

# THE CITY JOURNAL

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2006

## COMING EVENTS

### Boyne City seeks public input

There will be a public goal setting session on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 6 p.m. at the new Boyne Area Senior Center off Division.

This is the first goal setting session since 2003, and the city plans to provide an update of existing goals and seek citizen input on the top goals for the community.

There will be light refreshments served.

### SEE-North's Twelfth Night

Folk legend says that on the twelfth night after Christmas, animals are given the gift of speech. SEE-North's Twelfth Night events have celebrated this tradition in northern Michigan for more than a decade. Families hike a candlelit trail and talk with the forest animals. They can hear the story behind a beaver's tail, learn the legend of the raccoon's mask, and discover how a fish lives in the winter. This year, Twelfth Night will take place on Fridays, Jan. 6 and Jan. 13. Events will take place at Bay View Inn/Bay View Woods in Petoskey from 6-8 p.m. Families will meet at Stafford's Bay View Inn, ride a horse-drawn sleigh to the trailhead, and venture into the forest to meet the animals.

Those with young children may bring a small sled. Everyone should come dressed for a hike outdoors. SEE-North will provide snacks, hot beverages, face-painting and mask-making indoors.

Because of the popularity of the events, registration has changed from past years. Tickets are required. People may call SEE-North at (231)348-9700 to reserve a time slot. They must then purchase their tickets within one week of registering, either by mail or in person at SEE-North's office in downtown Petoskey. No refunds will be issued unless the event is cancelled due to bad weather. Tickets for Twelfth Night this year are \$7 per person, which includes the sleigh ride. Children under 3 are admitted free.

For more information, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700 or visit SEENorth's website at [www.seenorth.org](http://www.seenorth.org).

### Meet Jerry Zandstra

Jerry Zandstra is running for the U.S. Senate as a Republican. He will be at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn on Wednesday, Jan. 11, starting at 8 a.m. Jerry will speak on the issues. A continental breakfast will be served. There is a suggested contribution of \$50 per person. For more information, or to make a reservation, call Wes Dilworth at (231) 582-6886 by Jan. 9.

### Local author at JVDL

Author and East Jordan Middle School Principal, Michael Haynes, will be sharing his book "Finding Your Way Through the Gray: A Guide to Positive Choices That Harness Your Potential" at the Jordan Valley District Library community room on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m. The 84-page book (available at the library) offers Haynes' thoughts on time management, action plans and relationship tools for people at the beginning of major life decisions. The program is sponsored by the Jordan Valley Library Friends and is free to the public. Refreshments will be served. Preceding the program is the Friend's quarterly general membership meeting which begins at 7 p.m.



"Are you gonna eat that?" Trevor Johnson looks like he was looking for an extra helping at last week's breakfast.

## Give me the works

### Snowmobile club hosts New Year's breakfast

EAST JORDAN - A good number of winter enthusiasts celebrated the first day of the new year with the "works" breakfast at the East Jordan SnoMobilers club on Mt. Bliss Rd. in East Jordan, though warm weather prevented all but the most dedicated from riding their snow machines to the clubhouse Sunday morning.

For \$5, adult breakfast lovers can have the works: eggs, toast, pancakes, sausage,

home made hash browns, and hot coffee, served right to the table by club members who donate a Sunday morning at least once a month to the breakfasts, just as they have been doing in the winter months for many years. It is the snowmobile club's big annual fund-raiser, and the breakfasts start in December and continue until spring, 16 weeks later (children are \$3).

Participation in the Sunday morning tradi-

tion is strong, with the breakfast kicking off early enough that folks can still get to church afterwards, and lasting long enough to satisfy those who rise a little later on weekend mornings. The fun thing is the demographics of the breakfast crowd: old and young alike seem to enjoy the warm clubhouse and hearty breakfast, as the smell of woodsmoke mingles with the smells of coffee, sausage and browning pancakes on a hot griddle.

## Community workshop planned

EAST JORDAN - East Jordan area residents are invited to join representatives of the city and East Jordan Public Schools at a community workshop regarding an update of the city's five-year recreation plan.

The engineering and architecture firm of Capital Consultants/DesignWorks Architects and Engineers is assisting the city of East Jordan in the process of the plan update. The community workshop, which will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 12, at East Jordan city hall, is designed to gather public input prior to updating the plan. A completed community-approved plan will provide funding eligibility for recreation projects.

To be eligible for certain Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants, an approved recreation plan must be on file with the MDNR and updated every five years. CC/DWAE will assist East Jordan with the updating process, beginning with the community workshop.

The purpose of this workshop is to review the expired 2000-2005 community recreation plan and its goals, gather public input on potential changes to these goals, compile a list of current goals, and prioritize the list of proposed improvements. A final draft of the updated plan will be developed and made available for public review and comment at East Jordan city hall and the Jordan Valley District Library for a period of 30

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Esther Smith enjoys the music of the Cousins, who performed for the New Year's party Friday.

## Senior moments

BOYNE CITY - Whoever gave the term "senior moment" a bad name hadn't had a senior moment like the ones the folks enjoying the new Boyne Area Senior Center were having last Friday. More than 80 area seniors made their way through an overflowing parking lot in the hopes of finding room at a table or on the dance floor for the first annual New Years Eve celebration at the new facility.

The project was supported by the tax-paying public, who passed a millage to fund the building of the new center. If there was any doubt as to the need for it, Friday's crowd should have dispelled it. The single complaint was that there will soon not be enough room to accommodate the number of people that enjoy the lunches and special activities that the center provides the area's seniors.

The Cousins Music Group was on hand to provide their usual blend of oldies but goodies, beautifully performed. Several couples took advantage of the dance floor.

It is hard to beat the Cousins, but the kitchen crew gives it a good shot, providing good, nutritious and hot food to the seniors who gather daily, and on these festive occasions.

## 2005 YEAR IN REVIEW

By Jane Booze  
Editor

It is supposed to be March that sweeps in like a lion and whispers out like a lamb, but in 2005 it was an entire year of lion, beginning and ending in the same part of the world with tsunamis and earthquakes devastating countries, leaving thousands homeless, and bringing out the best in many people across the globe.

The war on terrorism continued in the midst of controversy and rumors and allegations of scandal, but also victories: thousands and thousands of purple-stained fingers raised in

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Shades of summer past, these folks have prime seats as they wait for the light to fade from the summer sky, just to watch it rellit with fireworks in celebration of freedom at last year's Freedom Festival in East Jordan.

# Events

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## CPR and first aid offered at CAH

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and first aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital:

- Wednesday, Jan. 11: Adult Heartsaver CPR from 6-9 p.m. in classroom B.
- Wednesday, Jan. 18: Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (infant/child) from 6-9 p.m. in classroom B.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25: Basic First Aid from 6-9 p.m. in classroom B.

Cost is \$25 for each CPR class, which includes CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is \$30. There is a price reduction for the three-class series. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

## Fish are Fun series continues

ELMIRA - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Jordan River National Fish Hatchery will be hosting a children's educational event once a month during the winter called "Fish are Fun!" This event is part of a concentrated effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to increase public awareness concerning the service's mission and programs in the Great Lakes region. The one-and-a-half hour programs will be held the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The next program, "Ice Fishing in Michigan," will be Jan. 17. There will be hands on activities, as well as an animated presentation about the "Fish of the Month."

Refreshments will be available at the programs. The hatchery is located at 6623 Turner Road, six miles north of Alba, and two miles west of U.S. 131. Contact Fishery biologist Tim Smigielski at (231) 584-2461 or by E-mail at tim\_smigielski@fws.gov for additional information.

## Hymn Sing

A hymn sing sponsored by the Northern Michigan Holiness Camp Association will be held on Jan. 22, at the Church of the Nazarene, located at 12023 Waller Road in Charlevoix. All area churches and individuals are invited to come and share a song, musical instrument, etc. Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

# ON-GOING LOCAL EVENTS:

**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 (231) 536-7155.

**Every Monday**  
• The Seventh Day Adventist Community Service Center is open every Monday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., located on Park Street in Boyne City. For information, call (231) 582-0089.

**First Monday**  
• The OES Chapter Evangeline Chapter 95 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 212 N. Lake Street. All OES members are invited. For membership, call (231) 582-6819 or (231) 582-0506.

**First and third Monday**  
• Boyne Food Pantry pick-up hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon and the 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.

• Mothers of Preschoolers meet the first and third Mondays of each month at the East Jordan Light House Missionary Church in East Jordan. The meeting are open to all mothers of preschoolers. Child care is available. Meetings will feature educational, spiritual or fun topics, as well as refreshments and crafts. For more information, call Julie Laferty at (231) 536-0353, or Charlene Roberts at (231) 536-7859.

**Every Tuesday**  
• Bingo games are conducted each Tuesday at the American Legion Post #228. Doors open at 3 p.m., with bingo beginning at 6 p.m. and concluding at approximately 10 p.m. Must be 18 to play. A service officer will be available from 4 - 6 p.m. preceding bingo. Any veteran seeking assistance may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets, or call (231) 582-7811 at that time.

**Second Tuesday**  
• A meeting of the Jordan Valley VFW Post 7580 is held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the East Jordan VFW Hall. For information, call (231) 544-5312.

**Third Tuesday**  
• A potluck dinner at 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 (231) 544-5312.

• The Jordan River National Fish Hatchery holds a "Fish are Fun!" children's educational event on the third Tuesday of each month: January 17: Ice Fishing in Michigan; Feb. 21: Lake Sturgeon: "Dinosaurs of the Deep"; March 21: Exotic Invaders. For more information call biologist Tim Smigielski at (231) 584-2461.

**Every Wednesday**  
• The Boyne Valley Lions Club holds weekly meetings every Wednesday from noon until 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library.

**First Wednesday**  
• The Alzheimer's Association support group meets the first Wednesday of every month from 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Adult Day Center (Senior Center) located at 116 Main St. in East Jordan. For information, call Barb Shooks at (231)-536-5300.

**Fourth Wednesday**  
• Grief support seminars for working through death, divorce, heartbreak and other losses are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in East Jordan. Sessions are facilitated by Theresa Prymuszewski, MA, MTS, LPC. All are welcome to attend these non-denominational and free seminars sponsored by the St. Joseph and St. John parishes and the Healing Circle. For more information please contact Theresa at (231) 499-4476.

**Thursdays**  
• The East Jordan Food Pantry is located at 601 Bridge St., in the basement of the health center. Pick up or donation hours are held Thursday between 9 a.m. and noon.

• Invited people are invited to join the Kiwanis of Boyne for coffee, camaraderie and community service every Thursday morning at Robert's Restaurant in Boyne City.

• Al-Anon meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City.

**First Thursday**  
• The American Legion Ernest Peterson Post #228, Legion Auxiliary Unit #228, and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #228 meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Home on the corner of S. Lake and Main Streets in Boyne City. The meeting is preceded by the

Veteran of the Month ceremonies at 6:15 p.m., and is followed by a potluck supper in their honor. All veterans are welcome and encouraged to come. For God and country, we are veterans helping veterans.

**Second Thursday**  
• The Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., except for the months of January and February, when no meetings are held. For more information, call (231) 582-6278.

**Third Thursday**  
• Women's Auxiliary of VFW Post #7850 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the VFW post. For information call Cindy Bennett at (231) 536-2905.

**First Friday**  
• A new support group is forming for women who have placed a child for adoption (recently or in the past), offering emotional support to those who are grieving. Meetings are the first Friday of every month starting Dec. 2. Meetings will take place at the Pregnancy and Resource Center located at 418 Waukazoo St., Petoskey. For further information contact Leah Hart at (231) 838-3873.

**First and Third Saturday**  
• Open Door Christian Coffee House meets at the East Jordan Senior Center on Main Street on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. This is a non-denominational coffee house. Donations are accepted for special musical guests, and refreshments are available. For more information, call Ruth Crain at (231) 547-4152.

**Daily**  
• 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); 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 and potluck at 7 p.m., with a meeting at 8 p.m.

To have an item included in or removed from the calendar, call (231) 582-6761.

## Boyne City School Boosters 300 Club Drawing

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## WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

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# Super Crossword

R U READY?

**ACROSS**

1 Wished undone

5 In fact

10 Vance or McCormick

15 Callao's country

19 Proverb preposition

20 Rene of "Big Trouble"

21 Annual award?

22 Authentic

23 "My—" (85 hit)

24 Romance

25 Host a roast

26 Forearm bone

27 Monotony

29 States briefly?

31 Hit man

33 Actress Schneider

34 Touches

36 Pecc' partners

37 Clark of "Finian's Rainbow"

40 Usually

42 Considers carefully

46 Bouquet

47 Green and Gore

48 Interstate exit

50 Cowboy star Lash

51 Young boxers

52 Navigation hazards

54 Fireplace fragment

56 Valueless

57 Zoo attraction

58 Greeted the general

60 Jason's wife

62 Pam's remark

63 Acted like a peacock

65 Scooped at

67 Orchestra section

69 Neighbor of Nev.

70 Keep an eye on

71 Destroy

72 Show indifference

74 Model

75 "Wall Street Weak"

79 Mauna —

80 Michelangelo work

82 Potsdam

84 Lily of pharmaceuticals

85 Not give — (be indifferent)

87 Actress Samantha

89 Adjusted an Amati

90 "Educating —" (83 film)

91 Certain sharks

93 Actress Sharon

94 — de-lance

95 Jabber away

96 Impacts

98 — oxide

101 Dentistry material

102 Use a phaser

103 Standards

104 Iran's Abolhassan

105 Swedish turnip

110 Trams

111 Like Schonberg's music

114 "Turgenev's birthplace"

115 Plot

117 Pianist Gould

120 Got off —

122 "Zip—"

123 "Doc-Dah"

124 It comes from the heart

125 Eye drop?

126 Tumbly or Westover

127 Celtic cultist

128 Pancake topping

129 Stocking shade

**DOWN**

1 Bed hair, every day?

2 Element

3 Reason d—

4 Stagnant state

5 Shock

6 Card game

7 Troop grp.

8 Shreveport coll.

9 Nigerian native

10 Animal

11 Root vegetable

12 Costa —

13 Manipulates

14 It has its ups and downs

15 Franco —

16 Elver's folks

17 Rampur royalty

18 — Bator

28 Kansas city

30 Big "er, CA

32 Explorer Tasman

34 Desirable quality

35 Shut forcefully

37 Irene of "Corba the Greek"

38 Let out the lava

39 Sot

40 Viva voce

41 Inlay

43 Baby beetles

44 Sinuous dance

45 Actress Ward

47 "Go!" to Gounod

49 Word form for "foof"

52 Exhaustion

53 Smooth transition

56 Told off

58 Play the mandolin

59 Push-buttons' predecessor

61 Sharon of Israel

64 Mideast letters

66 "The Sun Also Rises" heroine

68 Some Semioild protein

71 More uncouth

72 To date

73 Tense verse

74 Heathen quality characters

76 Note

77 Darn's river

78 Laughing

79 It becomes awe?

81 Mil. group

83 Sewall of "A Knight's Tale"

86 Tennis great

88 Pancho

88 Updated the factory

90 Ponder

92 Use a coniard

95 Tahoe town

97 Set apart

99 Registered mail abbr.

100 Zeno's zees

101 Afternoon refresher

104 Swahili, e.g.

106 Serengeti sound

106 Pakistani language

107 Some shirts

108 Tati of "Tootsie"

109 Hunt's — Ben Adhem"

112 Composer Wilder

113 Inventive sort?

116 "A Fool Such —" (59 hit)

118 Powell co-star

119 Muff Singer

121 Capote, on stage

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# Smeltania: Frozen in time, Part I

BY BOB MORGRIDGE  
Contributing writer

At the turn of the century, Boyne City was a busy lumbering town, but the lumbering boom faded in the early 1920s. The lumberjacks and others packed their bags and left. The community settled down to hard times with the advent of the Depression in the 1930s. Only the tannery provided many of the citizens with work. During this time, local people found that they could find a meal and earn a living by catching smelt and selling them for a penny or two apiece to downstate restaurants. The smelt were packed in dry ice and shipped. It is said that one could survive economically by catching and selling a hundred smelt a day.

The first smelt were dipped in the Boyne River around 1929. Residents also fished for smelt off the city docks. Around 1937, an amazing phenomenon began off the shores of Boyne City. When Old King Winter stilled the turbulent waters of Lake Charlevoix with a thick blanket of ice, a new city emerged. The city was called Smeltania, and to the best of our knowledge, it was the only city in the world built on ice.

In 1937, Smeltania was organized and Bill Smith was elected mayor. Bill Shaller, owner of the present day "Petoskey News-Review," was the city manager. Guy Baker, the publisher of the "Boyne Citizen," recorded the proceedings of the village. Smeltania was their merry-go-round, and they thrived on trying to get the best of each other. By the winter of 1939 - 1940, the fame of the village of 300 inhabitants had spread nationwide. On March 4, 1940, "Life" magazine ran a spread of pictures on Smeltania. A few days later, on March 9, a major article appeared in "Collier's" magazine. The article was written by Quentin Reynolds, who came to the ice city and spent several days wandering around interviewing the fishermen. "Hizzoner" Mayor Bill Smith told Reynolds that, "I'm mayor of the damdest city in the world."

"We have no closing laws here in Smeltania. Matter of fact, most of our citizens stay up all night. We got a police force, but they don't have much to do. About the only complaint we ever get from our people is when there is too much water in the streets," Smith said.

Around this time, Paramount News camera crews came to Boyne and filmed Smeltania so that people across the country could see what was going on in Smelt City. The newsreel was shown at the local theater on Thursday and Friday nights, Feb. 6 and 7, 1940.

At least half of the citizens of Smeltania supported themselves and their families by fishing through the ice. Many of these families would have been on relief during the Depression without Smeltania. Relief and charity were humiliating words to the people of Boyne - they'd rather work. Boyne City solved its problem by creating a city - a city that was born each winter and died each spring. No citizen ever became rich, no matter how long they worked. Smelt sold for one cent each during the Depression and two cents apiece after World War II. The average catch a night was about one hundred.

The citizens of Smeltania lived in one room shacks about six feet high, eight feet long and six feet wide. They were all one room shanties and they cost anywhere from nothing to \$10 to build. Usually, the citizens built their own. All they needed were a few beams, planks, some thin crate boards, a roll of tar paper, a handful of nails, a saw and a hammer, and there you were. A few shanties even had windows with curtains. Of course, a pennant added a personal touch. The floor of each shanty was ice. There might be a few water spots here and there. According to Bill Underhill, you only needed a six-inch hole for smelt fishing, but the idea in a fish shanty was to have a big hole so that it was easy to keep open.

From one day to the next, Smeltania never looked the same because the "tar-skins" were frequently moved about. And every day new squatters appeared on the ice. Villag-



## Iced

Smeltania: City on Ice was the name of the village Lake Charlevoix when winter weather came. A metropolis given to friendly rivalries and good spirits, it served the more sober purpose of providing its citizens with a modest living through hard economic times.

ers often complained about claim jumpers. Resident smelters would prepare their nicely cut holes with expectations of moving a house on the spot the following day. When they returned in the morning, lo and behold, some brother smelter had claimed the territory as his own. Sometimes the shanties just moved. In 1939, it was reported that fish shanties were torn from their moorings and the sportsmen were taken for a free ride (under protest) as a raging gale refused to abate.

Most of the shanties were two-holers, although some had as many as six or eight holes. Light was provided by lanterns or bulbs wired to batteries. Wood or gas stoves were used for heat. Sometimes wood stoves just got too hot, and the fishermen would have to open a window or the door. There were times when they would just have to leave the shanty.

Sometimes in got smokey inside a shanty. The late Marshall Sayles, the leading journalist on Smeltania coverage for the "Boyne Citizen" told about a devilish prank he was involved in as a kid.

"We kids went out to do some fishing," he said. "Our friend, Frank Thompson, was inside and refused to open the door. So we slid a piece of wood over the top of the chimney pipe. Within minutes, he came busting out of the side, ripping a large hole in the tar paper."

Bill Schaller, the city manager of Smeltania, was questioned about a fire. Schaller said he couldn't understand how three shanties could burn, when he had provided a fire plug with thousands of gallons of water for each house.

Small minnows sized a half-inch to an inch-and-a-half were normally used for bait (in Smeltania). Many of the local fishermen trapped or netted their own minnows in the lake or streams. In order to ensure an accessible supply during the

winter, some smelters decided to keep them in their family bathtubs at home. It was probably okay because many a time a husband and wife teamed up to catch their 100 or more smelt every night. Many smelters, out of necessity, bought their minnows at H.O. Wilds' Bait Shop, which at that time was located just east of the Dairy Queen. Anyway, Wilds, a short, small man with white hair, had a large minnow tank and he stocked it with minnows that he trapped or netted in Mud Lake (sometimes called Forest Lake).

According to Bill Underhill, the size of the smelt "varied according to the years."

"I think it was according to the year they were hatched," Underhill said, "and not food. One year you get a run of bit two or three-year-old smelt, and the next year you get a run on little one-year-old smelt. I don't think it had too much to do with their food supply, because when they died off, we picked up all sizes of smelt along the shoreline. I think it was just the year they were born."

Kate Hartlep said the smelt could run from four to nine inches long, but some could be 12 inches long.

In fishing for smelt, two hooks were usually attached to the line. When a bite was felt by the fisherman, he reeled in the line with a reel rigged to the wall or ceiling of the shanty. It was a lot quicker than using your hands. A bicycle wheel made a popular reel.

Sometimes at night, a light was used to attract the smelt. An electric bulb, sealed in a jar and lighted by automobile battery, was suspended four feet below the surface. The results were usually a good catch of smelt. What a chore it must have been, pulling the battery on a sled on and off the ice to recharge it!

Editor's Note: Smeltania: Frozen in Time, Part II, will be continued in next week's paper.

### Sudoku Answers

6	4	8	7	2	3	5	9	1
9	2	3	6	1	5	4	7	8
5	7	1	8	9	4	3	2	6
3	1	6	9	7	2	8	5	4
4	8	9	5	6	1	7	3	2
7	5	2	3	4	8	1	6	9
2	3	4	1	5	6	9	8	7
1	9	5	2	8	7	6	4	3
8	6	7	4	3	9	2	1	5

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# OPINION

## Get me to the church on time

I remember as a young girl in early summer or late spring, whenever peonies bloom, walking through a field of them. The neighbors, who were farmers, grew them in vast quantities like a crop. We were sometimes taken to that peony field and allowed to pick and take home as many as we could carry. Our arms would be loaded with lush, heavy blooms, whose excess of petals gave them a Victorian richness, complemented by their heady scent.

### LAST CALL



Jane Booze

How I loved peonies! I remember walking with my arms full, measuring my steps, imagining myself a bride with an absolutely perfect bridal bouquet. I determined at about age seven that I would marry in peony season, and that my frothy wedding

dress would be obscured by a plethora of peonies. This did not come to fruition. When I married Neil, it was November, and I carried a gorgeous posy of pink rosebuds, interspersed with tiny crystal beads. It was lovely, but it wasn't peonies. They were scent-less hot-house rosebuds, after all, and there is nothing like a peony hot from the sun-drenched field, its fragrance full of romance and summer.

If I imagined a wedding for my daughter, it would have included only that bouquet and a frou-frou mother-of-the-bride dress for me. (Even my imagination can't put Katie in a tacy, white, seven-minute-frosting wedding dress.)

Those modest plans must be abandoned. No peonies, no sequined mother-of-the-bride dress. Katie is getting married, but frou-frou doesn't factor in. Peonies she would probably be okay with, but she is getting married in January, and they are simply not in season.

It is to be a tiny, immediate-family-only style of wedding - the smallest part of immediate, since both Kate and her intended, Jerry (aka Rich), have families that get very large, very quickly. When they are joined in holy matrimony, their list of relations and shirt-tail relations will just about cover East Jordan in its entirety, with names ranging from Bennett to Kraemer to Roberts to Petrie to Shaw to Brock to Spears - to Booze, of course.

A tiny, untraditional wedding. She is wearing my mom's bridal suit, vintage 1950s, navy blue. The decision to marry was abrupt, and nonetheless a good one. But marriage is a big deal, a huge commitment, and I wouldn't want them to go into it lightly or disrespectfully.

I believe in the institution of marriage. I think the failure of that institution (including my own) is responsible for many of the social ills we deal with even in our small, close-knit communities. I believe that it does not necessarily take a village to raise a child, but that it definitely takes a family.

When I was first divorced, women who were struggling (or bored) in their marriages would turn to me to confide that they were considering divorce, that they had met a wonderful man on the internet, or that they just knew they would be happier without their husband - as evidenced by my own well-being post-divorce. Though I empathize, I am the farthest thing from a cheerleader for divorce, but am a stalwart champion of marriage.

In some ways my children and I were happier, more secure, and better off after my first marriage was over. But my kids have paid the price, and a higher one than I would have ever exacted for the gain of greater personal happiness.

I do not take marriage lightly, nor do I think it should be entered into with the looming option of divorce, "if it doesn't work out." I don't think long engagements are necessary or necessarily helpful, but I don't think a short engagement should preclude the full measure of respect the commitment demands.

The marriage ceremony, however unconventional, is serious business and should be respectful; even hallowed.

Fortunately, I do not have to scold these two with that stern admonition: they know it themselves, instinctively, I think. They are giddy, but serious. My son-in-law-to-be is a wonderful human being, and I am pleased and proud to become his relation.

That being the case, I can turn my attention to wedding gifts, showers, and mother-of-the-bride dresses, frou-frou or otherwise.

It is the peonies that I am struggling with. Everything else surpasses my fondest dreams.



## LETTERS

### On putting names to faces

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I was delighted to see my mother's face smiling at me from a picture accompanying Bob Margridge's article about the Boyne City smelt runs. Hilda and John Hartlep are the couple on the right. Anyone who remembers the Hartlep's knows fishing was a big part of

our life. My sister Judy told me that Elmer Hammontree is the man in the middle. The lady on the left looks familiar but so far we can't put a name with the face. Thank you Mr. Margridge for such a nice surprise.

Joan Hartlep Zucchiatti

### MANY THANKS

#### TO THE EDITOR:

The East Jordan Care and Share would like to thank everyone for their help and donations with the holiday basket distribution. We would like to thank all the local businesses that gave food, money, toys, hats, and mittens. We would also like to thank all the businesses that hosted a Toys for Tots box or a hat and mitten tree. We would like to thank the schools and non-profit organizations for donations and organization of donations and for volunteering. Thanks to everyone in our community that donated or volunteered to make the distribution day go as smoothly as it did. Happy holidays to you all.

Kathy Reid and Connie Roberts  
East Jordan Care and Share  
Food Pantry and Toy Program

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this time to say a special thank you to Cindy Johnson of the East Jordan post office. During Christmas time the postal employees work very hard to get all of our letters, cards, and packages sent out so our loved ones can receive them by Christmas. Cindy went above and beyond the call of duty.

On Christmas morning, we heard a knock on our front door and there was Cindy, delivering a package from our daughter in Nashville, Tenn. Who says small town America isn't the best!!

Thanks, Cindy, for caring.

Tom and Carol Galmore

#### TO THE EDITOR:

A very special thank you to the East Jordan Iron Works, Inc., for sponsoring our holiday Business After Hours held at the Jordan Inn for chamber members and their guests. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a very exciting year of our community. Several cases of canned goods and non-perishable food items, along with \$72, were collected for the Care and Share Food Pantry.

Also a special thank you to the businesses who donated items or services for the gift basket given away on Community Night, including Busy Bridge Gifts and Antiques, Pamper Palace, BC Pizza, McDonald's, E.J. Shoppe, East Jordan True Value, Lady Biker Day, Back Door Florist, and McPherson's Evergreens. The basket was won by Mark Postma, and Denise Brown-Pajtas won the evergreen wreath. Care and Share received a \$142 donation from this package.

The popular soup cook-off was a huge success, thanks to its participants: Darlene's Restaurant, Nanny's of Charlevoix, Murray's Bar and Grill and the Jordan Inn.

Care and Share received \$120 from this great event. Thank you to all who voted for "People's Choice" best soup, and donated to vote for their favorite soup. Also, kudos to Emily Welsh for coordinating the cook-off again this year.

Heartfelt thank you to the East Jordan Lionsess and Lions clubs, the East Jordan Senior Center, the police and fire departments, Late Bloomers Garden Club, Dawn Johnson, Charlevoix State Bank, and Stark Realty, our Tour of Lights sponsors. Also to Real Estate One for sponsoring the residential decorating contest; Paul Michael, Citizen of the Year 2005; Mike Haynes; Butch Breakey; and all the businesses who participated with open house celebrations on Community Night.

East Jordan was a wonderful town to celebrate the holidays in and is a fabulous place to enjoy the day, week, or lifetime in!

Mary Faculak, president  
East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce

### WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis. Comments can be sent to Jane Booze at citizen@voyager.net or editor@voyager.net.

## NEIGHBORS

**MORE CELEBRATING CAME IN** from the home of Leona and Charlie Stanek, who shared Christmas day, presents, eating and enjoying it all, with 41 people, consisting of 11 Holzshus, 10 Imels, 13 Olunds and seven Staneks.

**SHIRLEY AND CARLTON HOWIE CELEBRATED** Christmas on Christmas Eve with their family, Joe and Lisa and their two children, Jesse and Lea, and with Kim and their two boys, Stewart and Stephen. The next day, Christmas, Joe and Lisa spent the day with Lisa's family, the Dick Wheelers, and Bill and Kim's family, the Doug Shields. Shirley and Carlton then spent Christmas day helping with the Christmas dinner that Al Lawson puts on at the Presbyterian church.



Nancy Northrup

**IN TOWN OVER THE HOLIDAYS** were Shawn and Natalie McCleary and family, and Chris and Erika McCleary and family. All enjoyed time spent with family and friends in Boyne City and Petoskey.

**THE FRANK AND CONNIE SHALER HOME** in New Year's Day was the happy scene for the belated Christmas gathering of the Bricker family. Darlene Bricker Persons and husband Don and the seven Bricker siblings and their families (making a grand total of 75 - with four more on the way), enjoyed a wonderful holiday feast and gift exchange. Nice it was, being altogether again, some watching the game on TV, others playing cards, little ones running about, and the ladies getting caught up on things.

**MURRAY FOLLETTE, JR. IS HOME** recovering from back surgery, which he had on the 28th of December. All is going well, and Murray is looking forward to the new year and would like to wish all a happy and healthy 2006!

**JOHN CLARK, WHO IS STAYING WITH HIS DAUGHTER,** Colette, in Brighton, was in Boyne City this past Wednesday, visiting his sister, Barb Shain.

**LYNNELL WAKLEY AND SONS,** Gannon and Gabriel, of Marshall, spent a few days last week with her parents, Nels and Louisa Northrup.

**THE LLOYD VAN ALSTINE HOME** was the gathering place on Christmas day for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Attending were daughter, Lyn Ann Reid; her daughter and family, Aaron and Laurie Duvernay and family from Lowell; son Michael and Lisa Reid and children of Petoskey; son, Tim and Edwina Van Alstine and family of Boyne City; Tim's married daughter Rebecca and Tom Follette and children of Bay Shore; son Terry Van Alstine and son Mark, of Bellaire; and Terry's daughter, Sara, of Grand Rapids, and friend, Bryan. Missing was daughter Tina and Brian Horn and family, of San Angelo, Texas, but all enjoyed conversations by phone, which made them part of the celebration. Everyone had a great time with Santa gift exchange and a lot of good food!

**THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES** held its New Years Eve party in their social room on Saturday night. Music was provided by Straight Forward Bluegrass, with fiddler John Richie from Boyne City and four other band members from Fife Lake and Traverse City. The music was a big hit with the members, and they hope to have them back again.

**DAN AND JULIE SCHMITTDIEL** of Chicago spent several days of the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Marie, and her parents, Bill and Mary Dunlop.

**THE BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER'S** New Years Eve party was a huge success! Well over 80 people - some you hadn't seen in a while - beautiful people like John and Ann DiMartino; the Dunsmore's, Gloria, Dick and Ann; Betty Kelts; Flo Davis; Jessie Willson and many more were there. All enjoyed a tasty lunch, snacks, lots of visiting, and a few brave souls danced to the lively tunes of the Cousins Music Group.

**THE REV. DOUGLAS McGeorge** of Gaylord was the guest speaker at the Free Methodist Church on Sunday, the first day of 2006. Following the morning service, he, his wife Sandy, and their family, all went to his dear Aunt Ramona's and served her a delicious dinner, as she had been under the weather, just lately. All enjoyed the afternoon together.

**VIRGINIA HEGERBERG IS BACK** in her Boyne Ridge condo after having spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Pam and Dick Schmidt and family, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**LORRAINE ROBINSON,** Donna Kirby, Marilyn Thayer and Caroline McCleary had lunch and spent Friday afternoon in Alanson at the home of Caroline's son, Patrick McCleary.

**THE BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER,** located at 411 E. Division St. in Boyne City, serves lunch each day at noon. Suggested price is \$2 for seniors over age 60. Under 60, the suggested donation is \$4. The senior center does not have membership fees. Everyone is welcome to come and join them for lunch. On Thursday, Jan. 5, they will be serving Butter Crumb Cod and creamed potato. Bingo is always played on Thursdays. Come and join in to win household items! Everyone wins. Friday, Jan. 6 staffed pepper is on the menu, along with carrots and mashed potato. Jan. 9, Monday, enjoy Lemon Pepper Cod. Again, Monday is Bingo day. Plan to stay after lunch for the fun. Tuesday, Jan. 10 is Birthday Day. If you have a January birthday, this is the day to attend! They will service Chicken a la King for lunch. Jan. 11, Wednesday, they will be serving Goulash.

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## Five generations x 2



**On Mom's side, back row from left: grandfather, Gerald (Peewee) Belford; mother, Sadie DeNike, holding Mason DeNike; great-grandfather, Gerald Belford. Front: great-great-grandfather, Eugene Belford, and great-great-grandmother Ruby Belford.**



**On Dad's side, back from left: great-grandfather, Tom DeNike; father, Anthony DeNike; grandfather, Tom DeNike II. Front: great-great-grandmother, Mary DeNike, holding baby Mason.**

## BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

- Monday, Dec. 26: 911 hang up on Jersey Street; trash complaint on Barn Mountain; welfare check on South Park Street; speed citation issued; suspicious situation checked.
- Tuesday, Dec. 27: H & R accident reported; PDA accident in parking lot of 5/3 Bank; 911 check on East Main Street.
- Wednesday, Dec. 28: Assault complaint under investigation; larceny of cell phone reported; assist on Lewis Avenue; forged check complaint under investigation.
- Thursday, Dec. 29: MDOP to apartment door at Parkview Apartments; larceny reported from Parkview Apartments; 911 hang up on East Main Street; citation issued for expired plates.
- Friday, Dec. 30: Suspicious complaint on Jersey Street; speed citation issued; expired plate citation issued; found property turned in; unlock at Deer Meadows; suspicious person at Subway; domestic complaint at Parkview Apartments.
- Saturday, Dec. 31: Welfare check at Litzenger; animal complaint on East Main Street; MDOP to mailbox on Thompson Street; domestic at Parkview Apartments; one arrested on warrant; unlock at South Park Street; speed citation issued; assault complaint on North East Street.
- Sunday, Jan. 1: Assault on Boyne Avenue; suspicious person at Parkview Apartments; assisted CCSD at Boyne Mountain; assault complaint at Parkview Apartments under investigation; larceny from vehicle on South Park Street; disorderly person at Barn Mountain; disorderly person at Parkview Apartments; officer assisted CCSD on Jaquay Road; road hazard on M-75; disturbance at Parkview Apartments.

## Local volunteers donate houses

BOYNE CITY - Christ Lutheran Church will serve as the sponsor organization for a group of area volunteers planning to build and deliver two complete homes to needy families in Pass Christian, Miss. this spring. Area volunteers, David Skornia, Austin Behling and Nancy Blandford are heading up the building project, which will begin here with the rebuilding of "panelized" homes. The panelized sections will then be taken down to Miss. in early March.

The buildings will be started in the shop at Dave Skornia Builder's in Boyne City, during Jan. and Feb. Most of the costs associated with trucking, fuel, food, and lodging for the dozen or so volunteers from northern Michigan will either be donated by the workers themselves, or by local northern Michigan merchants.

The group has connected to a very small local Pass Christian non-denominational church, which will serve as host during the visit. Needy families from

the area will be the recipients. A volunteer construction supervisor will be on site, to organize the pouring of foundations, prior to the trip, and then finalize the completion after the buildings are put up in Pass Christian.

The project has been made possible by the support of Christ Lutheran Church, though individuals, too, can help make this project a success by making a donation to "Christ Lutheran Church (of Boyne City, Michigan)," marking in the memo area "for Katrina Relief."

Checks may be sent: c/o Nancy Blandford, 06115 Zenith Heights Rd, Boyne City, MI, 49712. The group needs \$40,000 in cash to purchase materials at cost. No donation is too small to help out. All donations are fully tax-deductible and 100-percent will go to the materials and costs associated in providing these homes.

Coordinator Nancy Blandford can be reached at (231) 582-6892 for inquiries into this project. Local merchants able to donate supplies are also welcome to E-mail the group at: builtindesign@msn.com.

## Northern Michigan ski academy

The Northern Michigan Ski Academy training sessions start Jan. 4 at Boyne Mountain and Jan. 5 at Boyne Highlands. Training sessions take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Boyne Mountain and Thursdays at Boyne Highlands.

Training sessions are held for eight weeks beginning in January. During the Wednesday and Thursday night sessions, skiers will ski in small groups with a NMSA coach. Skiers learn the fundamentals of ski racing. Friday nights are open gate nights only at Boyne Mountain with courses set that the skiers

can run as they wish.

Each Sunday, from 2-4:30 p.m. racing scrimmages take place. Racers are ranked for participation in the NMSA Racing Team that race in the Tecnica Cup, which brings together the top club racers from across northern Michigan. The Tecnica Cup will be held on Sunday, March 5, at Boyne Highlands.

For registration forms, pricing and additional information on the Northern Michigan Ski Academy refer to the website [www.nmsa.org](http://www.nmsa.org) or call Dave Hofacker at (231)536-3064 or Bob Simpson at (231)535-2786.

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Neumann

Ruth Neumann, 87, of East Jordan died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Pastor Ron Surgener officiated. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

She was born on July 23, 1918, in East Jordan, the daughter of Louis and Reva (Porter) Kamradt. She married Lyle Danforth in East Jordan. He died during battle in World War II. On June 15, 1946, in East Jordan, she married Eldon Neumann. He preceded her in death on Thursday, May 17, 2001.

Ruth had worked at Gulf and Western, now known as Dura, in East Jordan, for fifteen years and retired in 1972. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post #7580 in East Jordan.

Ruth is survived by five children, Robert (Deanna) Danforth of Gladstone, Larry (Pat) Danforth of Coldsprings, Texas, Jack (Mary) Neumann of Mt. Pleasant, Phyllis (Ron) Surgener of Northeast, Penn., Dan (Katherine) Neumann, of Conroe, Texas; 16 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy (Cliff) Mayhew of East Jordan; several nieces and nephews; and two former daughters-in-law, Lori Gee of East Jordan; and Sally Pasque of Advance. She was also preceded in death by a son, Ronald Danforth; one sister, Joyce Raymond; two brothers, Max and Louis Kamradt; and two daughters-in-law, Donna Neumann and Barbara Danforth.

The family received friends on Friday at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7580 Auxiliary in East Jordan.

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# Fiber workshops in northern Michigan: Full Slate of classes through JRAC

EAST JORDAN - Registration is now open for a spectrum of classes in the fiber arts through the Jordan River Arts Council. An unprecedented offering of quilting, surface design, needlepoint, beadwork, quillwork, knitting, and journal-making will be represented. Classes will be offered at the East Jordan Middle School and the Central Lake Governmental Center in Central Lake beginning March 11. This is a rare opportunity to take classes taught by nationally known Michigan artists. Registration is limited and those interested should apply now as classes will fill quickly.

- Workshops to be offered are:
- March 11: "Free Form Floral Quilt" by Debra Danko of Grand Blanc. Participants will complete a fused, painted small floral quilted piece that is based on a photo or an image of their favorite flower.
  - March 12, 2006: Fused silk and mixed media by Rose Plunkard of Marquette. Participants will learn how to work with fused silk in the morning - in the afternoon participants will play with a dynamic and unusual set of embellishments.
  - March 18: "An Introduction to Porcupine Quillwork" by Yvonne Walker-Keshick of Pellston. Participants will

be introduced to Native quillwork via story, slides and oral history. Yvonne Walker-Keshick, an elder in the Little Traverse Band of Odawa, is one of the finest quill workers in North America. A recipient of the Michigan Heritage Award, Walker-Keshick has pieces in the permanent collections at the Smithsonian and MSU Museums as well as in national galleries.

- March 19: "Healing Journey via Fibers" by Sylvia Walworth of Eastport. An exploration of the art of quilting to provide healing insights on chronic illness and the moody blues. Students will make four different eight-inch squares using five specific fabrics.
- March 19: "Beadwork Evolutions: Peyote Stitch" by Chris Allen-Wickler of Suttons Bay. Learn peyote stitch techniques by exploring and creating beaded mixed media jewelry and sculpture.
- March 25: "Modern Crazy Quilts" by Kathleen Glynn of Central Lake. Participants will hand piece an 8" crazy quilt block using fabrics varied in texture and color. In the next layer they'll add embroidery techniques, lace, trims, beads, buttons and sparkly sequins.
- March 26: "Stumpwork Embroidery" by Kathy Fenichel, Novi. A small piece called "Raspberries for Lunch" will

- introduce students to three specific stumpwork embroidery techniques. Give dimension to your embroidery.
- March 26: "Surface Design in Fiber Arts" by Lori Bolt, East Jordan. Students will make surface design samples using the following methods: block printing, resist and Inko Dye sun resist techniques.
- April 1: "Japanese Shadow Knitting" by Martha Littrup of Bloomfield Hills. Participants will use only knit and purl stitches to create patterned ridges in their knitting project. Magic occurs when alternating rows of light and dark colors "pop" the design.
- April 1: "Knitting Embellishments" by Vivian Wanless of Grosse Ile. Have fun adding color, texture and sparkle to knitted pieces. Personalize your knitting with embellishments such as I-cord, beading, duplicate stitch, knitted objects and embroidery.
- April 2: "Dedicated Fabric Journal" by Kathie Briggs, Desiree Vaughn, and Peggy Keeney from northwestern Michigan. Learn how to create a personal four-page fabric journal that celebrates a special event, person or journey.

A related exhibit and associated events have been partially funded by the Cheboygan Area Arts Council. Kathleen Glynn and Sylvia Walworth, fiber artists and exhibitors in the last Rare Threads show, are the curators. Assisting on the committee are: Donna Miller, Sherry Kay Marshall, Beth Raddatz and Barbara Young. To register for workshops contact Donna Miller at (231) 599-2982 or E-mail: birdr61@aol.com. For additional information call Sylvia Walworth at (231) 599-3065.

Registration forms and more detailed information about the workshops are also available on the arts council website: [www.jordanriverarts.org](http://www.jordanriverarts.org).

The Jordan River Arts Council promotes, encourages, and nurtures the artistic endeavors of local residents and provides an organized framework through which quality workshops, classes, exhibits, programs and performances can be presented. The Jordan River Arts Council is located at 301 Main St., East Jordan and can be reached at (231) 536-3385; however, classes will take place at alternative locations.

## Crooked Tree concert series

Crooked Tree Arts Center continues the Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series with two Michigan groups sure to keep us warm in January and February.

First up is the Phoenix Ensemble from Ann Arbor. Some may recall a few of these musicians as they joined the Jeff Haas Trio in Oct., '03 at the grand reopening of the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Whether you remember or not, come feel the vibe of this eight-member group, featuring the nuevo tango music of Argentinian Astor Piazzolla.

The Oblivian Project, named after Piazzolla's tangos, will be performed 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13 and 14, at Crooked Tree Arts Center, downtown Petoskey, and includes Peter Soave and Julien Labro on bandoneon, Gabe Bolkosky on violin, Saeran St. Christopher on flute, Derek Snyder on cello, John Holkeboer on bass, Tad Weed on piano, and percussionist Alex Trajano.

The Oblivian Project is the most successful among the detours taken by this classical/improvisational company of musicians.

"In March '05, I took a chance to see and hear the Phoenix Ensemble in a packed house in Ann Arbor," said Crooked Tree staffer Mary Wiklanski. "Although what I heard was not jazz, it's decidedly improvisational - the company uses their instruments to talk to one another, and allows audience members to get in on their conversations. The bandoneon, a South American concertina, used especially in Argentina, is used to elicit complete joy, sensuality, and sometimes sorrow. No, the audience does not get to be on stage with the Ensemble, but no doubt audience members will be moved to feel what the ensemble is feeling."

The Central Michigan University Percussion Ensemble travels to northern Michigan to perform at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2 and 3, at Crooked Tree.

This Ensemble has a lengthy list of accomplishments: America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit, broadcast nationally on CBS, several conventions, such as the Music Educator's National Convention, Percussive Arts Society International Convention, College Band Director's National Association, International Association of Jazz Educators, the Music Teacher's National Association, and the Frances Luttrell Fine Arts Series. The ensemble has performed at The Montreux-Detroit Jazz Festival and the Notre Dame Jazz Festival.

The ensemble has premiered Michael Colgrass' Pulitzer Prize winning composition *Déjà Vu* for Percussion Quartet and Wind Ensemble, David Maslanka's *Arcadia II* for Marimba and Percussion Ensemble, Maslanka's *Montana Music: Three Dances* for Percussion, and David Gillingham's national award-winning composition *Pascal Dances*.

Director Andrew Spencer is an active recitalist and clinician, who has performed as a soloist in the United States, Poland, Japan, Canada, and Costa Rica. Spencer currently holds the position of Professor of Percussion at Central Michigan University. He received the bachelor and master of music degree in performance (percussion) at Northwestern University where he studied with Dr. Terry Applebaum, and the doctor of musical arts degree in performance and literature (Percussion) from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with John Beck. In addition, Eastman granted Dr. Spencer the coveted Performer's Certificate as a percussion soloist.

Tickets are on sale now at the Arts Center. Call (231)347-4337, stop by 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey or visit [www.crookedtree.org](http://www.crookedtree.org). Tickets are priced as follows: CTAC members \$20/adults, \$8/student; non-members \$25/adults, \$10/students. Patron seating is \$50. All seats reserved. Sponsors for the Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series include Chase Bank, Petoskey Plastics, Inc., CMU Public Broadcasting, and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

## 'Michigan Saves' has openings

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency is accepting applications for its matched savings program in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties.

The program, called the Michigan Saves Individual Development Account Program offers people with limited incomes the opportunity to save for the purchase of their first home.

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For more information or to obtain an application, call Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency at (231) 347-9070 or (800) 443-5518. To be included in this round of funding, applications must be received by Jan. 17.

## Salvation Army, Consumers Energy create PeopleCare

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## Workshop

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days, as directed by MDNR guidelines.

The public review and comment opportunity is scheduled to begin Feb. 10 and conclude March 13. After this period, the plan will be finalized to reflect the public input.

The final plan will then be presented to the city commission for a public hearing and resolution of support. This final plan is scheduled to be submitted to the city and the MDNR by the end of March, 2006, and receive MDNR approval by April 1, 2006.

The approval will provide the city with potential funding opportunities for area recreation projects.

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# Review

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celebration of newly won freedoms in Iraq, and the backlash of insurgencies reduced to only four of 18 Iraqi provinces.

Hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and winter storms have dominated the news and decimated homes and lives in our own country.

New leadership has been established in such diverse places as Baghdad and Rome.

At home, we have taken on these national and international affairs in our own way: classrooms raised money for tsunami victims, and whole towns came out to donate to the families in the southern states whose homes and jobs and schools were swept away by the powerful Katrina. At the same time, we dealt with issues that touched our lives here in northern Michigan.

The Boyne City city commission held several meetings to discuss the proposed public marina additions and waterfront master plan with the citizens of Boyne City. East Jordan, too, entertained citizen's comments when they purchased the former Four-Corner Market with the idea of expanding the city boat launch and parking area.

Things changed: the Wolverine power plant in Advance came down, as did the United Technologies building in Boyne City. The Main Street Center in East Jordan continued to gain occupancy, while the Lake Street Center project got underway. The new senior center in Boyne was completed before Christmas, and there has been nary an empty chair or parking space since - proving the need, and justifying the community support the project enjoyed. North Central Michigan College announced the first two satellite classes to be held in East Jordan Lake Street Center.

Boyne City held its breath while a fire raged downtown, and let out a sigh of relief when only one building was destroyed, thanks to the valiant fire department - and then got on with the business of being a community: supporting those who were left without homes, and whose property was destroyed.

The schools did the work of graduating fine seniors last spring, and welcoming incoming kindergartners this fall. All the while they encouraged the athletes, the musicians, and the scholars who range their halls with fine programs and priceless opportunities - besides musicals, science fairs, sports and concerts that students, families and community members all enjoyed together.

The churches and community welcomed displaced families, fed and clothed the poor, and provided holiday cheer. From the family who relocated to East Jordan from New Orleans, to East Jordan's collaborative Crossroads resale shop, to Boyne Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts, kind people opened their hearts and doors and wallets to meet the needs they saw here.

There were sadnesses: we saw too many lives lost to cancer, accidents and overdoses. We mourn young people whose gifts and brilliance will not shine on our communities hereafter. We grieve the loss of mothers whose lives and laughter were cut short by disease they tried bravely to beat. We miss the senior citizens who left us this year, whose long lives have given us much, and whose contributions can't be measured.

We celebrated: from East Jordan's blustery Sno-Blast, to the Mushroom Festival in Boyne, the Freedom Festival, the Flywheelers, Boyne's 4th of July celebration, the Fiddler's Jamoree in East Jordan, Boyne Falls' riotous Polish Festival, the scarecrow contests, Strolling the Streets of Boyne, sidewalk sales and community Christmases - we have enjoyed seeing each others' familiar faces, being neighborly, and enjoying the goodwill of residents and visitors alike.

It was a big year, 2005. It was tough and tender; it was a year of the best and worst of nature, and of human nature.



Molly Bricker of Boyne City stands amid elementary students in Ghana who stole her heart and inspired her to return to Africa to combat the AIDS crisis in Botswana. She returned to the U.S. for Christmas and spoke to students in Boyne City about her experiences over the past several months.

Another Boyne City world traveler, Mallory O'Brien, far left, was in Rome when the Pope died, and was able to write a story for the Citizen-Journal describing first hand the mood of the city as it encapsulated the grief of the entire Christian world at the loss of a spiritual leader.



Speaking of traveling, this pelican takes sustenance from Michael Thompkins of East Jordan before getting a late start on his migration south. The pelican spent a little time in both Boyne City and East Jordan, where speculation ran rampant that it was blown off course by the hurricane. In fact, pelicans are seen even farther north, though not typically in Michigan.



Hurricane Katrina was responsible for blowing the Orellana family north, however, and East Jordan was enriched by the relocation of the family that quickly made itself an important part of the school system, the work force and the community.

Boyne City's Rachel Cassidy (center) was in Thailand when an underwater earthquake sent a wall of water crashing into that country and others, wreaking untold havoc on lives, livelihoods and land. Cassidy was fortunately out of harm's way when the tsunami struck. The U.S. joined the world community in reaching out to the homeless and the injured in the aftermath of the great wave.



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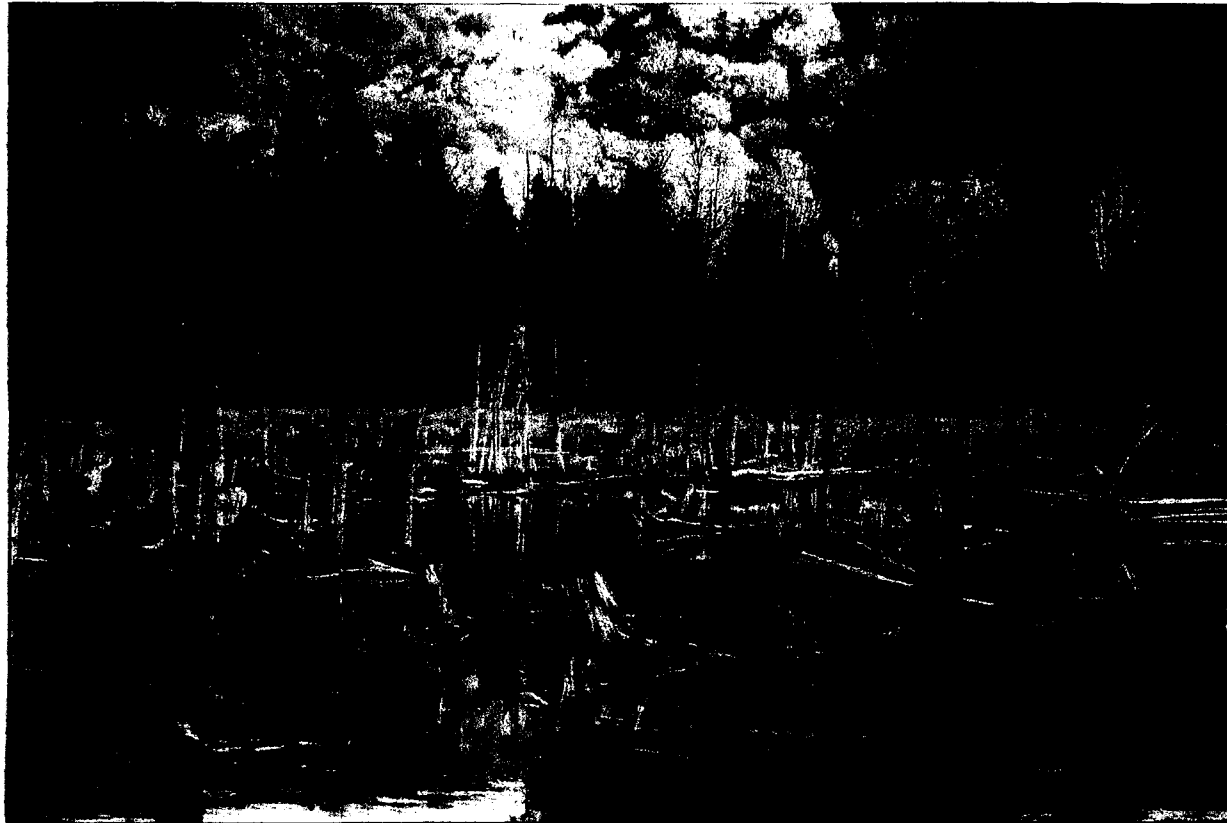
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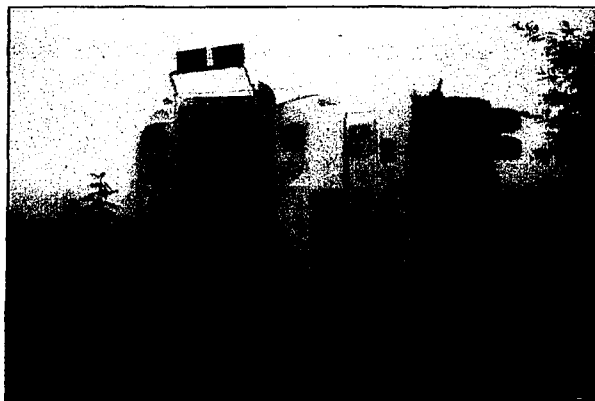


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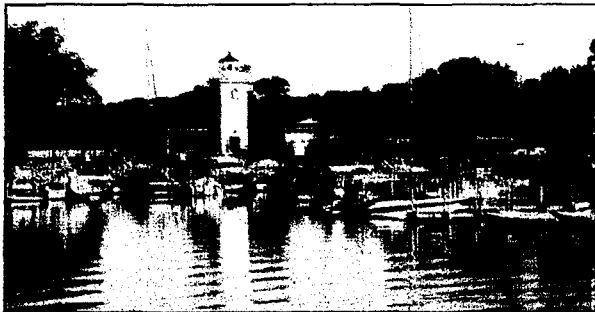
# YEAR in Pictures



Kid Rock performed an open-air concert at Boyne Mountain to the delight of a sold-out crowd. Local EMS and law enforcement services formed a first-time coalition for crowd control and emergency management.



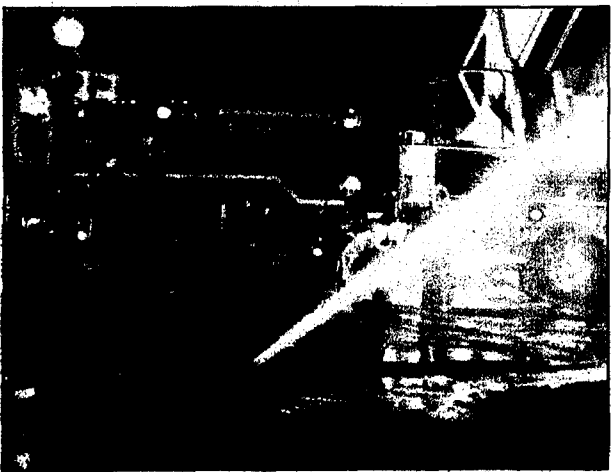
Katrina reminded us we need to be ready for anything, and northern Michigan firefighters, emergency medical workers and law enforcement departments came together again for Operation Indian Summer, in a training exercise that involved an overturned bus, by design, and an unplanned dense fog, lending realism and a challenge to the event.



Boyne City brought its citizens together several times in the past year, proving that it wants to hear the opinions and concerns people have about the proposed city marina.



A Lake Charlevoix-soaked athlete gets off to a running start with her bicycle before she straddles it for the second leg of the annual Freedom Festival triathlon in late June.



Boyne City residents watched while fire destroyed a piece of local history. Then they rallied to take care of their own, donating money, clothes and household items to those who were displaced by the fire.



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