

## COMING EVENTS

## BC Business After Hours

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce next Business After Hours will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Garrett's on Water Street, hosted by 5/3rd Bank, Char-Em Appraisal Service, and Garrett's.

## Boyne school mid-winter break

Boyne City Public Schools will be on mid-winter break on Friday, Feb. 17, and Monday, Feb. 20. Classes will not be held on these days. School will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

## Sno Blast Fishing Contest

Starting Friday, Feb. 17, and running through Sunday, Feb. 26, Tom's Bait and Tackle in East Jordan will be hosting the annual Sno Blast Fishing Contest, which was postponed due to ice safety concerns. The contest will end at noon on the 26th, and prizes will be awarded at Tom's Bait and Tackle at that time. There are two divisions: children 12 and under; and adults, 13 and over. There is no entry fee for kids, and the adult fee is \$2 per species: perch, pike, walleye, crappie and bluegill; or all five species for \$5.

Note: Free fishing weekend is Feb. 18-19. No license is required those two days. For more information on the contest, call Tom Durecki at (231) 536-3521.

## Spaghetti dinner helps heat homes

In an ongoing effort to help with high heating costs for those in the Boyne community, the St. Matthew's Catholic Church Parish Guild is hosting its second spaghetti dinner fund-raiser. The first, in December, raised \$780 which was donated to the Boyne City Ministerial Association for distribution.

A second dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The dinner will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverage and a dessert, and the cost is a free-will donation. The entire community is invited to the church hall at 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City to come and support our neighbors.

## John Berry serenades Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School is proud to present John Berry. Reserved seating tickets are \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door. Tickets are available at the following East Jordan locations: Busy Bridge, Cafe Casa, and the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce.

## Cherry recipe contest at Friske's

To commemorate National Cherry Month, Friske's Farm Market is sponsoring its third annual cherry recipe contest Saturday, Feb. 25. This year's categories are appetizers and cookies/bars. Everyone except professional chefs and Friske employees and their immediate families are invited to participate. Registration packets are available to pick up at Friske's Farm Market on U.S. 31 at Atwood, by calling (231) 599-2604 or by request online at info@friske.com.

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# School district loses superintendent



Boyne City Schools' superintendent Jim Cooper will leave at the end of June, following five years with the district. A state retirement statute expired for Cooper who came out of retirement to work in the Boyne School District. That statute may be amended in the legislature by a bill that was introduced.

BY B. J. HETLER  
 Contributing Writer

Boyne City Superintendent of Schools Jim Cooper will resign at the end of June because of a state retirement law. Cooper took the helm at Boyne City five years ago when the school district had an immediate opening. He had retired from Harbor Springs School District when Boyne schools hired him.

Cooper and the school board announced the resignation at Monday's board meeting. President Ed Vondra said the board had hoped that the legislature would extend the retirement law.

State law allows retired superintendents, teachers and other school employees to come out of retirement to fill a "critical need" as determined by the Michigan Department of Education.

This exemption allows school districts to fill positions without it affecting the retired employee's pension. But the exemption is limited to five years that the retiree may

work in the position. Cooper is in his fifth year with the school district and it is unlikely that the legislature will extend the limit.

Even if the legislature acted in the current session to allow more extensions before Cooper's leave date at the end of June, it is doubtful that it would change anything for the school district as far as retaining Cooper.

"If anything is done by the legislature, it will be too late for the district; because it needs to find another superintendent and this is the time they need to search for a candidate — in February for the fall school year," Cooper said.

"The thing that's really disappointing is that this decision is not one that the (school) board or I can control. It's a legislative decision," he said.

"If I were to stay on my own, I would have to be under earning limits set by the state retirement system. That would mean about one-third of the compensation. For someone to take a full-time position that's a bit unrealistic. At 56, obviously I plan on work-

ing for awhile."

The school district determined his salary for the position while he worked under the exemption status, just as it would under ordinary circumstances. Cooper's current salary is \$95,000.

Board members expressed their appreciation of Cooper's accomplishments.

"He has provided leadership for our schools during difficult times," vice president Deb Noblett said. "He has helped the school board make decisions which have resulted in our schools being in a sound financial position at a time when many school systems are struggling. He cares deeply for the students, staff and community of Boyne. He will be missed."

Cooper plans to stay in this area. His education career spans more than 32 years.

"I've really enjoyed working with the schools in Boyne City and everyone associated with the schools. The parents and staff have been very supportive," he said.

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PHOTOS BY VIC RUGGLES

## Heating up a February night

Rachel Williams, left, and Confederate Railroad lead guitarist Michael Lamb were the two Michigan natives that helped rock the Boyne City Community Auditorium last Saturday. Williams opened for the southern rock and country band, and earned herself a whole new set of fans with her northern Michigan debut in Boyne City. Confederate Railroad was also a crowd-pleaser, playing their familiar hits and paying tribute to past employers and influences, combined with a friendly, relaxed rapport with their audience.

## Affordable housing with a twist

BY JANE BOOZE  
 Editor

BOYNE CITY/EAST JORDAN - When you think of affordable housing, you don't usually think of beautiful three and four bedroom houses, with two-car garages, full basements and soaring ceilings or artful niches here and there in a diversity of desirable neighborhoods. But that's just what you would get if you purchased a house through Northern Homes Community Development Corporation, a low-income housing organization committed to keeping affordable housing affordable for generations, without compromising quality.

Currently there are four homes on the market, one in Boyne City, the other three in East Jordan. Two of the East Jordan homes are new construction on Echo Street, contributing to that

neighborhood's growing renewal. The other is a remodeled house on Fourth Street, just across from the Elementary School. The remodeled homes are called "rehab's," and they have been meticulously restored to original beauty - with modern conveniences.

The Boyne house currently on the market (though an offer has recently been made on it) is on Roosevelt Street. It is one of the first Northern Homes houses that is being resold. All of the houses are equipped with high efficiency windows and furnaces - a homeowner said that his average winter monthly fuel bill has been \$75. All of the homes are constructed with attention to efficiency.

The prices of these homes range from \$89,900 to \$92,000.

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Jane MacKenzie, left, and Alice Yoeman bring a passion for houses - and first-time homeowners - to their jobs with Northern Homes.

## Bike path delayed

Commission battles further delays

BY JANE BOOZE  
 Editor

EAST JORDAN - At the regularly scheduled meeting of the East Jordan City Commission last week, Kevin Makarewicz of Capital Consultants provided the commissioners with an update on the city's recreation plan, as well as an update on the M-32 Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Project.

There was a public hearing on Jan. 12, for students and adult citizens to provide input into the city's recreation plan, a plan that is required in order to maintain eligibility for certain Department of Natural Resources grants. The plans are in effect for five years, with the most recent plan being 2000 - 2005. The city is required to submit an updated plan by April 1.

According to Makarewicz, East Jordan's recreational goals have remained basically the same, with slight modifications. The city sent out surveys to the school and with its newsletter, and received 24 adult surveys and 236 student surveys back.

Specific projects were suggested and discussed at January's public hearing, including details for action and prioritizing the proposed projects as high, medium or low. Makarewicz provided commissioners with copies of the updated goals and objectives, as well as a proposed action plan. He requested feedback by the end of last week, so that he would be able to rewrite and return the goals and action plan to the city clerk early this week to be posted at the City Hall and the Jordan Valley District Library for public review for a term of 30 days.

There will be a second public hearing in March, and barring dramatic changes, Makarewicz said he hoped to be able to have a letter of resolution to the DNR by the April deadline.

Makarewicz also presented an update on the M-32 bicycle path project, reminding commissioners of the "number of bumps to overcome" the project has had since it started in 2002.

While state senator Jason Allen has been contacted in an attempt to get this project moving forward after numerous setbacks, Makarewicz said there were no answers yet.

Mayor Mark Postma asked if it was  
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# Events

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## Chamber looking for hosts, participants

The Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for host families and a project manager for this summer's Blue Lake Fine Arts program. This year we will have two groups: July 12 to 15, Boyne City will host Big Band Goethe-Gymnasium (a 24 member Swing Big Band all the way from Germany) and July 29 to 31, the Blue Lake International Jazz Band (a 20-member Jazz Band.) Please contact the Chamber at (231) 582-6222 if you would like to host or participate.

## Cancer Crusaders dance

The Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders will be hosting a 50's dance in memory of Lisa Stevens at the Eagle's Hall in Boyne City on Saturday, March 4, from 7 - 11 p.m. There will be a silent

auction, food and, of course, dancing - something for everyone - to help raise money for anyone in northern Michigan who is battling cancer.

For more information, call Gail Farley at (231) 582-2424.

## Learn to manage money, buy home

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation of Boyne City will be offering free financial fitness/credit education classes starting in March. The classes will be offered through a five week workshop series starting Monday evening, March 6. The topics will include knowing and understanding your credit, predatory lending, a free personal credit report review, financial management and budgeting, as well as information on how to clean up bad credit. Participants will receive infor-

mation on consumer rights, dealing with creditors, and how to become a homeowner. To register call Alice Yeoman toll-free at (866) 637-1834. Classes will be held each Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Health and Education Center, 360 Connable in Petoskey.

## 'Day Away' in Chicago

The Crooked Tree Arts Center will be sponsoring their 4th annual "Day Away" art trip on May 10, 11, 12. This year's theme, "Chicago's Contrasting Eras," will encompass three art-full days of enjoying the historical and contemporary aspects of Chicago.

Limited coach seats available. Please call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 for details and opportunity to register with payment for the trip. Sign up can also be made on the website: crookedtree.org. Fee for trip: \$485 members; \$510 non-members, single supplement extra.

## 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 The Healing Circle at 505 Third St., in East Jordan. Sessions are facilitated by Theresa Prymuszewski, MA, MTS, LPC. All are welcome to attend these nondenominational and free seminars sponsored by The Healing Circle and the St. Joseph and St. John parishes. For more information 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.

Interested 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 at the VFW Hall on Boyne Avenue, 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.

# Reps. Elsenheimer, Condino honored by police association

LANSING - Ervin L. Portis, president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, announced today that Michigan representatives Paul Condino (D - Southfield) and Kevin Elsenheimer (R - Bellaire) have been selected as MACP Legislators of the Year.

Representatives Condino and Elsenheimer are recognized for their commitment to a body of laws that enhance the profession of law enforcement, holding criminals accountable, and providing justice to victims of crime.

Both Representatives Condino and Elsenheimer will receive their awards during the MACP Mid-Winter Conference Banquet Feb. 9, at 7 p.m., at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Representative Elsenheimer is rewarded primarily for his work to improve Michigan's unnecessary preliminary examination procedures, which waste mil-

ions of taxpayer dollars. As Michigan has suffered one budget cutback after another, Representative Condino has diligently endeavored to preserve local government funding - dollars that are important to keeping Michigan's police officers working.

"As president of the MACP, I have had the honor and pleasure of working with both of these distinguished legislators. Since September 2001, Michigan has suffered the loss of nearly 1,400 police officers. From one budget cutback to another, nearly all of Michigan's communities have felt the pain of losing police officers. Representatives Condino and Elsenheimer have both worked with us to keep police officers working, to hold criminals accountable, streamline judicial processes - while still protecting due process rights of those accused of crime - and giving great respect to crime victims," Portis said.

## Elsenheimer introduces scanner bill

Law-abiding citizens will no longer need permission to have radio scanners in their vehicles under legislation now before the Senate.

House Bill 4544, introduced by Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, was approved this week by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The measure eliminates the requirement for an amateur radio operator license or permit from the state police to carry equipment that receives assigned public safety frequencies.

"Criminals don't ask for permission to use a scanner when they plan their illegal behavior, so all the current law does

is make criminals of law-abiding citizens," said Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire. "Eliminating the paperwork and red tape required to be processed for the permits will help the state police focus on more important tasks and stop the needless hassle NASCAR fans and residents with a scanner hobby are made to endure."

The bill makes possessing a radio scanner while committing a crime illegal, punishable by a \$1,000 fine and one year in jail, the same penalty currently in place for not having a license or permit for a radio scanner.

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Sat, Sun, Thurs at 12, 2, 5, 7 & 9

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Fri at 4:45, 7:15 & 9:45  
Mon-Wed at 7:15 & 9:45  
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**CURIOUS GEORGE - G**  
Fri at 5:15 & 7 • Mon-Wed at 7  
Sat, Sun, Thurs at 12:15, 2:15, 5:15 & 7

**THE PINK PANTHER - PG**  
Fri at 5:15 & 9 • Mon-Wed at 7 & 9  
Sat, Sun, Thurs at 12, 2, 5, 7 & 9

**DATE MOVIE - PG-13**  
Fri at 5, 7 & 9 • Mon-Wed at 7 & 9  
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**EIGHT BELOW - PG**  
Fri at 5:15, 7 & 9:15 • Mon-Wed at 7 & 9:15  
Sat, Sun, Thurs at 12:15, 2:15, 5:15, 7 & 9:15

**BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 - PG-13**  
at 9 nightly

**FINAL DESTINATION 3 - R**  
Fri at 5:15, 7:15 & 9:15  
Mon-Wed at 7:15 & 9:15  
Sat, Sun, Thurs at 12:15, 2:15, 5:15, 7:15 & 9:15

**HANNY MCFREE - PG**  
Fri at 7:15 & 9:15 • Mon-Wed at 7:15  
Sat, Sun, Thurs at 12:15, 2:15 & 7:15

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at 7 nightly

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at 7 nightly

**Also Sat & Sun at 2, 3:45, 5:30 & 7**

**THE PINK PANTHER - PG**  
at 7:15 & 9:15 nightly

**Also Sat & Sun at 2:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:15**

**EIGHT BELOW - PG**  
at 7 & 9 nightly

**Also Sat & Sun at 2, 4, 7 & 9**

**DATE MOVIE - PG-13**  
at 7 & 9:15 nightly

**Also Sat & Sun at 2:15, 4:15, 7 & 9:15**

**FIREWALL - PG-13**  
at 9 nightly • Also Sat & Sun at 4:15 & 9

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at 7:15 & 9:15 nightly

**Sat & Sun at 2:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:15**

**HANNY MCFREE - PG**  
at 7 nightly • Also Sat & Sun at 2 & 7

**BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 - PG-13**  
at 9 nightly

**WEEKLY Health Tips**

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

**Fish Oil & Dry Eye Syndrome**

Dry eye syndrome is a condition characterized by a reduction in the quantity and quality of tears. Symptoms include pain, dryness, irritation and sometimes a sandy, gritty sensation. A recent women's study showed that a high intake of Omega-3 fatty acids found in fish and walnuts may have a protective effect. Women who ate seafood 2 to 4 times per week had a 42% lower risk than those who ate fish less than twice a week. Also, women with high levels of omega-6 fats like those in animal meats, some cooking oils, and mayonnaise were more than 2 times more likely to have dry eyes.

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# CCCF announces grant awards

East Jordan - Multiple financial resources from funds held at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation were combined to support worthy community causes including: an Irish Folk festival for area middle and high school students; Hurricane Katrina victims who have relocated to the area; the purchase of new EMS equipment. The Community Foundation announces grant awards to support a variety of projects benefiting area residents.

The new awards bring the community foundation's grant making total to over \$6.4 million in its thirteen year history. Programs chosen for community foundation support and the amounts of their grants are:

**From the Adams Fund:**  
 • \$2,000 to support the stringed instruments program for third graders at Beaver Island Community School.

**From the Boyne City Enrichment Fund:**  
 • \$1,140 toward the purchase of two computer systems and a hydraulic lift stretcher for the City of Boyne City Ambulance Association.

**From the Chicago Club Fund:**  
 • \$2,500 to expand the FIT Kids program, a health care needs assessment for area students.  
 • \$1,313 towards the health care needs of Charlevoix students.

**From the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund:**  
 • \$1,500 for staff training costs for the Beaver Island Rural Health Clinic.

**From the Charlevoix Fund:**  
 • \$3,000 to Good Samaritan Family Services to support an emergency heating fuel fund for Charlevoix residents.

**From the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Endowment Fund:**  
 • \$4,250 to support general pool operations.

**From the East Jordan Enrichment Fund:**  
 • \$2,000 to support a building addition to the Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop.  
 • \$3,500 to East Jordan Public Schools for land development.

**From the East Jordan Hurricane Katrina Relocation Fund:**  
 • \$2,800 to support various needs of hurricane victims who have relocated to the East Jordan area.

**From the East Jordan Rotary Student Exchange Fund:**  
 • \$800 to support the East Jordan Rotary student exchange program.

**From the Fuller Road Fund:**  
 • \$1,200 for general operations to Raven Hill Discovery Center.

**From the IMI Community Endowment Fund:**  
 • \$2,000 toward the purchase of two computer systems and a hydraulic lift stretcher for the City of Boyne City Ambulance Association.

**From the Alyce Lesser Memorial Fund:**  
 • \$365 to support an Irish Folk Festival program for Charlevoix Public School students in grades 5 through 12.

**From the Pass-Through Fund:**  
 • \$1,700 to the Baton Rouge Area Foundation to support the Hurricane Katrina Displaced Residents Fund.  
 • \$60,000 to the City of East Jordan to support phase II of the East Jordan Community Park.

• \$35 to the City of East Jordan to support Community Park in memory of Joyce MacDowell.

**From the Phyllis Malpass Medical Needs Fund:**  
 • \$382 to provide for the health care needs of East Jordan students.

**From the SOAR Fund:**  
 • \$1,784 to Raven Hill Discovery Center for teacher development and student outreach.

**From the Towsley Fund:**  
 • \$1,090 toward the purchase of two computer systems and a hydraulic lift stretcher for the City of Boyne City Ambulance Association.

**From the Charlevoix County Community Fund:**  
 • \$1,680 toward the purchase of two computer systems and a hydraulic lift stretcher for the City of Boyne City Ambulance Association.

• \$2,000 to Good Samaritan Family Services to support an emergency heating fuel fund for Charlevoix residents.

**From the Ethel W. Coeling Fund:**  
 • \$4,000 to continue to purchase books on cultural diversity to the Ellsworth Community Schools.

**From the Environmental Fund:**  
 • \$5,000 to support the construction of a trail on the Susan Creek Nature Preserve for Little Traverse Conservancy.

• \$12,000 for bank stabilization of the Boyne River in Old City Park for Friends of the Boyne River.

• \$2,200 to purchase signage for the Watershed Center for Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Center, Inc.

**From the Tunison-Garlock Memorial Fund:**  
 • \$1,435 to support an Irish Folk Festival program for students in Charlevoix Public School students in grades 5 through 12.

**From the Renkiewicz Memorial Fund:**  
 • \$890 to support the Out of the Locker Room program for teen males for Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan.

**From Donor Advised Funds:**  
 • \$525,455 in grants were distributed to a host of non-profit organizations and charitable initiatives in accordance with the wishes of those who established donor advised funds and help direct their own grant making.

Since it was founded by a group of local citizens in 1992, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's net assets have grown to more than \$16.3 million. A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and organizations and manages them as permanent endowments. Every year, a portion of the endowment's investment income is used to support programs in education, the environment, the arts, human services, health and wellness, youth activities, community development, and various civic projects. The principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing charitable capital to perpetually benefit Charlevoix County residents and nonprofit organizations.

The community foundation will review grant requests again this spring. The deadline for applications is April 3. For more information about grant opportunities, or the community foundation, call (231) 536-2440.

# NCMC offers entrepreneurship workshop

PETOSKEY/EAST JORDAN - North Central Michigan College's Institute for Entrepreneurship is offering a series of workshops for individuals planning to venture into the world of business. The series begins Feb. 27 and runs through March 22. The workshops will be held in Petoskey and East Jordan. Topics will include raising capital, developing business plans, legal issues, promotion, and cyber-security.

The workshop schedule is as follows.  
 East Jordan: All East Jordan workshops will be held at the Lake Street Center located at 117 S. Lake (formerly the Dura Building).

- **Wednesday, March 1:** 6-9 p.m. Legal Issues.
- **Tuesday, March 7:** 6-9 p.m. Promotion.
- **Tuesday, March 14:** 6-9 p.m. Cyber security for small businesses.
- **Monday, March 20:** 6-9 p.m. Developing a business plan.
- **Tuesday, March 21:** 6-9 p.m. Building and sustaining a successful enterprise.

• **Wednesday, March 29:** 6-9 p.m. Raising early-stage capital.

Petoskey: All Petoskey workshops will be held at the NCMC Science Building, Room 279.

- **Monday, Feb. 27:** 6-9 p.m. Developing a business plan.
- **Wednesday, March 1:** 6-9 p.m. Legal Issues.
- **Monday, March 6:** 6-9 p.m. Raising Early-Stage Capital.
- **Wednesday, March 8:** 6-9 p.m. Promotion.
- **Wednesday, March 15:** 6-9 p.m. Cyber security for small businesses.
- **Wednesday, March 22:** 6-9 p.m. Building and sustaining a successful enterprise.

Cost of each workshop is \$25. For more information, or to register, call (231) 348-6613. North Central Michigan College is an open-door community college based in Petoskey. Through its University Center partnerships, students can take courses leading to certificates, bachelor's and master's degrees from participating universities. North Central's Institute for Business & Industry Training offers non-credit job skills training tailored to meet individual needs.

# Buy into Boyne to win

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In Boyne City, businesses can buy into a Boyne promotion called - appropriately - Buy Into Boyne. For a \$125 investment, a business owner pays for the program's advertising, and contributes to a pool of dollars that will be given away to lucky shoppers later in the year. Shoppers get in on the promotion by saving the receipts from participating retailers - those receipts are your ticket to win.

It's a Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce event, and only businesses that are Chamber members can participate. Last year's Buy Into Boyne (sponsored by the Main Street Program) lasted three months and the redeemed receipts totalled more than \$375,000.

One business that initially declined to participate last year ended up getting on board later as its customers complained to management about not having Buy Into Boyne redeemable receipts. This year the same business signed up at the first opportunity.

Most residents are shopping, getting their hair cut, picking up batteries, filling their gas tanks, dry-cleaning their clothes, and dining out in Boyne City already. It is a bonus to be able to save and redeem their receipts for possible winnings (every \$10 earns shoppers another change to win). Receipts can be dropped off at Boyne Country Books or the Boyne Area Chamber, and must be turned in by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 18. The winning receipts will be drawn on Saturday, May 20, at the Taste of Boyne, with a first place prize of \$2,500 - and you must be present to win.

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Businesses: It's not too late to sign up for the promotion with the Chamber in Boyne City - the promotion is ongoing until the last receipt is turned in on May 18.

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# OPINION

## Offending Muslim extremists

Some time ago, I wrote a piece decrying the publishing of a story suggesting that a Quran had been flushed down a (rather amazing) toilet at Guantanamo Bay. The story resulted in bloodshed as Muslim extremists responded to the desecration of their holy book. I suggested then that Christians would not do the same over the desecration of the Bible or other religious symbols - and we have proved it, from a urine-soaked crucifix to Kanye West in a crown of thorns. We don't like it, but we don't kill people over it.

### LAST CALL

In that earlier article, I suggested the Quran story should never have been published. I said I thought reporters have a responsibility to be responsible, and that not everything should be printed, especially in a time of war.



Jane Booze

I'm not so sure about the cartoons. The paper that originally printed them did so in response to its belief that reporters and newspapers were censoring themselves out of fear - a kind of passive bargaining with the Muslim extremist playground bully. I'll be really, really nice to you and you don't hurt me, okay? The bully is not passive. It wants others to be nice only by its definition of niceness. It gets to destroy ancient Buddhist symbols, but its enemies don't get to draw a picture of Mohammed. Otherwise there will be carnage.

Maybe the cartoons, which were solicited, should not have been printed. (By the way, a new theme has been solicited: a cartoon offensively depicting the Holocaust. There's a grown-up tit for tat, and as senseless as it can be. But the foolish people that have requested that cartoon can count on this: Jews and their supporters can be expected to deal with this new and grievous offense in a manner that is civilized.)

I think there is a level of sensitivity to others' beliefs and values that is justified. I don't think we need to take it too far - for instance, I am sometimes annoyed by political cartoons that I think unfairly blame the president for things like, well, hurricanes. But you know what? He's fair game. He's the president. The Catholic church has certainly been the target of some (sometimes deserved) attacks, as have been religious leaders (again, sometimes deserved) such as Pat Robertson - and others. All of these may be fair game - which doesn't mean that the resulting cartoons always represent the truth - or that they are universally inoffensive.

Is Jesus fair game? Apparently. Is Mohammed? A cartoon that depicts Mohammed in heaven telling assassins to stop - heaven is out of virgins - yeah, I think that's fair game. A picture of Mohammed with a bomb-shaped turban? Again, I think it's okay. If moderate Muslims - whom we are told are in the majority - are truly offended, why don't they denounce the behaviors that inspired the cartoons?

Instead, the extremists have done what no cartoon could, confirming them as crazy and dangerous fanatics in the mind of the rest of the world.

Here's a suggestion: moderate Muslims could solidify their position in the world culture by denouncing not just the offenses to their faith, but also by recognizing that extremists are in large part responsible for them. Recently, Muslim moderates made public statements to distance themselves from the extreme response to those cartoons, but also said that they agreed that the drawings were offensive and understood the response. Not good enough. There should be unequivocal denunciation of violence by the moderate leaders of the Muslim faith.

Refusing to indulge in senseless and random violence does not rob people of recourse.

Christians are familiar with offenses to our faith. Popular culture is full of them. The best defense is our business. I don't have to go to a movie that offends me, watch a television program, support advertisers, or listen to a talk show host that insults my faith.

Conversely, when a movie, book or television program presents my faith honestly and fairly, I will be consciously supportive of it. Muslims can do the same thing. We have some legitimate bargaining power against offense.

It's not as colorful on the six o'clock news, but it is civilized, it works, and nobody dies.

Jane Booze is the editor of the Citizen-Journal.



## LETTERS

### Lutheran youth organize two community projects

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I know everyone is super busy at this time of year. If you have just a little time to help the homeless, I know they will really appreciate any help they receive from others. The youth at Christ Lutheran Church are working on two community projects.

A canned food drive will help the Nehemiah Project in Petoskey. They always appreciate help from others.

A penny and pledge drive for the town of Pas Christian in Mississippi will be going the entire month of February. School supplies and books are also needed now if you can send any of them.

Also, Hearts for the Homeless, directed by Dave Skornia, Austin Behling and Nancy Blanford, has been working on an effort to build and drive two "panelized" homes down to Mississippi. The two homes are ready to truck down the March 10.

The first home has been designated to go to a lady who is handicapped. She is living in the shell of her mobile home with a blue tarp draped over the top. I don't even want to think of her living conditions. It's not like the rain from Hurricane Katrina stopped and then the roof was blown off or her town has been missed by all the rain these past five months.

The second home is going to a family of six. Mom and Dad; three girls - 16, 15, and 13; and a handicapped nephew. They made it to the shelter to survive the hurricane. Mom was stuck at the hospital where she worked, and when the water started coming in the hospital no one could leave to get to their loved ones. Fortunately, days later she found her family at one of the shelters.

They tried living out of a tent, all of them, in the front yard. After a month, the mom went bonkers

and they moved to Georgia to be with relatives. When the FEMA trailer was finally delivered to their lot it was very small. It came with a refrigerator, washer, dryer, and a matching love seat and chair.

We are now looking for new or next-to-new furniture and appliances. Everything from the wall light switches and down to the floor was destroyed. Nancy Blanford, (231) 582-6892, and David Skornia, (231) 675-6400, are the contact persons to let you know if what you have to give is something they can use.

If you have the time and interest to contribute, the homeless people could use our help. If you're Katrina'ed out, we understand that too.

Here is a review of what we are working toward:

- Month of February
- Collect canned goods for the Nehemiah Project;
- Penny and pledge drive to raise \$3,200 to receive 2-1 matching grant of \$1,600;
- Collect books and school supplies for students in Mississippi.
- First week of March
- Deliver canned goods to Nehemiah Project in Petoskey.
- Second week of March
- March 8 and 9: Load trucks
- March 10: Leave for Pas Christian
- Third week of March
- Construct and finish two homes

Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Whether it be your getting an organization you're connected with to take on one of these projects or just you helping as an individual, we want to say thank-you in advance.

Rebecca Palmiter  
(231) 582-3734  
Boyer City

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If you have questions on the Citizen-Journal's letter policy, contact the editor at (231) 582-6761 or via E-mail at editor@voyager.net.

## NEIGHBORS

• **HAVE YOU SEEN IT?** The TV commercial featuring East Jordan's own - Amy Bartlett? That's what came in over the net from a Floridian friend this past week. Surprised,



Nancy Northup

she was, to recognize a Charlevoix County face of a girl (now grown up) who had been a high school friend of one of her daughters. Remembering the familiar East Jordan family name, Bartlett, she paid attention to the Zicam commercial, showing the lovely Amy recommending the cold and flu medicine. Impressed with her presentation, she knew that the late Joanne Carpenter would have been proud to see her granddaughter Amy on TV, too!

• **THE COUSINS MUSIC GROUP** entertained a group of seniors Tuesday afternoon at the Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

• **RESIDENTS OF LITZENBURGER PLACE** were pleased to be entertained by the peppy routines of the Boyne Falls cheerleading squad on Friday morning in the freshly painted community room.

• **LAURIE KELTS WAS HONORED** at the Lakeview Village Club House on Saturday with a surprise birthday party, with about 35 friends and relatives sharing in a fun time. All enjoyed cake and ice cream amidst the festive decorations of Laurie's children: Morgan, 9, and Jacob, 5. Sandy Adams, Laurie's mother, hosted the memorable occasion.

• **ELOISE COOPER OF BOYNE CITY** underwent knee replacement surgery at Northern Michigan Hospital on Tuesday.

• **PHYLLIS TISRON IS NOW AT HOME** in her Litzenger apartment after a rehab stay at Charlevoix's Boulder Park.

• **THERE WAS A GREAT TURN-OUT** for "Sweetheart Sunday" on the 12th, which was held at the East Jordan Senior Center with the Cousins Music Group playing from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to celebrate Valentine's Day. Delicious meals of roast turkey with all the trimmings, and Swiss steak were served until 1:30 p.m. Along with dancing and visiting with friends, tickets were sold and winning prizes were fun. It was a special time for all attending. A great group they are, this Cousins band, who will also take their love of music and sharing a good time to the Bellaire care facility on Tuesday the 14th to celebrate Valentine's Day with seniors there.

• **ELEANOR DETCHER OF DEER MEADOWS** underwent surgery at Northern Michigan Hospital this past Tuesday, and as of Sunday, still remained a patient there.

• **AN ESSAY, "I CAN'T,"** cleverly written and read by the Rev. Wayne McKinney at the Boyne City United Methodist Church was interestingly well-received on Sunday morning. It went without saying, the mock burial service - with a casket call and all - of "I can't," was overtaken by a spontaneous response of "I will!" to the request for a variety of church-related duties.

• **A WONDERFUL TIME OF HONORING** the birthdays of Betty Kelts and Dick Wright followed the service at BCUMC. Jerry Kelts had brought a carrot cake from the Boyne Falls bakery, scenically decorated with vibrant colors and depicting meaningful objects. In one corner was a church - for Betty - and in the other a dog for Dick, who is crazy about dogs. Birthday congratulations to you both.

• **YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN** in for lunch at the Boyne Area Senior Center on Thursday, Feb. 16 at noon to enjoy veal and mushrooms. Thursday is also Bingo day. Following lunch, everyone wins during the Bingo game. On Friday, Feb. 17, they will be serving breakfast at lunch time. Egg casserole with sausage links is on the menu. Plan to arrive early on Friday - the Boyne River Boys will be playing from 11 a.m. to noon. Monday, Feb. 20, Cheesburger Meatballs will be on the menu, which will be completed with sweet potatoes, "Far Eastern" blend vegetables and strawberries. Remember, Monday is again Bingo day. Tuesday, Feb. 21, Garlic Chicken will be served. And come again Wednesday, Feb. 22, and join in on line dancing at 10:30 a.m. Beef pasties will be served for lunch. You can enjoy a game of cards any day at the Senior Center. For more information regarding the menus, call (231) 582-6682.

Items of interest for the Neighbors column may be called in to (231) 582-9174, or E-mailed to neighbors@gtlakes.com.



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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

## Concord Academy Boyne

**NAME:** Cody Nations  
**PARENTS:** Residing with Nancy Crandell from Horton Bay  
**GRADE:** 8th  
**FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:**



"Playing video games and basketball with my friends."

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Pumpkin pie

**FAVORITE CLASSES:** Science, band

**FAVORITE AUTHOR:** J.K. Rowling

**FAVORITE BOOK:** Harry Potter series

**FUTURE PLANS:** "To go to college and learn how to design computer programs."

**STAFF NOMINATION:** for Character Education. Responsibility: "Cody comes in early everyday and helps me set up for my day. He also likes to check attendance and run errands. I have been so impressed with this new student that he is now babysitting for my children."

"I fell in the hallway and Cody was right there to help me. Others saw, but he jumped right in."

## Boyne City High School

**NAME:** Eric Boyer  
**PARENTS:** Elaine and Edward Boyer  
**GRADE:** 9th  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**



"I golf on the Boyne Golf team."

**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Skiing, golfing, playing video games, playing the computer, swimming, fishing, archery, hunting and camping.

**FUTURE PLANS:** "I plan on attending college to become an electrician or a computer technician."

**STAFF COMMENTS:** "Eric is an exemplary student. He is self-motivated and always puts forth a great deal of effort. Eric is a diligent student who strives for excellence. He is friendly, respectful and has excellent problem solving skills. Eric is hard-working and his assignments are of the highest quality. It has been a pleasure to have him in class this year as he is an outstanding student. Congratulations Eric, you are very deserving of this award." Mrs. Hemming, science.

## Boyne Falls Public School

**NAME:** Maggie Knight  
**PARENTS:** Richard and Susan Knight  
**GRADE:** 10th  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** British Literature  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:**



Sports and photography  
**FAVORITE SPORT:** Competitive swimming

**FAVORITE FOOD:** French fries

**FAVORITE BOOK:** "Angel of Mercy"

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Coach Carter"

**FUTURE PLANS:** Graduate from college

**STAFF COMMENTS:** "Maggie is a member of my Algebra II class. Maggie is always pleasant and has a smile for everyone. She uses her class time to complete her work and to get help. She balances a busy schedule of academics, sports, class and school activities. Maggie is a credit to herself, her family and to Boyne Falls Public School. Keep up the good work!" Mr. Beyer.

## East Jordan High School

**NAME:** Amanda Zipp  
**PARENTS:** Tracy Zipp and Dan Zipp  
**GRADE:** 10th  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**



Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball  
**FAVORITE CLASS(ES):** Photography and Chemistry

**FUTURE PLANS:** Go to college for dental hygiene

**STAFF COMMENTS:** "Amanda has an outstanding attitude and always gives her best. She is a hard worker and I would expect her to do well in life." Mrs. Zell.

"Amanda is a kind, conscientious student. She expects a lot of herself and this shows in her work. Amanda is one of those few students who makes teaching seem easy." Mrs. Standerfer.

"Amanda is a very polite young lady who works very hard in class. She always puts her best effort into everything she does. I really enjoy having Amanda in class." Mrs. Russell.

"I haven't had Amanda this year but in the past she has been an excellent student who always strives to do her best. She is funny, sweet, and kind-hearted." Mrs. Stangis.

## Jazz band



Boyne City High School jazz band students from left, Carina Shope, Josh Raber, Bobby Lahti, and Phillip Conklin, took on real-life, professional musicians role as they performed in conjunction with the BCHS drama department's dinner theater. This jazz combo has put a lot of time and effort outside of school to make their performance of the highest quality, according to Brandon Ivie, BCHS band director. Not pictured are Abby Mapes and Trent Pallagi.

## Donation



The Boyne City Fire Department needed brackets to attach their rescue basket to the aerial lift, which cost \$1,800. Of that, the Polish Festival donated \$500; the Honeywell UAW donated \$100, and the Eagles gave the balance of \$1,200. Shown here are Jack Bush, Sheila Wilson, Dennis Amesbury, and Steve Erber.

## Fire Department conducts safety program

Glen Thorman, chief of East Jordan Fire Department, announced recently the fire department is continuing a commitment to fire prevention. As part of this commitment, the department is organizing its annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of East Jordan. More than 440 youngsters ages 5 through 12 will receive educational fire prevention materials created and geared to each specific age level. This comprehensive program includes fire safety guidebooks that contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about the everyday fire hazards he or she may encounter. Vari-

ous other fire safety booklets, folders, posters, and brochures are made available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries, and needless death.

Bob Koch, of the National Fire Safety Council, Inc. will be helping local fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to

the school children. Koch is the Area Fire Safety Coordinator of the NFSC, a federal tax-exempt non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code of 501(C)(3). All contributions are tax-deductible.

The EJFD is in the process of mailing sponsor request letters explaining the entire program to the area

business, industrial and professional leaders, asking for their financial support to help cover the cost of the materials used by the department. Anyone not receiving a letter, that would like to sponsor, mail your check to the department, made out to National Fire Safety Council.

Chief Thorman stresses to prospective sponsors that

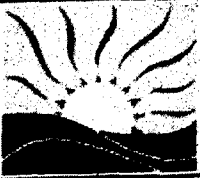
this is the only program of this type that the EJFD will be conducting this year. Should any other person solicit for support, especially by phone or in person, and does not have a letter from Chief Glen Thorman, please contact the fire department immediately.

## STUDENTS NEWS

• Albion College head softball coach Michelle Manning has announced her roster for the 2006 season. **Jessie Raber**, the daughter of James Raber and Joy Raber of Boyne City and a graduate of Boyne City High School, will compete for the Britons. Raber is a junior at Albion.

• The Michigan Career and Technical Institute in Barry County graduated 116 students from throughout the state on Saturday, Feb 11. Among these is **Cody L. Olund** of East Jordan, who graduated in culinary arts.

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## SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL  
Ramblers  
take third  
at invite

SAULT STE. MARIE – The Boyne City varsity volleyball team recorded three wins against one loss to come away with a third place finish at the Lake Superior State University Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The Lady Ramblers finished first in their pool at the 12-team event downing Rudyard (13-25, 25-23, 16-14) and Mid-Pen (25-8, 25-20) to advance to the bracket round.

The team closed out the day with a victory over Oscoda (25-15, 20-25, 15-9) before falling to Sir James Dunn of Canada (15-25, 15-25) in the semi finals.

"All in all we played pretty well. Getting up at five in the morning for these tournaments seems to tire us out. We've been going for the last four weekends with no break," said Boyne City coach Casie Parker.

Lindsay Baic led the squad with 98-percent serving, six aces, 22 kills, 47 digs and six blocks for the day. Molly Hausler added 100-percent serving, 57 digs and five kills; Jessica Nichols had 71 digs, 13 kills and five aces; Trisha Tomkins contributed with 97-percent serving, 13 kills and five aces and Emma Clemens chipped in with 42 assists.

KALKASKA 3  
BOYNE CITY 0

Kalkaska downed Boyne City 25-18, 25-12, 25-16 on Wednesday, Feb. 8, to move its record to 8-1 in Lake Michigan Conference play.

"They picked up everything we threw at them," said Parker. "We served well with seven people serving 100-percent, but we just could not get anything going."

Turning the perfect service games for the Lady Ramblers were: Caitlyn Wonski, Baic, Clemens, Mallory Slate, Perry Fish, Hausler and Tomkins.

Adding to the stat sheet were: Baic with 12 digs and one kill, Clemens with ten assists, Nichols with 20 digs and five kills, Hausler with ten digs and Tomkins with five kills.

Boyne City (26-14-3 overall, 7-3 LMC) will host East Jordan tomorrow and travel to Elk Rapids next Monday.

Rams  
outlast  
Devils

EAST JORDAN – The East Jordan varsity volleyball team traded victories through the first four games of its match with Harbor Springs on Thursday, Feb. 9, but Harbor Springs prevailed 15-11 in the deciding game to pull out the Lake Michigan Conference win at East Jordan.

Harbor Springs opened the marathon with a 25-13 win, while East Jordan rallied to take the next game 25-22. The Lady Rams won game three 26-24 before the Lady Devils kept the match alive as they took game four 25-17.

"It was Parent's Night and they saw some great volleyball," said East Jordan coach Paul Nachazel. "We fought hard, but we came out on the wrong end of another close match."

"It was some of the best volleyball we have played, but we made a few mistakes at the wrong times that cost us. We had 16 service errors and that is hard to overcome," Nachazel added.

Sierra Roberts led the Lady Devils with 11 kills, 12 digs and one ace, while Jessica Roberts chipped in with 28 assists, eight digs, one kill and three aces. Jenaye Chew contributed with ten digs and Heather McKinnon added six digs.

East Jordan (8-17 overall, 2-6 LMC) will travel to Boyne City tomorrow.

## FROSH REMAIN UNBEATEN

The East Jordan freshman defeated Ellsworth 21-25, 25-23, 25-19 on Thursday to pick up a non conference win and earn a ninth straight win against no defeats for the season.

Andrea Chew had 14 points, nine aces and 11 assists to pace the Lady Devils, while Britanni McCully chipped in with 12 points and nine aces and Meagan Germaine added nine points, five kills and four aces.

Gloria Barnum turned in a great game at the net and Randi McFall contributed with a great defensive game in the back row.

## Boyne Falls 'best overall game'

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

BOYNE FALLS – The Boyne Falls varsity basketball team solidified its hold of first place in the Northern Lakes Conference standings and the Loggers have the rest of the league trying to find a way to catch them after a convincing 76-63 victory at home over Harbor Light Christian on Friday, Feb. 10.

The Loggers are 8-0 in conference play and they control their own destiny with four games left on the schedule, two at home and two on the road, with a two game lead on second place Mackinaw City.

Jim Gross led the squad against the Swordsmen with 21 points and Trevor Matelski chipped in with 13 points, while Jeff Miller and Ben Kondrat netted 11 points each.

Boyne Falls took a 17-13 lead after one quarter, upped the margin to 38-21 at the half and led 56-40 going into the final eight minutes.

"This was our best overall game all season. We got off to a good start and Jeff gave us a huge lift off the bench when Trevor got into foul trouble," said Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla.

Miller tossed in all 11 of his points in the opening half of play.

"We really took care of the ball tonight. We only had ten turnovers for the game," Hamilla added.

Josh Klevorn scored 19 points and David Klevorn netted ten to lead Harbor Light.

CENTRAL LAKE 80  
BOYNE FALLS 64

Three Trojans hit for double figure to lead Central Lake to an 80-64 non conference win over Boyne Falls on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Zach Light hit for a game high 19 points, while Bret Patton added 17 points and Byron Patton had 15 to pace the Trojans.

Central Lake (11-4 overall) jumped to a 21-11 lead after one quarter and led the contest 45-26 at the half and 62-48 after three quarters.

"We just dug ourselves too big of a hole in the first half against a good team in Central Lake," said Hamilla. "We cut it down to nine points in the third quarter, but you just can't dig a hole that big."

Gross and Shawn Kilmer led the Logger scoring with 18 points apiece, while Matelski chipped in with ten. Miller led the rebounders with six boards and Kilmer pulled down five.

The Loggers (10-3 overall) will travel to Vanderbilt tomorrow and host Alba next Tuesday.

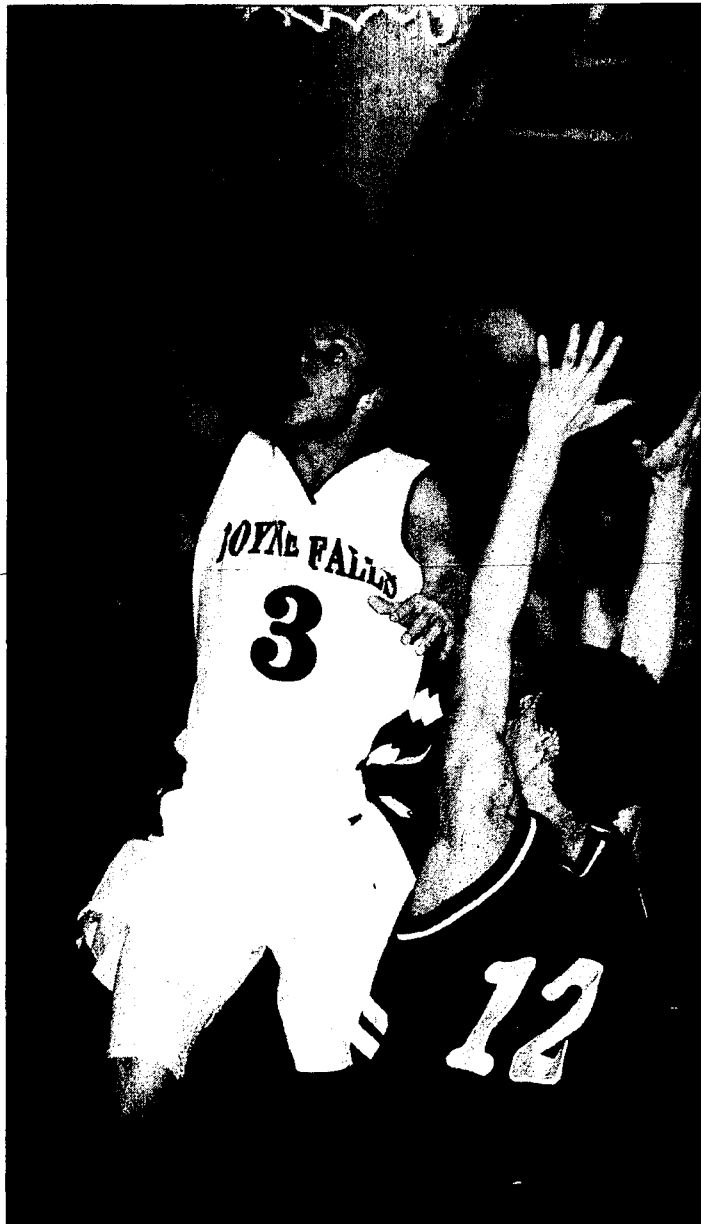


PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Jimmy Gross led the Loggers with 21 points in the Homecoming game Coach Hamilla called "our best overall game all season."

## SKIING

## Harbor Springs dominates conference meet

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

BOYNE FALLS – Harbor Springs captured all four top finishes in both the boys slalom and giant slalom races to dominate the third Lake Michigan Conference meet held Nubs Nob on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Harbor Springs won the girls meet with 73 points, edging our Traverse City St.

Francis by one point.

Charlevoix/East Jordan (109) was third followed by Boyne City (92), Grayling (148) and Elk Rapids (231).

Charlevoix/East Jordan's Katherine Rowley was a double winner posting times of 57.52 in the slalom and 47.24 in the giant slalom.

Harbor Springs captured the boys meet with 31.5 points followed by Boyne City (83.5), Char/EJ(99), Elk Rapids (141),

Traverse City St. Francis (152) and Grayling (163).

The Rams were led by Jeff Hofacker, who took the GS with a time of 45.75, and John Ramer, who won the slalom with a time of 52.79.

Boyne City's Nick Simeri tied for fourth in slalom (47.77) and took fourth in the GS (56.74).

Both teams will ski at the Class B regional meet tomorrow at Boyne Mountain.

## Junior skiers compete at Boyne Highlands

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

The Northern Michigan Ski Academy held a giant slalom race on Sunday, Feb. 12, at Boyne Highlands, with over one hundred racers participating in the event.

The top three racers in each age group with their combined time results in Sunday's race were:

Girls, age 7 and under - Abby Bohnet (31.63), Winter Vinecki (31.99) Kylee Chojnacki (32.62).

Boys, age 7 and under - Matt Good (28.49), Griffin Powers (29.54), (32.97).

Girls, age 8-9 - Stephanie Sylva (45.50), Kylie Hicks (45.69), Mia Ciccoretti (47.73).

Boys, age 8-9 - Lukas Sendlhofer (38.51), Gunner Lundteigen (39.83), Garret Lundteigen (45.64).

Girls, age 10-11 - Lacey Hofweber (42.86), Reilly Philliben (43.33), Meg Shepherd (43.49).

Boys, age 10-11 - Alex Gooch (43.78), Brian Erhart (45.75), Benjamin Loomis

(46.80).

Girls, age 12-13 - Morgan Harding (39.33), Laine Ludwig (39.38), Kaitlyn Bohnet (41.41).

Boys, age 12-13 - Jay Potter, Jr. (39.02), Hunter Brisson (40.85), Joseph Loomis (44.81).

Girls, age 14 and up - Mary Gocha (47.30).

Boys, age 14 and up - Joe Left (37.92), Michael Cardwell (38.97), Michael Dryden (45.89).

The next NMSA Race will be at Boyne Mountain on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6:00 p.m.

## HOCKEY

## Panthers down Petoskey 5 -0

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

PETOSKEY – The Boyne Area and Petoskey Area Hockey Association squirt teams faced off in a Griffin Arena battle on Sunday, and the BAHA Panthers gained the upper hand with a 5-0 victory.

Ben Schwartzfisher, Coty Peavey, Will Snedden, Mitchell Smielewski and Brandon Pomranke all scored one goal each to pace the Panthers. Aaron Clark recorded three assists, while Michael Goetz and Snedden had one helper each.

The Strong Play Awards went to Peavey and Goetz and Mitchell Reynolds was the winning goalie.

Smielewski was in goal for the win when the BAHA defeated the PAHA by a 6-1 score on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Derek Smith got a hat trick to lead the Panther attack, Schwartzfisher, Snedden and Trombley chipped in with one goal each. Assists went to Clark (three), Schwartzfisher (one) and Peavey (one). Nik Kolodziej and Jamie Milks picked up the Strong Play Awards.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

## East Jordan defeats Elk Rapids

BY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

The East Jordan 8th grade volleyball team defeated Elk Rapids 24-22, 17-21, 21-14.

For East Jordan Erika Bennet and Laura Roberts played an all around strong game both passing at 100% and getting some key serves in play.

East Jordan's 7th grade team tied Elk Rapids in four games. East Jordan won game one 22-20, lost games two and three 18-21 and 16-21 and closed out taking game four 15-6. Monica Capelin served 11 for 12 and did a great job passing, while Stephanie Holm was eight for nine serving and gave a wonderful team effort. Courtney Fender was three for four in attacks.

East Jordan's Red Devil team also earned a four game tie winning its first two games 21-13 and 21-8 before losing the second two 15-21 and 16-21. For East Jordan, Kortney Force and Brienne Prins had strong service games and Tess Weerstra turned in a strong floor game.

BASKETBALL  
Blazers  
burn  
RamblersBY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

KALKASKA – Three Blue Blazers hit for double digits on Friday, Feb. 10, as Kalkaska moved its Lake Michigan Conference basketball record to 7-2 with a 70-56 victory over the Boyne City.

Aaron Swoverland tossed in 16 points, Cory Heier netted 14 points and Mitch Belongia added 12 to pace the Blazers, who held leads of 23-12, 39-28 and 56-40 at the end of the first three quarters.

"I felt that they beat us in the first quarter 23-12, but they only out scored us by three points for the rest of the game. Our slow start didn't give us an opportunity to win the game," said Boyne City coach John Hertel.

"They are a good team and a quality opponent, they are second in the league and a team that we can play with, but we need to develop more consistency," Hertel added.

Tyler Kruzel posted a double-double to lead the Ramblers with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Grant Ameer added 14 points, six boards and four assists and Rob Jensen tossed in 14 points.

Boyne City (6-8 overall, 4-6 LMC) will host Charlevoix this Friday and travel to Traverse City St. Francis next Tuesday.

Red Devils  
drop twoBY PHIL TROMBLEY  
Sports Writer

GRAYLING – Eli VanNuck tossed in a game high 27 points, while teammates Steve Hodge scored 12 points and Reagan Schmidt netted 10 to lead the Vikings to a 65-57 Lake Michigan Conference victory over East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 10.

Grayling (13-2 overall, 7-2 LMC) held a slim three point lead at the half, but the Vikings poured in 24 points after the break to pull away from the Red Devils and take a 50-39 advantage into the final quarter.

"We played such a solid game and controlled the tempo as a team in a tough environment," said East Jordan coach Lance Bailey. "We could have had a major upset if we could have shot the ball better than 32 percent for the game."

The Red Devils kept even with the Vikings throughout the first half of the game, trailing just 14-12 at the end of the first quarter and 26-23 going into the intermission.

"The guys felt good about their performance and even though we didn't come out with a victory we can walk away from this game with many positives regarding team play," said Bailey.

Jeff Keyser led the East Jordan scoring with 15 points, while Andrew Struefert chipped in with 13.

MANCELONA 75  
EAST JORDAN 62

Mancelona got double digits performances from Jeremy Howard (22 points), Shawn Booth (17 points), Adam Duerksen (15 points) and Josh Vanigan (11 points) when the Ironmen defeated the Red Devils 75-62 in a non conference battle on Tuesday.

The well balanced offensive attack saw the Ironmen forge leads of 16-12, 31-25 and 47-42 at the end of the first three quarters en route to the victory over their cross-county rivals.

"You have to give Mancelona credit in this game as they played well on both ends of the court. They had balanced scoring and shot the ball very well. We struggled in every aspect of the game and could never put together a run of intense basketball needed to compete in this game," said Bailey.

Jeff Keyser paced the Red Devils with 14 points, Andrew Struefert had 16 points and David Marr added 11 points.

East Jordan (4-11 overall, 1-9 LMC) will travel for its next two games against Elk Rapids tomorrow and Harbor Springs next Tuesday.

# COMICS & CONUNDRUMS

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## Super Crossword

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## CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A. Smith

### "Hoodwinked"

Running time: 80 minutes  
MPAA rating: PG

"Hoodwinked" is the first animated offering from the newly formed Weinstein Company, and while it doesn't have the polish (or the budget) of the "Shrek" or Pixar films, this low-budget fractured fairy tale has its moments. The film is a riff on "The Usual Suspects," as well as "Fletch," "XXX" and "The Matrix."

Here's the plot: The police are called in to investigate a domestic disturbance at Grandma's House. Police Chief Grizzly (voiced by rapper Xzibit) and detective Nicky Flippers (David Ogden Stiers) believe one of the suspects may be involved in the recent crime spree that has resulted in the closing of nearly all the tasty-treat businesses in the forest.

The suspects are: Granny (Glenn Close), the No. 1 sweets-maker in the forest, who is also leading a secret life as an Xtreme Sports champion; Little Red Riding Hood (Anne Hathaway); the Woodsman (Jim Belushi), who is actually just a bad actor in character for a commercial gig; and the Wolf (Patrick Warburton), who isn't big and bad, but is instead an investigative reporter a la Fletch, complete with Lakers jersey and assorted bad dis-

guises.

Each character tells his or her version of the Red Riding Hood tale, and through their individual testimonies the larger story of the snacky-treat crimes unfolds.

The problem with "Hoodwinked" is that it is uneven. We've seen many of the gags before (can you count how many times a comedy movie has riffed on "The Matrix"? Add this one to the list.) The animation at times just doesn't look right, like it wasn't complete-



Anne Hathaway voices Little Red Riding Hood

ly rendered — a rush job. Three more months and \$3 million more to clean up the rough spots and punch up a few of the jokes, and "Hoodwinked" could have been a classic.

There are a couple of stand-out performances in the film: Patrick Warburton's Wolf character carries the film, and his sidekick, Twitchy the Squirrel (voiced by co-writer/director Cory Edwards), steals every scene he's in.

I wouldn't pay full price to see this film, but take the kids to a matinee and you'll walk away feeling like you got your money's worth.

GRADE: C-

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by Mike Marland



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## Super Crossword Answers

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# BUSINESS UP NORTH

## Accents Floral in full bloom

BY JANE BOOZE  
Editor

BOYNE CITY - Stacy Amesbury is a visionary entrepreneur, and her path to the future is lined with flowers.

She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1998 with a love of fashion and a dose of good common sense. She decided to attend Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant and pursue a career in education. It was always her second choice - she had enjoyed her peer tutoring experience in high school. She figured it probably made more sense than chasing the dream of a fashion career.

But that first year, she realized that second place was just no place at all for her. And so she packed her bags and headed to school in Miami to study fashion merchandizing. Her goal was never in design: she was learning about display, buying, marketing, and fashion shows. She ended up graduating from the Institute of Art in Chicago, with a degree in fashion merchandizing and marketing. She was able to work several fashion shows in Chicago (a city she loves), working with Ford fashion models - including some bridal fashion shows, a favorite theme for Amesbury.

"My mom was all about it, because she knew that's what I always wanted to do," Amesbury said of her career choice. "My dad - he wanted me to be a teacher. But he got used to it."

After leaving Chicago, Amesbury moved to Traverse City, where she worked for Stella Cole for Brides, and the Grand Traverse Resort. She loved the bridal work, but knew that she wanted eventually to be in her own store. When Accents by Pamela came onto the market, Amesbury made her move back to her hometown of Boyne.

January 2 was her first day in business, and she opened the doors without having made a lot of obvious changes in services or inventory than when Pam Hartwick had the store. Clients will still find an abundance of fresh flowers and gorgeous arrangements, along with a selection of spe-

cialty gifts and plants. There are still tuxedo rentals, and a rainbow of formals line the wall.

But she has expanded the wedding planning aspects of the business, and plans to expand them even more.

"I am open to anything - from just doing the wedding day - or the whole wedding," Amesbury said. "Whatever the bride is looking for, I try to help. And I try to be creative, so they don't have to spend a lot of money."

By summer Amesbury hopes to have a bridal collection, and she is making it complete: brides will be able to get everything from invitations to delicate hand-made jewelry at Accents Floral (which will eventually be renamed Accents Floral and Bridal).

She's also got ideas for expanding her current formal market, hoping to work with the high school on fashion shows, a mother-daughter banquet, and maybe even a pageant.

"I plan to do a bridal show - maybe a bridal expo. The bridal shows in Chicago are amazing. I just want to put on a really neat bridal show," said Amesbury. Her heart is in it, and her eyes light up when she shows off the room that will house her bridal collection.

"I keep current by going to shows and getting to know vendors," she said, adding that she also talks to people - asking who did their flowers, who did their wedding cake, and getting the inside scoop on pertinent wedding details.

"There are ways to have the fairy tale wedding on a budget," she insists. "There are ways to do things at a love cost. I love doing this. It's fun for me."

Brides (and their mothers) don't have the reputation for being the easiest clients, but that doesn't daunt



Stacy Amesbury, owner, Accents Floral

Amesbury. She believes that her genuine personal interest and enjoyment of the process, as well as her determination that they get the wedding of their dreams, will win over even the most fastidious bride and mother-of-the-bride.

"I love being there. I love going to weddings. I have friends who've gotten married, and I have had so much fun helping them out," she said, with undisguised enthusiasm.

She and her long-time beau, Andrew Bearss, don't have a date set for a wedding anytime soon, but Amesbury laughs that if they ever do, she has it all planned out. When the time comes, she said, it will just be a matter of putting it in motion.

Weddings aren't the only thing on her professional agenda, though. Area girls love Accents Floral's formal collection, and Amesbury takes their formal wear needs seriously.

"In Boyne City these dresses have to fit their budgets as well as their bodies," she said. "I try to keep the prices down as much as we can. I'm from here. I know how it is."

## Tanning smart on Parrott Island

By Jane Booze  
Editor

BOYNE CITY - Stephane and Paul Parrott, owners of Parrott Island Tanning Salon, hailed originally from the Detroit area, but moved north in fulfillment of a dream of Paul's six years ago. They settled in Boyne City, after looking extensively for the perfect, central location.

Always in the food and beverage businesses downstate, the Parrotts naturally gravitated to that industry in the north, and their first four years here were spent continuing to cultivate their service industry skills.

But when they put those skills into practice for themselves, they made one dramatic departure: out of the food business, into a tanning salon - and Parrott Island was born.

But Stephane figures it is the same basic premise: honoring a motto of cleanliness and friendly service.

"That's kept us going," Stephane said. "It's all about the guests."

Stephane said she and her employees take care to ensure that their guests feel relaxed and "like royalty." She never wants to make them feel as if they have interrupted something when they come in, but to feel as if the Parrott Island staff is there to pamper them - as it is. She knows that her clients are indulging themselves in a luxury when they come in to tan, and she wants the experience to be soothing and affordable.

"We wanted to establish a loyal customer base by creating a warm, welcoming environment with an appropriate product pricing structure," Stephane said.

Parrott Island employees are trained using Smart Tan, an international tanning program to educate consumers and the employees. Parrott stresses her belief that the vitamin D from sunlight is good, that sunlight itself is good, but

needs to be provided in a controlled environment.

"We see people with prescriptions to tan for Seasonal Affective Disorder," she said. She said that with the controlled use of tanning beds, people are not at risk of getting cancer, because "we tan smart."

Besides establishing a loyal customer base through excellent service, and providing a wide range of products, ranging from lotions to swim wear (which Parrott Island stocks year-round) at affordable prices, the Parrotts have competitive tanning prices.

If a new customer comes in to establish a base tan, Parrott Island charges by the minute, rather than having that person start off with a package. In a tanning package, a client has to use a whole session even for those first short base-creating tans, which last between five and eight minutes. At Parrott Island, the shorter earlier tans are charged at .35¢ a minute, meaning that a five-minute tanning session will cost only \$1.75.

"We want it to be economically feasible for everyone to get a good base tan," Parrott said.

Parrott Island uses only Tanamerica beds, which she said are number one in the industry, they sell vitamins, and within a week or two, they will begin offering an oxygen bar to their clients. Their goal is to make all their services



Stephane Parrott, seated, is proud of her hardworking, knowledgeable staff, including, from left, manager Elisha Fiel, Jessica Smith and Kelly Stutzman. Not pictured are Carissa Reynolds, Savanna O'Brien, and Stephane's best friend Nicole. Also escaping having his picture taken is mascot and greeter, Cubby the dog.

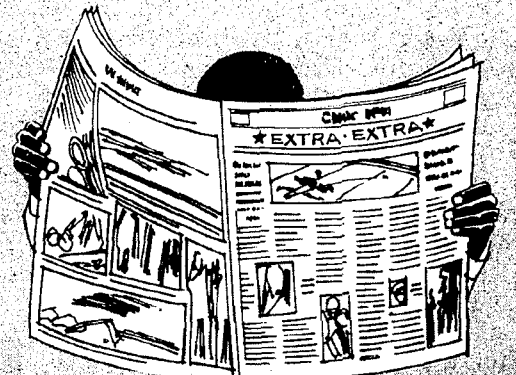
and products affordable.

Parrott said the change from food service to the tanning industry hasn't been that hard.

"I've always taken business courses, and have been a manager. I had to read up and learn a whole new business," she said, but added that with Paul as the maintenance man, cleaning and maintaining the beds ("We dust the ballast trays and backs of fans at least once a week. We make time so that everybody gets the most for their money," Parrott said), and an excellent staff, they expect to be in Boyne for a long time.

"With our customer base, we will have a place in Boyne's heart for years to come," Stephane said. "I enjoy hard work, enjoy meeting new people - it makes it a joy to come to work. And I feel that we're adding something to Boyne."

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# OBITUARIES

## Donald May

Donald May Sr., 80, of Boyne City died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Donald was born on April 12, 1925, in Petoskey, the son of Erve and Sadie (Carter) May.

Donald will be remembered by his family as being a hard worker and a man that cared about others. Donald began work at a tannery at the age of 16 until it closed. He then went to work for the East Jordan Iron Works for 19 years until he retired. Donald enjoyed helping others and spent a lot of time helping the residents at Litzenger Place.

He is survived by his two children, Donald (Dianne) May Jr. and Lana (Earl) Gregware; four grandchildren, Scott May of Boyne City, Shayne May of Gaylord, Tina Minard of Boyne City, and Matt Gregware of Boyne City; seven great-grandchildren, Dillon Rowell of Reed City, Dakota, Austin and Shaylee May of Boyne City, Taylor and Paige May of Gaylord, and Hannah Gregware of Boyne City; and special friend Jessie Everts and her children Richard, Steven, and Anna.

Donald is preceded in death by his wife Agnes; his parents; brothers and sisters Nellie, Murtle, William, Frank, Bob, Gordon, and George.

A memorial service was held Feb. 14 at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Boyne City Senior Center or Litzenger Place.

## Helen Margaret Howard

Helen Margaret Howard passed away Feb. 10, 2006. She was a resident of Grandvue Medical Care Facility, where she had resided since 2001. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Harold, who passed away in 2000. She was born June 12, 1915 to Fred and Anna Reinhardt in Boyne Valley Township. She had four sisters and five brothers. She is survived by her son, Melvin, and his wife, Nan, and three grandchildren, Kelly Martin, Kathy Way, and Christian; and five great grandchildren, Brandon and Darren Looze, Brady Way, and Calvin and Alexa Howard.

There will be no visitation or service. Any donations can be made to Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

## Jean Essary

Jean (Virginia) Essary, 84, of Boyne City died Saturday morning, Feb. 11, 2006.

Beloved wife of Robert (Bob), dearest mother of four daughters, Norina (Don) Olesko, Pam (John) Flanigan, Cindy (John) Mariage, and Bemadette (Karl) Gumsey; four grandchildren, Kellie Flanigan, Glen Flanigan, Sarah (Don) Woods, and Scott (Suzanne) Francis; and two great-grandchildren, Shelby and Lydia Woods; two brothers, Joe (Carol) Kulisz and Ted "Bruno" (Betty) Kulisz; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Emily Rosenberry, Eleanor Dubois, and Stella Prentice.

Jean took pleasure in many activities including bingo, crosswords, jigsaw puzzles and mushroom hunting. She never turned down a good game of cards which she enjoyed with an ice cold beer. She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

Memorial contributions in Jean's name may be directed to the family c/o Robert Essary, 861 E. Main, Boyne City, MI 49712.

## Albert Towne

Albert K. "Butch" Towne, 67, of Lowell passed away with his family at his side Feb. 1, 2006.

Albert was preceded in death by his father, Albert R. Towne. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Roberta "Bobbi"; his children, Dale (Jeff Vanderploeg) Towne, Rus (Mary Morales) Towne; mother, Mary Towne; brothers, Gene (Linda) Towne, Robert (Pat) Towne; sister-in-law, Sandy (Gil) VanWeelden; brothers-in-law, Jerry (Jan) Thompson, Bill (Helen) Thompson; five grandchildren, Jessika, Justyne, and Jacob Towne, Kyle, and Brian Morales; many nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1956. He served as an MP in the Army, retired from Fisher Body Plant #2 after 30 years, and served as a firefighter on the Lowell Fire Department for 28 years with two years as Lieutenant and training officer.

Mass of Christian burial was Feb. 4, at St. Mary Church in Lowell; the Rev. George Fekete presided. Interment at St. Mary Cemetery. Rosary was held Friday at the Rothgerst Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Fire Department.

## Raymond Ecker

Raymond Ecker, 87, of Boyne City (Melrose Township) died Saturday, Feb. 11, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Raymond, the son of Artie Ecker and Gladys Warren, was born June 16, 1918, in Boyne City. At the age of 6 months, when his mother died, he moved to his grandfather's farm in Melrose Township where he lived for the remainder of his life.

He attended Melrose Township school through the 8th grade and graduated from Boyne City High School in 1936. He had fond memories of playing on the Boyne City High School football team. After high school he settled down in earnest as a farmer until entering the Army Air Force June 5, 1945, during the latter phases of World War II. He proudly stated that upon his entering the Army, Germany surrendered, and after entering tech school, Japan surrendered. He was released on Dec. 14, 1945, and returned to his farm.

He married Venetta June Sparks on June 26, 1938, who preceded him in death in 1987. He said the most important aspect of his life was his family and he proudly boasted of his nine children, 32 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and his 6 great-great-grandchildren. He is survived by seven children, Linda Miller of Centerline, Lenore Landon of Boyne City, Lee (Sandi) Ecker of East Jordan, David (Marcia) Ecker of Petoskey, Warren (Faith) Ecker of El Centro, Calif., Brenda (Andy) Brockway of Torrence, Calif., and Allison (Bob) Burwell of Boyne City, two sisters, Wynona (Bob) Wirth of Lebanon, Mo., and Ardice (Bill) Toepfer of Ypsilanti. His son Gary (Nancy) Ecker and his daughter Gladys (Harvey) Johnecheck and his brother Ernest Ecker preceded him in death.

Early in his married life, he quickly discovered the farm could not sustain him and his growing family, particularly after almost entirely shutting down before he entered the Army. He worked at the Boyne City Tannery for a time and then spent a number of years as a head sawyer at a sawmill in East Jordan. He then entered the postal service sorting mail on the train between Mackinaw City and Detroit. He later sorted mail on the Highway Post Office and later at the Post Office in Gaylord until his retirement in 1990.

Raymond, after retirement, entered a phase of his life which he considered the most rewarding of all when he spent almost 20 years and thousands of volunteer

hours transporting for county social services in Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties. Many of these people he transported as children now remember and honor him as adults.

In 1950, he was ordained to the ministry serving as a Priest and later as an Elder in the Community of Christ. He served many years as a Boy Scout leader in Boyne City, and youth leader for his church. He served many years as pastor of the Boyne City congregation and was active in the community and the Boyne City Ministerial Association.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16, at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City. Visiting hours will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City, and from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service at the church. Elders Jim Morgan and Billie Morgan of the Community of Christ will officiate.

Any gifts donated on his behalf will be given to the Park of the Pines, the campground for the Community of Christ, which he loved.

# DEATH NOTICE

◆ Charles R. Carney, 69, of East Jordan, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Arrangements by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

◆ Viola Alberta Sheldon, age 85, of Sioux Falls, S.D., formerly of Boyne City, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006 at Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls, S.D.

At this time no services are planned, and a graveside service for Viola will be held in the spring at Lewis Cemetery, time to be announced in the spring.

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**Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$25,279.59),** including interest at 6.625% 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 venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix at 11:00 AM, on February 24, 2006.

**Said premises are situated** in Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Hillside Acres, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. 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.

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joanne Snyder, a single

**woman, original mortgagor(s),** to Aames Home Loan, Mortgagee, dated March 24, 2004, and recorded on April 12, 2004 in Liber 607 on Page 800, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston HEAT 2004-3 as assignee by an assignment, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four And 97/100 Dollars (\$123,264.97), including interest at 7.21% per annum.

**DOG LICENSE REMINDER**  
This notice is to let you know that the price of the Dog licenses **DOUBLES** as of March 1.

Prices will be as follows:  
• Male & Female.....\$20.00  
• Spayed/Neutered.....\$10.00

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Synopsis February 8, 2006

- The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on February 9, 2006. Commissioner Frykberg was absent.
- Motion approved the minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting as corrected.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-003, Resolution of Intent.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-004, Transit Contract Clauses, and authorizes Chairman Victor Patrick to sign the acknowledgement of receipt for Charlevoix County Transit.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-005, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-006, 2005 Annual Investment Report.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-007, Physician Contract and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-008, Amending Prosecuting Attorney's Budget.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-009, Equalization Monitor.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-010, Hire Outside Counsel, and authorized the Chairman Victor Patrick to hire the law firm.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-011, Purchase of Additional Credited Service.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.  
Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	AGRICULTURAL		COMMERCIAL		INDUSTRIAL		RESIDENTIAL		TIMBER-CUTOVER		DEVELOPMENT		PERSONAL PROPERTY	
	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR
BAY TOWNSHIP	44.45	1.12488	48.88	1.08701	N/A	N/A	48.02	1.11062	N/A	N/A	50.00	N/A	50.00	1.00000
BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP	46.85	1.08724	48.36	1.10229	44.94	1.11259	46.17	1.08295	N/A	N/A	50.00	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CHANDLER TOWNSHIP	44.92	1.13139	47.92	1.04341	49.77	1.05000	48.21	1.03713	48.39	1.03327	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP	N/A	N/A	47.53	1.05197	45.89	1.02719	47.87	1.04888	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP	N/A	1.00000	48.80	1.02881	47.30	1.05932	41.28	1.21124	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
EVELINE TOWNSHIP	45.28	1.10424	47.42	1.05441	49.85	1.00000	49.72	1.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
HAYES TOWNSHIP	45.87	1.09004	48.40	1.03306	43.83	1.14863	42.44	1.17813	42.48	1.17702	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
HUDSON TOWNSHIP	49.51	1.00000	48.88	1.02291	48.51	1.02850	48.21	1.03713	48.40	1.10132	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
MARION TOWNSHIP	43.30	1.15340	44.09	1.13404	48.82	1.02208	48.78	1.06883	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
MELROSE TOWNSHIP	48.13	1.03051	44.85	1.13032	48.08	1.08507	42.80	1.17371	47.72	1.04778	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
NORWOOD TOWNSHIP	48.14	1.03434	48.07	1.08330	48.87	1.02103	47.18	1.09690	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
PEAINE TOWNSHIP	49.53	1.00000	48.84	1.07204	50.00	1.00000	49.92	1.06338	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP	50.00	1.00000	48.37	1.07828	N/A	1.00000	49.46	1.09000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP	48.19	1.08249	48.30	1.00000	45.92	1.08885	48.93	1.08542	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
WILSON TOWNSHIP	44.81	1.11582	48.45	1.07843	48.89	1.02270	44.46	1.12420	48.68	1.02712	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CITY OF BOYNE CITY	N/A	N/A	48.91	1.02229	48.49	1.00000	49.37	1.03681	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX	N/A	N/A	48.28	1.03827	48.88	1.02778	48.43	1.03242	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CITY OF EAST JORDAN	N/A	N/A	48.19	1.08249	48.88	1.02291	48.40	1.03208	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000

Equalization Ratios, as shown, are the percentages of assessed valuations to true cash value as determined by a survey of individual assessments. The Multipliers are those necessary to bring the Ratios to the required 50% of estimated true cash value.  
The Multipliers, as shown, are tentative and subject to change as the result of possible adjustments by individual assessing officers. Assuming that no adjustments are made, the Multiplier may be applied to each individual valuation.  
Note: THESE MULTIPLIERS REPLACE THOSE OF 2005 AND ARE NOT AN ADDITION TO OR SUBTRACTION FROM THEM.  
Prepared by: William T. Wolf, Director  
Charlevoix County Equalization Department  
361 State Street  
Charlevoix, MI 49720

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
CITY OF EAST JORDAN

Notice is hereby given that the City of East Jordan will hold a public hearing on the East Jordan Community Recreational Plan 2006-2011 for the purpose of receiving public comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at the following location: East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727.

Copies of the draft East Jordan Community Recreational Plan 2006-2011 will be available for public inspection during regular business hours beginning on February 14, 2006 and continuing through March 16, 2006 at the following locations: East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Michigan and the Jordan Valley District Library, One Liberty Lane, East Jordan, Michigan. The draft will also be available for review on-line at [www.eastjordanmi.org](http://www.eastjordanmi.org). Written comments received through March 21, 2006, will be entered into the public hearing record and should be sent to the East Jordan City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727. This public review and comment period is required prior to the East Jordan Community Recreation Plan 2006-2011 being officially adopted.

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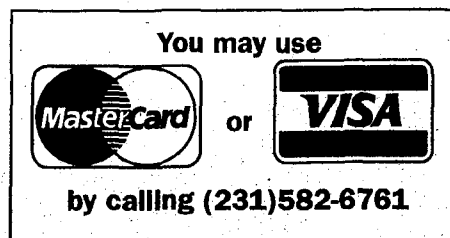
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# THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL



# County awarded rescue boat funds by tribe

BY B. J. HETLER  
Contributing Writer

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$60,000 by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. A Great Lakes' rescue boat will be purchased with the funds and the boat will be stationed at Beaver Island.

The county was notified of the funding in a Jan. 25 letter from the tribal chairman Robert Kewaygoshkum, and was announced at the county commissioners' meeting on Feb. 8.

Commissioners received annual reports from the county medical examiner and from the

county animal control officer.

Chief medical examiner, Dr. Reed Freidinger, reported that 35 cases were investigated and 11 autopsies conducted in 2005. The number of autopsies was higher than other years because the county had one homicide, seven suicides and five accidental deaths, Freidinger said.

The county's animal shelter located in Boyne City found homes for 210 animals in 2005, Julie Whitley reported to commissions in her annual report. Whitley is the senior animal control officer for the county.

Rescue or service groups received 20 animals, with four dogs going to the Leader Dogs

for the Blind program. The shelter and the Humane Society hold a low cost spay, neuter and vaccination clinic at the shelter once a month.

Commissioners approved a request from the prosecuting attorney to create a prosecution reimbursement fund. The anticipated revenue will come from court ordered fees in cases involving operating a vehicle while intoxicated and while visually impaired. The prosecutor's office expects the fees will generate \$5,000 in revenues and that expenditures will match the revenue.

County commissioners' next meeting is 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the county building.

## Rec Plan

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still the goal to finish the pathway before M-32 gets torn up in an Michigan Department of Transportation road project that will begin July 11, and is slated for completion Nov. 11.

Makarewicz said it is unlikely that the bike path project can be completed in that time, and it has not been approved to be constructed concurrently with the MDOT project on M-32. He said it is most likely the bike path project will be put off until 2007.

Postma said that the commission will do anything it can to get the project moved up, and not lose another year.

In other news, the commission revisited a

topic which stirred some controversy last summer, when it addressed the agenda item on firewood and ice sales at the Tourist Park. The ice and firewood sales have been undertaken in the past year by the East Jordan Lions Club. Half the proceeds go directly back into the East Jordan park system, the other half goes to the Lions for other community projects.

Members of the Lions said that they believe the current system is a "win-win for everybody." No firewood-selling business owners were present at the commission meeting.

Parks and Recreation director, Tom Cannon, said that surveys completed by campers last summer indicated that they like the on-site

sales. He also said that he was in support of the Lions selling the items, and that if the sales were opened to other groups, it would amount to lost revenue for the parks department.

Commissioner Todd McNitt complimented the Lions on their work, but suggested that the sale of firewood and ice should be opened to a bidding process to give local businesses a chance to compete for the revenue.

Commissioner Jean Timmons said it was her belief that the commission had "opened the can when we changed the ordinance."

After some discussion, the commission decided to let the Lions continue to sell ice and firewood at the Tourist Park.

## Housing

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So how do they do it?

The land itself is part of a "community land trust." Here's how it works:

Northern Homes builds a house; it is appraised, setting the value of the house and land; the house is sold at less than the appraised value; the land is leased from Northern Homes for a term of 99 years.

The homeowner may, in the future, sell the home. But he or she will be eligible to receive only 22-percent of the home's appreciation. The house is reappraised at the time of resale, and the homeowner may sell if for the original purchase price, plus 22-percent of its appreciation, and no more. This keeps the home's resale cost reasonably low, and preserves its affordability for the next buyer. The homeowner also gives Northern Homes CDC first option to buy the home.

Additionally, homeowners that choose to live in their Northern Homes house for the long term, including the rest of their lives, may will that home to their heirs, provided the heirs plan to live in the home and meet eligibility requirements.

Homeowners may use the leased land "in a reasonable way: This includes not damaging the land, not creating disturbances for your neighbors or the public at large, and using the land primarily for residential purposes."

But like any homeowner, Northern Homes homeowners may make improvements to his or her yard - planting trees, having gardens, etc.

The homeowner is responsible for property taxes, and there is a monthly fee for Northern Homes CDC's operating costs.

According to Jane MacKenzie, Northern Homes CDC's executive director, the only major restriction is that additions to the home must be approved. While homeowners will be allowed to put on decks, put up fencing, etc., it would be unlikely that they would be allowed to put an actual addition on the home. Mackenzie said that Northern Homes would in that case recommend that, since the homeowner would not be able to recover the full appreciated value in any case, they make a better investment. This protects the homeowner from an investment from which he or she will never see a financial return, and it also protects the home from appreciating too much to keep it affordable.

There is another benefit that comes with buying a Northern Homes CDC home in East Jordan or Boyne City: Alice Yoeman. Yoeman is the education manager for Northern Homes, and stays available to support homeowners even after the purchase, to help with budgeting, and to intervene to cure defaults and prevent foreclosures, should the need arise. While homeowners can't be forced to work with Yoeman, the assistance she provides in terms of budgeting and financial education is free of charge.

Both Mackenzie and Yoeman are house-lovers and are interested in working with first-time homebuyers. They get referrals from banks, Michigan Works!, Realtors and the Department of Human Services. Yoeman does presentations on home buying and money management free of charge for small businesses, as well as one-on-one money management counseling and foreclosure prevention counseling. They see the Northern Homes houses as a stepping stone to get families out of rentals - often substandard - and into their own home.

For Yoeman, working with affordable housing is a long-term passion. An Otsego County realtor for 30 years, she said, "Affordable realty was my gig." However, the Northern Homes project, when it has a chance to get into its stride, will work without real estate agent involvement.

"There should be a waiting list of people wanting to participate in this program," Mackenzie said.

For Yoeman, the fun part is helping people realize that they can work toward a beautiful new home - that they can save toward it and learn to budget carefully.

"When people realize there is a light at the end of the tunnel... That's a success story for me," she said. People who have gotten themselves into financial trouble (it's almost never as bad as they think, Yoeman said) must make an effort to get back out.

"They have to be diligent and work hard. It takes about a year and a half - they need to show that they can make payments on time."

The homes that can be theirs are well worth their trouble, and help is at hand.

## Logger royalty



Annie Pernicano and Trevor Matelski were crowned at Boyne Falls Homecoming last Friday. In addition to the new royalty, the Loggers are 8-0 in Conference play after winning a decisive victory over Harbor Light Christian. PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

## Cooper

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The board will begin the process of advertising for a new superintendent this month and hopes to have a candidate in place by mid-May. The board asked Cooper to remain with the district during the search to assure a smooth transition.

Board president Ed Vondra said there

would be opportunities for parents, staff and the community to contribute to the selection process.

"On behalf of the 1,400 students, we will work diligently to select a superintendent who will work best for our community," Vondra said.

## Text message protection for children

The Michigan Public Service Commission said that parents and others may now register instant messenger IDs, mobile text messaging and fax numbers to which minors have access on Michigan's Protect MI Child Registry.

People have been able to register E-mail addresses to which minors have access since July 1 last year. The registry is designed to help parents and others guard children from inappropriate messages.

The Michigan Children's Protection

Registry Act (Public Act 241) prohibits people from sending to registered contact points messages about products or services that are legally prohibited for children. Examples include pornography, tobacco, gambling, alcohol, and illegal drugs. Senders of prohibited messages are required to remove registered contact points from their electronic mailing lists within 30 days.

Contact points may be registered by visiting the Protect MI Child Web site: michigan.gov/protectmichild.

### Worship Guide

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1250 Boyne Avenue  
Boyne City, MI 49712  
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