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AT A GLANCE

Bridge work gets underway

Traffic through Boyne City will be a little slower for some commuters for the next few weeks, as deck and railing repair work on the East Street bridge began as scheduled Monday, April 4.

Detours will reroute passenger vehicles to Water, Lake and State streets, while truck traffic will be directed to State, Lake and east Division streets.

According to Gary Niemi of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Traverse City Transportation Service Center, all affected properties will be provided full access throughout the duration of the project, which will run into June.

For more information, call Judy Browning at (231) 941-1986.

City clerk search begins again

At its March 8 meeting, the Boyne City city commission accepted the resignation of city clerk Rebecca Haynes. Haynes accepted a position with the Royal Oak police department, and her final day as city clerk in Boyne City was March 17.

Haynes was hired by the city last August.

The process of seeking a new city clerk is underway. Applications are due by April 11, at the close of the business day at city hall, and may be turned in to city manager Mike Cain.

BC woman released on bond

A Boyne City woman accused of embezzling more than \$100,000 from the Boyne City Public Schools during her employment in the food services department, is free on her own recognizance.

Wendy Juday was arrested on a criminal complaint charge of embezzlement on March 16.

She was arraigned Friday in Grand Rapids before magistrate judge Joseph G. Scoville on that charge.

The case was initiated by a complaint with affidavit. To proceed in the case, the United States Attorneys Office had to comply with a right to a review by a grand jury. However, the grand jury review can be waived in favor of an "information," which in general requires the defendant's previous consent and desire to go forward based on the original charges rather than indictment by the grand jury.

Juday waived her right to the grand jury hearing.

According to Daniel Mekaruk of the U.S. Attorney's office, there is a perception that a grand jury indictment is "more serious, and that an information is other," though he added that the information can still be a felony charge or multiple charges.

Information hearings are often filed in conjunction with a resolution of the case.

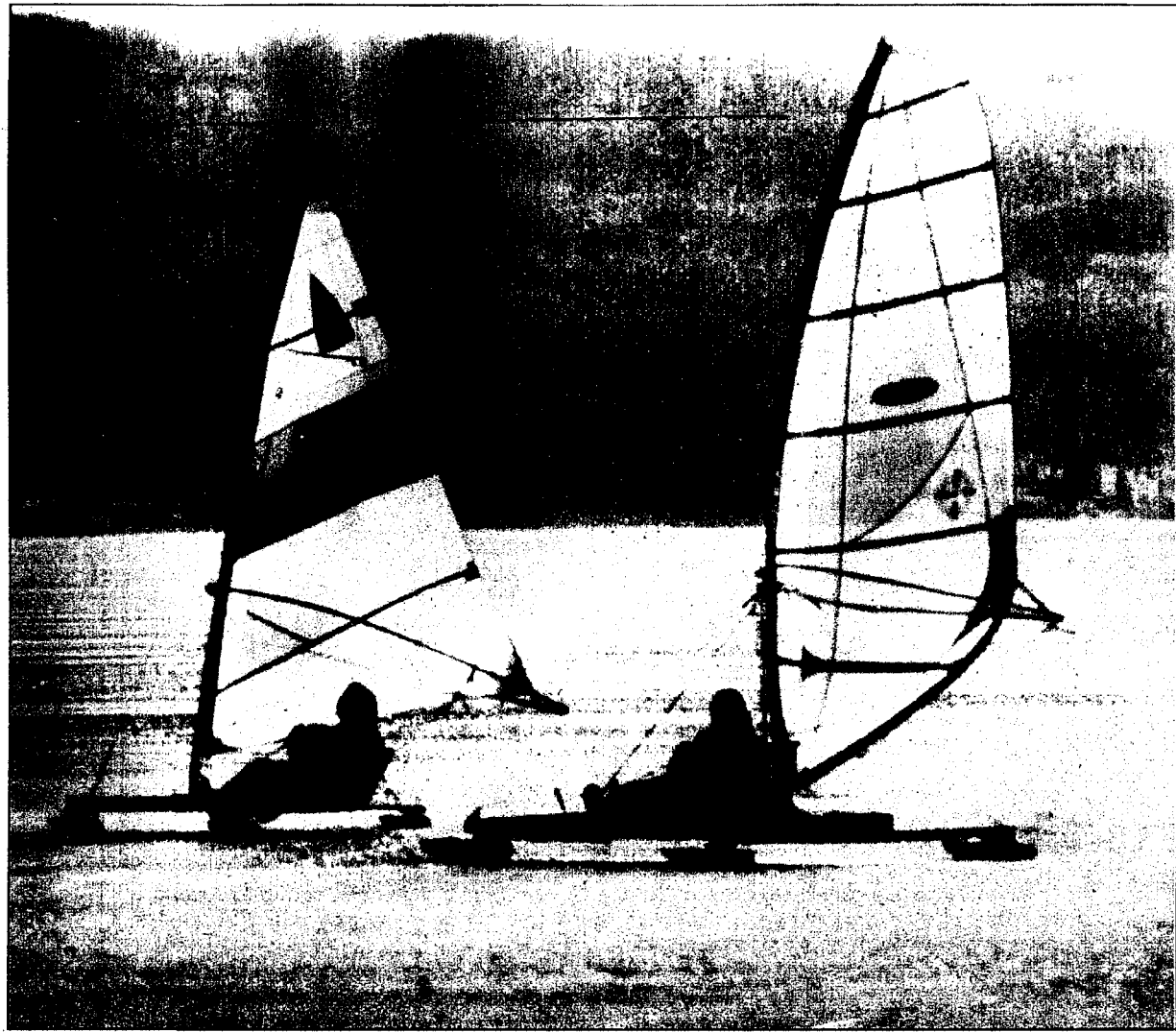
Juday's response was to stand mute, and a plea of not-guilty was entered on her behalf by her attorney, Roy C. Hayes III.

An initial pre-trial conference was held, and the nature of the evidence against Juday was discussed.

The next scheduled event will be an order from a district judge to set a final pre-trial hearing and then the trial.

Neither are yet scheduled. Juday was released on \$50,000 unsecured bond.

Catching the breeze



While many folks reveled in springtime weather, others took advantage of the remnants of winter. Ice sailors Gordon Howle and Ken LeBreque sailed quite a bit last week, though ice thickness rapidly diminished from Wednesday's 10-12 inches to Sunday afternoon's four inches. Howle, a 20-year ice sailing veteran, said it was a great sailing season, starting early on Deer Lake and finishing with last weekend's spring weather sailing on Lake Charlevoix.

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Back at it

Work resuming on treatment plant

Construction was slowed down over the winter months on the Boyne City wastewater treatment plant on Front Street, but spring has brought out the contractors, ready to resume work.

There were contractors already on the job last week, cleaning up debris as the snow melted and repairing and replacing protective fence damaged during the winter.

Dan Mead, Boyne City's water and wastewater superintendent, said there will be heavy equipment moving in as soon as the frost laws are lifted. The county will determine when those are lifted, but it usually occurs during April.

"Contractors and equipment are starting to show up," Mead said. "There is a lot of fill to haul and equipment to bring in."

The city had a two-year contract with Grand Traverse Construction to complete the wastewater treatment upgrades, and they are on schedule to meet their projected completion date next fall. Mead said it was going to be busy at the Front Street location for the next couple of months.

There is construction going on at the intersection of Silver, Lynn and North Lake streets, also, where the city is working with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council to create a filtering system for storm water runoff from Court Street.

"It will filter runoff to keep sediment out of the lake," said Dennis Jason, Department of Public Works and Parks director.

A life-changing experience

■ Mission trip was a labor of love

By **JANE BOOZE**
Staff Writer



Lois Brewer of East Jordan looks right at home in a Guatemalan village with an infant in her arms and a crowd of youngsters around her.

A party of northern Michiganders wound their way up the Cline Liquidambo in the Jocotan Valley in Guatemala recently, armed with medical supplies and determination.

They were one of two teams that left the Jordan Valley winter to go south — not to bask in temperate sunshine, but to build a medical clinic high on a mountain.

The first team also provided a medical clinic in the village, and the second a dental clinic, as well as evangelizing through puppet shows, films and, most importantly, friendship. One person read Veggie Tales in Spanish, until the kids took over and began reading it themselves. The teams showed a DVD of the "Jesus"

film on a six-inch screen, with 100 people crowded around the tiny screen, unmoving for two hours. Farther up the mountain in Piña Blanca, they showed "The Passion of the Christ," projected onto a wall.

"We didn't have as many people for that — but we had the whole village," said Leon Carey.

Carey is a heavy machine operator, and not a professional missionary by any stretch. He plans to go back to the mountains and work on the treacherous mountain roads; the missionaries in Guatemala have promised to rent the equipment if he will return. The teams included a postal worker, a teacher, a drug corporation representative, a couple of preachers, a paramedic, a couple of homemakers, a real estate agent, a doctor and dentist, an interior designer —

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— Olin Halbert

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EJ Lake Street Center moving ahead

One of Floyd Wright's new projects looked daunting in an early spring rain last week. The former Dura Mechanical Building, idle since its closure three years ago, turned a bleak face on M-66 in East Jordan.

Looking beyond its current state, Wright believes the building can be brought back to life. Wright, with input from the City of East Jordan and the Chamber of Commerce, has named the project the Lake Street Center.

Wright will close on the building on April 15, and plans, in conjunction with the City of East Jordan, to house a business incubator in part of the warehouse vacated by Dura. Part of the building will be leased back to

Dura, and part will provide facilities for college classes. Additionally, there will be opportunities for independent support businesses.

Tom Nathe of North Central Michigan College said the college will be holding classes in East Jordan next fall, either at the Dura building or at the East Jordan High School.

"We will be offering classes in the fall," Nathe said. "It would be our intent to utilize that facility (the Lake Street Center) if it is ready and if it's affordable. But we will definitely be offering classes."

Wright said that his building will be ready for them.

"It won't be the Taj Mahal," he said, but added that there will be classroom

space available.

Potential entrepreneurs are also beginning to show an interest.

The Lake Street Center will provide certain amenities to tenants through the business incubator.

Wright has told East Jordan city manager Dave White that he will provide 10,000 square feet of space to the incubator project, with ability to expand as needed.

Wright will also offer a leasing opportunity. If a business in the incubator identifies a piece of equipment needed, but does not have the capital to purchase it, Wright projects that there will be a leasing agreement in



Floyd Wright stands in front of the Dura Mechanical Building in East Jordan that will lose its ghostly "Dura" when repainting begins after the deal closes next week.

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Two groups of missionaries traveled from northern Michigan to mountainous Guatemala, to share their faith and the sweat of their labor with villagers there. Some of the travelers are, from left, Angela Gee, Lisa Carey, Leon Carey, Diana Wise, Deb Peterson, Ruby Jordan, Lois Brewer, Jim Jordan, Olin Halbert, John Witney, Cheri Ford and Jenny Snyder.

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the list was eclectic. The common thread was faith and a strong conviction that they should be taking the Word and the work to Guatemala.

They hope that their love for the people they met had an impact, but they know it changed their own lives.

"It changes the way you look at people and finances," said Olin Halbert, who made his second missionary trip this year. "I have a better understanding of the values of life, and it isn't necessarily money."

Leon's wife, Lisa, agreed.

"I used to buy clothes like crazy," she said. "I don't anymore. I have enough clothes to last the rest of my life."

"There is a temptation just to give those people everything. But that's not right either. We want to give them ownership of what they're doing down there. They don't have anything, but they are happy."

The teams were able to see where they left off last year and measure the impact.

One thing they see is that they are able to show that not all Americans are money-hungry work-mongers, they said. Somewhere they saw a sign that read, "666 = USA." That bothered them, but they believe that in sharing genuine, selfless love and their faith in Christ, they help to change that image.

"A lot of people are astounded that we're here — that we are taking our time and money to be there," one person said, and another chimed in that making a trip like that costs individuals a lot of money.

Sometimes people question the cost. What could the money itself do for people, what if they just sent money instead of spending the money to go themselves.

There are a couple things: the physical presence provides labor on the new clinic building, as well as the provision of medical and dental day clinics. There is the chance to share their faith in a personal way.

"There is a temptation just to give those people everything," one person said. "But that's not right either. We want to give them ownership of what they're doing down there. They don't have anything, but they are happy."

In spite of that fact, there is a huge interest in the



Lynn Adams assists children waiting to see the doctor at the village clinic set up by American volunteers. The teams helped with the clinic, and also entertained the kids with Bible stories, games and bubbles.

message of Christianity the teams brought. People were enthusiastic about coming to listen, and would come back night after night.

But the missionaries brought something back, too, more than the nubby woven blankets and poncho souvenirs.

"What we think is necessary is really not," one person said.

"We had to go a thousand miles from home to get to know the people in our church," someone said. "It spoke to me how missionaries are driving up scary roads just to show Christ's love, and we don't even go five minutes out of our way to show love to people who speak the same language."

That reflects one of the criticisms they hear. Why go to another country when there are people who need help or friendship right here?

They agree that they will all make a point to get to know people more relationally.

"The biggest barrier here is a fear of rejection. The trip put a few chinks into that fear so that we can talk more freely," a missionary said. "Being there we realized that the love of Christ doesn't know any language barriers."

In Central America they learned a lesson they can apply anywhere: you help meet physical needs and during that time you develop relationships.

Many of the team members are people who have long been involved, individually or through their churches, with helping other people. But the trip helped reveal how important simple things are: raking a lawn, repairing some plumbing, taking someone to a doctor's visit or grocery shopping.

"Down there missionaries have already been building trust. We have to do that here, too," they said.

One of the biggest struggles they admit to facing here is the idea of the separation of church and state, the fear of saying something "you can't say."

They are a bit bolder with their words, knowing that their actions speak even louder. They are more active in their churches and they are closer to their families and each other.

They hope they had an impact in Guatemala — they know it impacted them.

"I gotta whole lotta mo' betta friends," said Halbert, and he is one of many on "mo' betta" terms with God — and glad of the change.

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The Father of the Year will be announced at the Father & Son Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2005 at the East Jordan High School Cafeteria at 6:00 PM.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Northern Michigan University Dean's List for the fall 2004 semester includes several students from Boyne City and East Jordan.

JANE STIEBER of Boyne City and DEANNA WALTER of East Jordan were named to the dean's list for maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

BEAU D. DETCHER, MEGAN M. KEISER, MELINDA J. MCCUTCHEON, ANDREW K. MORIARITY, and NISSA RYDER, all of Boyne City, and GARRETT A. ROMERO and JESSICA N. VALLANCE were named to the dean's list for maintaining a GPA of 3.25 to 3.99.

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BUSINESS

East Jordan gas station has new owners

"The three 'G's,'" said Mark Behling, who, with his wife Jeannette, is the new owner of Nettie's Triple G gas station in East Jordan stand for: "Gas, gifts and groceries. There's no room for the 'B' and 'T' in there."

The 'B' and 'T' would be bait and tackle, and they are also features of the newly re-opened business on the corner of Bridge and Water streets.

The Behlings, natives of Boyne City, bought the business in November. They hoped to be able to open earlier in the year.



Mark and Jeannette Behling are the new owners of Nettie's Triple G gas station and one-stop shopping mart.

relative of Mark's, Arnold Smith, who owned the property and ran the station himself years ago.

The Behlings both like the location, where they can watch the sun rise over East Jordan in the mornings. They know that opening a gas station will pose a challenge, but they're ready for it.

"Garages used to make their livings off their back rooms," Mark said. "Then the E-Z Marts started taking over. Lifestyles changed. Everybody's in a hurry."

To combat the rush, the Behlings will be offering full as well as self service.

"Full service is a little more per gallon," said Jeannette, "but we will check the oil, fluids, do the windshield. It'll be good old-fashioned full service."

They have another drawing card: Ladies Day. Wednesdays are ladies days at the station. Women who stop by on those days get full-service for the price of regular, and, if they go inside, they can get a free small coffee or fountain drink.

"We're looking at other promotions — a coffee and cappuccino club, and maybe in the future a stamp card," Jeannette said. "If you buy 15 gallons you get a card; fill the card and you'll get a discount."

A car pulls up, someone is checking out the minnows, and a customer is at the counter with a cup of coffee. The day is underway, and so is the new business.

Boyne City commissioners review budget

It was a long day for Boyne City city commissioners and city staff last Tuesday, as they reviewed the proposed 2005-06 city budget.

The expenditures and revenue balanced for the fiscal year ending April 30 at \$7,266,327, but the proposed budget will be almost twice that amount at \$13,719,282, due to improvements to the waste water treatment plant budgeted at \$7,638,060.

In his budget letter, city manager Michael Cain said, "When there are many good projects competing for our time and resources the goals and priorities established by this community can be an invaluable decision making tool," and goes on to say that many of the challenges that were worked through in the current fiscal year are still challenging the commission as it enters the new year.

"...Long anticipated improvement in the national and state economies ... has never materialized for us in any tangible way," he wrote. "In the proposed budget we are anticipating an additional reduction in the State Revenue Sharing receipts over this year's already reduced levels."

Some items in the budget include the completion of the wastewater treatment plant; the development of a waterfront master plan; the submission of an expanded city marina permit and funding requests; various street reconstruction, paving or drainage projects; and irrigation improvements at Veteran's and Old City parks.

In addition, the budget includes a 3.1 percent water increase, a six percent sewer base rate increase and a five percent sewer consumption rate increase; some permit increases, as well as a three percent increase in water and sewer hook-up charges.

The major streets slated for work during the construction season include Lincoln - Franklin, reconstruction; North Lake - Park, reconstruction; Pleasant - Second, overlay or widening; Second - Division, overlay or widening; Lake - Park, overlay. There is also a line item for trees on these streets. Local streets affected are John - Addis, reconstruction; Jefferson - Hannah, base work (pave in 2006-07) and Vogel, paving, also with a line item for trees.

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on April 12 before the city commission's next regular meeting. After the public hearing, the budget will be presented to the commission for consideration to adopt. The new budget would go into effect on May 1.

A copy of the budget is available for review at the Boyne District library as well as the front desk at city hall.

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"Garages used to make their livings off their back rooms. Then the E-Z Marts started taking over. Lifestyles changed. Everybody's in a hurry."
— Mark Behling

full of her handiwork, for sale at reasonable prices, is the result.

"I have to be keeping busy," she said. Mark and Jeannette lived in Arkansas until 2000, when they returned to Boyne City to help care for Mark's mother, Thelma Behling, whose health was failing. Both have their commercial drivers licenses, and Mark continued to drive while Jeannette went to work at Wal-Mart and helped to care for Thelma.

They were approached about buying the station by a

Lake Street Center

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agreement in place whereby the developers will buy the equipment and lease it to the tenant, with an end-of-term buy-out option.

While the Lake Street Center will be a manufacturing incubator, it will provide opportunities for other enterprises. One idea would be for a custom shipping, receiving and warehousing business, which would be available not only to tenants of the incubator, but to individuals as well.

"(For instance,) someone might get some carpet in and need a place to store it for three weeks," Wright

said.

This would provide a service for a small manufacturer whose skills are in product creation, and who would be willing to let another business handle the logistical end, he said.

The building will have conference, training and meeting facilities. It will include security zones, and basic utilities, as well as common-area janitorial services.

The East Jordan business incubator project is still under investigation by the University of Michigan, which is studying the idea for applicability in northern Michigan.

Boyne Properties expands services

Boyne Properties has created a new project sales division, developed to build on Boyne USA's real estates sales.

The division will impact Boyne's northern Michigan resort offices including Boyne Mountain, Boyne Highlands and Bay Harbor/Crooked Tree Golf Club.

Boyne Properties plans to streamline many internal processes, making the sales process seamless and easy for buyers.

"Our goal is to achieve 100 percent owner satisfaction, even stronger sales productivity, and better internal processes," said Steve Matthews, director of real estate and development for Boyne Properties.

LaMarr Hope of Boyne Realty has been named project sales director. In his new role, Hope will be responsible for resort real estate sales, overseeing Boyne Realty's resort offices.



LaMarr Hope

Hope moves into the position from associate broker where he was the highest producing Boyne Realty agent for five of the last six years.

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OPINION

Sometimes there are no easy answers

Today as I drove through town trying to track down the street sweeper to add to my spring photo collection, Terri Shiavo breathed her last.

I wasn't going to touch this issue — but it has touched me. I think it touched us all, no matter which side we came down on. My husband and I came down (amicably) on different sides.

LAST CALL



Jane Booze

I will confess: I wanted Terri to be saved.

I told my beloved husband that if he ever wanted me to pull a feeding tube, he had better put it in writing now, because it wasn't something I could do for him.

I believe in advance directives, but I am a little

afraid of them, too.

A man had a stroke. He was put on a ventilator. A month later he went home, breathing independently. A ventilator is an extraordinary measure. A lot of advance directives say no extraordinary measures, but would you want an extraordinary measure for a certain period of time, until you could recover?

If so, how long?

Suppose you wanted extraordinary measures to cover recovery, but not for an indefinite period, so you picked a duration, say three months.

And then what if the three months came and you were feeling better, but unable to convey your change of heart, inside you're saying, "I should have checked the six months box!" (That was Neil's "what-if." I can't take credit for it, though I thought it was good food for thought.)

And suppose my husband checked the three months box (he made that up — I bet advance directive forms don't come with boxes to check), and three months came, and I just wasn't ready to let him go; I felt there was some real hope of recovery. Am I forced to pull the plug?

And here's the one that really gets me: What if I don't know yet what I would want because I haven't been there?

People are amazing. People who shouldn't want to live a certain way (we guess in the arrogance of good health) still fight for life with superhuman strength.

Haven't we almost all said, "I wouldn't want to live that way," and yet who among us knows what torments he would battle to maintain existence?

When Dad died my sister was at his side. His body was performing triage, his extremities turned grey while his heart committed blood to the brain, the lungs, the essentials. I understand he was awake and coherent to the end, though preoccupied with staying alive.

And then suddenly — he was dead, with a look of surprise still on his face.

My dad fought with every hard-earned breath to live.

He was a double amputee and a life-long brittle diabetic who had spent an unhealthy proportion of the last decade of his life in hospital beds. Who would want to live like that?

I guess I just don't think we really know what determines quality of life. I think it changes all the time.

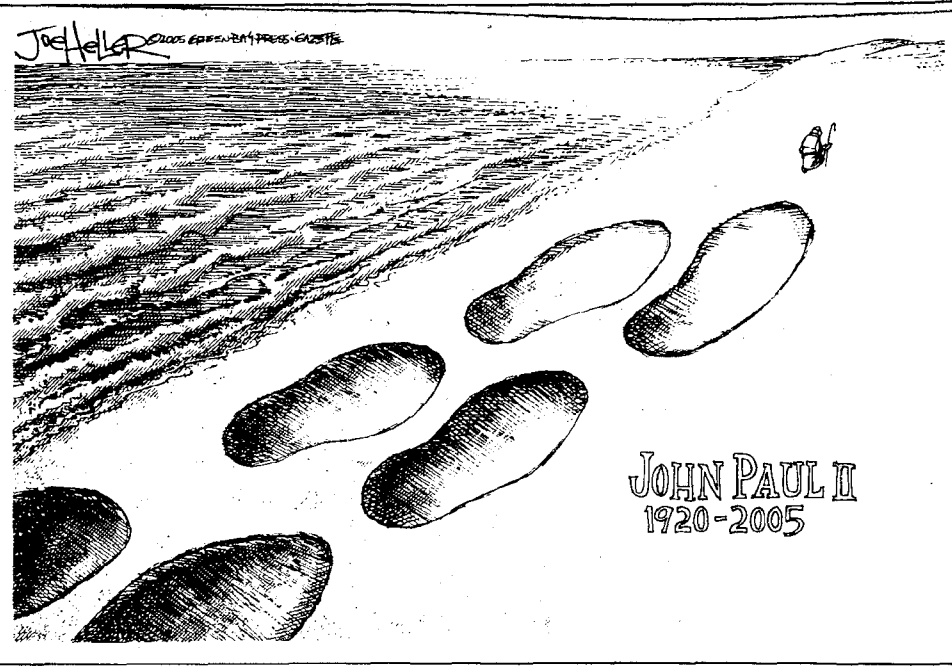
What's dignified about getting old and suffering with senility? What do we think about quality of life, when an old guy can't keep food off his chin any more, or bad smells from emanating, or make it to the toilet? Has he lost his dignity, his quality of life? And would he be better equipped to make that call in the bloom of youth?

Would he be better off if someone else made the call for him?

What if, at some point in that aforementioned bloom of youth, he had said, "I sure wouldn't want to live like that." It seems to me that we are still leaping to the fantastic conclusion that he could divine the future if we take him at his word.

I'm still an advocate of advance directives. I just think no small amount of thought should go into their preparation, and that sometimes what people really mean when they say, "I wouldn't want to live that way," is "I don't want the people I loved to be burdened that way."

So for the record, to those of you whose end-of-life decisions may involve me: I know you don't want to be a burden. But I don't want your life to be cut short. I think we can work through old age and infirmity together, too, as we have worked through all of life's other hard things. Some of life is burdensome, and some undignified. But it is worth it.



NORTHERN CALLINGS

Tree hugging: An honorable endeavor

By KAITE WOLCOTT

"Que sera, sera
Whatever will be, will be
The future's not ours to see..."

I know Doris Day wasn't thinking of Mother Nature when she sang this song, but I think it's a wonderful way to describe environmentalism. It's an argument for casting away doubts, fears, and personal agendas in order to sit back and let dear Mother Nature have her freedom. A lot of people like to refer to me as a "tree hugger." I take it as a compliment. I love trees, wildlife, and the quiet intricacies of nature. To me, the great outdoors is a museum of comfort and tranquility—full of amazing wonders to observe and enjoy. To them, it is a shopping mall—full of potential, but laden with barriers. To me, nature should be allowed to take its course. To them, nature's course must be detoured to get them where they want to go. *Que sera, sera.*

When my brother and I were young, my parents wanted to widen the driveway for a new garage. The only thing standing in the way of their goal was our favorite place in the whole wide world—The Climbing Tree. It wasn't just a tree. It had a personality. We knew each branch and limb and spent hours climbing in its arms. It grew with us and entertained our spirits of adventure and imagination. There were other trees, but this one was special. It was our friend.

So, when chainsaws and bulldozers came to take our friend away, we were devastated. We cried as the bulldozer plowed up dirt and gravel on the way to our tree. We hung on our parents' arms, trying to convince them

to stop, but the bulldozer kept coming...until my brother snapped. As the bulldozer made its first stab at our friend, my valiant eight-year old brother ran right in front of the machine to hug the wounded tree. Of course, for fear of injuring my brother, the bulldozer driver had to stop.

At this point, my parents' hearts were convinced to alter their plans. The driveway was widened, but not as much as they had originally wanted. We "bandaged" the injured tree with ropes and it continued to thrive. It still stands today, a beautiful tribute to Mother Nature and childhood memories. When I think back to our emotional attachment to that tree and vividly remember my brother's efforts to save it, I am assured that being a "tree hugger" is a perfectly honorable endeavor.

When I first saw the house that I would eventually buy, I was hooked by the trees. They were noble, abundant, and full of charisma. The house was nestled in amongst them and I was reminded of The Climbing Tree. When I moved in, I sensed the same spirit that I felt in the branches of my old friend. Then, people started making "suggestions."

"You should take out some of those trees so the grass can grow."

"If you got rid of a few trees, you'd get more light in the house."

"Keep those trees away from the house or moss will grow on the roof."

With each suggestion, I'd smile and comment that I liked the trees the way they were. During big thunderstorms, I do worry that one of the trees will fall on my

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LETTERS

Main Street program salutes volunteers

TO THE EDITOR:

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and within the Boyne City Main Street program, hundreds of volunteers have donated their time, talent, and ideas to improve our downtown.

The program's four committees (design, economic restructuring, organization and promotion) have had many successes over the past year which would not have been possible without them. I would like to thank:

- The design committee for all of its help in improving the overall look of our downtown. Currently, members are working to create way-finding signage within the downtown and organizing Buff up Boyne. They have also added banners in the downtown promoting Boyne City as a Michigan Main Street community. Committee members over the past year include: Mark Kowalske, Linn Williams, Jodie Adams, Ray Guzniczak, and Shirley Howie.
- The Economic Restructuring Committee for working towards the creation of the Biz Resource Center in the library, and helping to plan for Boyne City's waterfront master plan and redevelopment of the Fochman property. Committee members over the past year include: Julie Kolehmainen, Kurt Wietzke, Scott MacKenzie, Linn Williams, Jim White, Michael Sheean, Hugh Conklin, and Carl Van Domelen.

• The Organization Committee for strengthening the organizational aspects of the program by developing by-laws, creating monthly newsletters, and raising funds. Committee members over the past year include: Vicki Standen, Bob Carlile, Ed Vondra, Holly Shaltz, and Gary Osterbeck. I would also like to specifically thank the Boyne Thunder Executive Committee for its amazing work benefiting not only Main Street but also Camp Quality. Committee members include Jim Carter, Howard Newkirk, Vicki Standen, Kurt Wietzke, Jeff Wellman, and Michelle Fannin.

• The Promotions Committee for all of its enthusiastic work promoting the downtown area as the place to be for working, shopping and living. Past events members have organized were Stroll the Streets, Buy Into Boyne, Flavor of Boyne, and the Mushroom Pole. Committee members over the past year include: Marilea Grom, Karen Guzniczak, Leslie Neilson, Linn Williams, and Shirley Howie.

And a special thanks to the Main Street Board of Directors for its support and leadership of the program. Members of the board include: Ray Guzniczak, Hugh Conklin, Mary Campbell, Michael Cain, Michelle Cortright, Marilea Grom, Julie Kolehmainen, Scott MacKenzie, and Laura Sansom.

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GUEST COLUMN

Spring break, here we come!

By BRITTNEY MOODY
Student Writer

Ah, the last week of school before spring break. Students lazing about in classrooms daydreaming of what they should pack, hardly paying attention to their studies; other students leaving early, not waiting for the official "spring break" to start.

The question is, is the anticipation too much for students and teachers? At Boyne City High School, in every grade — especially the seniors who already have enough senioritis in them — self control and paying complete attention to their school work this last week was very difficult.

Between the many trips to Mexico, Florida, Aruba, Alabama, the Spanish club's Mexico trip, and many other places, BCHS is going to be all around the continent. Even if students are just hanging around their hometown, they still can have a fun time with no school worries, able to do whatever they want.

Many seniors spoke of their hard-to-manage anticipation.

"I can't wait for break! It was so hard for me to focus this week, and I needed to," said senior Melanie Higgins.

Science teacher Dale Thomason made a statement about whether students slack off the week before spring break.

"The ones who are here work harder than the ones that aren't," he said.

Social Studies teacher Michelle Demming took a similar approach on the subject.

"It's more difficult to inspire students learning, but many great things can still be accomplished," she said.

Senior Trevor Mapes, in his own personal experience, explained why he could not comment on student slackerism.

"I wouldn't know. I've only been here half the week! Of course they slack off!"

However, science teacher Andy Bryant, and English teacher, Rick Fowler, went a little deeper into the topic.

"The week before everybody takes off; many blow off the day right before break. One year it's the day before, the year after it's two days before, then three. It just keeps getting worse, on any holiday, the day before anything," Bryant said.

"They get a week off, why do they need to extend that?" he added.

The pattern is typical. Attendance each day winding down to spring break decreases. By the end of the week there is very minimal participation.

"As with all eves of vacation, the excitement outweighs the energy produced prior to leaving the school — especially during spring break," Fowler said. "It's not that the students don't care. It's that winters sometimes are brutal to many who don't like the effects of cold and ice. Thus, as April approaches their excitement for seeking warmth rises."

There are two sides to every story. On one side, nobody can help the anticipation, it is just natural. On the other hand, the work has to be done, so why not just sit back until the break comes?

As Fowler also said, "When the week passes, life in the high school will return to somewhat of a normalcy."

So once spring break comes and goes, students will be paying attention once again, and as they say — all's well that ends well.

(Brittney Moody is a senior at Boyne City High School.)

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Watch for a familiar face on TV

Actress' ties to Boyne City run deep

By JANE BOOZE
Staff Writer

Actress Aulani Kuheana Rhea is a Boyne City native, raised by her mother, Judy Kuheana, and really, she said, by her Grandma Betty and her uncles and aunts, too. She was born Feb. 2, 1974, on her grandmother, Betty Kelts', birthday.

"What a great gift for her!" Aulani said. The Citizen-Journal caught up with Aulani in her adopted home state of California, and she agreed to do an interview via E-mail.

A refreshing characteristic about Aulani, who is married to Ernest Rhea, is her humility. She would say, for instance, "What a great gift for her!" about the coincidence of birthdays, but temper it with "Ha, ha." She credits every good thing to her family, her friends, and her faith.

Her letters are full of information, good humor and exclamation points.

"The crazy thing," she said of Kelts, "is that I am so much like her. I'm very close to my aunts and uncles and cousins. I have such a wonderful family and I don't know what I — or my mother — would have done without them."

Kuheana was divorced when Aulani was three. She moved back to her hometown of Boyne City with three children in tow; their father stayed in his native Hawaii. Aulani, with her brothers Kimo and Keoki, began her Boyne adventure.

"At family gatherings, my grandma would not let any drinking happen, and yet if you would come to the parties, you would see that none was needed! My family was fun and crazy," Rhea said. "I grew up surrounded by love — true family love."

Growing up with two older brothers, Rhea said, she was always involved with sports. She played Little League softball until she was too old for it, she said, and started playing basketball in sixth grade. She took summer swim

school for two or three years. "I already knew how to swim," she said, "but took it because my two friends were — Ricka and Kristi."

She was also in a bowling league in elementary and middle school, and did field events in track — which may be how she got her dramatic start.

"The rule was either two field events and one running event, or two running events and one field event," she said. "Well, I was able to convince my coach that I wasn't a runner and that I would do really good in the field events so please don't make me do a running event."

She was in track her last two years of high school without ever participating in a running event.

Besides her athletic prowess, she was a duchess and a queen. Elected to the snowball court in 11th grade, she was then voted by her peers to be the Snowball Duchess. Her senior year she carried away the Homecoming crown, too.

"It was cool to win because I got a dozen red roses," she said. "But it's not like being Homecoming Queen got you five lunch or let in free to any of the games!"

She exclaims and "ha-has," but it is all wonderfully self-deprecating. She loved being Homecoming Queen.

"My Grandma Betty was on the court, my mom was and my two brothers were," she said. Keoki was king in his senior year.

So she was athletic and popular, but Rhea insists that her grades were less than stellar.

"It seemed that all my friends were turbo-smart," she said. "And me? Well, let's just say I kept them entertained and laughing."

"I guess that's what is so great about this entertainment business. I get to be a lawyer, doctor, bum, college student, nurse, tech, teacher, agent, etc. etc. and get paid for it — and not have to have the real brain for any of it!" she laughed. Notwithstanding, she managed to graduate in



Aulani Kuheana Rhea

January of 1992. She had been involved in drama in school only in her freshman year, something she regrets a little. But she was very involved with her church youth group and they did skits and dramas, traveling around Michigan to perform for other churches.

"I would get called a Bible banger or a holy roller. It never bothered me — I thought it was kind of funny," she said. "But I am very grateful for the Christian environment that my mom raised me in and the church that we went to."

"I didn't smoke or drink," she said. "No need to. I could be wild and crazy without all of that."

After she graduated from high school, Rhea went to school in Oklahoma.

She moved home after the first year, and while she eventually went back to Oklahoma and finished the program, she was later very grateful for that time at home. The next year, Judy Kuheana died.

"She died of a heart attack, and I was so glad to have had that time with her. I had never experienced death hitting

someone so close to me as my mom was," she said. "The whole town was shocked and couldn't believe it. She had 500 or 600 people show up at her funeral. I — and even my mom — didn't realize what an impact she made on people's lives."

Something else came out of that event: the good people of Boyne City pulled together to make sure Judy's funeral was taken care of and that her children were not left in debt.

"My mom was a great woman," Rhea said, "living in a great town."

In Oklahoma, Rhea met and married Ernest. He was a Californian, and they moved to his home state, where they eventually ended up in Los Angeles.

Rhea loves southern California — the weather, the city life, the opportunities, the "vibe," she said, her friends, the shopping and her church.

By opportunities, she means the work opportunities. Rhea is an actress. She spends long, long hours in the studio, working as a character actress. Currently, she portrays a nurse on the Fox drama "House."

"I am the nurse that comes running in when someone is having a seizure," she said. She hopes no one said she was a famous actress. But she does work a lot, something that qualifies her as a success in a field as difficult to break into as the NBA.

"I can work 16 hours and end up on the cutting room floor," she said with characteristic candor. But she loves what she does, and she hopes that someday it will afford her the opportunity to have a second home — in Boyne City.

"Will that make me a fudge?" she asked. Rhea will have no trouble being welcomed back to her hometown whenever she wants to come here. And her welcome won't be driven by her character-acting, but by her genuine character.



A Kiwanis thank you

Boyne area Kiwanis members hosted their annual appreciation breakfast for the Boyne City Ministerial Association last Thursday, thanking the group for the services provided by them and their churches. In attendance at the breakfast were, left, from front, Dave Crumbaugh, Andrew Kipapa, Linda Leist, Bernadette Beyer and Eleanor West. On the right, from the front, are Scott Stahl, Robert Faulman, Peter Vallenga, Salli Hawkins, Ed Vondra and Nanette Miller.

Hospice offering grief support program

Losing a spouse, parent or child due to death is sometimes more than a person can bear. Also emotionally taxing is getting divorced, losing your job, moving, dealing with a chronic illness, or even losing a pet.

Loss of any kind is the focus of an upcoming series designed to help people cope.

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from April 19 through May 17 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 207 Nichols St., East Jordan.

The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly the Charlevoix County Hospice), Northwest Michigan Community Health

Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Agency. The program is designed to help those attending grow through grief, and learn the five tasks of grief work.

Facilitators for the program are the Rev. Carl Litchfield, Hospice spiritual advisor, and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator.

Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

Organizers would appreciate anyone interested in attending the classes to pre-register by calling the hospice office at 536-2842. There is no charge for the program.

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- 22 MISTY
- 24 Perfect score
- 25 Statistical tool
- 26 Vessel part
- 27 Utah city
- 29 SHAEF commander
- 31 Fasten a brogue
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- 35 Kid heaven
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- 43 Word with farm or frog
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Keeping watch over the parks

■ New supervisor trades the Pistons for East Jordan

By JANE BOOZE
Staff Writer

Why would a young, single guy give up a job as an activities coordinator for the Detroit Pistons and move up north to work for East Jordan's parks department?

Because his heart is in it, that's why. Tom Cannon grew up in Escanaba, and it wasn't his goal to be a parks department head when he left high school and started a daily commute to Marquette to attend Northern Michigan University. He was a physical education major.

But he worked at the marina in Escanaba when he first started college, and eventually it became a permanent parks and recreation position. As it turns out, that was his area of interest, Cannon said.

However, after graduating from NMU in 1998, he took a position with the Detroit Pistons.

"The Pistons was an excellent experience for a 22-, 23-year-old — there was a lot of celebrity contact. As long as you have lots of energy and no family it works well," Cannon said. "There was constant travel, long hours. It was a good growing-up experience — I realized I wanted to go back to my roots."

So he went back to NMU to pursue a teaching degree, back to his commute, and back to parks and rec. He coached, he refereed.

"I was trying to get back into the community, into the school system — I took anything. After two years of absence in the entertainment business, I felt I had to rebuild my resume," Cannon said.

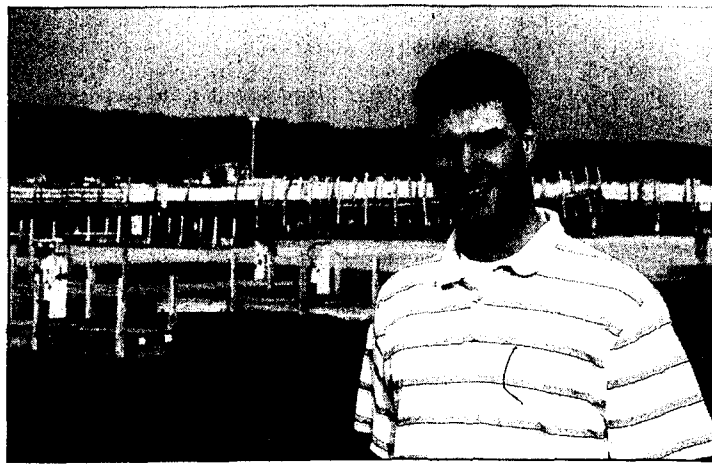
But he didn't become a teacher. Instead he moved to Eau Claire, Wis., to be its recreation programming supervisor. He was in charge of creating city golf and softball leagues, for instance. When budget cuts eliminated his benefits, he left Eau Claire and took a job in Marquette with the YMCA as the youth sports family programming director — "...everything but aquatics," he said.

He determined he wasn't going to move again unless it was the perfect job, but he really wanted to be a parks and rec director again.

"This job opened. I started here in September," he said simply.

He is full of big ideas:

"One of my plans here, since this is a new parks department, is to implement more recreation to create a parks



Tom Cooper is enthusiastic about summer coming and the plans he has for the parks department in East Jordan. He hopes that he will be able to include more recreational opportunities for visitors and locals.

and rec department. Maybe a youth center, an after-school hang-out place, a homework-help place," Cannon said. "Basketball, volleyball league down the road. I'd like to upgrade the facilities at the Civic Center so that it's not just a reception hall. We're looking at putting in an in-floor volleyball system."

He also realizes that some of his dreams are so ambitious that they might also seem unrealistic. But Cannon visited East Jordan even before he knew if he would work here. He wanted to get a feel for the community. And the feeling he got was positive. That has been reinforced since he hired on.

"There is a lot of community support. There is a great interest shown in parks and rec. I can set real high goals and plans, and I see enough community support that I know they are not far-fetched ideas," he said. "East Jordan has so many things that would not exist if it weren't for local donors."

He doesn't imagine that his ideas will be implemented immediately; he is a realist about small-town budgets. But the first thing on the agenda is increasing staff. Cannon expects to hire on about 10 young people this summer.

"We will be increasing labor positions to adequately staff maintenance and labor shifts for lawns and clean up. We will make the parks more presentable, more inviting. A parks and rec laborer is part public relations and part customer service," he said. "We're the first and last people boaters and campers see."

Added staff will be better able to maintain and repair restroom facilities, docks, lawns — and they will all be wearing red shirts for visibility.

The cost will be split between the general fund, which will be responsible for maintenance and upgrade costs, and self-funding, as he has added the labor costs into his budget proposal.

"My proposed budget is lower than last year even adding some labor costs. Maybe 10 percent lower," he said. "I am using more in labor, but I can cut other line items to even out the expenditures."

"The campground and marina are people's summer homes — they shouldn't just pay for a dock," he said. "The marina is seasonal residents and weekenders. The campers are new every day. I want the staff to know they are getting paid partly to go out and talk to people, walk around, get to be known out there. That's part of the job, to help boaters and campers enjoy their stay."

Cannon thinks his biggest challenges will be things outside his control, like low water.

"We could get in a situation where we are not able to use our facilities fully," he said, adding that the city has applied for grants to help fund dredging and upgrade efforts. But, he said, "If it takes two years to get the money, what condition will the harbor be in, structurally as well as water levels?"

Cannon seems to have found the right job at last.

"I wanted to be north of Traverse City," he said. "I wanted to be in a small enough town that I could be hands-on."

He said he worried a little bit about fitting in, but thinks since he was coming from farther north rather than farther south, it was okay.

"Everybody is welcoming," he said.

EJ auditorium, Aten Place and arts center sponsoring Garnet Rogers concert

Aten Place is stepping into a new arena this season, joining with the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School and the Jordan River Arts Council to offer the first in a series of collaborative concerts, bringing Garnet Rogers to the Community Auditorium stage on Saturday, April 22 at 7 p.m. Rogers, who the Boston Globe called "a brilliant songwriter, one of the major talents of our time,"

will be joined by special guest Robin Lee Berry Williams.

Rogers' latest album, "All that is: The Songs of Garnet Rogers," is the first collection of songs selected from a critically acclaimed body of work that has had only limited distribution.

A singer-songwriter with a style and vision all his own, Garnet is an instrumentalist and balladeer with a powerful baritone voice.

Rogers has been the featured performer on numerous television and radio programs, including Much Music, The Country Beat, Listen Up, Morningside, Mountain Stage and All Things Considered, and has shared the stage with performers such as Mary Chapin Carpenter, Billy Bragg and Greg Brown.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 18. They are available at any office of the East Jordan Schools, the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce, Busy Bridge Antiques & Gifts and Café Casa, all located in East Jordan. Tickets are also available by calling 231-536-3131.

Visit www.ejps.org for further details and information about upcoming events.

BCHS class of '65 looking for fellow classmates

The Boyne City High School class of 1965 is looking for classmates. If you have any information about a BCHS graduate from 1965, addresses, telephone numbers and E-mail addresses are needed.

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Golf tourney a benefit for DARE

The Boyne City Police Department and the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department are sponsoring the annual DARE golf benefit and dinner fund-raising event to be held at Boyne Mountain on May 12.

Tee time is noon on the Alpine Course, and dinner is at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center at Boyne Mountain.

There are prizes awarded on the Par 3 holes, longest drive, most putts, and closest to the pin. A hole in one on 17 is worth up to \$7,000 cash, and is being sponsored by Korthase Insurance in Boyne City.

The golf tournament is a four-person, shotgun-start scramble. Dinner follows and is included in the entry fee, and will include prime rib. The cost of golf and dinner combined is \$80 per person, and also covers a group photo for each member of your team.

If you don't care to golf, dinner alone is \$14.50. Advance tickets are available at the BCPD.

Hole sponsors are also being sought. For \$100 an individual or business can sponsor a hole and have a professionally produced sign by Mitchell Graphics posted

on that hole. For a \$300 hole sponsorship you will receive an engraved plaque and two dinner tickets in addition to the advertising sign.

If you can't participate, but would like to support DARE, you may make a cash donation.

The DARE association is also seeking items to be given away at the dinner as door prizes. If you have items you wish to donate, you can drop them off at the BCPD or call (231) 582-6611 and let them know that you have items to be picked up, and someone will stop by for them.

There are a limited number of spaces available for golfers, so interested golfers should get entry fees in soon.

The proceeds from the fund-raiser are used to purchase educational materials, train DARE officers, purchase graduation supplies and instructional equipment used for the DARE program.

For more information on the fund-raiser or the DARE program, call the BCPD at (231) 582-6611 and ask for Bardel Belford or assistant chief Jeff Gettel.

Scout troop hosts 'low impact' event

Boyne Area Senior Girl Scout Troop 280 will be hosting a minimal impact event for families on Saturday, April 23.

The event will center on environmental awareness, including backpacking and camping tips on how to protect natural surroundings. It will also give information on how to properly prepare for outdoor trips.

There is no cost for the event, and a snack will be provided for participants during the day. It will take place at the Boyne Falls Public School in two sessions. A morning session will be from 9 a.m. to noon and the afternoon session is from 1 to 4 p.m.

Children and adults attending will participate in a scavenger hunt and other activities. By working together, families will learn how to enjoy the environment while protecting it. The event is geared toward families, so all are encouraged to attend, from children to grandparents.

The event is organized as part of the Senior Troop's Gold Award project. All members of the troop have had training in "Leave No Trace Ethics" and feel strongly about sharing these ethics with the community, according to organizers.

The Gold Award is the highest honor that can be earned in Girl Scouting. It is the equivalent to the Boy Scout's Eagle Award. The 50-hour community service project, which must include the entire community, will be the troop's largest and final project together before four of the six members graduate this June.

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Print exhibit opening at arts center

The 24th annual Print Competition sponsored by Alma College will be on exhibit at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan April 10 through May 6.

This is a juried, state-wide print competition which is traveling throughout the state. Forty-two different artists works were accepted.

Traditional prints — intaglios, serigraphs, lithographs, and relief-type prints are included as well as more experimental works like emulsion transfer, collagraphs, xerox transfer, mixed media with stamping and digital and laser imaging.

They were selected by the juror, Hugh Merrill, a noted

printmaker who creates innovative series of sequential etchings. His articles on the redefinition of art, printmaking and education have been published internationally.

Of this exhibit he states, "The 2004-05 exhibit documents the broad range of interests and concerns in including political and social issues, craft, and the intensity of process."

The Arts Center will be open daily from 1 to 4 pm. The opening reception is Sunday, April 10, with a discussion of the exhibition by area printmakers.

For more information call 582-6399 or 536-3385 or visit the art center web site at jordanriverarts.org.

Tree hugger

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house, but have decided that's not a good reason to cut them down. They'll come down when it's their turn to go. All I can do is hope I'm not around when it happens.

The way I see it, most of them have a strong chance of demolishing my house or garage, my neighbor's house or garage, or the power lines. Nevertheless, I say "que sera sera."

When neighbors bought the house next door, they did choose to remove several trees. They wanted grass, sunlight, and a place to park their RV. Indeed, their grass grew. When it rains, their grass sucks up water as they watch from inside. I, however, am not stuck indoors when it rains. My trees shelter my yard so I can go out with no fear of getting wet. When it

doesn't rain, the neighbor's grass turns brown.

So, they turn on the sprinkler and again watch from inside. And, still, my tree-filled, grassless yard keeps me happy. Those summer days also bring beaming sunlight and heat. My neighbor's now have an air conditioner rattling in their window. Then there's me, cool and content under the shade of my bountiful trees. And, again, I am reminded that trees are worth hugging.

Instead of rummaging through nature to pick and choose what I want, I've nestled in to watch Mother Nature in her glory.

I've learned that her credentials and accomplishments are never-ending. If "the future's not ours to see," I think She should be in charge of deciding "whatever will be." Que sera sera. ...

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A sheep suns itself on bare ground last week, looking wholly (or is that wooly?) content with its lot in life.



Spring has brought fishermen out in force to ply the banks of the snow- and ice-free Boyne River.

Out like a lamb

Just as the popular saying goes, March was the tale of two months. Harsh weather dominated the early days, but by the end, spring had arrived.



Proving that spring fever is an adult affliction, too, Nick Melios takes his son's Pocket Rocket for a ride after work.



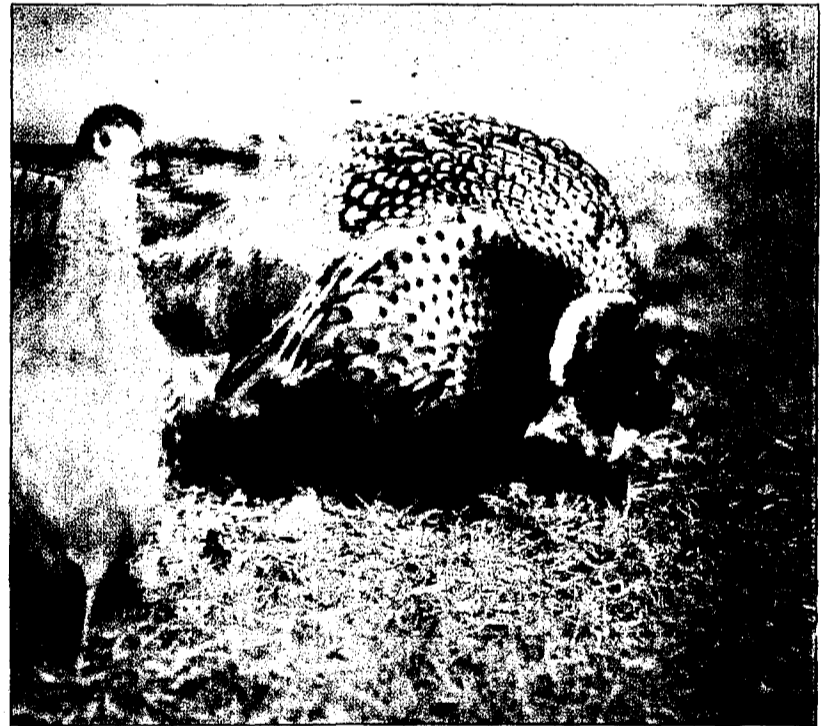
Judy Huffman can ride half a dozen at once when she takes advantage of warm weather to stroll her young charges around town.



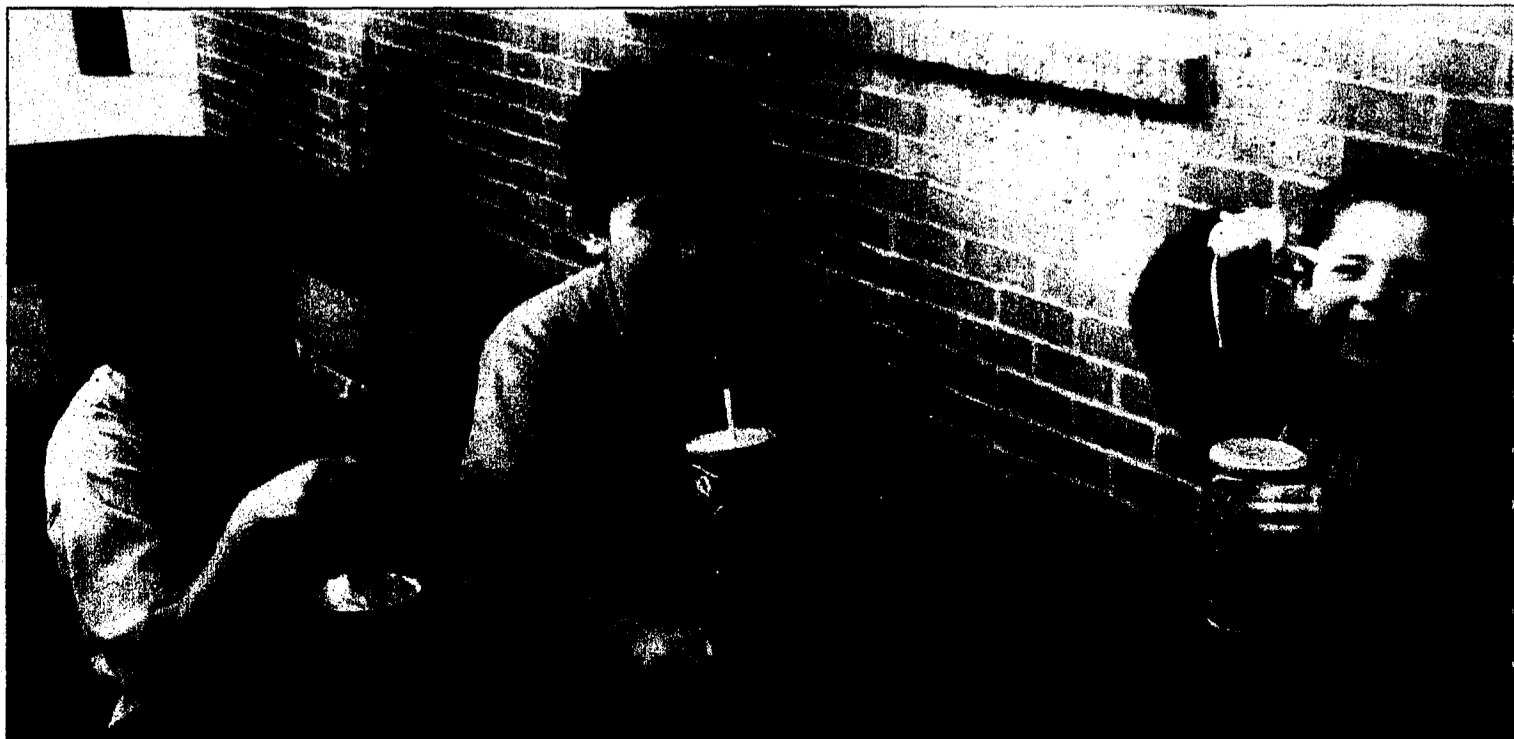
This early daffodil gives the term "wallflower" a good name as it hugs a sun-warmed south wall.



Kendall McNitt is in spring training for summer riding now that the pavement at the park is free of snow.



A pair of pheasants strut in the sunshine at the side of a country road, instinctively playing out the age-old rites of spring.



"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!" Seth Lashuay, left, Zach Hayner and Trent Lashuay enjoy their ice cream outside the Dairy Queen, while Trent holds up a grub he found in the park earlier, hoping to elicit some non-ice cream screams.