Water Street location, where they plan to make their new store a shopping destination, not just an incidental in a downtown stroll.

You know how no one likes their pictures taken? It is telling that the joke in their family is that Olmstead and Cardella are in every family photo. Rita's Revente — which is pronounced "rah-vaht," and is French for "resale" — is going to change the way you view resale, in the same way these two have changed the way their family sits for pictures.

With easy smiles and a penchant for conversation, the duo is well-suited to their new venture, although they never intended to go into the resale business, and don't want to follow the rules now.

Both women have spent their careers in the medical field, but were wearying of it.

"Probably two years ago I realized I was over it," Olmstead said. "With so many changes ... the fun of it

was gone. The stressors made it less fulfilling, and I wanted to do something else. But what?"

She eliminated some ideas that appealed to her, but didn't seem viable. One day Cardella E-mailed her a listing from the Internet for a resale shop that

"We want a store for locals. We didn't want to count on just May to August business."
— Rita Olmstead

was for sale ... Needfull Things. Her first reaction was no.

Her second reaction was, "123 Water St.? That's right downtown."

"The location had a lot to do with it," she said. "In medicine, when you want to learn about something, you go to seminars. I got on the Internet and there happened to be a NARTS (National Organization of Resale and Thrift Shops) meeting in Cincinnati — so we went."

Cardella and Olmstead liked what they heard. Mostly what they liked was that the people at the meeting were all happy. NARTS members were enjoying their work.

"There was no rhyme or reason, except that we knew we were heading north. We had no desire to have a resale shop," Olmstead said. "But I loved the location, and when I started doing research, I fell in love with the business.

"I was always a good shopper," she added. "I'm pretty

good at pricing, pretty informed."

Both from Fenton, Olmstead was introduced to Boyne when she was dating her husband several years ago. Mike Olmstead loves Boyne City, but she warned him that she was not going to be "one of those up north people," who battle Friday north-bound and Sunday south-bound traffic.

She was wrong.

Still working in Fenton, Olmstead makes the trip up north on Wednesdays. Her husband, she said, usually finds her on Thursday or Friday.

Cardella and her two children, Christina, 10, and Christopher, seven, simply moved up permanently.

They opened Rita's Revente on Jan. 28, after numerous requests by patrons who wandered in and begged for an early opening — and the timing was perfect.

"We want a store for locals," Olmstead said. "We didn't want to count on just May to August business. We are so glad we got the start with local customers who have become friends — we want people to want to come to our store, we want it to be convenient. And we want them to feel like they're in a store, not a resale store or a consignment store."

It is a resale store, and the ladies are getting consignments from downtown as well as this area. But they envision a high quality of gently used clothing for children and adults, along with an eclectic mix of furniture, artwork and home decor items. Their vision, while not fully realized yet, is taking shape in the old building that Rita's Revente calls home, its tin ceilings and hardwood floors welcoming old things and new ideas.

"We are having a blast," Olmstead said.

Economic alliance names president

Andy Hayes, a northern Michigan native and past executive director of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, has been named the new president for the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

Hayes will begin his new duties in mid April. He replaces Tom Johnson, who left in February to pursue a career in the private sector.

"The Alliance Board is excited to have the opportunity to work with Andy, but it will be the businesses and communities of northern Michigan who will benefit most from Andy's leadership," said Dr. Rick Diebold, board chair of the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

"Andy's background, enthusiasm, and northern Michigan roots make him the best choice to take over the helm at the NLEA."

Hayes was executive director of the Petoskey Chamber from 1987 to 1995 before he became president of

Forward Janesville, Inc., an economic and community development organization in Janesville, Wis. He returned to this area in 2000 to become executive vice president of Harbor House Publishers in Boyne City.

"The NLEA has proven itself to be an incredible resource for economic and community development for Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties," Hayes said.

"The Alliance has a great track record, an excellent staff and top quality board of directors. I'm thrilled to be part of the organization and looking forward to getting started."

Andy and his wife, Cindy, have four children and live in Petoskey.

The alliance, formed in 1984, is a non-profit economic development organization that represents a partnership between Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties and Michigan State University Extension.



Andy Hayes

RE/MAX realtors attain top awards

Realtors with RE/MAX Resort Properties in Boyne City were recently honored by the RE/MAX real estate system for outstanding sales and service in 2004.

They received their awards at the annual regional conference held at the Grand Traverse Resort in February.

RE/MAX Resort Properties was awarded the Premier Market Presence award, which was presented to Gary Deters, Becky Voice and Jeff Wellman. The PMP award is measured by superior performance in professionalism, brand-name awareness, customer satisfaction, citizenship and achieving dominant market share.

Wellman was awarded the distinguished service award, which is given to the owner/broker who is an inspiration and example to all others. Wellman leads his office in fund-raisers for Camp Quality and has written a book to show other agents how to balance a career without sacrificing what's most important — family, friends and enjoying life.

Pat O'Brien and Wellman were awarded the platinum club award, based on sales production for 2004. Only 73 associates received this status.

Voice, Deters and Ida Miller were with the 100 percent club award; Donna Dilworth received the executive club award and Salli Hawkins received presidents club honos, all based on sales production.

Century 21 agents earn honors



Members of the Century 21 Up North staff were honored at the recent Northern Broker Council's award banquet.

The Century 21 Northern Broker Council held its annual awards banquet Feb. 26 at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Century 21 Up North agents receiving honors were Mark and Jody Kowalske at Centurion level and number one team; Gary W. Roberts at Centurion level and number one agent; Valinda Turner, Steve Knysz and Sue Grobaski all received sales achievement awards.

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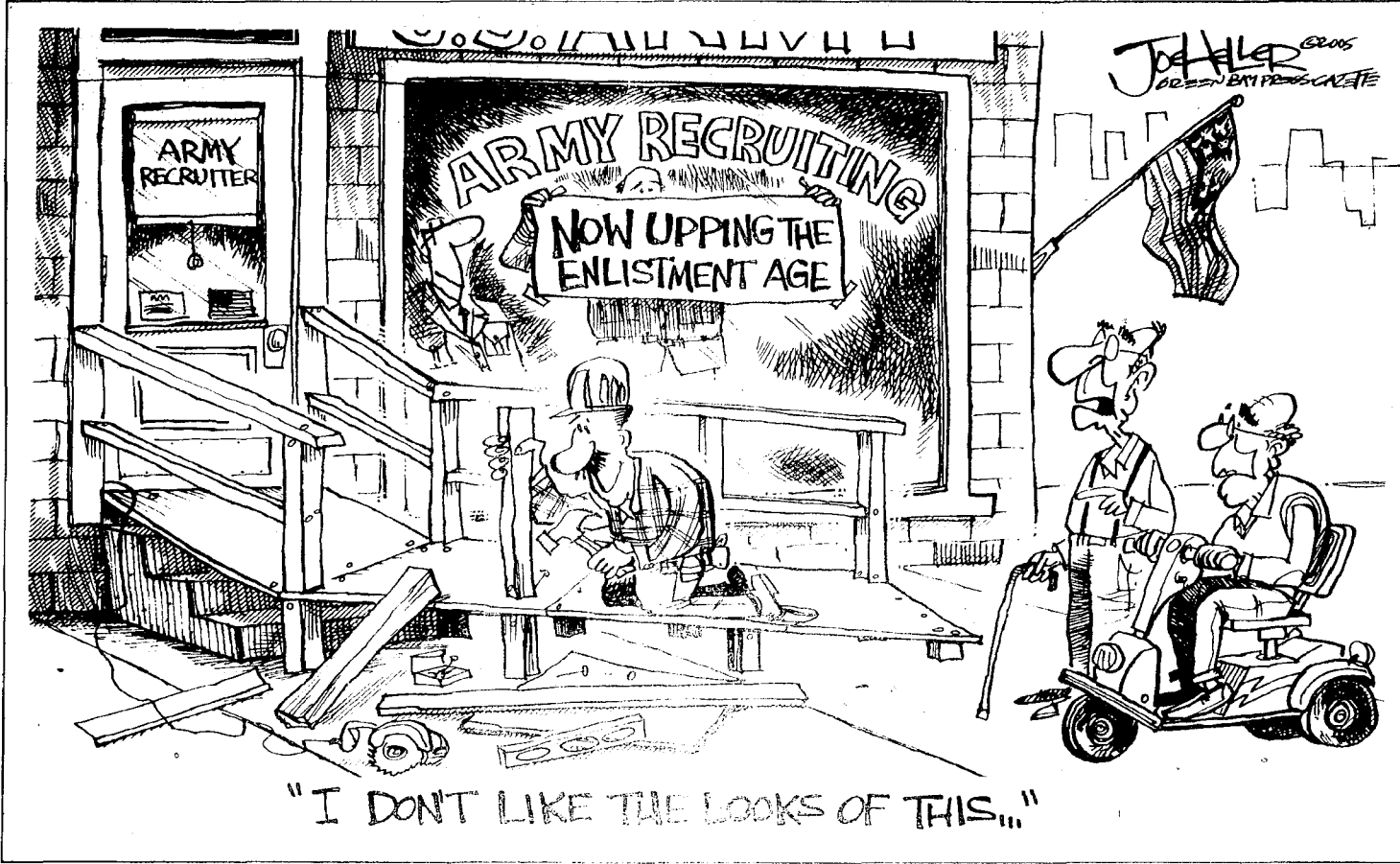
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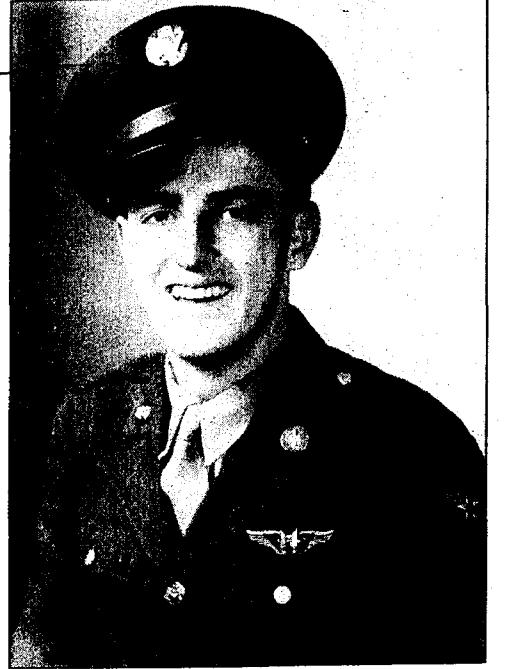
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OPINION



VETERAN OF THE MONTH



DONALD DEVERE HOCQUARD

The Veteran of the Month for March is Donald Devere Hocquard born Dec. 9, 1924 in Boyne City.

He left school in 1940 and went to work at the Boyne City Bakery. On May 21, 1943, he was inducted into the Inactive Enlisted Reserve Corps and on May 28, 1943 entered into active duty at Fort Custer, Mich.

He received basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and additional training at Westover Field, Mass., Chatham Field, Ga., and Mitchel Field, N.Y.

On Aug. 19, 1944, he departed the United States and arrived in the European Theater of Operations on Aug. 21, 1944 being assigned to the 15th Army Air Force, 55th Bombardment Wing, 464th Bombardment Group. Hocquard served as the in-flight engineer and top turret aerial gunner aboard a B-24 Liberator Bomber and flew 31 combat missions in the following battles and campaigns: Rome Arno, No Apennines, Po Valley, Southern France, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Air Combat Balkans.

On June 6, 1945 he departed the European Theater of Operations arriving in the USA on Jun. 18, 1945. He received his honorable discharge on Sept. 8, 1945 at the Separation Center, Fort Sheridan, Ill., having attained the rank of technical sergeant. He received the following decorations and citations: European African Middle Eastern Theater Service Ribbon with one Silver and three Bronze Battle Stars; Army Air Force Air Crew Member Badge (Wings); one Overseas Service Bar; the Air Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy.

After serving his county, he returned to work at the Boyne City Bakery and later worked for Rouses' Party Store.

On May 10, 1946 he married Doris May Wicker in Petoskey and in 1959 went to work at the A&P Grocery Store as a meat cutter. When the A&P closed, he was hired in July of 1976 as a custodian for the Boyne City School System where he retired in March of 1988.

He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, bowling and his family until he answered the final call on Dec. 8, 2000. He is being honored by his wife Doris and family.

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 the program chairman at (231) 588-6067 or on Tuesdays call (231) 582-7811 between 4 and 6 p.m. The ceremony may be witnessed on the first Thursday of each month in front of The American Legion Post located on the corner of Lake and Main in Boyne City, at 6:15 p.m.

LETTERS

Public input on proposed marina is important part of process

TO THE EDITOR:

There are three marinas within the Boyne City Marina District currently on the drawing boards. Although the Boyne City Municipal Marina is still in the planning stages, two others could begin construction this season if permits are issued promptly.

On Feb. 15, 2005, after over a year of extended review, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Land and Water Management Division (LWMD) suddenly approved the "Phase I" construction permit for One Water Street's 400' long marina near Garrett's Restaurant. This approval has been issued in spite of the Charlevoix County Planning Commission's objections, the City of Boyne City's expressed opposition to this proposal and numerous controversial or arbitrary findings in the LWMD file review.

On March 14, 2005, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the DEQ provided Joint Public Notice for the massive marina proposed by Devlon Properties at the site of the planned condominium project across from Glen's Market. I urge concerned citizens to take the time to review this proposal and submit written comments immediately. The city is requesting a public hearing and if/when one is scheduled it will be announced. However, the current deadline for written comments is April 3, 2005.

Please take the time to stop by city hall to review the

document or online. The actual application is not easily found on either the DEQ or USACE websites, however, you can locate "Devlon Joint Public Notice" to reach the USACE Devlon District page. After studying the application and the drawings, you can submit your comments directly to Paris in Borden from that page.

Although Devlon's "Boyaac Beach Club" has only 30 units, the proposed marina is for 111 slips for 40- to 60 foot yachts and boat docks for four yachts over 100 feet. It is extremely important for individuals to consider the best use of this marina of this size would provide. Although this is the appropriate site for a marina, in accordance with the City of Boyne City's Master Plan, this proposal would impose other threats to our water quality and the environment as a result of the extensive dredging this plan requires.

In addition, there are other considerations the DEQ and USACE will be evaluating. These include potential and cumulative impacts on lake views, recreation and fishing, as well as the impairment of the public's right to navigate in and around the adjacent public launch site and on the other surface waters in the vicinity. This expense of piers and pilings will be empty 10 months of the year and the same obstructions that interfere with our serene sunsets must also be lit with high intensity lighting, contributing to the growing problem of light pollution.

I like boats and many of my friends own them. I do not, however, see how wonderful it will be to encourage hundreds of gigantic yachts to create endless wakes across our waters. The city's municipal marina will eventually provide the transient, short-term dockage for visitors who wish to shop and dine in our fair town. The demand for shoppers docks is immediate and pressing; however, the commercial slips proposed by One Water Street and Devlon are unlikely to solve this problem. Regardless of which plans are approved, we must keep in mind the price we will pay for the limited retail or restaurant profit derived from July and August boating receipts.

So, please prepare your written comments or call the DEQ or Army Corps of Engineers or your city council representatives with your questions. Now is the time to have your say, or forever hold your peace. The developers and those who share their view are motivated and well-organized. If you care, now is not the time to sit quietly by believing that your best interests will prevail.

We need to protect and preserve the remaining charm of our town without compromising our future. We've made mistakes in the past. Let us not repeat them by selling out to the short-sighted economic gain of a few parties for the exclusive pleasure of a few non-residents.

*Lexley Pritchard
Boyne City*

EJ soldiers getting a care package from home

TO THE EDITOR:

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 227 of East Jordan has been sending boxes of goodies to our East Jordan men and women who are in Iraq. We take four names each and send many things to them. Our juniors even made some pictures to send them. The picture shows two of the juniors helping to pack boxes.

If anyone has names and addresses of anyone from East Jordan, please contact us so that we can send them a package as well.

Also, if anyone would like to donate, we are happy to accept your help. We always put six of everything in each box, so that the servicemen and women are able to share with their friends.

For more information, call me at 536-6644. Leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

*Thank you,
Evelyn Hull*



Legion ladies pack boxes for East Jordan men and women serving in Iraq. Donating their time, from left, are Betty Pearsall, Lily Jackson, Izzebell Watros and Evelyn Hull.

MANY THANKS

Tournament a great success

Thank you to the merchants, bowlers and Bill Werner of Gemini Lanes/The Zone in East Jordan for participating in the bowling tournament again this year.

The money that was raised was donated to Camp Quality. It was a great success.

*Thank you,
Mike and Judy Jackson*

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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

THE FAMILY OF Gladys Shepherd gathered at the home of Murray and JoAnn Follette on Sunday, March 20, to help her celebrate her 89th birthday.

TINA AND HER daughter Allysen are here with her parents, Lloyd and Ruby VanAlstine, visiting for the next three weeks.

COME AND JOIN in at the Boyne Area Senior Center this week: Thursday, March 31, for lemon pepper cod and bingo; Friday, April 1, stuffed pepper and music...

with jam, jellies and other goodies for sale; Tuesday, April 5, goulash; Wednesday April 6, sloppy Joe with bun and cards at 12:45 p.m.; Thursday April 7, chicken a la king and bingo.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES go out this week for the family and friends of Sherry (Wilson) McBee of Boyne Falls and Dan Bradley of Horton Bay.

MARILYN JAREMA of Boyne City celebrated her 73rd birthday on Easter Sunday. Her daughter, Theresa Hecker, of Boyne Falls organized a birthday party for her at the Ponderosa in Gaylord.

TOM GARLOCK JR. of Pottsville, Texas was recently here visiting his Mom, Bunny Garlock, and sisters.

MARTI HUTCHINSON and David Somers made a trip to Owosso for Easter weekend, to spend time with David's family. It was a wonderfully beautiful weekend for an out of town trip!

THE ENTIRE KELTS FAMILY spent the day at the Jeffre Kelts home. Mark Loding of Grand Rapids and Sandy Adams joined them as guests.

To submit an item, call Nancy at 582-9174 or e-mail to neighbors@glakes.com

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Boyne City High School

NAME: Megan Bascom
PARENTS: Roxanne and Richard Bascom
GRADE: Junior
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Painting, hanging out with friends, listening to music, etc.
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Spanish club and student council
FUTURE PLANS: To attend college and pursue a career in the medical field.



Megan Bascom

East Jordan High School

NAME: Scott Hansen
GRADE: Freshman
PARENTS: Chip and Laura Hansen
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, Baseball, and Basketball
FUTURE PLANS: College for Business and Technology
FAVORITE CLASS: BMT
COMMENTS: "Scott is bright and hard working, giving nothing less than 110 percent."



Scott Hansen

"Scott has been an excellent geometry student. His work is always very complete and I can count on Scott to participate in class," said Mrs. Russell. "I really enjoy Scott's positive attitude towards mathematics and he is a real pleasure to have in class."

East Jordan Middle School

NAME: James Wheeler
PARENT: Tina Wheeler
GRADE: Eighth
ACTIVITIES: He was involved in the recent production of "Annie Get Your Gun," performed by the East Jordan Drama Department.
COMMENTS: Submitted by Kay Holey, Matt Hamilton, Paul Nachazel, Jennifer Cary, Michelle Seelye, and Barb Noiro.



James Wheeler

CRADLE CALL

Tom and Colleen (Richards) Pettit are the proud parents of twins born two months early on Feb. 27, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. The babies are LEA MARIE, who weighed 3 lb., 3 oz., and ANDREW JAMES, who weighed 3 lb., 8 oz.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

Saturday, April 2
The Open Door Christian Coffee House meets every first and third Saturday of the month from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Senior Center on Main St. in East Jordan.

HOME BUYER WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 5
A free Home Buyer Education Workshop will be offered by Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency on Tuesday, April 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. at its office located at 2202 Mitchell Park Dr. Suite #4, Petoskey.

PEACE COFFEE HOUSE

Saturday, April 9
The next performance will be April 9 at 8 p.m. at the Jordan River Arts Center on Main Street in East Jordan.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

Mondays
The Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center is open every Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., located on Park Street in Boyne City.

OES CHAPTER 95

First Monday
The OES Evangline Chapter 95 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 212 N. Lake Street.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, 6:30 p.m. (Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday noon, 8 p.m. (Grapevine Study); Saturday 10 a.m. Meetings are closed and non-smoking.

ALANON

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

EJ FOOD PANTRY

Thursdays
The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the Health Center.

SERVICE BRIEFS

Air Force senior airman MELINDA A. BLUMKE has arrived for duty at Eglin Air Force Base, Valparaiso, Fla. Blumke, a work-group manager with five years of military service, is assigned to the 58th Fighter Squadron.

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Jacob Balch, a fourth grader at East Jordan Elementary school, is serious about reading, as he attends the annual family literacy night. This year had a camping and cross-country theme, with map-making stations and campsites complete with logs for sitting on.

East Jordan students enjoy a good read

The East Jordan elementary school literacy night saw more than 100 students and their parents in attendance on a spring-like evening last Tuesday.

The small gym had kindergarten through third-graders, while the large gym housed fourth- and fifth-graders. Each gym was set up with stations manned with adult volunteers.

The younger students moved through four stations, taking about 20 minutes at each one.

There was a campfire sing-along complete with tent, campfire, logs for the kids to sit on and a constellation to contemplate. Most importantly, there were campfire stories. There was an "Amelia Bedelia" station, where the kids heard the classic children's story, and made lemon pie.

There was "Tacky the Penguin," narrated, read and acted out by students for an audience of their parents. The students also read poetry, with their clear voices easily heard even over the din of the other stations.

Finally, there was a United States station, where the students got to participate in map-making.

Up the hall, the older kids had a map, too, but theirs was larger: a huge floor map of the United States. They got a geography lesson and answered questions about their own country's geography. They had a sing-along, with "This Land is Your Land," and a rollicking rock song with original, reading-oriented lyrics.

There was a Native American station, where the students were treated to a story and then got to make little leather pouches containing cedar, appropriate to the tale.

Finally, there was a haiku station, where the students were able to practice literacy from the writing end and create their own poetry.

The maps, the geography, the camping and Native American themes all had their roots in the general theme of the evening: Reading Road Rally.

The road rally theme was not specific to the literacy event. It is a year-long contest between the school principal, Cal Prins, and the assistant principal, Sarah Malpass. They are, through various reading programs, racing across the country with the help of hard-reading teams of students.

At the end of the year, the administrators will race remote-controlled cars across the big gym, ending the year-long Reading Road Rally.



At left, Boyne City High School Spanish students, from left, Kathleen Adkison, Kim Foster, Ashley Gibbs, Julianne Rivette, Sydney Fish, Allison Aown, Trisha Tomkins and Caitlyn Wonski were on hand to help with the Spanish Alphabet Song for the RIF Mexican Fiesta. Above, first-graders Nicholis Hickerty, left, and Benjamin Forbes are happy with their choice of books. Students were able to select a book to keep and also received a gift certificate to Subway.

Reading programs have a fiesta

The Boyne City Parent Teacher Organization celebrated its third annual "Snuggle Up and Read" family literacy night last week with a Mexican fiesta.

Students and their families who came out to join the fiesta were able to practice the limbo, take a swing at a piñata and visit two reading rooms.

In one of the reading rooms, families were able to enjoy the classic Dr. Seuss tale "Huevos Verdes y (what's ham in Spanish?) — and the English version.

"Green Eggs and Ham" as well, read by fourth-grade Spanish teacher Amy Janssens and her husband, Christian.

In the next room, "The Iguana Brothers" took on character with the changeable voices of Marty Moody.

It was the second cultural reading experience of the day. Reading is fundamental also applied a Mexican Fiesta theme to its daytime event, and students were able to enjoy the festivities while they selected a book to keep.

Physics, budget among the items discussed by EJ school board

The East Jordan School Board heard a presentation at its March 2 meeting by physics teacher Lance Bailey on his students' excellent results at the annual Rube Goldberg competition held at Lake Superior State University in February.

The EJHS students swept the competition, placing first and second. Bailey was joined at the meeting by several of the students. The wins qualify the students for national competition, which will be held in Milwaukee, Wis., at the end of April.

Superintendent Chip Hansen provided the board with another in a series of updates on the 2005-06 School Aid Fund discussions.

Hansen's report outlined the district's time-line for managing their projected deficit, including a plan to inform and involve parents as key stakeholders in the district, and in public education in general, by enlisting their support as the district seeks to join with others to hold Lansing lawmakers accountable for the school funding crisis.

The district is faced with the need to reduce next year's budget by an additional \$612,000 in order to balance expenditures with projected revenues.

The board approved a voluntary leave-of-absence request by elementary school principal Sarah

Malpass for the 2005-06 school year. The board is considering voluntary leaves-of-absence as a tool to assist with budget crisis management. Approving Malpass' leave saves the school district approximately \$55,000 for the 2005-06 school year.

The board approved several probationary and tenure teaching contracts for eligible faculty members.

The board then went into closed session to discuss upcoming employee negotiations.

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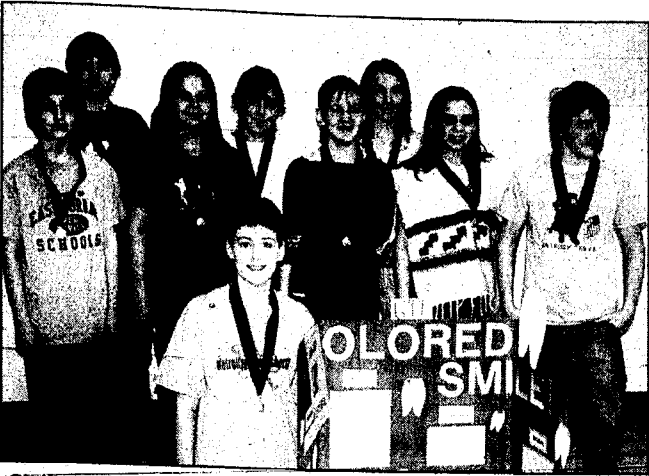
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Sixth grade scientists gather around first place winner, in front, Derek Malpass. Other honorees include, middle row from left: Seth Rachwitz, Yolanda Lee, Sarah Byce, Sara Jordan, and Robbie Crick. Back row: Morgan Tinney, Amber Barnum and Brady Brennan. Not pictured is Syndal Morris.



First place seventh-grade science fair winner Kaitlin Keane, front, is surrounded by other budding scientists. Middle row, from left: Megan Keiser, Sara Robinson and Dillon Hughes. Back row: Shaina Peters, Kalie Tyree, Jacob Kovel, Melyssa Skroski, Ashley Gilland and Erin Poindexter.



Eighth-graders Miranda McFall, left, and Kayla Mousseau took first place for their grade in the science fair with a computer board. In close competition were, middle row, from left: Joe Hidakatsu, Alyssa Piechocki and Emily Bajko. Backrow: Andrew Boyer, Gloria Barnum, Levi Warnos, Brittani McCully and Nathan Perrault.

Students show their talents at science fairs

The East Jordan Middle School was packed with students last Monday for the final day of the science fair, and the winners were announced. Judges had the unenviable task of selecting the best projects from an impressive array of entries, ranging from experiments in mold growth to models of jellyfish to the staining capabilities of different substances on tooth enamel.

The annual fair, which is held each spring, has improved during his two years at EJMS, according to Craig DeHoog, the sixth-grade science teacher. He was able to see a tremendous effort in the boards on display, and congratulated all the students on their

projects.

First place winners were, sixth grade: Derek Malpass; seventh grade: Kaitlin Keane and eighth grade: Kayla Mousseau and Miranda McFall. Second place winners included, sixth grade: Brady Brennan; seventh grade: Sarah Robinson and Dillon Hughes, and eighth grade: Levi Warnos. Third place winners were, sixth grade: Robbie Crick, in a tie with Amber Barnum; seventh grade: Ashley Gilland and Erin Poindexter, and eighth grade: Joe Hidakatsu and Andrew Boyer. Fourth place went to, sixth grade: Sara Jordan; seventh grade: Megan Keyser and eighth grade: Gloria Barnum. Fifth place winners were,



Eighth-grader Aaron Anzell, winner of Most Outstanding science fair entry, stands between classmates, Hannah Robinson, left, and Meghan Martinez, showing off their winning projects.

seventh grade: Jacob Kovel and eighth grade: Brittani McCully.

Honorable mentions went to sixth-graders Sarah Byce, Morgan Tinney and Seth Rachwitz, and Yolanda Lee and Syndal Morris. Seventh grade honorable mentions were Katie

Tyree, Melyssa Skrocki and Shaina Peters. Eighth graders receiving honorable mention were Alyssa Piechocki, Nathan Perrault

and Emily Bajko.

The Boyne City Middle School science fair was held March 15, and the contestants were not measured by first, second and third place winners, but by the entries that were the most challenging, creative, outstanding and practical.

The Boyne City fair included students in fifth through eighth grades.

These entries also were widely ranging and difficult to judge, but the fair was deemed a success, with both parents and teachers

impressed by the quality of the entries.

Winners were, fifth-grade: Cassidy Shankleton, Halle Poole, Gerritt Moeke and Tess Seelye; sixth-grade: Zach Hosmer and Stephanie Munk, Kaci Trixler and Brian Wonski, Katie MacKenzie and Joslyn Moore, and Katelyn Lutterbach and Kaitlyn Plante. Seventh-grade winners were: Michael Cortright, Nathan Clubine and Casmeat Kerr, Maddie Moeke and Amanda Welborn, and Brittany

Coulston and Wes Roberge; eighth grade: Eric Boyer, Lindsey Herrington, Hannah Robinson and Aaron Anzell, and Meghan Martinez.

STUDENT NEWS

CHRISTINE HEATHER BAXTER was inducted into the Alpha Omicron Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at North Central Michigan College on March 13. Baxter, majoring in English, is married to Shane Baxter of Boyne City.

Lions seeking nominees for Mother of the Year

The East Jordan Lions Club is seeking nominations for the 2005 Mother of the Year. Those wishing to nominate a special mother can send a list of attributes to the East Jordan Lions Club, P.O. Box 845, East Jordan, MI 49727. The deadline for submissions is April 22. The winner will be announced at the Lions' annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on Saturday, May 6.

CLARIFICATION

A photo outline in last week's Citizen-Journal regarding the Boyne City High School play might have created confusion on the number of drama students injured in a recent car accident. Four students were hurt, two seriously.

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Brian

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the presidential scholarship to NCMC and that settled one thing: where he would be going to college.

The summer after his graduation, Seelye's father was killed in a tragic accident. It was a difficult time, and is still not easy to talk about.

At NCMC he branched out, took art and biology, the basics for general requirements, but also an opportunity to fine-tune his interests.

He enrolled at Michigan State University after NCMC, this time with a solid direction: pre-law and political science.

He graduated in 1999, and was ready for law school — but not quite.

"I told my mom I didn't want to rush into it, and she said, 'You are going now,'" Seelye said. So, on the last possible day, he applied to the Detroit College of Law on the MSU campus — and was accepted. Two weeks later he was back at school.

"Law school was the most horrific experience," he said. There was constant, unrelenting stress, and for the first time in his academic career he had to read all his textbooks cover-to-cover. There were no papers, no mid-terms, and lectures for weeks and weeks. At the end there was one pass-or-fail exam. He passed.

"It was kind of rough, and very competitive," he said. "I passed. I was very happy."

But tragedy struck again the summer after his first year. His mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and in January of his second year of law school, she succumbed to the disease.

It is hard to put a good spin on losing both parents. But Seelye is apt to see the good in a situation where it exists.

"At the very least, I am a lot closer to my brother and sister," he said. "For that, I am grateful."

He took a week off after his mother's death and then went right back to school. He took a reduced load for a while, so, while officially he graduated in May, he was still working on an internship with the Charlevoix County prosecutor, Mary Beth Kur. And he was studying for the bar.

"Mary Beth (Kur, then county prosecutor), whom I really admire, and now consider a friend, said, 'We're training you anyway — if you want a job you can have it.' She said to think it over and let her know, but I knew already," Seelye said.

As a rookie attorney, Seelye soon had a couple of real jury trials under his belt — and an even record: one win, one loss.

"I didn't let it get me down, because I knew that was part of it — even when you know you're right, there's still a chance you're going to lose," he said. "The jury may have a feeling something happened, but are not sure beyond a reasonable doubt what happened."

After Kur was defeated in her bid for re-election, Seelye stayed on with the new prosecutor, John Jarema, for two months. Then he was approached by Tom Schraw out of Boyne City to work as an associate attorney at his law firm, and he decided that is what he wanted to do.

"In the prosecutor's office, I had to represent the state, the victim — and ensure the defendant's rights are never violated," he said. "When I went to my job I knew what to expect each day and what my job was."

"Now I will be dealing with cases and contracts I have heard of but never dealt with before," he said. "That was part of the draw — this will be another learning experience."

This type of practice is new to him, but he feels that his time with the county has allowed him to bring some valuable experience to the Boyne City firm.

"I got a lot of experience out of the prosecutor's office — many jury trials, unlike a lot of new attorneys. Also quite an array of different cases, drunk driving, rape, assault," he said.

At some point he would like to open his own practice, or partner with Schraw in a different office nearby.

"I definitely want to stay in the area, but a small community like Boyne can only handle so many lawyers."

Outside his career and offices, Seelye is a friendly guy with a ready smile ("I am possessed of a fake smile," he said of posing for pictures, but he is possessed of a very genuine one as well).

He loves to read — mostly fiction — and read at least one book a week for recreation, even in law school. He will not see a movie until he has read the book. He loves Disney World. He loves to travel, and takes notice of small things.

Mostly he loves his two beautiful nieces, his brother and sister-in-law, his sister and her husband-to-be. Family has come to mean a great deal to this big-hearted man.

Brian Seelye is about to give lawyers a good name.

Sobering message

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Seventh and eighth grades have become the transition years from experimental use to habitual use, with users defining "experimental" as three to four times a week. A habitual user is a daily user, and even in northern Michigan, kids are making this jump as early as middle school.

"Not every kid who gets busted has a problem, but drug use at any level creates problems," Weston said, citing legal, educational and relational issues that come up.

"But by the time we identify that a kid has a problem, it is a problem," said Rummer.

The school and law enforcement do battle not just against student users, but against adults who are actively promoting drug use, turning a blind eye, or simply uninformed.

Retailers such as Ethnic Creations in Petoskey sell paraphernalia items, labeled legally as "for tobacco use," and "must be 18 to purchase," but the items are ones that no law enforcement officer has seen used for tobacco. One item sold by Ethnic Creations was an Avery highlighter that had been altered to hold a one-hit pipe in the end, while the business end still worked as a highlighter. (This item is currently not for sale at that retailer, since it was discovered by the Petoskey team.)

But one of the problems they face is resistance by educators, communities and parents to step forward and say, "We know that there is a problem."

"Look, here's what's happening," Weston said. "Young people are dying from overdoses."

"There is a movement toward 'responsible use,'" Weston said. "Parents will allow drinking, for instance, in their homes, taking the keys and rationalizing that they would rather have their kids using at home than somewhere else."

Kids themselves will get educated about drugs, what effects they can expect, what doses they should take, what drugs react with what. If your child knows more about pharmaceuticals than you do, beware.

Websites have warnings (by adults) such as this:

"The very best thing you can do to protect yourself, short of abstinence, may be to keep yourself in good physical health so your brain can heal itself before permanent damage occurs."

This website offers a disclaimer that its

intended readership is adult only, but most experimental drug users are not adults.

Rummer and Weston are frustrated by efforts to minimize the threat by suggesting that there is a

"responsible" way to use drugs, and also by the implicit approval of illegal drug use.

"I see the bad things. Kids in the emergency room, with alcohol poisoning ... date rape," said Weston.

What should parents do to protect their children against dangerous drugs and the predatory adults who supply them?

"There is no such thing as a bad kid — there are kids who make bad decisions," Weston said. "They need to be taught how to make the right decisions."

First, parents and teachers need to be educated, they need to know what to look for and what to do when they find it. The earlier drug use is detected, the easier it is to re-educate the child (Weston dislikes the word "rehabilitate," because he said it has negative connotations, as if the child is already a junkie). Parents need to be willing to face hard facts, admit that their own children will deceive them about drug use, and be willing to recognize that if and when their own role is insufficient, they should get law enforcement involved.

"Our system is not punitive," Weston said, and said that when parents have gotten the kids into court, it has been effective. "I have never had a parent say, 'I wish I hadn't done that' — although we have had a couple who said, 'You were right.'"

Rummer added, "We are intervening earlier and the interventions are making a difference."

Schools must also be involved. "Talk about No Child Left Behind," Rummer said. "These kids can't pass a MEAP test if they can't pass a drug test."

What schools can do is offer alternatives. Drugs are easily accessible to kids in every single school. The Petoskey school, in coalition with the community, has piloted a program called COATS, which stands for Community Offering Alternatives to

Substance Abuse.

COATS, which holds an after-school program for students who have been caught abusing drugs, is proving effective because the adults and counselors who are involved care deeply about the students.

"We think of it as a protective, soft covering instead of the warrior approach," Rummer said. "We are not two guys waiting to pop kids. We want to educate and keep them safe."

"We are changing the stigma," Rummer said. "But we have said, 'Enough is enough.'"

A 10-day possession suspension can be pared down to five days if a student will do voluntary drug-screening and attend COATS one time. Most kids keep attending.

"We are going to court and advocating for these kids," Rummer said. "The kids turn a corner because they know they are cared about."

"I am going to uphold my responsibility when it comes to violations of the law," Weston said. "A lot of kids are coming clean and helping educate other communities."

COATS, which includes court officials, parents, law enforcement, community members, and educators as well as students, provides a diverse range of activities and services from weekly group counseling, dances at the YMCA (well attended), and climb night at Camp Daggatt to free drug-screening for young adults and parent workshops. COATS is also the catalyst for the presentations given by Weston, Rummer and the student participants.

The drug problem is real and increasing. In spite of a very aggressive drug-prevention and cessation program, even Petoskey is seeing increasing numbers — and theirs are lower than the other area schools that have shared their statistics.

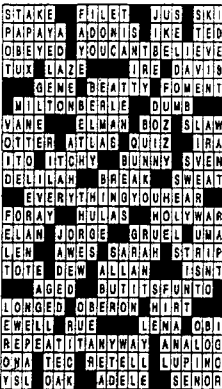
"It's frustrating to us that when we started trying to educate the public, we seemed to only get the parents who are already proactive," Weston said. "The ones who aren't going are the ones who need to."

"Profiling and stereotypes are gone," Rummer said. "Every parent has the same issues. Knowledge gives them the advantage."

"There is no such thing as a bad kid — there are kids who make bad decisions. They need to be taught how to make the right decisions."

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Under old business the Post was granted an unlimited exception to the building codes from the State of Michigan regarding the necessity to install ramps or lifts to make the post building barrier-free. Under new business Jerry Evans stated that all of the post's active duty members will be home from Iraq in April this year and asked that we all, including the community, give thanks to God for His protecting grace.

The next regular meeting will be held April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Post home and will be preceded by the Veteran of the Month Ceremonies at 6:15 p.m. followed by a potluck supper. Area veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

People Fund awards grants

Grants totaling more than \$69,000 for Great Lakes Energy People Fund were awarded in 2004 to local community organizations in northern Michigan, from Grayling to Petoskey. The People Fund is supported solely by GLE customers who allow their electric company to round up their bill each month to the next dollar. In 2004, the rounded-up amounts totaled nearly \$128,000 across Michigan. The money was collected and distributed to help charitable causes throughout GLE's 26-county service area.

In the immediate area, the GLE People Fund donated \$4,000 to Challenge Mountain to install a permanent handicapped accessible lift at the Boyne City marina. In addition, the Top of Michigan Trails Council was awarded \$10,000 to develop a non-motorized trail from Boyne City to Charlevoix.

Bears win season finale

In the final game of the season, the Boyne Area Hockey Association Bears (Squirt 1) defeated the St. Johns Red Wings, 3-2, at the year-end tournament on March 12. The tournament was held in Sault Ste. Marie at the Big Bear Arena.

Max Schwein scored two goals, both assisted by Sam Black, and Aaron Clark scored, assisted by Ben Schwartzfisher and Max Schwein.

Breanna Merriman was the winning goalie.

Mitchell Reynolds, Shane Severn, Casey Batterbee and TJ Funck had a strong defensive game, and Eddie Brook and Trevor Stanton did an excellent job of clearing the puck out of the zone.

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NOTICE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS OF BOYNE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that the regular school election will be held in Boyne City, Wilson Township and Bay Township on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Electors who wish to vote in the school election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2005. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

In person: At your city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some office of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.
 By Mail: By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting any of the following clerks.

NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Electors who wish to register with the county or city/township clerk are advised to call ahead for location.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following proposition(s) (if any) will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election:

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, exempting therefrom principal residence and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Boyne City Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties, Michigan be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 3 years, 2005, 2006 and 2007, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2005 is approximately \$4,614,150 (this is a renewal of millage with expired with the 2004 tax levy)?

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Jane E. Brannon
 County Clerk/Election Coordinator
 203 Antrim Street
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE LAST DAY TO REGISTER
 NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS OF BOYNE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that the regular school election will be held in Boyne Valley Township on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Electors who wish to vote in the school election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2005. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

In person: At your city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.

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NOTICE LAST DAY TO REGISTER
 NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS OF EAST JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that the regular school election will be held in the City of East Jordan and South Arm Township on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

Electors who wish to vote in the school election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2005. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following proposition(s) (if any) will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election:

MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in East Jordan Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties, Michigan be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed .4 mill (\$0.40 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2005 to 2010, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2005 is approximately \$123,199?

Jane E. Brannon
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CITY OF BOYNE CITY PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING FY 2005/2006 (1 MAY 2005 - 30 APRIL 2006)

The City of Boyne City will hold a Public Hearing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, for the purpose of hearing oral comments and considering written comments from the public concerning the proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2005/2006, as summarized below.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The City Commission of the City of Boyne City is proposing the total number of mills to be levied under General Property Tax Act to Boyne City taxpayers is 17.44. The purpose of this millage is to levy 16.75 mills for operating and 0.69 for debt retirement. If adopted, the proposed millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and/or submit comments. Said budget and summaries are available for review prior to the Public Hearing at City Hall, 319 North Lake Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at the Library during their normal hours of operation.

CITY OF BOYNE CITY COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FY 2005/2006

Section 1. The funds necessary to defray the operating expenses and long-term debt obligations of the City of Boyne City and the estimated revenues by source for the Fiscal Year Ending 30 April 2006 are projected to be as follows:

GENERAL FUND	
Property Taxes	\$2,487,578
Tax Penalties, Administration Fees, and Miscellaneous	105,550
State Shared Revenues and Grants	375,600
Administrative Service Fees	122,000
Charges for Services	66,100
Interest and Rentals	17,500
Other Sources	332,652
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	3,506,980

OTHER FUNDS	
Major Streets	\$758,909
Local Streets	516,072
Ambulance	465,965
Allocated from Ambulance Fund Balance	42,330
Creative Playground	2,500
Fire Department	211,655
Allocated from Fire Dept Fund Balance	65,000
Marina/Launch Ramp	120,900
Allocated from Marina/Launch Ramp Fund Balance	33,750
Airport	117,950
Allocated from Airport Fund Balance	29,550
DDA	347,965
Allocated from DDA Fund Balance	52,646
L DFA	277,956
Allocated from L DFA Fund Balance 1	2,483
Infrastructure Debt: Streets/WWWW	88,025
Allocated from Debt Fund Balance	37,821
Water/Wastewater Funds	7,638,060
Motor Pool	233,300
Allocated from Motor Pool Fund Balance	75,850
OTHER FUNDS TOTAL REVENUE	11,128,687
TOTAL REVENUE - ALL FUNDS	14,635,667
Less Inter-fund Transfers (Motor Pool, Fire Fund, and General Fund Transfers)	(916,385)
GRAND TOTAL CITY REVENUES	\$13,719,282

EXPENDITURES GENERAL FUND	
General Government	1,107,149
Public Buildings	307,057
Cemetery	55,315
Police	592,423
Parks and Recreation	252,900
Housing Commission	275,751
Transfers to Other Funds	916,385
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	3,506,980

OTHER FUNDS	
Major Streets	\$752,609
Allocated to Major Street Fund Balance	6,300
Local Streets	516,072
Ambulance	508,295
Creative Playground	2,500
Fire Department	276,655
Marina/Launch Ramp	154,650
Airport	147,500
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L DFA	290,439
Infrastructure Debt: Streets/WWWW	125,846
Wastewater	6,756,029
Water	649,520
Allocated to WWW Fund Balance	232,511
Motor Pool	309,150
OTHER FUNDS TOTAL EXPENDITURES	11,128,687
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	14,635,667
Less Inter-fund Transfers (Motor Pool and General Fund Transfers)	(916,385)
GRAND TOTAL CITY EXPENDITURES	\$13,719,282

Section 2. The City's assessor is hereby authorized and instructed to spread upon the City tax roll for FY 2005/2006 the amounts indicated in section 1.

Section 3. The City's assessor is hereby authorized and instructed to spread upon the City tax roll for FY 2005/2006 all unpaid special assessments, sidewalk, curbs, water or sewer, and repair bills on record in the City of Boyne City against respective properties.

Section 4. The taxes levied and spread by the City of Boyne City are collected twice a year. The taxes to defray city operations and obligations are levied and made payable on 1 July 2005; taxes collected for schools, county, and other voted purposes shall be levied and collected as provided by the general property tax laws of the State of Michigan.

Section 5. The budget for FY 2005/2006 of the City of Boyne City has been prepared in compliance with Michigan P.A. 621 of 1978, as amended, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. The General Fund is adopted at the activity level. Details can be obtained at the City Clerk's office.

Section 6. Pursuant to section 19 (2) of Michigan P.A. 621 of 1978, as amended, the City Manager is hereby permitted to execute transfers between appropriations without the prior approval of the City Commission. However, in no case shall said transfer result in a fund over-expenditure or a transfer exceeding \$10,000. Purchases not covered in the approved budget will follow existing administrative policy except for utilities and operational supplies.

Section 7. Pursuant to the provisions of Michigan P.A. 503 of 1982 and a resolution adopted by the City Commission of Boyne City on 11 October 1983, the City Commission authorizes the imposition of a one percent property tax administration fee to offset costs incurred in assessing property values, collecting the property tax levies, and in the review and appeal processes.

Section 8. Contractual Change Orders: The City Manager, with the City Clerk's signed approval, may approve change orders on contracts approved originally by the City Commission of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) per change order. These change orders must be within the scope of the original contract. Negative change orders of up to fifty percent (50%) of the original contract do not need to be brought before the City Commission.

Section 9. This General Appropriations Act for FY 2005/2006 takes effect 1 May 2005. Detail of the budget is available at City Hall for public inspection.

Sara McRae, Deputy City Clerk



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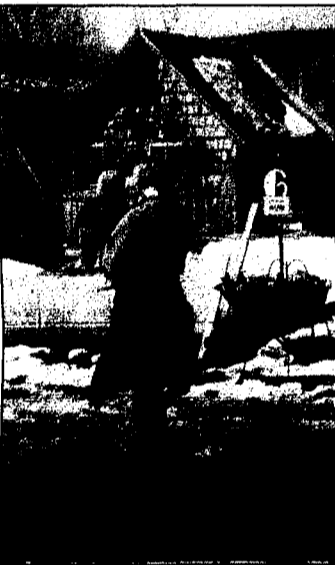
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Wagbo supporter Howard Ellis works the grill in an effort to keep syrup-lovers in pancakes last Saturday. Below, a mother and her child take a stroll at Wagbo on a glorious spring day.

Syrup fest a sweet success



The Wagbo Peace Center in East Jordan was transformed by sunshine and a carnival atmosphere, as syrup-lovers converged to enjoy pancakes in the morning sun.

The smell of a hot griddle, sausages and wood smoke from the sugar shack wafted across the field, and the driveway, still icy in the shady spots, was strewn with hay to prevent slipping.

Volunteers were on hand to make the pancakes and pass the syrup.

The festival, an annual event, marks the syrup-making season, and sugar maples across the north are having their sap appropriated by entrepreneurial or just plain sweet-toothed folks.

Wagbo Peace Center, located on M-66 south of East Jordan, will have syrup for sale, and people are invited to visit while they process the sap.



Boyne City crowds gather for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday, undeterred by snow that was still covering the ground.



A young East Jordan egg hunter finds his prize. Both BC and EJ had great Easter egg hunts, thanks in part to spring-like weather.



A speedy youngster leads the pack of egg-hunters in Boyne City Sunday afternoon. Kids won prizes from chocolate bunnies to bikes.

Senior Center

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new facility will have its own, fully serviceable kitchen.

The Boyne Area Seniors met with the Commission on Aging for recommendations on kitchen facilities, and they are confident that their kitchen will be well used.

The dining area will comfortably seat 90 people, with room for walkers, etc. Its full occupancy will be just under 300.

This will make it an ideal location for conferences, wedding receptions and other events that the center hopes to attract, according to Sorenson. There will be a projection screen and internet access in the dining area, as well as internet hook-up throughout the building, with an

eventual goal of providing a computer lab for senior use, Sorenson said.

The Commission on Aging will have offices in the new building as well. There will be an outdoor patio area for seniors and others to enjoy nice weather.

"What's nice about it," Sorenson said, "is the government and citizens in a cooperative effort to pull this together."

The Boyne Area Seniors have an unofficial wish list for appliances, furniture, kitchen items, signage, services, landscaping and other things not covered by the millage.

But the main thing is to get the building in place — and by Thanksgiving dinner, hopefully served in the new dining room, perhaps the wishbone will work for the rest.

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