

**AT A GLANCE**

**Emerald Ash Borer found in Young State Park trees**

There has been a confirmed isolated infestation of emerald ash borer at Young State Park, according to Jennifer Quimby, a spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The infestation was reported by a Great Lakes Energy tree line trimming crew, who recognized the emerald ash borer symptoms.

It is impossible to know exactly how the larvae got into the tree, Quimby said, but it is suspected that it was through the artificial movement of the pest through infested firewood.

Much is unknown about this specific infestation. MDA will send crews to do an on-site visual survey sometime in the next few weeks. The survey will include an inspection for signs of infestation with a global positioning satellite unit to mark the location of the affected tree or trees.

This will determine the number of trees that have been infested, their exact locations, and will allow construction of a work plan.

Generally speaking, Quimby said, containment is managed by removing trees within a 200-yard radius of the last known infestation, but it is unknown exactly what measures will be taken in Charlevoix County.

Any work must be done before the adult emerges, which usually occurs in May, so it is possible no action will be completed this year.

When the MDA has completed its visual survey it will compile a work plan and hold public meetings. Affected homeowners will be individually notified of the meetings, as will local news sources.

Quimby said the state has known about the emerald ash borer for about three years, but that research indicates that it has been here for six to 10 years. With improved research and technology, and public support, she said the state hopes to contain the infestation.

For more information on the pest, go to emeraldashborer.info or call the MDA regional office at (231) 922-5210, or Chris Anderson, the Charlevoix Conservation district forester, at (231) 582-7641.

**Tickets on sale for Maynard Ferguson jazz concert**

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. They are available 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.

**Santo Subito! Pope John Paul (1920-2005)**



Mallory O'Brien, left, and fellow student Rebecca Lindrew stand with two Carabinieri (Italian police) in St. Peter's Square. The two St. Mary's College students are studying in Rome for a semester at what has turned out to be a very special time in Vatican history.

**An eyewitness to history**

*(Editor's note: Mallory O'Brien, a 2003 graduate of Boyne City High School, has been studying in Rome this academic year as part of the travel abroad program at St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind., where she is a sophomore studying music and Italian. She is the daughter of Pat and Jane O'Brien of Boyne City. Following is her story about life in Rome following the death of Pope John Paul II.)*

By MALLORY O'BRIEN

I was eating dinner in Barcelona when a special report was broadcast over the bar's television, with the news titled, "Il papa ha muerto," Spanish for: The pope has died.

I was silent, not knowing how to react. All I knew at

that moment was how fortunate I was because I was able to see Pope John Paul II at his final blessing during Easter Mass just six days prior. The next morning my friend and I flew back to Rome.

My first image of the crazy week that was ahead of me was from the plane, when it flew over the Vatican City and I saw the hundreds of thousands of people packed in Saint Peter's Square for Mass that Sunday. That night I went to the Vatican to pay my first respects to "Il Santo Padre," the Holy Father. At this point the pilgrims had not yet arrived to Rome, so the piazza wasn't all that crowded, but the emotions were overwhelming.

There were candle-lit shrines of John Paul II surrounding

every street lamp, and people were on their knees praying the rosary. There were people from all over the world and of every age group.

**"At that moment I realized how much more spiritual I have become because of Pope John Paul II, and how loving of a person he really was."**

In several parts of the piazza you saw youth groups with guitars, sitting on the cobblestones, or better known as "san pieterini," little Saint Peter's, singing hymns in all different

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**Friends have a chance to say thanks to Rudy**

By JANE BOOZE  
Staff Writer

The heart of a town is not its seat of government, but the lives of its citizens, and the way they treat each other and the strangers in their midst.

Boyne City's heart has been revealed these last few weeks.

Rudolph "Rudy" Florinski built his house on East Main Street in 1965 and has, in the 40 years since, helped countless Boyne citizens build or maintain theirs.

One of those Rudy helped was Carlton Howie. "Rudy is a handyman who will do anything for anybody. He was always willing to do what he could, whether he got paid or not," Howie said, listing himself and several others for whom Rudy built or helped build a house.

"Most of us were at a time when we couldn't afford to pay," he added. "Now we can afford to help him."

Rudy was diagnosed with colon cancer and spent Christmas in the Veterans Administration hospital in

Saginaw. He came back to Boyne and began staying with his sister. But he wanted to be back in his home on East Main. The problem was, it wasn't ready for him. Years of taking care of other people's homes had taken its toll on Rudy's; the roof leaked, the water heater and furnace needed replacing. The house needed a facelift, a good spring-cleaning and a little general maintenance. Quite a little, in fact, and Rudy wasn't up to the challenge.

But Rudy Florinski had helped a lot of people over the years.

Frank Shaler, for one.

"Did you ever see the movie, 'Pay it Forward'?" — what we're doing is to help him back," Shaler said. "He's already paid it forward to us." What else they're doing is reroofing the house, repainting and repairing and replacing as needed on the inside, cleaning up the yard, repainting the exterior — making Rudy's house new again.

And who are they? About 30 Boyne folks who owe Rudy a debt of gratitude, and maybe a little sweat equity, too.

"I had just graduated, and I asked Rudy to help me build a house and he agreed," Shaler said. "I knew nothing. I was going to be a mechanic the rest of my life. We went all



Rudy Florinski, flanked by Kim, left and Shirley Howie, stands in front of his home on E. Main St. in Boyne City. The house is now a sunflower yellow, ready for summer and Rudy's return.

winter. He helped — excuse me, I helped him — with masonry, wiring, framing — I got my start in building from him."

That long winter, while Shaler and Rudy built a house for Shaler's bride-to-be, Rudy charged Shaler \$3 an hour. Shaler said he was sure Rudy never collected that much. That was in 1972. In 1973 Shaler went to work for a builder, then got his builder's license, and now is a county building inspector. He

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## EAST JORDAN ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT

# After nearly eight months, she's finally getting used to the food

By JANE BOOZE  
Staff Writer

Kyungjin Rhew, a Rotary foreign exchange student from Seoul, South Korea, and a junior at East Jordan High School, has been in the United States since Aug. 14, and is finally getting used to the food.

Her name is pronounced "Keh-yong-jin," but she goes by Kay to simplify things. She is a small person, with straight, dark hair, and she laughs a lot.

"Everybody knows everybody, and helps each other," she said. "I think that's a really great thing about East Jordan.

Kay learned to overcome her preconceived notions about Americans, which she developed from movies and television.

"I think people have a lot of sense of humor. I got a lot of images from movies, so that's different," she said.

"People are really respectful. I got a really violent image from movies." Nevertheless, she was not afraid to come to the United States, as she has friends who have lived here.

What surprised her was the amount of automobile travel.

"I knew that we'd have to move everywhere by the car, but I didn't really realize (how much) until I got here," Kay said.

A devout Christian, Kay said she was confused by the church services in the United States.

"It's a little different, the church service," she said. "Korean people are really passionate in church. A lot of people here go on Sunday for a hobby, so I was really confused. The way Koreans express themselves in church is different. They pray out loud, they cry.

"Korea's traditional religion is Buddhism, but that is changing a lot. There are more than 40 percent Christians now," Rhew said.

Another cultural surprise was music. In Korea, Rhew said, musical taste is driven by the mass media, and everyone likes "pop songs."

"All Korean songs are sad love songs," Rhew said. "Here, everybody likes their own kind of music."

When she first started high school classes in East Jordan, Rhew said that she was afraid of the appearance of her classmates.

"In Korea, they are very strict. We are not allowed to do any make-up or piercings and stuff. Here everybody has their own style," she said. "I got to know them and they are very sweet people."

One of the ways Rhew got to know her classmates was by getting involved. The East Jordan Thespians was a

"great experience," she said.

"I just wanted to do something, and I've heard that was a good experience for foreign exchange students. It was great, and I am planning to watch East Jordan drama at least once more in my life," Rhew said.

American food was a more difficult adjustment than differences in church, school or dress, though.

"I've lost 10 pounds," Rhew said. "But I am gaining back right now. I'm starting to like American food — a lot. I didn't like it at first. It is different food than I ever ate in my whole, entire life.

"American food is sweet. Even mayonnaise is sweet. I am not a chocolate person yet," she said, laughing — and being laughed at good-naturedly by her host family, who offer her jam for her banana bread. "Oh, sugar, sugar, American sugar."

School is profoundly different. The student-teacher ratio is much higher in Korea, and she thinks that influences the amount of respect and discipline in the school,

because with the high number of students, Korean teachers could not maintain order in the classrooms without both.

"Teachers are really friendly here, but I think students need to have more respect for their teachers," she said.

The work is harder in Korea, she said, and very stressful. Classes begin at 8 a.m. and school gets out at 10 p.m., five days a week. Saturday is a half-day. School is in session nine months, though the semesters are different in than American schools.

"We study for college day and night," she said. Teenagers are discouraged from having jobs, and only those from poor families do. Their role is to prepare for college and an eventual career.

"Teenagers here are more financially independent than Korea," she said. "Korean students are expected to study. Most people think teenagers having a job is wrong."

Students begin school at age six or seven and graduate at 18, but those are Americanized ages: Koreans mark their actual day of birth as their first birthday.

"The senior year, there is no outside activity. Just study and study and study. There is a college exam and

everybody has to take that test; it is the standard," she said. The exam score shows aptitude.

Low score?

"You go to a bad college, that's all," Rhew said. The



Kyungjin Rhew (Kay), East Jordan's South Korean Rotary exchange student, is sandwiched between cousins Ellen Boyer, left, and Jeanne Schultz. Kay has been a guest in both their homes during her stay in the United States.

stress level on seniors is immense. "At least one student a year will commit suicide due to the stress. It is not because they are stupid, but we all know the stress that they are in. They disappoint themselves."

Rhew was surprised by American seniors.

"Don't they prepare for college?" Rhew asked about their final year of high school.

"They are," said her host mother, Diane Boyer.

Rhew has noticed that the relationships between people are different as well, but she struggles to find a way to express it.

"(In Korea people are) more close, a lot of trust, they meet together a lot. Here I think they spend time usually with family," she said. In Korea, the first-born son, or, if there is no son, the first-born child, must care for the parents.

"We think we study for our parents, because we will get a job and it will help our parents," she said. "American kids are affectionate toward their parents, but it's their life."

While the average family size in South Korea is two children, there are no rules disallowing bigger families.

There are some cultural differences that discourage misbehavior.

"In Korea we don't have an expectation that kids will be involved in sexual activity or taking drugs," she said, adding that when a pregnancy does occur, the person is shunned. "They (American high school students) have their car and they can go wherever they want. It is impossible to keep track of their kids all the time.

"Drugs are really common. I was surprised. I couldn't believe it," she said.

Rhew set herself some goals for her time in the United States.

She wanted to milk a cow; check. She wanted to go to a big concert; check ("Muse" in Chicago). And she wanted to go horseback-riding — she still plans to do that before she goes.

She also has kept a journal.

"I kept a journal every single day here — every single day — there is no exception. My rule," she said. Her journal has cryptic annotations for days when she does anything special — though Boyer said that doing "something special" could be as simple as a trip to the grocery store,

and Rhew, laughing, admits the truth of that.

She is glad she got to be on stage — the spring musical, concerts and the fashion show.

"That was a really great experience," she said. "I miss my parents every time I am on stage; I hope they can see me."

And when she gets back home?

"I want hot, spicy Korean soup. And white rice," she said. "That's all I need."

## Trout Unlimited holding annual banquet at Perry

The Miller - VanWinkler chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its annual banquet at the Perry Hotel on April 28.

The cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m., and dinner is at 7:30 p.m.

A Loon138 "Predator" kayak will be raffled off (need not be present to win). Other activities will include a silent auction,

door prizes and other raffle items.

Kevin Cronk of Tip of the Mitt will give a brief presentation. The banquet is open to members and non-members.

The ticket price is \$35 for a single and \$60 for two.

Tickets for the event can be obtained from Boyne Country Books and the Grouse Feather in Boyne City, Central Drug in Charlevoix, Cutler Gifts in

Petoskey and the Outfitter in Harbor Springs, or by contacting Jim Howell at (231) 582-7751. Raffle tickets may also be purchased at the same outlets.

Trout Unlimited was founded in 1959 and has

chapters all over the country.

The organization is involved in many conservation programs that improve rivers and streams as well as supporting and advocating environmental issues at all levels of government.



Bob Nakoneczny, left, Dale Parsons and Jim Howell of the local Trout Unlimited chapter.

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# Governor delivers her jobs message – in person

**BY ZACK LOEPRICH**  
Contributing Writer

The party balance in northwest Michigan may be decidedly with the GOP, but it was the state's most powerful Democrat who made a rare and historic stop in the area last week.

As part of her tour of northern Michigan communities, Gov. Jennifer Granholm stopped in Mancelona on Wednesday and addressed a crowd of more than 300 at Mancelona High School. Granholm was bringing her message of revitalizing Michigan's economy, encouraging education advancement, spurring job growth and developing new jobs outside the manufacturing sector.

Her message was well received by many of the area public officials in the audience, despite a difference in party affiliation.

"Being a Republican and her being a Democrat, I think her speech went over all right," joked Bernie Blackmore, owner of the Pizza Shoppe in Mancelona and a county commissioner. "She's a very good speaker. A powerful speaker."

While high-ranking officials have made frequent stops in Traverse City and Cadillac over the years, many long-time residents said this was the first time in the past 50 years that Antrim County has been visited by the state's governor.

"I thought she gave a nice speech," said Antrim County Commissioner Jack White. "It was really nice to have her in Antrim County. I don't recall any visitor of her level ever visiting the area."

White said that when times are as tough as they are, a visit from the governor can make a difference and improve morale. "I hope the economy picks up and she's able to do the things she'd like," White said.

Long-time resident and former Democratic candidate for the House seat in the 105th District, Jim McKimmy agreed and said he doesn't recall a governor ever visiting Antrim County.

"I cannot recall a governor ever making a trip to our small area," McKimmy said. "She's to be commended for it."

McKimmy believed that Granholm was effective in clearly outlining her plans to revitalize Michigan's

economy, create jobs, improve the state's infrastructure and revamp the Single Business Tax.

"I was really pleased with her presentation," McKimmy said.

Mancelona attorney Jack McKaig has been in the area for 29 years and did not recall anyone from the executive level of government ever making a visit to

the area, nice job delivering her message, but he wondered where the money for her programs would come from. Blackmore agreed.

"She made it sound nice, but it takes money and we're all paying enough already," he said.

Granholm's speech focused on her five-point plan: the Single Business Tax, improving the state's infrastructure, investing \$2 billion in the creation of high tech jobs, supporting higher education for children and adults and providing training for unemployed workers.

She said that there are more than 90,000 jobs currently open in the health care field in the state and people need to be trained for those positions.

As we move into the 21st Century, Granholm said need for a college education only grows. A state's employment rate is directly correlated to the number of its citizens who earn a degree, she said.

Granholm has proposed a plan that would give a \$4,000 scholarship for every child in the state upon completion of two years of college. Granholm also wants to make sure there are jobs available in the area for recent college graduates.

"After college, we want to make sure you don't have to leave to get a great job," she said.

Granholm said that she wants those finishing college to have the opportunity to get a job or to start a business in the area.

"We want to make sure you can get a job here or have the ability to create a job here," she said. "So that we can grow here."

To create those jobs, something big is needed, Granholm said.

"We need to do something bold to get us out of this rut," Granholm said. "We need not to put all of our eggs in one basket."

The eggs are the state's jobs. The basket is the manufacturing sector. Granholm said that Michigan has relied too heavily on manufacturing jobs, which are now being out-sourced to other states and nations.

"I want to see us create jobs today and jobs tomorrow," she said.



Gov. Jennifer Granholm outlined her plan for boosting Michigan's economy at Mancelona High School last Wednesday.

the area. McKaig, who addressed the crowd prior to Granholm, said that he's not had the opportunity to fully review the governor's new economic plan. However, any plan that could help Michigan get out of its current economic state is worth a look, he said. "She's got an idea and we should listen to it," McKaig said. McKaig's reaction to the governor's speech was like many others in attendance; he thought she did a very

## OBITUARIES

### Robert G. Mathers

Robert G. Mathers, 76, of Boyne City passed away on Friday, April 8. He was at home surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous, year-long battle with cancer.

Robert was born to Robert and Georgana (Pangborn) Mathers on Dec. 16, 1928 in Boyne City. He graduated from Boyne City High School and served in the Army, stationed in Korea as a helicopter mechanic from 1950-52.

On Dec. 19, 1953, he married Shirley Cunningham in Charlevoix. They made their home in Flint until 1962, when they returned to Boyne City and opened Mathers Service Station. In 1973, they purchased the Ford dealership in Boyne and renamed it Bob Mathers Ford. He remained active in the dealership until March of this year.

Robert had a life-long passion for automobiles, whether they were new or old. He was a founding member of the local Model A Club in 1964, and the Boyne Country Antique Automobile Club of America in 1975. His other club affiliations were, the American Legion, the VFW and the Masonic Lodge.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 51 years, and his children, Cheri (Dave) Garvin, Traverse City; Patricia (Dave) Wilhelm, Petoskey; Wendy (Dave) Reidel and Robert A. (Heidi) Mathers, both of Boyne City.

He was the very best grandpa to Chris, Brent and Jodi Garvin; Heather (Kurt) Hutchinson; Jacob and Adam Wilhelm; Kayla, Ashley and Robby Reidel; Andy and Alan Mathers.

Robert is also survived by his sisters-in-law Freda Mathers Larson and Sandy (Ron) Sniękowski, and brothers-in-law Devere Middleton and Jerry Olson, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Joan Middleton and Sally Sevenski, and brother Larry Mathers.

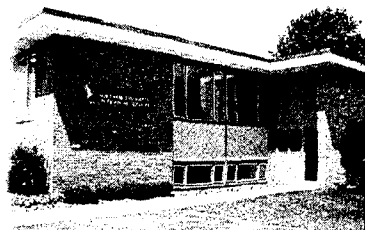
His funeral service was held Tuesday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City, with the Rev. Dave Behling presiding. Burial will take place at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Boyne Country AACA Automotive Scholarship Fund, 224 Water St., Boyne City, MI, 49712; the Boyne City School Boosters or a charity of choice.

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# OPINION

## These are days of sunshine and promise

Saturday and Sunday were beautiful days, full of sunshine and promise. The ground is getting its green peach fuzz, and the trees are softening, muting like a Monet painting as the branch tips swell with buds.

I went to a wedding on Saturday. My son's friend married a lovely young lady, and it was a gorgeous ceremony, moving in its sincerity and hopefulness.

### LAST CALL

Weddings can make me anxious. Sometimes the young brides and bridegrooms are joyfully taking the sacred trust of marriage without any real-life frame of reference for what marriage should or could be. So few young people have watched their own parents' marriage mature and ripen over 25 or 30 years, it seems. I had not, and yet both sets of grandparents had celebrated 50-plus years.



Jane Booze

For my own children, and many of their peers, the breakdown of marriage has already penetrated two prior generations, and therefore weddings can be cliff-hangers. What will happen next? Will they know how to deal with real disagreements? Will they know how to be faithful, how to compromise, how to forgive, when to speak and when to be still?

This wedding suggested that they would. And so I cried through the ancient rite of the vows, because it made me solemn and joyful all at once. I was happy for them, but understand better than they yet can the gauntlet they have picked up.

I returned home to my husband, who had, instead of crying through the wedding with me, stayed at the cabin he has in the valley and cleared dead limbs and brush from the woods. We have plenty of campfire wood for the next couple of years now, and the copse around the cabin is more traipsier-friendly.

"Cabin" is too upscale a name for the structure we have near the Jordan Valley. It is merely a shack, with slabwood siding and mismatched windows pilfered from some demolition project. It is hunting camp during the critical weeks, but during the summer it is a refuge from phone, television and computer.

There is an annual contest between man and squirrel to see who can outsmart whom as it relates to fiberglass insulation. This year Neil won. Other years the critters have decisively won, and the spring cabin-opening ceremony has been festooned with banners of pink hanging festively from the ceiling; the floor littered with a pink confetti.

So we went out, laden with hotdogs, marshmallows and sweatshirts. We rounded up Jaden and Dakota, our grandchildren, and took them with us, armed with a ball and glove, a Tonka loader and digging toys.

But who has time for toys? Grandpa had the boys out with a pruning saw, teaching them to cull dead branches high over their childish heads. "Keep the blade in the groove," he instructed. "Push forward gently, and pull back harder." Tiny little arms moved as instructed, and five-year-old Dakota and three-year-old Jaden trimmed their first limbs, dragging them proudly to the brush pile.

Jaden would saw (the saw itself is 10 feet long, and he was holding it alone, being helped only by the groove in which the blade rested) for a minute and then say, in his youthful pidgin, "My arm is tawed," and shake it out. He wouldn't quit, though — just shake, shake and then back at it. Dakota could hardly stand to let his brother saw alone, but he was a good teacher, giving constant encouragement, even as his own strong hands sweated to guide the blade.

I will admit, I was proud, too. Those little toughies were sawing off limbs as big around as their own arms!

And yet, the sight struck fear in me. We were, their grandpa and I (in encouraging the pursuit), nurturing another generation of men who love to prune! To the women in their lives: I apologize. It didn't occur to me until too late. Be vigilant of your lilacs and roses from this day forward.

What have marriage and pruning to do with each other? Surely there is a lesson in the solemnity and joy of the weekend? Permanence? New growth?

Spring is a reminder of the cycle of life. From the bleak death of winter, life comes. From boys come men, from weddings come families, from families come new children and men and women, and more life. It is poignant and precious, and it is good.



## IN HARM'S WAY

### Last of post's soldiers are home

By MAXINE HOUGH

Within the past 10 days our last two Legionnaires still on duty overseas have returned to their bases in the States: staff sergeant Russell "Rusty" Gilmore, Jr. has returned to Ft. Hood, Texas, and SRA Shawn Weisler has returned to his Air Force base in Alaska.

The tremendous and enthusiastic out-pouring of support for our troops in harm's way from the Boyne area will not be forgotten by them or their fellow Legionnaires at Post #228. The American Legion, the nation's largest veteran's organization, is dedicated to supporting military personnel.

The Boyne City post offers complimentary memberships to any service personnel for as long as that person is in the military. We veterans know and have experienced the problems of active service personnel and the problems they will face when they become civilians again. We feel it's very important that they become informed on subscriptions to the Legion's national magazine, the state newspaper and the local newsletter.

As was demonstrated this past year, their membership in Post #228 assured them of the support of the post, and also that of their community. To put it simply, the Legion becomes family for them. Post #228 carries 19 complimentary memberships on their roster for local service

personnel. We are proud of what we did to support the nine who were in harm's way. We would have done the same if all 19 had been in harm's way. The American Legion serves other veterans, their widowed spouses and their orphans.

To this end, the Legion was instrumental in creating the G.I. Bill of Rights, and is constantly working to maintain the rights and benefits earned by veterans through service to their country. Each American Legion Post has a service officer available to assist veterans and their dependents to obtain the VA benefits to which they are entitled.

When one of our Legionnaires is discharged from the armed forces, there are three choices to be made: 1.) Continue membership in Post #228; 2.) Transfer membership to another post; 3.) Drop the membership.

If there are other service personnel in the Boyne area who would like to become members of Legion Post #228, membership forms are available from any Legionnaire, or may be obtained at the post, especially on Tuesdays from 3 to 10 p.m., during bingo. A relative or friend may obtain a form to sent to the person in the service.

All service personnel have a friend in the Legion.

(Maxine Hough is a member of the American Legion Post #228.)

## LETTERS

### Families appreciate support during a difficult time

TO THE EDITOR:

Our families were reminded recently of the fragility of life when our children were injured in a car accident. Lane, Taylor, Ethan and Jenna are recovering well, and hopefully all will soon resume their normal, busy, teenage pace.

We would like to thank the EMS crew and everyone who helped at the scene for getting the injured help as soon as possible. Thank you to Dr. Markham and the ER staff at NMH, who showed kindness to the frightened teens and their anxious families, while providing quick and professional care. Thank you to the faculty, students and staff of Boyne City schools for your unwavering support and caring.

We would also like to thank the Citizen-Journal for its coverage of the accident, which conveyed concern for the kids, while helping to publicize the changes in the BCHS Drama production.

Lastly, we owe the people of Boyne warm thanks for reaching out to all of us with prayers, get-well wishes, visits, errands and hugs. You all lifted us up and helped us through a difficult time.

*The families of Lane McCarry, Taylor Carlston, Ethan Knott and Jenna Raber*



### Calm water

The sun rose over smooth-as-glass water in the Harborage Marina in Boyne City last week. Ice still covered much of Lake Charlevoix, but warming breezes melted the rest of it by Monday morning.

### Win-Some Women retreat has openings

TO THE EDITOR:

The Win-Some Women retreats are held twice a year at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. We are having three retreats each this spring and fall. We fill each retreat with 1,000 women from all over Michigan and the U.S., with a mailing list of well over 11,000 women.

Sometimes we have openings and we need to get the word out that women can still get into the retreat. The Wednesday and Thursday session, May 18 and 19, still has some openings (we are half-full), and there are scholarships available to those who have need.

The retreat will feature keynote speaker and vocalist, Wintley Phipps, A.D. Players and featured speaker Jeannette Clift George, as well as local author Sarah Arthur.

For more information, call (231) 526-6026.

*Penny Burns  
Win-Some Women*

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### EMERGENCY PLANNING AN ON-GOING TASK

## Keeping communities prepared for the worse-case scenario

BY JANE BOOZE  
Staff Writer

Most residents of northern Michigan are not too worried about terrorist attacks, but Homeland Security plays a role not just in protecting our communities against the possibility of terrorist attack, but also against natural or man-made disasters.

Jack Messer said helping to build preparedness for any hazard is the most important part of his job.

Messer is the coordinator for first responders in the tri-county area which includes Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties. He has been active in assisting the East Jordan and Boyne City communities in their efforts to prepare an updated, comprehensive emergency plan.

This effort is funded in part by the Department of Homeland Security.

Messer said that the emergency crews in both cities have been heavily involved with mass casualty event planning both before, and with increased urgency, after September 11, 2001.

"There is a concern that as a country we need to be better prepared," Messer said. "I assist communities in being better prepared. These preparations are applicable in a lot of ways; we take an 'all-hazards' approach."

The all-hazards approach to community planning equips communities not just for terrorist attack, but for tornadoes, floods, an explosion at a local plant, or an ice storm.

"Any hazard — the lessons carry over. There is grant

money for all-hazard equipment, and these things also leave us better equipped for terrorist attacks," Messer said.

While much of the training is done at the county level, there are things communities and individuals can do to prepare.

"It asks us to do simple things: have an evacuation plan for the home; establish a meeting or assembly place; maintain a supply of food and water, flashlights and batteries. And plan for 72 hours," he said. "That's nothing in northern Michigan. We know we could get snowed in and not be able to get to the grocery store. But most people aren't prepared for no electricity — plan for that."

"We could get into a situation that would force citizens — and local governments — to be self-sufficient for 72 hours," he added.

Messer said emergency management personnel — police, fire and emergency medical services — are keeping abreast of safety issues under the threat of terrorism. But the general population is probably not as conscious of it as it was a year ago, he said.

"Experts expect that there will be another attack," Messer said. "The mentality of (the terrorists) is to be very patient. They planned 9/11 for years."

Three years ago, the federal government asked counties to do a risk assessment, and Michigan asked the federal government to consider its schools as critical infrastructure.

"Our children gathered together are a potential threat," Messer said. "The federal government agreed. That allowed

our schools eligibility for grants, training programs, exercises.

"East Jordan public schools updated their emergency plan to include terrorist-type attacks with grant money. We posed a scenario and did table-top exercises," he said. "East

Jordan school system is well on its way to being as prepared as it can be."

Messer said that Boyne City schools have updated their plans as well, adding that none can be fully prepared, but that the training will hopefully minimize any impact.

"Our schools are preparing the best they can, and are one of the safest places you can be," Messer said.

Last week Messer met with all the area ambulance directors in Boyne City to plan a three-county mass casualty exercise.

"Mass casualties do not have to be terrorist attacks," he said. "The Venetian Festival, the tour bus rollover on the freeway are other examples."

The exercise is being planned by area emergency personnel and a self-exercise design team, and will include all area fire, EMS, law enforcement and hospitals.

"The system will be tested under very realistic conditions," Messer said. The exercise is planned for the fall, and is being funded by Homeland Security. Homeland Security grants also dedicated money to other planning. Each county had to re-write its emergency operations plan. It took months, with input from police, fire, EMS, Red Cross, "anyone with resources," said Messer.

There is also an equipment component to the grants. The counties received automatic external defibrillators, personal protection equipment (ie: gowns, masks); fire received money to update their equipment; police received personal protective equipment and could purchase mobile surveillance equipment.

"We do not know what we're facing and we have to try to do what we can to assess risks," Messer said. "What are the targets here, what weapons could be used against us? What is the worst case scenario, and how bad is it? What equipment will we need?"

"We have designed scenarios based on risks and have conducted four training exercises based on actual locations."

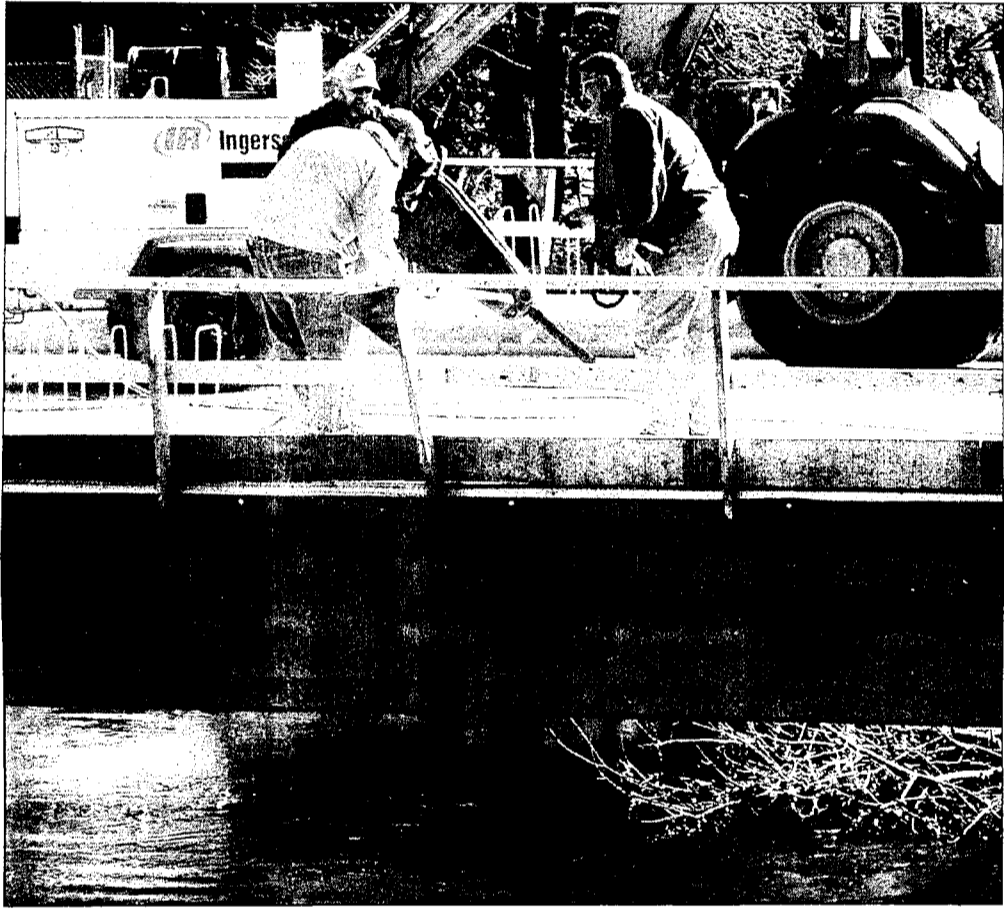
Messer said that our three-county dispatch center is a huge advantage, and that all the emergency systems need to be coordinated. To that end, county communications plans and equipment are being updated as well.

"We can't do business as usual," Messer said. "Things have changed exponentially over the last few years."

**"We do not know what we're facing and we have to try to do what we can to assess risks."**  
— Jack Messer,  
First responder coordinator

### Under repair

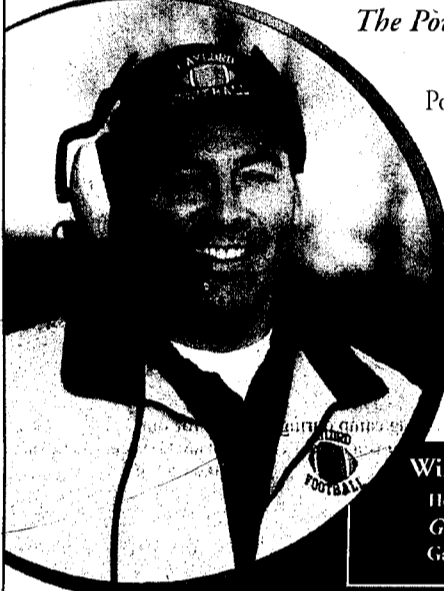
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# Discovering a passion for art

By **BRITTNEY MOODY**  
Student Writer

Everyone has a passion for doing something they love, and have a plan they hope will lead them to a satisfying life.

Ben Robinson, a senior at Boyne City High School, is among those who know what they want to do in life. Robinson has developed his artistic skills, which will in the end take him toward becoming a 3-D design teacher.

Robinson's interest in art started when he took an art class thinking it might be just another easy class.

"I always thought art was an easy class so I took it and found that I can really express what I think through my artwork," said Robinson who has since taken many art classes.

"There's too many to count. I've always tried to weasel my way into an art class one way or another. Even if one doesn't exist I'll kind of make one up so I can get credit for being in art," said Robinson.

Robinson's style is 3-D abstract.  
"It's definitely abstract — lifelike but with a twist. I try to make them look realistic, but not," said Robinson.

Robinson's sculptures are displayed in a showcase in the commons area of Boyne City High School, as well as in the Crooked Tree Art Center. Robinson's creations will be on display there until April 22, when the youth art exhibit ends.

"I've always wanted to put something in that, because it's a show for all high school students, and this year I had something worthy of submission," said Robinson of the importance of being able to display his work.

Robinson's inspiration came mostly from Salvador Dali, who does oil paintings.

"I really like his paintings, and have always liked his style, and want to incorporate some of that into what I want to do," he said.

He also said he was inspired by his fiancé, Melody, and art teacher, Nancy Belford.

"Mrs. Belford really pushed me a lot to get into art and creativity," said Robinson.

"Ben is very spontaneous and experiments with a lot of different mediums," his teacher said.

"I obviously like his sculptures. They come from the heart pretty much and it's obvious when you look at them that he's put a lot of serious time into them,"

Belford added.

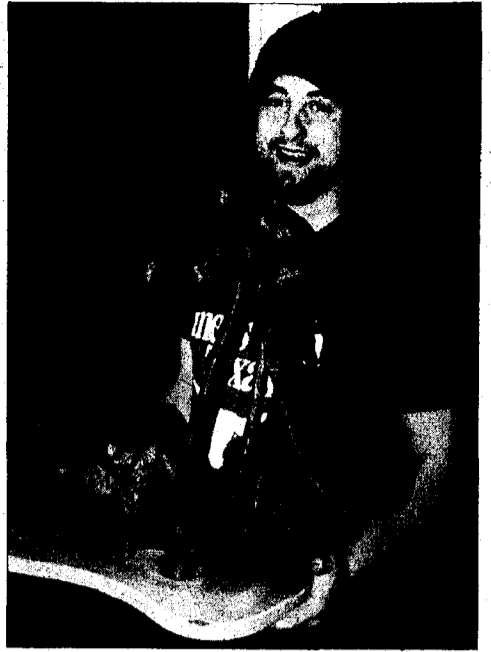
Robinson said one his most thoughtful works was a sculpture that was designed to be a reflection of his inner self.

"It isn't really a representation of how I was feeling, but I made it because I was trying to look inside myself and figure out what was going on in my life and what I wanted to do," said Robinson.

As a grandson of Hud Robinson, a world class carver, he is following in his footsteps well.

"I have a lot of respect for what he does. He just kind of came out of nowhere with that art sculpture and wood carving. He's just amazing at it," said Robinson.

Robinson has been recognized himself for his works. In eighth grade he was recognized for a metal lizard sculpture that he made, and then recently won an honorable mention at the Crooked Tree Art Center. His plan for his art is to become an art teacher after going to North Central Michigan College for a couple of years — and anywhere else his path leads after that.



Ben Robinson holds one of the 3-D pieces that he has on display at BCHS. The piece features a mother elephant and her baby, whose tapered limbs characterize Robinson's unique style.

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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE

**Saturday, April 16**  
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. Donations will be accepted at this non-denominational family event. Pizza, coffee, tea and pop are available; everyone is welcome. Future guests are: Men of Grace, April 16; Dennis Gwizdala, May 7; Mark and Andrea Forester, May 21; Ernie Mindel and the Cedar Valley Band, June 4.

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER**  
**Mondays**  
The Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center is open every Monday from 8:30-8:30 p.m., located on Park Street in-Boyne City. For information, call 582-0089.

**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. All OES members are invited. For membership, call 582-6819 or 582-0506.

**BOYNE FOOD PANTRY**  
**First & third Mondays**  
Food pick-up hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon and third Monday from 5-7 p.m., or on Tuesday if a holiday falls on Monday. The food pantry is located at 401 State Street.

**VETERAN ASSISTANCE**  
**Tuesdays**  
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City every Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. pre-

ceding weekly bingo. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets or call 582-7811 at that time.

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

**JORDAN VALLEY VFW MEETING**  
**Second Tuesday**  
A meeting of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 is held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. Information: 544-5312.

**BOYNE VALLEY LIONS CLUB MEETINGS**  
**Wednesdays**  
The Boyne Valley Lions Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library.

**EJ FOOD PANTRY**  
**Thursdays**  
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vided 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**  
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**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. The first Friday of each month is an Open Talk/Potluck at 7 p.m., with meeting at 8 p.m.

**ALANON**  
**Thursday nights**  
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(To have an item included in the calendar email it to citizen@voyager.net.)

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## NEIGHBORS

By **NANCY NORTHUP**

**NANCY AND BRUCE LAWSON** have just returned from visiting her sister, Sherry Korthase, in Georgia and also her brother, Bill and wife Deb, in Hilton Head, S.C., and then went to Virginia, where they visited daughter, Trenna and son Luke, while her husband is at sea (he should be home in another month). While returning home, they stopped in Oakland County to visit daughter Kristin and Ken Robinson.

**LYNNELL WAKLEY** and sons Gannon and Gabriel Switzer of Marshall, and Kim Martin and Ben and Madeline of Grand Rapids spent a few days of spring break this past week visiting their parents Nels and Louisa Northup of Boyne Falls.

**MARY CARSON** and Susan Fettig hosted a baby shower for Jenny Anderson of Traverse City on Saturday, April 9, at the Carson home in Boyne City. It was a

fun time for first-time mommy-to-be Jenny, who is expecting a baby girl on May 18. She is the daughter of Cheryl Looze and the granddaughter of Sally Looze.

**BOYNE AREA SENIOR** Center will be serving Salisbury steak for lunch on Thursday, April 14. Bingo will follow lunch about 12:45 p.m. Friday, April 15 BBQ chicken will be served after an hour of music which begins at 11 a.m. Monday, April 18, beef stew will be served, with bingo after lunch. Tuesday, April 19 will be baked cod. Lunch on Wednesday, April 20 will be meatloaf, and then cards after lunch. On Wednesday, April 20th, a special meeting will be held at the Senior Center for the final design review of the new building. This meeting is planned for 10 a.m.

**JEAN LIMRON** has returned from winter travels in Florida and Colorado Springs, with a side trip to Las Vegas. There, she met daughter Linda and Jim Felton and they took

her on a trip to Bryce and Zion Canyon in Utah, before the journey home.

**HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES** go out to the family and friends of Margaret Irene Johnecheck, Andrew (Andy) Sutton (former Boyne resident) and Robert (Bob) Mathers, who all passed away this past week.

**SUNDAY'S CONGREGATION** of Boyne's United Methodist Church were pleased to see "Doc" Heaton has returned from wintering in Florida, accompanied by his son, Hylon John of the Flint area.

**SORRY FOR SUCH** a short column this week. The beautiful weekend of summer-like weather was big competition. I'm glad everybody was out having a good time somewhere. Hope to catch you next week!

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# SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

## Play Ball!

### Ramblers ready to defend conference and district titles

By PHIL TROMBLEY Sports Writer

With eight players returning from last year's conference and district championship baseball team, Boyne City head coach Beano Archey has the Ramblers poised as a team to be reckoned with when the 2005 season begins this week.

"Every year our goals are to try and be a factor in the conference and try to be playing our best ball when the post season comes around," Archey said.

Seven of the eight returnees either started last year or had a significant amount of playing time, so Archey has plenty of talent to back up his optimism.

"Our senior leadership will be a very big key and if we can get our young guys to listen and follow our returning players we should be okay," said the Rambler skipper.

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—Beano Archey, Boyne City head coach

we can practice outside the more people we can look at and get the outfield ready."

Mittig, who hit at a .490 clip last year, and Austin, who hit over .400, will provide the heavy bats for the Ramblers, while Caleb Helsley will anchor the pitching staff as the number-one starter. Helsley won 10 games last season.

The Ramblers will have to play some good ball if they are going to repeat as Lake Michigan Conference champions. Archey sees a tough race and does not see any team his Ramblers should overlook.

Boyne City opens the schedule tomorrow with a road trip to Onaway and then competes in the Hillman Tournament on Saturday. League play is set to begin on Monday, April 25, at East Jordan.

Archey is entering his eighth year as the Boyne City head coach. Assistant coaches are David Vasquez and Buddy Hayden.

Returning lettermen include seniors David Austin, Caleb Helsley, Josh Aown, John Eastwood, Ryan Hennessy, Drew Mittig, and John Mosley; as well as junior Tyler Kruzell. "Right now our pitching and our infield would be our strengths, but we are trying to get our outfield set," Archey said. "The more

### East Jordan has experienced group returning

East Jordan varsity baseball coach Mike Gle will have lots of experience to draw on when his Red Devils take to the diamond this week to open the 2005 baseball season and that depth gives the coach good reason to be optimistic.

"We have 10 returning players, giving us some experience, and we should be in the upper half of the league this year," said Gle.

The Red Devils are hoping to build on a district final tournament appearance in 2004, while improving on a 14-12 overall record and taking another step forward in post season play.

Getting some playing time outside will go a long way towards getting ready for the coming campaign and Gle says that staying healthy and staying focused is the key for his team to do well this year.

With lettermen returning to the lineup in both the infield and outfield positions, the Red Dev-

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—Mike Gle, East Jordan head coach

(junior, catcher) all return to anchor the bases.

In the outfield Ian Sibinic (senior), Kyle Peters (senior), Tyler Spence (senior) and Dallas Dougherty (junior) are back for another season.

Gle does not have a pitching rotation in place as yet, but with six players capable of taking the mound, and vying for the top spots, he has a good staff to work with.

Krause, Brown, Peters, Spence, Dougherty, and Streufert will all see time on the mound.

Gle gives Boyne City and Kalkaska the nod as the teams to beat in this season's Lake Michigan Conference race. East Jordan will get an early test when they host Boyne City on Monday, April 25, for the league opener.

Gle, who is entering his third season coaching and his second year as the East Jordan varsity coach, will have Chip Brown as his assistant to help out with the coaching duties.

ils have the playing time under their belts necessary for a good early start.

In the infield Tom Krause (senior, first base), Eric Hansen (junior, second base), Kaleb Brown (senior, third base, shortstop), Andrew Streufert (junior, shortstop) and Josh Cooper

### Boyne Falls has high hopes as season begins

The Boyne Falls varsity baseball team is set to begin play this week with an experienced squad back for another year as well as some good young talent taking to the diamond for the first time to bolster the lineup.

"I expect a great season. We have an experienced team, a new field and the drive to win. I'm excited about this season," said head coach Dean Reynolds.

The skipper will look to a trio of returning upperclassmen to lead the way with senior Adam Raphael (shortstop), senior Brandon Wilkins (first base, relief pitcher) and junior Nathan Wasylewski (center field, pitcher) all

back for another season.

Reynolds said the Loggers lost two key players from last year's team, which went 7-8 overall, but he feels that he has some great freshmen players stepping in to fill the gaps.

Reynolds, entering his second season as the Logger head coach, sees Harbor Light or Ellsworth as the main competition in this year's Northern Lakes Conference race.

The Loggers are scheduled to open the season tomorrow with an away game at Alanson, while the home opener is scheduled for next Thursday, April 21, against the Boyne City junior varsity.

*"I expect a great season. We have an experienced team, a new field and the drive to win. I'm excited about this season."*

—Dean Reynolds, Boyne Falls head coach

## On your mark!

### Boyne City track teams open season with home meet

Both boys coach Tom Nagurka and girls coach Andy Place look to the 2005 Boyne City track season as a rebuilding year which will be a learning experience for many of the athletes coming out for the sport.

The boys team is going to experience a lot of growth this season," Nagurka said. "Learning will be the key to our season. If our athletes learn well, and learn quickly, we can do very well."

"Our goal is to have each girl improve throughout the season, so that they can perform their best at the regional and conference meets," Place said.

"Success for us will be achieving these goals. Our focus is on overall team performance."

Four seniors and two sophomores return

*"Learning will be the key to our season. If our athletes learn well, and learn quickly, we can do very well."*

—Tom Nagurka, BC boys' track coach

from last year's girls team which placed seventh in the state, and they will lead an athletic team with several athletes able to compete in multiple events.

Look for Kim Foster (senior, high jump), Carly Steiber (senior, distance), Malorie Lehto

(senior, discus) and Kathleen Adkison (senior, sprints) to show the way, along with Courtney Cambrie (junior, sprints), Jessica Nichols (sophomore, hurdles) and Lindsey Mansfield (sophomore, distance).

Senior shot putter Eric Bennett is back for his third varsity season to head the boys team, while juniors Armen Karaptian and Dan Sutton and sophomores Jason Fountain and Taylor Voice all return as lettermen.

Both coaches cite Harbor Springs as the team to beat in the 2005 Lake Michigan Conference race.

Boyne City will host the first league meet tomorrow, while Harbor Springs will host the second league meet on Wednesday, April 18.

On Wednesday, April 20, the Ramblers will host the Boyne City Rotary Invitational.

### COMING NEXT WEEK

Previews of Softball, tennis, soccer and East Jordan track

pounds, and Junior Midgets for ages 10-12, weighing between 85-125 pounds. A copy of the player's birth certificate is required at the time of registration. A parent must be present to register.

For information call Mark Ameal at (231) 582-2075 or 439-8212.

### Boyne Pop Warner signing up recruits for next season

Boyne Pop Warner football registration for players will be held from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, and 9 - 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, at the Boyne City middle school cafeteria.

There are two divisions of players: Peeewe for ages 8 -10, weighing between 55 -95

## Be careful out there — fire season is here

Just as there is a snowmobile season, a ski season and a mushroom season, there is a fire season, and spring is it.

Don Klingler, the fire and recreation supervisor at the Department of Natural Resources in Gaylord, said that the only safe way to deal with burnables this time of year is to rake them up and deposit them for mulch.

"Compost. Don't burn," he said. "Everything is dead material. Even if it rains, it won't absorb the water."

The fire season begins to wind down with what the DNR calls the "green-up," when trees have their foliage and new grass has grown.

"Unless we go into an extended drought period, that usually occurs in the first part of June," Klingler said. "Typically it picks back up some and the fall is a less severe fire season."

A burn permit is needed any time the ground is not snow-covered, Klingler said. Not patchy snow, he specified, but actual ground cover. Permits are free and can be obtained inside the city limits in Boyne City by calling the police department at (231) 582-6611, but no permits are being given out until after a good rain. The city of East Jordan issues no burn permits within the city limits. The townships surrounding both East Jordan and Boyne City may call (231) 547-0086 or the Charlevoix County sheriff's department for burn permits.

"For a big burn, also call 9-1-1," said Bardell Belford at the Boyne City police department. "Because we surround the lake, people can see burns from the other side and are likely to call 9-1-1."

Even with a permit, a fire must be supervised constantly, according to Klingler.

"The person is still responsible for the fire," he said. "A permit does not allow negligence. The person must pay attention until the fire is completely out."

"Completely out" means cool to the touch. This means the fire must be quenched with water and stirred until it can be touched with the hand.

A person does not need a permit for what the DNR calls a "domestic fire," or campfire — for heat or cooking. But it is left to the officer's discretion whether the

fire qualifies as a domestic fire, and any law enforcement agency may issue a ticket.

Allowable materials for a fire are also limited. County-wide, only brush, leaves and stumps may legally be burned; within Boyne City city limits, leaves are not allowed.

In a burn barrel, a person may burn paper and cardboard, as well as brush, but only if the barrel has holes no larger than three-quarters of an inch in diameter. No household refuse, such as plastic, painted or stained materials or construction materials may be burned.

According to Klingler, treated lumber, tires, carpeting, shingles, furniture and construction materials are items people will often attempt to burn, but are illegal and should never be burned.

Klingler said the DNR is currently issuing permits for after 6 p.m., but will soon be shutting those down until after the green-up.

"We are in the business of trying to prevent wildfires," he said. "We may not have 50 or 60 thousand acre fires, but ours can be as dangerous."

He said that some factors have helped reduce wild fires in recent years. "The weather trends have been in our favor," said Klingler, and cell phones help expedite reporting. "New, updated equipment — technology has helped."

With a permit, fires should still be in an area of bare ground or mown grass when possible, and away from long grass.

The area of the burn should be raked and the person supervising the fire should have a shovel, a bucket of water or a hose right there, and should never leave the fire unattended, even for a few moments.

Over one third of wild fires are started by an individual burn that has gotten out of control, according to the DNR. "Never burn in dry or windy conditions. If your fire gets out of control, you may be liable for misdemeanor charges, as well as damages and costs of suppression of the fire."

For more information on outdoor burning, visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

### COLLEGE NEWS

**STEPHEN RITTER** of Boyne is among 52 Northern Michigan University students whose work will be on display at the Senior Art Exhibit.

The show opens Friday, April 15, at Northern Michigan University's DeVos Art Museum. The show allows seniors in the art and design department the opportunity to showcase their work one more time before graduation.

Pieces from the 52 student artists represent various media including illustration, photography, digital cinema, graphic design, ceramics, metals, painting/papermaking, electronic imaging, product design, sculpture, environmental design, and drawing/painting.

Ritter's medium is photography.

**TOM KRAUSE** of East Jordan was honored as a scholar athlete recently by McDonald's and TV 9 & 10. The award recognizes "students who excel in the classroom, their sports and their communication."

Krause, a senior at East Jordan High School, is a member of the varsity football, basketball and baseball teams, as well as the National Honor Society and student council. In addition, he maintains a 4.0 grade point.

**JASON GRACE** of Boyne City has been named to the President's List for the

winter term at Northwood University in Midland. To achieve President's List recognition, students must earn at least a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

**WEEKLY Health Tips**

By **Steve Czerkes** Pharmacist

**HEALTH TIPS FROM MEDICAP PHARMACY**

**No Honey For Infants**

Ten percent of honey contains dormant *Clostridium botulinum* bacteria spores. When consumed, spores can release a toxin that can cause botulism in infants under 12 months of age. According to the CDC, infants with botulism are lethargic, constipated, feed poorly, have poor muscle tone and a weak cry. The effects can range from mild illness to severe paralysis or sudden death. Many parents know not to give honey to their babies, but they sometimes overlook avoiding foods with honey in them. (Breads, cereals, crackers, etc.) Check with manufacturers to see if these foods are safe.

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH

RAYMOND McINTIRE MOSSER

The Veteran of the Month for April is Raymond McIntire Mosser.

Born on June 25, 1919 in Flint, Mosser was adopted and grew up in Cheboygan and Epsilon. He left Port Huron High School in 1937 to go to work as a common laborer and on Jan. 9, 1939 enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corps at the 673rd Company CCC, Camp Wolverine, S-54 Clarion, where he worked at a fish hatchery.

On April 1, 1939 Mosser was transferred to the 4612th Company CCC, Atlanta, to work in reforestation and later was sent to Grand Haven to work on a soil conservation project. On Oct. 15, 1940 Mosser received an Honorable Discharge from the Civilian Conservation Corps and married Albertha Rose Wiebenga in Muskegon.

He worked for Screw Machine Specialties Company in Grand Haven until July 1, 1944 when he was inducted into the Army and entered into active service in Detroit. Following four months of basic training Mosser completed a four-week jump school with a rating of excellent and was promoted to Private First Class.

He was assigned to the Quartermaster Corps and drove light trucks until March 8, 1945 when he departed the USA arriving in the European Theater of Operations on March 18, 1945. He was assigned to the 409th Airborne Quartermaster Company serving as a checker, requisitioning various rations and distributing them to various companies while participating in battles and campaigns in the Rhineland and Central Europe.

On Aug. 16, 1945 Mosser departed the European Theater of Operations arriving in the USA Aug. 25, 1945 and on Jan. 21, 1946 received an Honorable Discharge at the Separation Center, Fort Sheridan, Ill.

He was awarded the following decorations and citations: American Theater Medal, European African Middle Eastern Theater Medal with two Bronze Battle Stars, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and one Overseas Service Bar.



Mosser enlisted in the Army Quartermaster Corps-Enlisted Reserve Corps on Jan. 21, 1946 at Fort Sheridan, Ill and on Jan. 20, 1949 received an Honorable Discharge in Detroit.

He worked as a long distance semi-truck driver and retired from Lexalite Plastics of Charlevoix on July 1, 1983.

He enjoyed reading, golf, treasure hunting with his metal detector and his family.

He answered the final call April 2, 2004 and is being honored by his wife Albertha 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 4-6 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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Raymond M. Werbicki and Susan J. Werbicki, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Mortgagee, dated March 29, 2004, and recorded on April 21, 2004 in Liber 609 on Page 612, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand One Hundred Forty-Eight And 13/100 Dollars (\$103,148.13), including interest at 5.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on April 22, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4, Block 14, NICHOLL'S SECOND ADDITION to the Village of South Lake, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 43, Charlevoix County Record. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 23, 2005 For more information, please call: FC R (248) 593-1305

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Washington Mutual Bank, FA 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #051276F01

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For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #051579F01

of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight And 40/100 Dollars (\$139,738.40), including interest at 6.2% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on April 22, 2005. Said premises are situated in Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: All that certain parcel of land situate in the Township of Boyne Valley, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, being known and designated as commencing at the edge of the right-of-way of Highway US 131, 10 rods South of the Northwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 32, Range 5 West; thence South along the Highway Right-Of-Way of distance of 10 rods; thence East 80 rods; thence North 10 rods; thence West 80 rods to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: March 23, 2005 For more information, please call: FC X (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #051579F01

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Elizabeth Fry, a.k.a. Elizabeth A. Fry, a single woman and James Herbon, a.k.a. James P. Herbon and Yvonne Herbon a.k.a. Yvonne M. Herbon, husband and wife to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 25, 1998, and recorded on December 11, 1998, in Liber 353, on page 262, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be Tax ID No.: 15-015-022-029-00 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: April 5, 2005 GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee 03545 PLEASANT VALLEY RD. BOYNE CITY, MI 49712 PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, Michigan 48075

Miss East Jordan pageant is Saturday

The Miss East Jordan pageant is in its final stages of preparation as the grand night arrives on Saturday, April 16.

The show will begin at 7 p.m. in the East Jordan high school auditorium, and will showcase the talents and public-speaking of the contestants. Tickets are still available from any of the contestants for \$6 each.

Nine seniors are vying for the Miss East Jordan title this year, including Kaila Bennett, Katie Diller, Christine Jackson, Emily Malfroid, Kayla Matejewski, Stephanie Mills, Ashley Nichols, Jessica Skop and Kari Skop.

Each contestant will receive a \$300 scholarship for participating, and the next Miss East Jordan will receive a \$1,200 scholarship.



Derby winners

Boyne City Cub Scouts, Pack 49, held their annual Pinewood Derby at the Eagles Club on March 12. Cars were entered in Wolf, Bear, first year Webelo, second year Webelo, sibling, and adult divisions. First place winners were, from left, Garrett Peters: sibling division; Ben Deems: Wolf; Tyler Stephenson: Bear; Mitchell Carlson: second year Webelo, and Trevor Lorton: first year Webelo.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 05-010805-DE Estate of Betty Ann Purdy, deceased Date of birth: 1/21/31 TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Betty Ann Purdy, who lived at 120 E. Lincoln, Boyne City, Michigan 49712 died 3/9/05. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William Henry Purdy, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Dated: 4/13/05 Thomas M. Schraw (P46540) 302 State Street Boyne City, MI 49712 (231) 582-2252 William Henry Purdy Personal representative 120 E. Lincoln Boyne City, MI 49712 (2321) 582-3310

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CITY OF BOYNE CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING On an application for funds under the 2005 Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Works Program - To interested Boyne City residents: The City will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 26, 12 p.m., at Commission Chambers, City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City. The purpose is to consider a CDBG grant application for the proposed Boyne City Infrastructure Project. The funds will be used for force main and sewer improvements and for water/wastewater treatment plant improvements. The City encourages citizen participation and wishes to obtain views and comments on the proposed application. For further information including the notice of intent to apply for CDBG funds and the proposed Community Development Plan, contact City Hall at 582-6597. All aspects of the project are open for discussion at the public hearing. Sara McPhee Deputy City Clerk

BAY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT Location: Boyne District Library The Bay Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St., Boyne City, for the purpose of hearing oral comments and considering written comments from the public concerning a proposed amendment to Art. XVII, Nonconforming Uses and Art. III, Definitions of the Bay Township Zoning Ordinance. Said proposed amendment is available for review prior to the Public Hearing at the Horton Bay General Store, 05115 Boyne City Rd. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Written comments received prior to 6 p.m. May 3rd at the Township Hall, 05045 Boyne City Rd., Boyne City, MI, 49712 will be considered.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Synopsis - March 23, 2005 The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:05 p.m. in Charlevoix on March 23, 2005. All Commissioners were present. Motion approved the minutes of the March 9, 2005 meeting as corrected. Motion approved Resolution #05-016, Whiting Park Renovation Grant and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application. Motion approved Resolution #05-017, Create New Fund-Crime Victim's Rights Fund. Motion approved Resolution #05-018, GPS Unit Upgrade Purchase. Motion approved Resolution #05-019, Community Foundation Grant Application and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application. The meeting was adjourned Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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NOTICE TO BOYNE CITY WATER CUSTOMERS The Boyne City Water Department will be flushing hydrants from April 18, 2005 through April 30, 2005. If your water becomes discolored, open a cold water faucet, which does not have a screen, and let the water run until it's clear. 8-1tc

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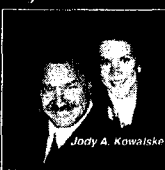
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## Pope's funeral

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languages. At that moment I realized how much more spiritual I have become because of Pope John Paul II, and how loving of a person he really was. So many people felt so close to him without ever even seeing him in person before. It's not like we have devotion towards him, it's just that so many young Catholics have never known anyone else to lead their church. He was the pope for 26 years, the third longest papacy in history.

In the next few days, Rome went back in time and became the "Eternal City" again, and all roads started to lead back to Rome. Now Rome alone has a population of three million, and there was an expected five million pilgrims making their way to pay their respects to John Paul II. Practically the entire country of Poland came, about two million, and the rest came from nearly every other nation on earth, and I am not exaggerating.

The viewing of the Pope's body was scheduled to last for three days, 21 hours per day. Thankfully I went the first night and waited in line for five hours. This amount of time was nothing compared to the third day when some of my friends waited for 15 hours!

The line was the most claustrophobic experience of my life. If you heard on the news that everyone was peaceful, don't believe it. It felt as if the crowd was rushing the field at the Super Bowl. There was constant pushing, and people shouting "NO PUSHING" in all different languages. It was quite humorous. Plus, while waiting, I met a group of students from Sutton's Bay, small world right? Viewing the body was a very peaceful thing for me because I knew by looking at him, that he wasn't there and that he was without question in heaven. Popes are not allowed to have makeup put on them or any sort of preserving substances, so the body looked very unreal.

This was a very stressful week for us girls studying abroad with the St. Mary's Rome Program. We had to move back into our residence from spring break, start back with classes, write papers, take tests and be as involved as possible with the ceremonies at the Vatican. The city was chaotic. I was constantly dodging people on the streets, there was a food shortage, and II Rosse Croce (The Red Cross) was handing out water bottles on the street because people were experiencing dehydration from the intense sun and over-stimulating crowds. Rome was the place to be.

For the funeral of Pope John Paul II, it would have been rational not to attend because there was an expected 12-hour wait at the minimum. Well, of course I wasn't going to be rational with the chance of attending the funeral of such a wonderful Pope. My friend Rebecca Lindrew and I skipped two classes and an opera that we had tickets for, to be at St. Peter's Square on Thursday at 4 p.m. The funeral was scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday. We were the only two girls crazy enough to do this. The night was full of random people who helped us to the front of the line, including construction workers, Carabinieri (Italian Police) and camera crews. In fact we walked through the press line without being stopped because we had our expensive-looking cameras around our necks. Two American girls can get away with a lot in Italy; you just have to



As images of Pope John Paul II are displayed in St. Peter's Square, people of many nationalities, speaking many different languages, join together to pay their respects to the beloved leader.

look like you know what you are doing. We also met a wonderful Spanish priest who spoke English, and he performed the sacrament of Reconciliation for us right there in the square. At one point in the 16-hour wait with no sleep, we got kicked out of St. Peter's Square because security was doing a bomb sweep. We then met this amazing woman who had a VIP pass for being a public official of Italy. She adopted Rebecca and me, the "barboni" (homeless) and took us to an all night cafe so that we could drink cappuccinos to stay up. The police told us we had to go to this other piazza and wait in a line, but she took us with her rebellious attitude and we hid in the cafe so that we could be first in line at 5 a.m. She was a very funny Italian woman. There was a group of us all night, we spoke in Italian, making jokes and being silly because we had all been up for so long.

The sun finally rose and we waited in front of the line for three hours because nothing ever happens on time in Italy I have learned. The crowds were near rioting and the security had to make human chains to keep the impatient crowds from storming into St. Peter's Square. We were finally let in at 8 a.m. when we went through the metal detectors and ran into the square. Rebecca and I picked our place near the front and were so full of joy because we were closer than we ever thought we would be. The emotions of the crowd then began.

Within the next two hours, over 300,000 people flooded the square and the streets around it. There were probably 4,000 flags from all over the world. The depth of the crowd behind me was a tear-triggering sight. When the men in waiting for the Pope carried the polished wooden coffin out into the square, the same deep bells rang and the people applauded and wept. Thousands came from worlds away just to see this Pope one last time. Every major religious leader was there, as were many political leaders. President George W.

Bush paid his respects, which in my opinion, was very respectful of him. In fact, every time his face appeared on the screen, the Italians around me commented very positively about him. It was surreal to be in one place with so many powerful people, especially with so much peace between everyone.

The sense of love for Pope John Paul II was extremely evident. We all chanted in unison "Giovanni Paolo" with rhythm clapping, many times during the ceremony. Hearing that many people together was so moving. The funeral was beautiful in all different languages, with the Homily said in Italian. I was able to understand its main message, which was to thank all the young people for being there, and it reflected on how much Pope John Paul II loved the young. Everyone cried.

The 117 cardinals next in line for the papacy, received a lot of support from the crowd, and some spoke in the Mass. The Sistine Chapel's Boy Choir sang and their voices sent chills down my spine. All religious leaders were dressed in their authentic ceremonial outfits, which was very cultural to see. The mass ended with the procession of the coffin back into Saint Peter's Basilica, and the crowd waving goodbye to their beloved Pope John Paul II. The emotions were overflowing as we all remained in the Square continuing to chant his name and celebrate his life. I am convinced that only a man like Pope John Paul II, could create such a peace between so many different worlds. The flags read "Santo Subito" (St. Soon), and a saint Pope John Paul II surely will be.

The conclave starts April 18, and chances are I will be here to witness the first appearance of the new Pope. I am so lucky to be here at such an important time in history. I can't describe how blessed I feel.



## Rudy's friends

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has Rudy to thank for that, he said.

"He has a heart of gold. He'd help anybody. He has helped more people around Boyne City," Shaler said. "People have taken advantage of him, but he never asked for anything."

"I can't tell you how many people he's helped," Howie said.

Bill Benser is another one who owes a debt to Rudy. "I've known Rudy my entire life. He helped my mom and dad. We built two houses together," Benser said. "Rudy and I have never had a disagreement." Apparently not many can say that, but while Rudy may have always spoken his mind, he has inspired a lot of love in the people who know him.

Local businesses have gotten in on the action: Jim White of Ace Hardware has donated the paint and new carpeting; Barden's Lumber has sold the wood at cost; Bart Roehrig of RBI contributed a furnace and water heater. The folks who have given time and supplies are too many to mention, because they are the overflow of the heart of Boyne.

"(Rudy's) been a giver and not a receiver for a long time," Benser said. "This is hard for him, but he's accepting it."

"He said he wouldn't take charity," said Shirley Howie, who has worked with her husband and her children and grandchildren on the project, "but we aren't charity."

"We are giving back what we owe him," said Carlton Shaler said that Rudy was alone, suffering with then-undiagnosed colon cancer, for some time before he made it to a neighbor's house and called for an ambulance.

"He didn't know he had anyone he could turn to," Shaler said. "I do feel that we're only put on this earth for a short period of time, and this world is only a test." He and the others are determined that Rudy should never feel alone again.

"It's hard on him to receive," he said. "He's been on his own all these years. He's frugal, careful — he was brought up without very much."

Rudy's response was understated, but spoken with great seriousness:

"It's alright. It's good, you know what I mean," he said, looking at his house.

"There are so many people who need so much help," Shaler said. "Rudy's one of them."

Work continues on Rudy's house at 635 E. Main St., getting it ready, and letting Rudy know he's loved with every nail, every shingle, every drop of paint.

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