

COMING EVENTS

St. Matthew's fish dinners

St. Matthews Church in Boyne City will be serving fish dinners Fridays during Lent. The menu will include lightly breaded baked cod, hash browns, cole slaw, and rolls. For the children, there will be macaroni and cheese and applesauce. The cost is \$6.50 for fish dinner; \$3 for child's macaroni and cheese; 5 and under free. Dinners will be served Fridays, March 24, 31, and April 7.

Grandvue to host blood drive

The Wellness Committee of Grandvue Medical Care Facility, in conjunction with the Red Cross, is hosting a blood drive from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Friday, March 24, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. A chili luncheon will be provided throughout the day for all participants. The chili is being prepared under the supervision of Bob Schotts, whose recipe earned an award at the Chili Cook-Off in Gaylord last month.

Kevin Evans, administrator of Grandvue, will be the first donor of the day. Mr. Evans has donated a total 27 pints of blood, including 22 pints of whole blood and five pints of platelets. "Donating blood is a great way to help our community," said Evans.

Grandvue is located just north of East Jordan at 1728 S. Peninsula Rd. For more information, contact Melissa at 231-536-2286.

Wagbo syrup festival this weekend

The 4th Annual Wagbo Peace Center Maple Syrup Festival and Raffle will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wagbo Peace Center, 5745 N. M-66, just three miles south of East Jordan.

Events include a pancake and sausage breakfast served all day, sugar shack tours and syrup tastings, horse-drawn sleigh rides, maple syrup baked goods sale, and activities and entertainment for all ages.

Ticket prices are: members and advance sale \$7 adult, \$5 child, \$20 family, 5 and under free; day of event \$8 adult, \$6 child, \$23 family, 5 and under free.

Tickets include all activities and a raffle drawing for three maple syrup themed gourmet gift baskets. You need not be present to win.

EJ city commission meeting changes

The East Jordan City Commission meeting that was to be held on March 21 has been rescheduled to March 28, and the City Commission meeting scheduled for April 4 has been cancelled.

St. Matthew blood drive

A blood drive will be held Monday, March 27, from 1 - 6:45 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Avenue, sponsored by St. Matthew Parish Guild. All presenting donors will be entered into a raffle for exciting MIS Pit Stop Boxes - some include race tickets. For more information, call 231-582-7718.

Youth arrested for manslaughter

EAST JORDAN - On Thursday, March 15, 17-year-old, Noah Dodge of East Jordan was arrested for manslaughter, a 15-year felony, and three counts of controlled substance delivery of methadone, each 20-year felonies.

It is alleged that Dodge gave methadone pills to several persons, including a 17-year-old East Jordan resident

who later died of acute methadone intoxication.

East Jordan police chief Dan Reece, who led the investigation, said that they had been waiting on the victim's autopsy results to take action against Dodge. When those results were received, Reece went to the prosecutor's office, signed a warrant

before the magistrate, and "took immediate action."

Reece and an officer went to the East Jordan High School principal's office, where Dodge was summoned, read the contents of the warrant and placed under arrest. He was escorted out while the students were breaking for lunch.

Chief Reece was able to enlist help

from the detectives at the Charlevoix Sheriff Office.

Reece said, "I am proud of how the officers in my department handled this investigation, as well as the detectives from the Charlevoix Sheriff Department. This case was a great example of police teamwork which led to a quick resolution."

"My office takes a hard line on drug cases and drug deliveries, especially when it results in the death of a teenager in our community," said Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema.

Dodge was released upon payment of a \$200,000 bond, and has retained an attorney.

Music, man!



Looking as comfortable as a mild spring evening, Danielle Rathbun and John Renkiewicz lead a fabulous cast in East Jordan's spring musical, "The Music Man." More than 800 tickets were sold for the opening weekend, and a few tickets are still available for the 24th and 25th. The shows start at 7 p.m., with ticket sales starting at 6 p.m. - all seats are \$3.

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So you think you have a cold?

BY JANE BOOZE

Editor

BOYNE CITY - Boyne resident Al Lawson had a cold at hunting season, but he didn't worry too much about it. He kept busy all the way through Christmas, planning and preparing the First Presbyterian Church Christmas dinner just like always.

"I let that cold go and didn't do anything about it," Lawson said, "I had a cold when I was processing deer, and I didn't do anything about it."

But he didn't have a cold. He had Wegener's granulomatosis - he just didn't know it yet.

"The Lord held us up for our thirtieth wedding anniversary. We renewed our vows then. He held us up through Christmas and then - poof! It was okay to be sick now," Lawson's wife Jenny said.

When he did get to the doctor, Lawson was diagnosed with pneumonia, and treatment began. But three weeks and several prescriptions later, he wasn't responding well, and on Jan. 23, Jenny rushed her husband to Northern Michigan Hospital's emergency room, barely able to breathe and too exhausted to put up much resistance.

The first symptoms of Wegener's is a persistent runny nose, and nasal or facial pain, a cough, nosebleeds, chest discomfort, ear ache and wheezing or shortness of breath. In other words, it acts like a number of other more common illnesses, and it is difficult to diagnose.

According to Web MD, "Wegener's granulomatosis is a very serious disease and its treatments are not without risk. However, the treatments are lifesaving for almost everyone when the diagnosis is timely and proper medications are begun."

Wegener's is a rare disease, and is potentially deadly. It affects the up-

per respiratory tract, lungs and kidneys, and is characterized by the inflammation of small and medium-sized blood vessels.

January 23 was a Monday, and Lawson was admitted to the hospital. He was given a bronchoscopy, and the blood that filled his lungs and caused him to have breathing difficulty was cleaned out. By Friday, he was moved to the Intensive Care Unit, as his lungs were again filled with blood. And also on Friday, a biopsy that had been sent to the Mayo Clinic came back positive for Wegener's.

By the next day he was on a ventilator, and sedated, as he would be for the rest of January.

"They sedated me so much I don't remember most of January," Lawson said. The hospital started treating with medications. Al takes as many as 14 or 15 different meds twice a day now, but he doesn't notice too much in the way of side effects. He has dialysis for his kidneys three times a week - and physical therapy the other days.

But that is now. For the first few weeks, with the doctors telling Jenny there was a 50/50 chance of his making it, Al Lawson fought for his life.

"I never saw anybody fight so hard," Jenny said, her eyes filling with tears. "It doesn't seem to make any difference how old he gets, he fights just as hard. He fights the good fight."

She described how he fought even under sedation, without conscious knowledge of the danger he was in, and Jenny believes that his will to live kept him alive.

For his own protection, Al was restrained, to prevent him from taking out his tubes. When Jenny was with him, she could remove the restraints. When he finally came out of sedation, Lawson had no idea how close to death he had been - or why he was tied down.

"It made me very mad. I didn't



Al Lawson and his wife Jenny expressed deep gratitude to their church family - "a real family," Jenny said. They look forward to visits from that family, and from other friends in the community.

know why I was restrained," he said. He also said he was surprised to learn that he was missing so many days, of which he remembered nothing - except that he was laying in a field.

"I was laying by Korthase Well

Drilling. I could see people going by, and I kept yelling for help: 'Why don't you help me?' They kept going by, like I wasn't there," Lawson said. "Which I wasn't," he added drily.

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EJ man sentenced in fatality

BY JANE BOOZE

Editor

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Kevin Whisler, age 21, of East Jordan, was sentenced in the Charlevoix County circuit court on March 17, for operating a vehicle with a suspended or restricted license, causing death.

The accident which killed Jeremy Bingham, also of East Jordan, occurred on Oct. 13, 2005. On Feb. 22, Whisler pled no contest to the above charge as part of a plea agreement.

Whisler's attorney, John Lieberman, said that Whisler takes responsibility for the accident, and acknowledges that he should not have been driving. However, he said that Whisler's blood alcohol content was below the legal level, that there was not a significant amount of THC in the bloodstream, and that Whisler was not using excessive speed. He stated that Whisler was driving because his wife was reported to be in labor. Lieberman requested leniency for his client.

Whisler apologized, saying that it was a "freak accident," and that he had lost his best friend.

"There's a lot more I could say, I just don't know how," said an emotional Whisler.

Charlevoix County prosecuting

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County joins in support of Big Rock land for public use

BY B. J. HETLER

Contributing Writer

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Citizens, conservation groups, local governments and others are asking the state to acquire Big Rock Point, once the site of the nation's longest-running nuclear plant, in operation for 35 years.

At a March 8 regular meeting, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously for a resolution that seeks to preserve the more than 500 acres of forests and almost two miles of Lake Michigan shoreline off of U.S. 31 near Charlevoix. The public would use the site for recreational and educational purposes. The purchase price is unknown at this time.

But before approval, county commissioners removed a paragraph in the resolution that they said could be interpreted as an agreement by the county to help fund acquisition of the property. The county may allocate funds, but will not be obligated to do so.

Consumers Energy owns the land and is the company that operated the nuclear plant. August 29, 1997, was the last day the plant generated electricity. As part of the plant closing and decommissioning process, Consumers Energy is returning Big Rock Point to a natural, green state, ac-

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Colorectal Cancer Screening and Treatment at NMH are Keys to a Cure

Our Comprehensive Cancer Team is Taking on an Area You May Not Want to Think About...But Should

It is an area of the body that most people would rather not think about — let alone talk about. Yet, if you are over 50 or have high risk factors, your life could very well depend on turning to specialists for the screening, diagnosis and treatment of colorectal cancer (CRC).

Colorectal cancer (which refers to cancers affecting the colon or rectum) is the third most common cancer in the United States, affecting men and women almost equally. It accounts for 10 percent of all cancer deaths. However, unlike other cancers, colorectal cancer is a highly preventable disease because it can be detected early through regular screening.

"With effective screening, almost nobody would die of colorectal cancer today. However, when that cancer strikes, Northern Michigan Hospital is ready to help," says Thomas Tietjen, M.D., a gastroenterologist at Northern Michigan Hospital (NMH), which has been accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer as a comprehensive community cancer program since 1979.

NMH has a Multidisciplinary Colorectal Cancer Team that offers a seamless, comprehensive, start-to-finish approach to CRC treatment. The team disciplines include:

- Gastroenterology for diagnosis
- Pathology for grading
- Radiology for staging
- Surgical treatment for removal of tumors
- Medical oncology for chemotherapy
- Radiation oncology for radiation therapy
- Follow-up care and support services

"At NMH, colorectal cancer is handled by a competent, multi-specialized team who has a solid affiliation with Karmanos Cancer Institute and who can give patients the best treatment options available, including national clinical trials right here in our own backyard," says NMH pathologist Adolfo Noel A. Ceniza, M.D.



Patients have access to the most advanced cancer treatment available by the skilled and caring team at NMH.

Early Detection Saves Lives

According to the American Cancer Society, increasing CRC screening represents the single greatest opportunity to decrease colon cancer death rates. National guidelines recommend that beginning at age 50, both men and women (at average risk) should follow one of these five following screening options:

- A fecal occult blood test (FOBT) every year.
- A flexible sigmoidoscopy (FSIG) every five years.
- A double contrast barium enema every five years.
- A colonoscopy every ten years.

According to Tietjen, "The old adage 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure' nicely describes the application of a colonoscopy to CRC prevention. In many cases I can remove cancer through the scope, allowing many patients to avoid surgery altogether."

The specialists at NMH recommend that people who are at moderate or high risk for CRC should talk with a physician about a customized screening schedule.

Who's at High Risk for Colorectal Cancer?

Increased risk factors for colorectal cancer include the following:

- Being age 50 or older — male and female
- A family history of colon or rectum cancer
- A personal history of cancer of the colon, rectum, ovary, uterine or breast
- A personal history of colon polyps
- A personal history of ulcerative colitis (ulcers in the lining of the large intestine) or Crohn's disease — a chronic inflammation of the gastrointestinal tract, most commonly the small intestine and colon

If you have any one of these risk factors, you should consult your physician.

Diagnosing and Staging for Colorectal Cancer

If there is any reason to suspect colorectal cancer, NMH specialists will order more tests to definitely diagnose and stage the disease and determine if it has spread, including CT (computed tomography) Scans & PET (positron emission tomography) Scans:

"Northern Michigan Hospital offers all the very latest equipment and technology for conclusively staging colorectal cancers and the expertise of radiology to round out our comprehensive team approach for treating patients," says NMH radiologist Anthony Pucci, D.O.

When a colonoscopy is required, NMH has one of the largest, state-of-the-art endoscopy units in northern Michigan, with four operating suites dedicated to gastrointestinal endoscopy available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Over 4,000 procedures are performed each year by NMH's four full-time, board-certified gastroenterologists on staff. In addition to patients in the Petoskey area, the physicians

take referrals from area physicians on challenging cases including difficult polypectomies, endoscopic cancer resection, cancer ablation and management of bleeding problems.

Grading of CRC depends greatly on the work of NMH's three board certified anatomic and clinical pathologists with more than 45 years experience combined in this field of practice.

Providing Northern Michigan's Most Comprehensive Treatment for Colorectal Cancer

"While there are certain standard treatment options for patients with colon cancer, each patient is treated as an individual. There are often several physicians involved in both treatment planning and the treatment itself," says NMH general surgeon R. Shane Brown, M.D.

According to Brown, the goal with all cancers is to remove the cancerous tumor. Surgery remains the main treatment for colorectal cancer. Usually the cancer tumor and a section of the colon affected by the cancer (as well as nearby lymph nodes and blood supply) are removed. The two ends of the intestine are then sewn back together.

NMH's Medical Oncology Department offers chemotherapy for patients with more advanced stages of colorectal cancer. Chemotherapy is the use of anticancer drugs taken intravenously or orally. In addition to standard chemotherapy protocols, patients have the opportunity to receive newer forms of chemotherapy through the hospital's participation in clinical trials.

For those patients who have cases that require second opinions or treatments available through a National Cancer Center will benefit from NMH's affiliation with the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

In certain cases where colorectal tumors have not been completely removed, patients may need to have radiation therapy, which is treatment with high-energy rays to kill or shrink cancer cells. After surgery, radiation can kill small areas of cancer that may not be seen during surgery. This may be given along with chemotherapy.

According to NMH radiation oncologist Peter S. Armstrong, M.D., radiation therapy is used frequently in rectal cancer to reduce the rates of recurrence after rectal cancer surgery and helps to improve overall survival. It is normally used with chemotherapy for patients at high risk for recurrence based on their surgical findings and stage of cancer. He notes that NMH uses state-of-the-art 3D mapping to target the beams more accurately and reduce possible side effects.



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In 2000, NMH's Cancer Center teamed up with the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Michigan's first and only independent cancer center, to provide comprehensive cancer diagnosis and treatment for the residents of northern Michigan. The affiliation provides cancer patients at NMH access to the extensive cancer resources of Karmanos, including 400 cancer specialists, 300 clinical research trials and comprehensive treatment programs.

NMH is Here for You

At NMH, we believe follow-up care is critical for CRC patients. It is especially important that patients have periodic surveillance colonoscopy examinations to prevent recurrent cancer. Furthermore, NMH offers an array of support services for CRC patients.

For more private and confidential information about colorectal cancer and the cancer care program at Northern Michigan Hospital, contact HealthAccess at 1.800.248.6777.

HEALTH BRIEFS

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Northern Michigan Hospital recognizes March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a nation wide effort to raise awareness about the disease and the importance of regular screening and early diagnosis.

"Even though Northern Michigan Hospital offers colorectal cancer screening, surgery, CT and PET scanning, chemotherapy, radiation therapy and immediate access to an NCI cancer center consultation, patients need to take the first step in their care. They need to see their primary care physician to start the screening process for colorectal, as well as other types of cancer," advises Edward F. Smith, M.D., NMH oncologist.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call HealthAccess at 1.800.248.6777 for physician referral or for more information about this topic.

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Eventually, Lawson said, the hospital got sick of him and kicked him out. He and Jenny are adjusting to a quieter lifestyle. He tried to go to church recently, but it was too much for him. He is weak, he tires easily, and he is forgetful - a side effect of some medication.

"One day I can get up and walk half decently, and the next day I can hardly move," Lawson said. He's on a renal diet, which, he said, means everything he gets is "blah." But he and Jenny did discover that Cool Whip doesn't have anything in it he can't have, and he said Cool Whip makes all the difference on fruit.

Not knowing what is going to happen next is the biggest thing, Lawson said.

"I want to take some time for myself this spring - do a little fishing, get yard work done. I don't know how much I can do," he said. "I went to WalMart and bought fishing equipment yesterday and got it set up.

"I'm a long way from going fishing, but it gives me something to do other than just setting and watching the room go by."

For a man who has been generous with his time, talents, and friendship, the illness has been difficult. Mostly, he'd like to have some company, he said. People from the community and the First Presbyterian Church have been great, but he can't get around the way he's used to, and he said he would love it if people stopped in to see him.

Top cop



Boyne City Police Chief Randy Howard (center) was recognized for his 30 years of service to the community at the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 14. Mayor Eleanor Stackus (left) and Chief Howard's wife Linda Howard (right) joined in the celebration, along with the commission board members, law enforcement including Sheriff George T. Lasater, and community members.

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Sentenced

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attorney John Jarema read the court a letter from the parents of the deceased, Jeremy Bingham, which described their loss and concluded with a hope that Whisler never has to experience the death of a child.

Jarema said that he was troubled by Whisler's statements downplaying his level of intoxication. The levels Whisler referred to were misleading, Jarema said, as they were taken several hours after the accident occurred.

Jarema also disagreed with Whisler's characterization of the event as an "accident," as he said the incident was "avoidable and probably foreseeable." He noted that Whisler was drinking, he had THC in his system, and he was driving "without the privilege to drive." Jarema asked the court to impose a "sentence that is just."

Pajtas sentenced Whisler to the Michigan Department of Corrections, where he will serve between 36

months and 15 years, as well as pay restitution. Because Michigan is a "truth in sentencing" state, Whisler will have to serve the minimum of 36 months.

Because Whisler is married, a parent, and unemployed, Pajtas said he would not object if corrections department recommends a Special Alternation for Whisler. SAI may be implemented for certain carefully screened offenders who meet strict statutory requirements. It is a program of strict discipline and regimented

activity, which, if completed successfully, automatically grants parole to the offender for a minimum of 18 months or the remainder of the sentence, whichever is greater.

"I have not objected to the (SAI) provision since I have been in office," said Jarema. "It is a rigorous program and teaches the offender values that the offender usually is lacking."

It is unclear at this time whether the Department of Corrections will recommend SAI for Whisler.

Commission

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Point to a natural, green state, according to information from the company.

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The last fuel bundle was loaded into a container on March 4, 2003, and the containers were placed in a fenced and monitored location, awaiting removal to a permanent federal storage facility.

Also at the meeting, commissioners unanimously ap-

proved the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office request that the county allocate an estimated \$3,500 towards training of an officer to conduct forensic examinations of computers. Primarily of computers suspected of containing child pornography and that are seized under a warrant. Currently, local law enforcement must send the computers to the state for examination, and the backlog of requests results in approximately a year's wait for a determination.

"I can't stress enough why we need this," Under Sheriff Don Schneider told commissioners, calling Internet child pornography, solicitation and fraud the "crimes of today."

Following six weeks of training at Eastern Michigan University, the officer will have the ability to search through computers and ob-

tain results promptly. Officers graduate from the university program with certification to testify in court about the findings.

Newly elected county commissioner Connie Saltonstall presented the board with a resolution that rescinds the exemption of Charlevoix County from the smoking ban, known as the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation. The county previously approved a resolution that called for a ban on smoking in the four counties that are members of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency - Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego - but exempted Charlevoix County. Saltonstall asked that the resolution she presented be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action at the commissioners next meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 22.

School board adopts increase

BY B. J. HETLER
Contributing Writer

BOYNE CITY - Ninth-grade students at Boyne City Public Schools can count on an increase in the number of math credits required to graduate from high school.

The school board voted unanimously to increase math credits from two to three credits with the change to begin with the Class of 2009. The school board approved the increase at its March 13 meeting.

The change was recommended by the high school staff, principal Karen Jarema told the board. The increase makes a total of 13.5 required credits out of the 22 necessary for graduation. Students take a total of 24 credits while in high school.

The state is reviewing a proposal that could eventually increase math credits to four as a requirement for graduation from high school, Jarema said. Raising Boyne City Schools' math credits to three now will give students more of a competitive edge in the event the state does decide on four credits.

The board's adoption of the additional credits means that students will take a minimum of pre-Algebra, Algebra and either Geometry or Advanced Algebra. These classes prepare students for the eleventh-grade state

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OPINION

Last 'Last call'

Have you ever waved goodbye to someone through tears because you know it will be a long time before you see them again? When my sister lived in Texas, and then Mexico, every goodbye was like that. When my mom leaves for Brazil in the winter it can be like that, too - because even though it will only be a couple months until I see her again, the interim communication will be very minimal.

The summer after he graduated, Sam went to Alaska with one of his teachers for a couple of incredible weeks. I took him to the airport in Detroit - he had a connecting flight in New Jersey to catch, a layover there, too, and then he flew to Anchorage, arriving in the midnight sun. Then - all by himself - he had to arrange for a flight south a few hundred miles. And, with almost no sleep, he had hitchhike ten miles or so to the next town, and camp out at the airport so that he could catch the mail plane across Cook's Inlet the next morning. I couldn't help him in a single one of those steps - in fact even in Detroit, I just had to walk away while he went to the gate to wait for his plane.

LAST CALL



Jane Booze

I cried that time. He was my baby, and he was doing something grown up and kind of dangerous, and I couldn't help him. I was crying, I think, because I was saying goodbye to my child. Sam the adult didn't want me to help him - and, as it turned out, he didn't need me to, either.

Then another time, when I went to pick him up at the airport when he was arriving home from Brazil, I saw him well before he saw me. He is tall, very thin; his blondish hair was jet-tousled. He was looking for me, scanning the crowd; watching, but not yet aware that he was watched. He looked so alone, and to me, so vulnerable just then. I cried just to see him.

But that was not a goodbye. This is. I have resigned from the position of editor of the Citizen-Journal.

I will really miss being the editor in some ways - in other ways, I will daily feel relieved, I know. I am not crying at this goodbye, because I know it is the best choice for me - but also because I know that my replacement will be a great choice for the Citizen-Journal.

That's not to say that I'm not proud of my work at the paper - I am. I became your editor with two months' worth of journalism experience, and no related schooling (well, other than lots of college English classes). We kept a paper going out in spite of that - and it hasn't been all bad, either.

I made some mistakes, certainly, I acknowledge that. It is bad enough to make a mistake - try making one and putting it in the paper, sometime! Gosh, that's awful. I don't mean picayune things (and believe me, my definition of picayune has certainly changed) - like putting the BCPS school board award winners in twice in last week's paper - I mean getting big things wrong, writing hurtful headlines, misidentifying people. I am always blind-sided by my mistakes. But mistakes are the nature of the beast, and I will like it when I make them less publicly.

And here's what you will get: Steve Kloosterman. A good, accurate journalist. A news hound. A friendly, thorough, hard-working young man who loves this job.

Here's the difference between me and a real ink-in-the-veins newsperson. The newsperson will find out that a street is closing for construction. He will find out when the street is closing exactly, what work is being performed, what the detour routes are, and what the projected completion date is. And he will write a story about it, and make sure it runs in plenty of time to alert the readers in advance of the closing.

I, on the other hand, will assume that people would figure it out when they see the detour signs, and it would not occur to me to write about it.

And that's the difference. With a good newsperson, you still get the stories and features - you just get the news and alerts along with them. As for me, I am going to keep doing some writing for the Citizen-Journal, only now on a free-lance basis, so I can do the stories I like the best.

So this is goodbye, but it is a good goodbye. I'll keep in touch. I hope you do, too.

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'Follow that Rabbit' comes to Concord

BOYNE CITY - Concord Academy Boyne invites the area families to bring their children to the Jr. High Drama Production: "Follow That Rabbit" on Friday or Saturday, March 24 and 25, at 7 p.m. This musical is an "Alice in Wonderland" adventure full of imaginative creatures and zany characters. The 37-member cast has been working on this musical since October. The part of Alice is being played by Kathryn Irwin and Riley Mills who will switch back and forth during the production. Don't miss the fight between the lion and the unicorn; the talking, singing, dancing flowers; the crazy running white queen; the turtle, tiger, owl, mouse, dog, cat, and fish all running a caucus race; Tweedle Dee and Dum; Windy the skateboard messenger; the nutty pepper cook; the weird duchess with her little pig child; the trial of the Knave of Hearts; and of course the rabbit. "Oh dear, oh dear, I am going to be late!"

Concord is located on Dietz road off M-75 between Boyne City and Boyne Falls. Tickets are available at the door: \$3 or a family ticket for \$12. For more information contact Rachelle Wittenmyer at Concord at 231-582-5810.



Cast of Follow that Rabbit are, from left: Fish: Jeff Kelley; Card Soldier: Ben Cooper; March Hare: Adam Chaffee; Mad Hatter: Alex Nicholson; Tweedle Dee: Kati Wittenmyer; Alice on the left: Kathryn Irwin; Alice on the right: Riley Mills.

LETTERS

Thank you

TO THE EDITOR: The families of the late Kenneth Howard, Sr. are grateful to all the family and friends who were so thoughtful and supportive during our loss.

Kenneth Howard and family
Boyne Falls

Booster club

TO THE EDITOR: We are writing to express our appreciation to the students, as we are volunteers who work in the school's Booster Club concession stand during athletic games at the Boyne City High School.

you" from these well-behaved students, who also showed us respect.

Someone is doing a good job, whether it is the parents or the schools, we feel they rightly deserve recognition.

Too often the behavior of students is criticized rather than praised. We would just like to tell everyone what a pleasure it was to wait on these young people. We found them to be polite and well-mannered, and we received many "pleases" and "thank-

Thanks to all the students, and to Shelly Wier, who made our volunteering for them such a pleasure.

Sue Arner, Joann Miller,
Elaine Denten, and Sally Pasque
Boyne City

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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

NEIGHBORS

• Wonderful ... a "full house" ... for a great St. Patrick's Day party at the Boyne Area Senior Center. They served more than 70 lunches. Everyone present enjoyed the music and dancing. Line dancers took their turns on the floor to the music of the Boyne River Boys. Irish jokes brought laughs and fun as they were presented by Gene Farley.



Nancy Northup

• Virginia Hegerberg was a "first time" visitor at the center on Friday and really had a great time, seeing so many people all in one place. Marie Schmittiel had given a history of Ireland to the seniors on Wednesday, with the assistance of her "leprechaun" Gene Farley and they, too, were back on Friday. Amidst all that fun, BUB (My Big Ugly Brother - computer slang) Nels Northup got asked, "Hey, are you the twin who missed that shot?" The question came from tables of women, avid high school basketball fans throughout the years. It was in reference to an unforgettable moment of 50 years ago, during tournament quarterfinals. It was Boyne City versus Crystal Falls. The score was tied. You could have heard a pin drop in that crowded gymnasium when Nels was preparing to make the final shot that could have won the game.

• After spending three days in Charlevoix hospital with pneumonia, Shirley Howie is now home and feeling much better - but is somewhat restricted on what she can do for a while. She said Charlevoix Area Hospital is a wonderful place to be if you're sick, but there still isn't any place like home. She is grateful to Dr. Wonski as well as Dr. Wending and all of the wonderful staff at the hospital - and Bob Huff - for all the help in taking excellent care of her!

• Merle and Mary Carson of Boyne City spent last weekend with their daughter Karen in Davison. While there, they celebrated the tenth birthday of grandson Kevin Vobach. On Sunday, they attended the Detroit Pistons game, which was great fun for Mary, as it was her first trip to the Palace!

• The East Jordan Senior Center had a record-breaking turn out for a good ole celebration Friday, on St. Patrick's Day. Old time songs were sung and the good Irish music played by the "Cousins Music Group" blessed everyone. The way I heard it, everyone claimed to be Irish and it was amazing how many wore green to prove it.

• Grandvue Auxiliary met recently for their first meeting of this year. Patty Wiltse, Nursing Director at Grandvue, talked to the ladies about the Life Style Facilitators, who have a big role in the workings of the neighborhood doings at Grandvue. Peg Crozier told them that the bakeless bake sale they had last fall brought in a total of \$1390. This money will be used to purchase something the Facility needs or desires. Everyone is welcome to attend Auxiliary meetings.

• January 19, 2006 a son was born to Merri (Speltz) and Chris Emery of Gaylord. Raymond Christopher Emery was 5 pounds 1 ounce and measured 18 inches long at his birth. He has a brother, Anthony Emery, 8, at home. Grandparents are Raymond and Irene Speltz of Boyne City, Yvonne Emery of Belle River, Ontario, Canada and Roger Emery and Rose Kelly of Belle River, Ontario, Canada. Great grandparents are Quinton and Bonita White of Bellaire, Eleanor Emery of Belle River, Ontario, Canada, Mary Ann Mailloux and Edward Mailloux of Stoney Point, Ontario, Canada.

• A baby boy, Zachary Ryan, was born to Corina Kuzmik of Boyne City on March 4, 2006 at Northern Michigan Hospital. Little Zachary Ryan weighed in at 5 pounds and 13 ounces and measured 17 inches in length at his birth. Grandparents are Tom and Dede Kuzmik of Boyne City and Edie and Dave Bierschach of Charlevoix. Great-grandparents are Flo Kuzmik of Boyne City and Frank Kuzmik of Boyne Falls.

• Kim Martin and children, Madelyn and Ben of Grand Rapids were here for the weekend, visiting her parents and grandparents, Louisa and Nels Northup.

• Richard Wright and daughter Rachel of Dallas, Texas arrived in Boyne on Tuesday, for a surprise. See NEIGHBORS on page 5



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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Tim Crego
PARENTS: Tim Crego and Kim Allen
GRADE: 12th
FAVORITE CLASS: Independent Guided Reading
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Play basketball
FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
FAVORITE BOOK: "The Hobbit"
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Seven"
FUTURE PLANS: Carpentry
STAFF COMMENTS: "Tim has a wonderful sense of humor and is very talented in building /technology arena. The talents he has developed over the years in problem solving are outstanding. He has been a wonderful help over the last two trimesters with the yearbook this year. I appreciate his help and the time he has given to the Publications class. Good luck after graduation." Mrs. Howell.



"Quincianne Fuller's smile can brighten any day. Her upbeat attitude in the face of any obstacle serves as an inspiration to many," Mrs. Cardwell.
 "Quincianne is such a fun young lady, she brightens everyone's day! I love having her in class, she keeps us all smiling," Mrs. Redmer.
 "Quincianne is an extremely kind, generous and cheerful person. She takes initiative as a student aide and always helps others whenever she can." Mrs. Miller.
 "Quincianne is one of the kindest students I've ever had. She's always got a smile on her face, and is always willing to help others - students or staff," Mrs. McPherson.
 "Quincianne is a student in photography that is always on task and is eager to strive for her best in each project she turns in. She is helpful with other students and has a creative sense for camera use," Mr. Podskalny.



Concord Academy Boyne

NAME: Tawni Holley
PARENTS: Carol and Mickey Holley from Boyne City
GRADE: 5th
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: color and draw, play sports, swim, ride bikes, play tag with my friends
FAVORITE FOOD: homemade chicken noodle soup
FAVORITE CLASSES: Math, dance: " I like to learn how to do the moves to the dance and have fun."
FAVORITE AUTHOR: Roald Dahl
FUTURE PLANS: "I've always wanted to be a veterinarian since I was little."
STAFF NOMINATION for Character Education: Fairness (just, honest, playing according to the rules): "Tawni can be counted on to be honest and dependable. She works hard to turn in quality work. She is a good example to others in the treatment of her peers and teachers. She never falters in her good judgment."
CONCORD CARES: "If I see someone who is lonely, I try to include them in a game or whatever I am playing. Also I try to study with someone who might not have a partner. I am very soft-hearted and will try and stick up for someone if others are being mean to them."



East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Maribeth Poindexter
PARENTS: Jack Poindexter and Julia Higby
GRADE: 8th
FAVORITE CLASS: Math
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Ski team, basketball, soccer, track team, band, juggling and unicycling.
STAFF COMMENTS: "Maribeth is one of those wonderful students who consistently brightens everyone's day. She is not afraid to take on challenges, and performs above and beyond in helping her classmates achieve success also. Her enthusiasm, positive attitude, and intelligence are unsurpassed."



Boyne City High School

NAME: Holly Stanek
PARENTS: Chuck and Laurie Stanek
GRADE: 11th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball and softball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Besides sports which are basically my life, working on our farm in the summer and chilling out by campfires with family and friends."
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to attend college and play basketball hopefully, have not yet decided on a career."
STAFF COMMENTS: "Holly is a pleasure to have around. She is enthusiastic and has a strong work ethic. She accepts responsibility and is always willing to go the extra mile. Holly has a kindness about her that she shares with everyone. She is a deserving candidate for student of the week," Mrs. King.



East Jordan High School

NAME: Quincianne Fuller
PARENTS: Dawn and Jerry Fuller
GRADE: 11th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Softball
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Government and Conditioning
FUTURE PLANS: Attend college and become a Vet Tech
STAFF COMMENTS: "Quincianne is a dedicated student and a pleasure to have in class. She impresses me with her work ethic and desire to do her best," Mr. Gle.

Neighbor

Continued from page 4
 prize visit with Grandma and Grandpa Pat and Richard Wright. It goes without saying, what a very nice surprise it was!
 • **Betty Spencer** of Boyne City is now at home, following last week's surgery at Northern Michigan Hospital.
 • **Clarence Miller of Boyne City** was honored on Saturday by his family for his 80th birthday. There were 108 family and friends gathering at the VFW for a wonderful party. Lots of great food was catered by the Norm Crozier family, with the beautifully decorated cake and other desserts catered by Mary Carson. And then it was great live music of Terry Belford, Don Judd, and Andy Miller that rounded out a really nice

time for Clarence and all who came from Battle Creek, Kent City, Rudyard, Coyote Hill, Texas, and the surrounding areas.
 • **If you like GOOD gospel singing** and witnessing, be sure to join the worshippers at the United Methodist Church next Sunday, March 26. Gloria Lynn, a well-known evangelist and singer, will have charge of the worship hour. Worship begins at 11 a.m. Gloria is a musician and speaker you won't want to miss!
 • **A baby shower was given to Merri (Speltz) Emery** by Darlene Magee, Patricia Magee, Sharon, Chelsea, and Cheyenne and Erika DeGraaf. Those attending the Feb. 4 party were great-grandma Bonita White, grandma Irene Spelt, Glenda

Reinhardt, Eve Reinhardt, Sue Hobbs, Hilda Reinhardt, Quin Potter, Kris and Holley Carson, Judy White, Sue Betten, Kelly Hoffman, Lucy Sawinski, Mary Sawinski, Gail, Olivia, and Andrea Crapsey.
 • **Florence Kuznik and granddaughter Corina** spent a week in Traverse City after the birth of Corina's son, Zachary, as he was transported to the Munson Hospital, due to a collapsed lung. Wanting to be close to the hospital, they stayed at the Munson Manor. Zachary received excellent care at the neonatal unit, and was released after nine days.
 • **The Boyne Area Senior Center** will be serving Chicken Parmesan for lunch on Thursday, March 23, at noon. Tai Chi class

will follow lunch. On the menu for Friday, March 24, is Polish sausage and mashed potato. At 11 a.m. the Tag Alongs will be entertaining with music. Monday, March 27, is Bingo Day after lunch. Everyone wins! For lunch baked chicken will be served. Tuesday, March 29, enjoy Swiss steak and mashed potatoes. March 30, Wednesday, line dancing begins at 10:30 a.m. For lunch stuffed cabbage will be on the menu. Bingo will be played on Wednesday following lunch. An alternate is served daily to replace meat during Lent.
Items of interest for the Neighbors column may be called in to Nancy's Litzgenburger Place home phone: 231-582-9174 or E-mailed to neighbors@glakes.com - Thanks!

EJHS students to compete in Dallas

EAST JORDAN - On Friday through Sunday, March 10 - 12, seven East Jordan marketing students, under the supervision of their marketing teacher, Lisa Sitkins, traveled to Dearborn to compete in the 60th Annual DECA State Career Development Conference. This year's conference boasted a high competitor turnout of 2,100 students. After competing for two days at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, the marketing students returned to East Jordan with five medals - and two students heading for Dallas.
 Ashley Skop and Laura Schihl qualified to compete in the Financial Analysis Team Decision Making event at the International DECA Competition by placing in the top five of their event.
 Placing in the top ten in their event and receiving medals were Amber Gettel and Seth Kishefsky. Amber competed in the cat-

egory of Accounting Assistant, and Seth in Restaurant and Service Management. The team of Jill Drenth and Kourtney Golke competed in Sports and Entertainment Marketing, and Heather McKinnon competed in Retail Merchandising - As-

sociate Level. Students took a 100-question occupational test and performed two role plays. Each event had an average participation of 60-75 students from all across Michigan.
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OBITUARIES

Larry Glen Davis

Larry Glen Davis, 81, of Rudyard, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2006, at Mackinac Straits Long Term Facility in St. Ignace. He was born on November 6, 1924, in Boyne City, Michigan to the late Anna Gertrude (Winkler) and William G. Davis.

Larry graduated from Boyne City High School in 1942 and attended Michigan State College. In 1943, he entered the Army and was assigned to the 96th Infantry Division where he participated in the assault landings on the Philippine Island of Leyte and on the Japanese island of Okinawa. During the fighting on Okinawa, he was awarded a Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal for heroic action and, along with all the members of the 96th, a Presidential Unit Citation. Larry later received a second Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service.

In 1947, he graduated from Michigan State College and in that same year, married Margaret Moreau.

In 1948, he took a teaching position at Rudyard High School. Larry taught agriculture and served as the advisor for the Rudyard chapter of the Future Farmers of America. In 1961, he accepted the Assistant Superintendent position at Rudyard and served in that position until his retirement in 1978. Larry earned his Masters degree from Michigan State University in 1964.

Larry was a strong supporter of the community. He served as a scout leader for many years. He also served on the Rudyard Co-op and the Rudyard Co-op Credit Union boards and was a member of both the Rudyard Lions Club and the Rudyard Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years. He was named Rudyard Citizen of the Year in 1989. Larry ran the Munoscong Senior Golf League in Pickford until 2001. He continued to serve Rudyard schools as a member of the Library Board



and the Kids 2000 Committee, which was responsible for obtaining the funds to build the new multi-use facility and other enhancements to Rudyard Area Schools. His unselfish service was recognized in 2000 when the Board of Education named the Rudyard High School pool the Larry G. Davis Natatorium.

Larry is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret (Moreau); five children: Elizabeth Davis of San Antonio, Deborah Davis of

Lansing, Gary (Becky) Davis, and Barry (Lori) Davis, all of Rudyard and Terry Davis of Kimball; six grandchildren: Stephen Davis, Alicia (Tom) Lawlor, Christina (Rob) Bradley, Kevin Davis, Eric Davis, and Lindsey Davis, all of Rudyard; and three great-grandchildren: Randy Davis, Tanner Bradley, and Jadon Lawlor.

Larry was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister: Ervin Davis, Ivan Davis, Norman Davis, Max Davis, Rex Davis, and Fern McNeal.

A memorial service was held at the Rudyard Township Community Center on Thursday, March 16, with Reverend J. H. Vanlal Hruaia officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Larry G. Davis Scholarship Fund in care of the Rudyard Lions Club, P.O. Box 173, Rudyard, MI, 49780.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford is serving the family.

Gerald G. Thick, 64, of Clarkston and then Scottsdale, Arizona died Friday, March 10, 2006, after a courageous fight with brain cancer. He was born on March 29, 1941, in Pontiac. He is survived by his wife Sue, daughter Tracy, son Greg, and was the loving

grandfather of Zachary, Jessie and Max.

Jerry was a wonderful man to be around with a great sense of humor. He was always there to help a friend. A semi-pro football player in his earlier years, he sold magnets to the automotive industry in Detroit during his

Gerald G. Thick

career. Retiring to Scottsdale in 1999, Jerry was a much loved husband, father, grandfather and friend. He will be dearly missed by all of us who knew him as "Big G." May he rest in peace as he continues his journey watching over the rest of his family and friends.

Contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 5377 Phoenix, Ariz., 85010. Visitation for family and friends was held on Tuesday, March 14. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 15, at Green Acres Mortuary in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Town meeting at Grandvue

EAST JORDAN - Grandvue Medical Care Facility was the site of a town hall meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. Administrator Kevin Evans met with residents, staff and family members, thanking the community at large for the support over the years through volunteering, and the operational and renovation millages.

Mr. Evans said, "The county millage allows us to maintain some of the highest staffing levels in northern Michigan."

Other items of discussion included:

- The changing face of nursing homes from being based on a hospital model to a resident-centered approach to physical plant and care. Nursing homes used to be focused on how to make care easier for the nurses. Now as expectations increase, facilities are focusing more on a "person-centered care" approach. Grandvue is modeling these changes through its neighborhood concept, commitment to the Eden Alternative, and dedication to caring for the body, mind and spirit of our Grandvue family.

- Nursing homes are consistently shown to be a safe place for elders to live. Federally funded reports over the last decade show a consistent pattern: elders are safe in long-term care settings.

The most recent report defines long-term care settings as combining retirement communities, boarding homes, group home arrangements and nursing homes. This report states, "... 6.2-percent of substantiated reports [of abuse] were in long-term care settings ..." - nursing homes are only a portion of the 6.2-percent. According to the study, 35 states list a resident entering a long-term care facility as a category (or a reason) for closing an abuse case.

- Regulation is growing, and so is new technology. Already more highly regulated than the nuclear power industry, nursing homes have a new mandate that came with the Medicare Modernization Act: to provide for electronic health records for all American citizens by 2014. Grandvue will be closely following developments to ensure compliance by the deadline.

Evans also shared his vision for the future of Grandvue and the long term care industry. The meeting concluded with a question and answer period.

Boyne City police report

MARCH 13 - MARCH 19

Monday, March 13: Nonsufficient funds checks turned in by Carters; motorist assist on Boyne Avenue; citation issued for defaced plate; domestic dispute at Parkview Apartments.

Tuesday, March 14: Skateboarder complaint in Pippins parking lot; found property returned to owner.

Wednesday, March 15: Suspicious situation on Lake Shore Drive; unlock on S. Park Street; assist at Humane Society; expired plate citation issued.

Thursday, March 16: Suspicious person near storage unit on Reh Lane; Nonsufficient funds checks turned in by S & K Foods; unlock on First Street; malicious destruction of property on W. Court Street - one arrested.

Friday, March 17: Assist on E. Lincoln Street; one arrested for driving with license suspended, second offense; bench warrant arrested, transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff Department; personal damage accident at Ray and Park streets; speed citation issued; citation issued for improper turn; citation issued for no proof of insurance, defective brakes and loud exhaust; loud music complaint at Sportsman's.

Saturday, March 18: Operating while intoxicated arrest; assault complaint under investigation; two operating while intoxicated arrests; assault complaint reported on W. Court Street; breaking and entering on South Street; unlock on E. Water Street.

Sunday, March 19: Speed citation issued; one arrested for driving while license suspended, second offense and speed; warrant arrests from Emmet and Kalkaska counties; domestic dispute on Lewis Avenue; unlock on Wilson Street.

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SPORTS

YOUTH HOCKEY

Panthers take first place

By Phil Trombley
Sports Writer

LAPEER - The BAHA Panthers squirt division hockey team closed out the 2006 season with a first place finish at the eight team Pepsi Challenge Tournament held in Lapeer on the weekend of March 10-12.

The Panthers, who finished the year with a 32-6-2 record, captured the gold with a 5-2 win over Troy Team USA in the championship game.

Ben Schwartzfisher led the team with the three goal hat trick, while Derek Smith and Aaron Clark tallied one goal each. Smith, Nik Kolodziej, Michael Goetz, and Clark added one assist each.

The Panthers dominated the field in five game played recording two shutouts and out scoring the opposition 18-4.

Schwartzfisher, Brandon Pomranke and Mitchell Reynolds scored one goal each to pace the Panthers to a 3-1 victory over the Lapeer Tornados in the semi final game. Assists went to Nick Trombley and Clark.

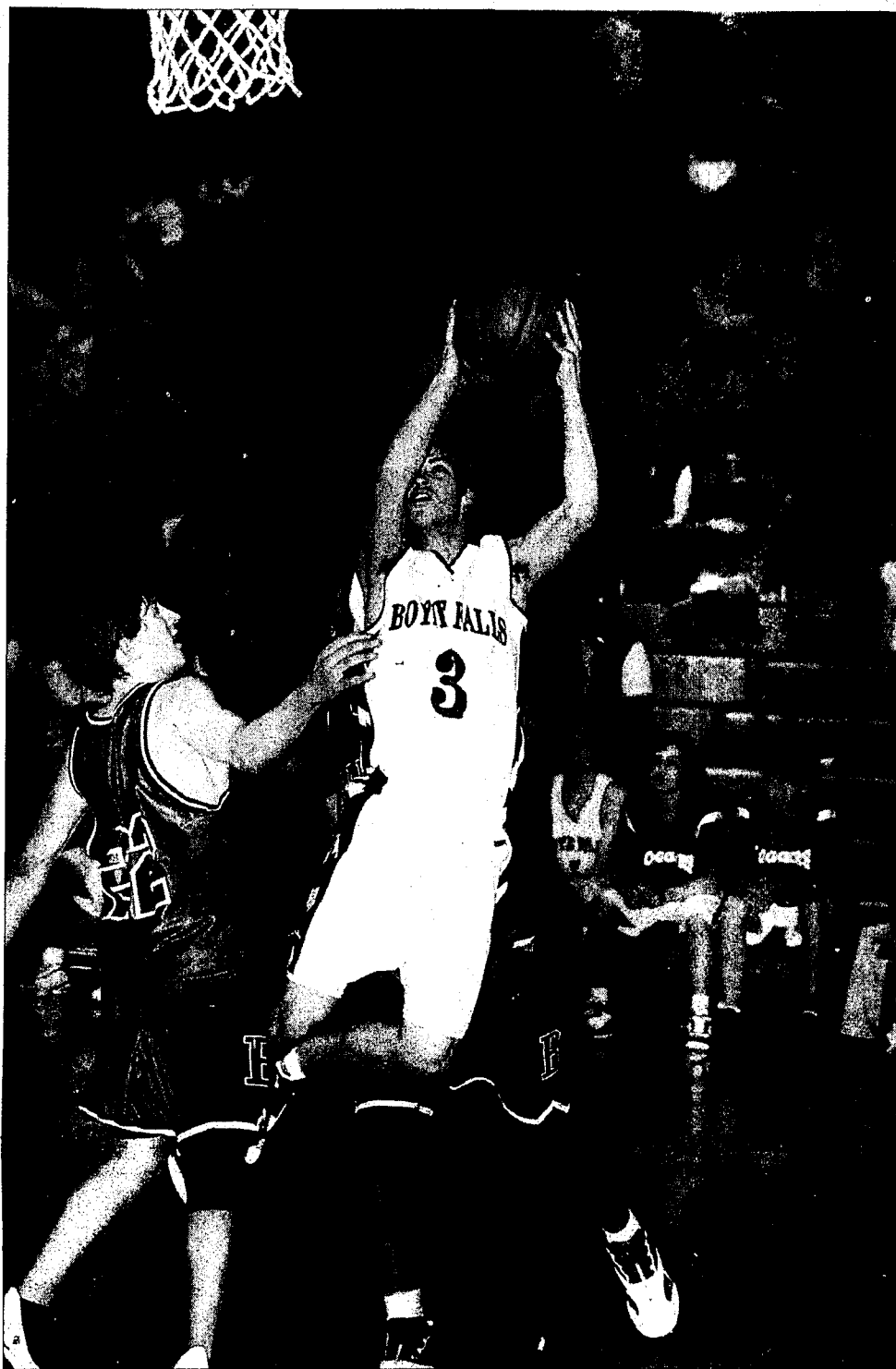
The Panthers were undefeated in the round robin pool play defeating Troy USA 4-0, Lapeer Lightning 2-1 and Lakeland Chargers 4-0.

Against Team USA the goals went to Smith (two), Schwartzfisher (one) and Kolodziej (one); with assists from Smith, Pomranke, Clark, Coty Peavey and Jamie Milks (one each).

Against the Lightning Schwartzfisher and Peavey scored one goal each, while Schwartzfisher, Clark and Goetz tallied one helper each.

Against the Chargers Schwartzfisher had three goals and Clark added one. Wil Snedden had two assists and Smith had one assist.

Goalkeeper Mitchell Smielewski was between the pipes for all five wins.



BASKETBALL

Loggers fall to Eagles

In what was a swan song performance for all but three varsity players, the Loggers went down with a 39-64 loss to the Bellaire Eagles last week Tuesday, in the first round of regional tournament play at Traverse City West.

Bellaire's Mike McClary led all scorers with 28 points, with Alex Scott rolling out 11 and Cody Bock adding 10. Jimmy Gross led the Loggers with 10 points and Shawn Kilmer was right behind with eight.

"It's tough when you've been around these kids for a couple years now," said Boyne Falls Coach Frank Hamilla. "We've wanted to get a regional title, but Bellaire's always been in our way."

Boyne Falls fell behind Bellaire ten points in each of the first two quarters, leaving the score 35-15 at halftime. The Loggers matched Bellaire's points, 14-14 in the third

quarter, but widened gap by five before the buzzer sounded.

"Against a good team like that, it's hard to come back against them," said Hamilla, noting, though, his team's excellent play.

"I think we came out aggressively in the first quarter," said Hammilla.

Hanging up their sneakers this year are Jimmy Gross, Ben Kondrat, Brad Smith, Victor Hart, Cliff Leazier, Tim Crego, Jack Sevenski, Nathan Wasylewski, Shawn Kilmer, Jake Himmelspach, Trevor Matelski and Jeffrey Miller. Juniors Isaac Erber and Andy Reynolds, and freshman Codey Sisson are expected to return to the team next year.

The Loggers close out the season 15-9 overall. Bellaire lost to All Saints Central 38-44 in the regional finals Saturday afternoon, finishing 22-2 overall.

Left: Boyne Falls Logger Jim Gross gave his all in last week's regional game against the Bellaire Eagles. The Loggers fell 39 - 64, after what Coach Frank Hamilla described as excellent play.

VOLLEYBALL

Lake Michigan All-Conference

BOYNE CITY - Five local netters have earned spots on the 2006 Lake Michigan Conference volleyball all-conference team.

Local athletes receiving recognition include:

All-Conference- Jessica Nichols (BC, Jr.), Emma Clemens (BC, Sr.) and Sierra Roberts (EJ, Sr.).

Honorable Mention - Lindsay Baic (BC, Jr.) and Jill Drenth (EJ, Jr.).

'F.I.T. Kids' coming to a school near you

PETOSKEY - Throughout the months of February and March, Northern Michigan Hospital volunteers have been going into schools around the area to involve students in F.I.T. Kids - Fitness Initiative Targeting Kids. This program evaluates cardiovascular disease risk factors and the general health status of fifth-grade students.

"For the past eight years NMH Foundation has been implementing the F.I.T. Kids program. We have tested and educated well over 6,000 young people," said Tanya Janes, program director and B.S., C.H.E.S. education specialist for NMH. "The program has received positive feedback from teachers, administrators, parents and the community. Gracious donors have helped support the program financially and hundreds of volunteers have given their time and talents to help implement it over the years."

The F.I.T. Kids program screens fifth-graders for risk factors for heart disease and/or stroke. An education specialist shares screening results with the children and their parents.

"If a child has a high blood cholesterol reading, elevated blood glucose or a high blood pressure reading, the parents are informed right away so they can follow up with their family physician," said Judy Fowler, R.N., B.S. education specialist for NMH. "We also do nutrition and physical activity counseling and have educational materials available to the child and his or her family."

"Through this program, we hope to find 'at-risk' kids at an early age so appropriate intervention can be initiated," said Fowler. "We want them all to have long, healthy and productive lives. F.I.T. Kids also gives us an opportunity to educate children and reinforce healthy behaviors."

"Statistically findings have indicated that, on average, about 30-percent of these nine, ten and eleven year olds have at least one risk factor for cardiovascular disease, but several more are not getting daily physical activity nor consuming five servings of fruits and vegetables every day," said Janes. "The education, such an important component of the program, is designed to introduce students to the cardiovascular system, make them aware of the complications that can develop within the system and most importantly, inform them of steps they can take to reduce the likelihood of problems ever occurring. Repetitive actions initiated early in life become habits as time passes by. The fifth-graders learn if their habitual doings are unhealthy behaviors, they are increasing their risk of CVD complications later on in life. The importance of healthy eating and daily physical activity are stressed throughout the program."

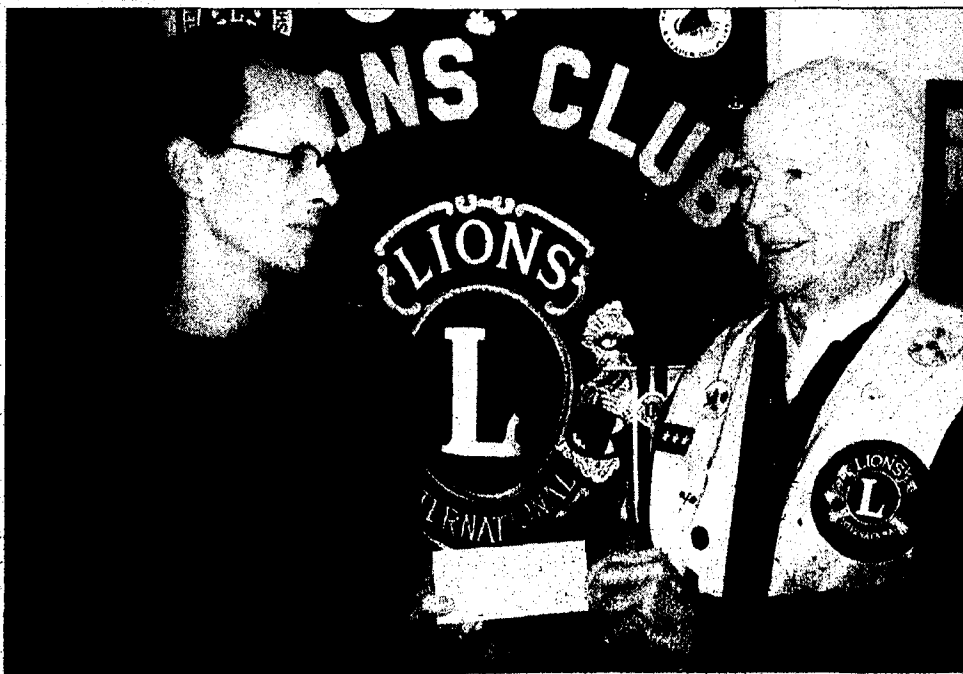
Boyne Valley Lions Club gives money away

BOYNE CITY - Although the Lions is an international organization, it has long been the policy of the Boyne Valley club to put most of the funds raised from various activities, back into the community. As a result of this policy, the Lions recently paid off a pledge to the new Boyne Senior Center by donating almost \$10,000 to that facility, and also paid off a \$7,600 pledge to the Boyne District Library building fund.

Funds are also spent locally on eyeglasses for those who cannot afford them, scholarships, and many other projects in keeping with the Lions' motto, "We serve."



Nannette Miller, above, director of the Boyne District Library, left, was pleased to accept a check from Lion's member Ed Hennessey that completed the club's pledge to the library building fund.



Greg Tate, left, director of the Charlevoix County Humane Society, accepts a check from Boyne Valley Lions Club member, Ed Hennessey. The Humane Society is one of the many local groups that received donations from the local Lions club.

BCMS students win with hero essays

BOYNE CITY - Three students from Boyne City Middle School have been named local winners in the 37th Annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, are Brittany Herrmann, first place, David Beek, second place, and Sterling Adgate, third place. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Brittany's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

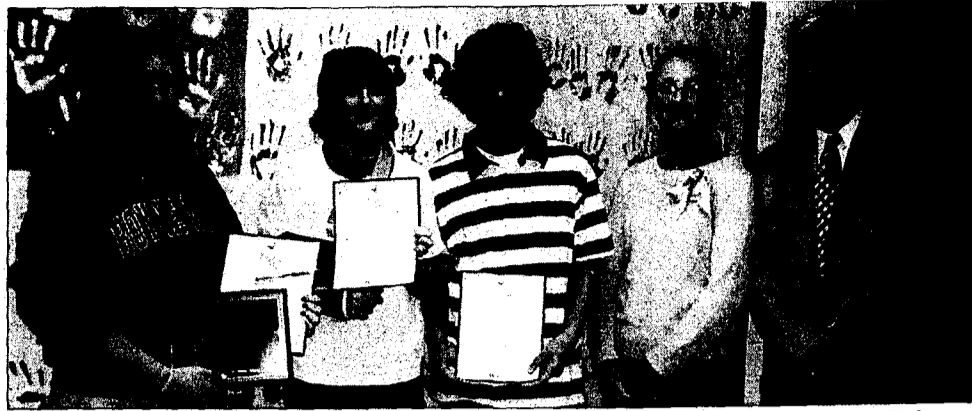
Brittany Herrmann's first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top ten essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders, and be the featured guests at a Lan-

sing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes a top Michigan government official and the sponsoring teachers of last year's top two statewide winners, will determine the ranking of the top ten statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools participated in the 2005-2006 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2005-2006 contest was "My American Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.



America and Me Essay Contest winners, are, from left, Boyne City eighthgraders Brittany Herrmann, first place, David Beek, second place, and Sterling Adgate, third place. Middle school principal Mindy Porter, and Boyne City school superintendent Jim Cooper are on hand to congratulate the contest winners.

The Stormy days

BY BRITTANY HERRMANN

Stormy is my best friend, though she is not a person or a dog. She is a warm blood, a perchorn, quarter horse cross and she, is the best friend anyone could ask for.

When I was very young I began asking for a horse almost daily and every day my parents would come up with a reason for why it was

impossible for me to have one. For every time they told me "no" I became more determined. In 2004 my Dad and I started building a barn in the field by our house. We bought a ex-barrel horse named Curious George, the name fit him perfectly. Later we decided to buy another horse and we brought Stormy home soon after.

At first George was my

favorite, when my friends came over to ride they would ride my bomb proof Stormy. One day our neighbor and I went for a ride. We trotted around the field for hours. As the sky began to get dark we started to walk to the barn. My neighbor's younger siblings came up behind us screaming. George took off running, bucking and kicking.

When I opened my eyes Stormy was walking by as her speechless rider nearly screamed. I couldn't breathe or move.

We sold George after he bucked my cousin off a few weeks later. Luckily her back was only sore, when I had fallen I had fractured two vertebrae in my back. I never wanted to even look at a horse ever again. I was heartbro-

ken and in so much physical pain.

Almost a month after I had taken my fall I decided that giving up just wasn't part of my nature. I went down to the barn and saddled up Stormy. I kicked her gently and she started to walk slowly. Somehow she knew I was afraid, I could feel it. Slowly she started to show me the joys of riding

again.

After many grueling hours of confidence building work, I found that Stormy was flawless. Every day I would walk down to the barn, apple in hand. She would greet me with a gentle whinny and when I would reach her side, she would search my pockets with her lips and blow air over my head until she was sure my hair was a mess.

And every evening, when we would ride together, things that she used to spook and shy at she would stand her ground, hoping that her bravery would help me. The more confident I became, the more she would test me.

I soon realized how she had forgiven me for all of my foolish mistakes. Thanks to her judgment and good nature, she has

helped me become a more patient and caring person. She changed my life forever. Together Stormy and I make a great team, because we understand one another. She always knows when I need a friend, and she stands by and believes in me though everything.

Brittany Herrmann is an eighth grader at Boyne City Middle School.

Still fighting

BY DAVID BEEK

When someone asks you what a hero is, in the back of your mind are you thinking - what kind of question is that? There are so many definitions of a hero it just depends on your beliefs. My definition of a hero is: Someone who you look up to, or greatly respect.

My hero is someone who most people wouldn't think is a real hero, but I do. My hero is my 7-year-old little sister. My little sister was born August 19, 1998, we

named her Chloe Rose. I remember going to the hospital the day she was born, she was extremely cute.

I can remember when Chloe turned one, people asking my parents at church if she's walking yet. We would say she is getting closer every day. Then, by the age of two she still couldn't walk. Chloe was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Cerebral palsy is a brain dysfunction that affects some muscles; CP just happened to affect my little sister's legs.

Now Chloe walks with a walker. Chloe is now 7 years old and still fighting to become stronger. Chloe is so determined to walk that she had surgery on her spine when she was four. The surgeons went into her back and cut a few nerves. It was a very risky surgery it could have paralyzed her for the rest of her life. Instead it really helped her to become stronger.

Chloe has to wear a type of brace on her legs they are called DAFOs. They are supposed to make her legs

stronger and put them into place. Instead, it just puts her in pain, the crying doesn't ever stop, but somehow she finds a way to fight through the pain and it helps her every day.

Somehow Chloe's little acts of courage really tend to motivate people. People really do feel sorry for her but I don't think they should because Chloe is just like any other little girl she has a lot of friends and loves Barbies with a passion. One time, when she was six, a

man just walked right up to her in a restaurant and handed her a fifty dollar bill just because she had CP.

Just last year we went to a real estate convention with my dad. There we went to see a motivational speaker; the speaker had spinal bifida a form of cerebral palsy. The man was in an electric wheelchair but still had a lot of spirit. People used to make fun of him but it never hurt his feelings he was really courageous and motivational. I

think he really motivated Chloe to keep trying.

Chloe is now seven and is about to have her second surgery (heel tendon transfer). Hopefully it will really help her. She is determined more and more every day to walk. Chloe motivates me to always try my best and to never give up. This determination that she has is what makes her "My American Hero."

David Beek is an eighth grader at Boyne City Middle School.

My American Hero

BY STERLING ADGATE

If you had a dream would you follow it? Would you keep trying until you succeeded? My American hero is Cary Adgate, whose dream started as a young boy.

Cary started skiing at the age of four, when his parents built a ski resort in a small northern Michigan town. By the age of eight he started enjoying racing against other local children. At the age of thirteen he was introduced to Martin Burger who started Boyne Mountain Ski School. Martin became his coach, men-

tor, and good friend. Cary was very dedicated to his dream, and always strived for perfection. Proving his dedication, Cary would often beg his mother to drive him to the ski area after hours so he could practice. Because the area did not have night skiing in 1966, Cary would hike to the top, carrying his equipment so he could take practice runs. He would repeat this many times until he had to go home to do homework. Cary's hard work was paying off; at thirteen, he was already beating the High School race team, but was unable to compete because

of his age.

In high school, Cary already had experienced international competition, including winning five U.S. National Championships. After graduating from Boyne City High School, he received a full scholarship from The University of Colorado, where he helped them win a NCAA Championship as a freshman.

Cary would only spend one year in college, because he was asked to join the U.S. Ski Team. It wasn't long before he went on to represent the United States in two Olympics. In

1976 he skied in the Innsbruck Olympics, and 1980 at Lake Placid Olympics.

He furthered his dreams by representing the U.S. for nine years on the World Cup circuit. He finished in the top five of five different World Cup races. He was ranked as high as third in the world.

Cary continued to race for another nine years where he became one of the most accomplished professional racers ever, with 25 tour victories and 71 top-four finishes. He

skied with the U.S. Pro Tour where he became the first American to lead a major professional tour in more than 12 years.

After his professional career, he returned to northern Michigan where he started a family. Cary ended up not being just a great skier, but also a great dad. In fact, he is my dad. Amazingly, in 2005, at the age of 51, he won the U.S. Masters Championship.

I have grown up watching my dad ski and have learned many lessons about dedication and hard work. He has shown me in many ways that anything is pos-

sible by working hard, and always sticking to your dreams.

Sterling Adgate is an eighth-grader at Boyne City Middle School.

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Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

Pets And Disease

Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly after handling pet hamsters, mice, gerbils guinea pigs, ferrets, rabbits, chicks, turtles and snakes. The CDC says that these animals may harbor harmful salmonella bacteria that can make you sick. The risk is especially high for children. Symptoms may include fever, diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal cramps. The bacteria are spread through contact with animal feces, so immediately wash your hands with soap and water after contact with pets, their bedding or cages. Keep pets away from the kitchen and food. Also, do not hold them near your mouth.

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Strange BUT TRUE

Do you suffer from ailurophobia? That's just a fancy way of saying that you hate cats. If you are ailurophobic, you're not alone: According to historians, Napoleon, Genghis Kahn, Adolph Hitler and Julius Caesar felt the same way. Interesting company to be in, don't you think?

It was Thomas Haliburton who noted, "There's many a mistake made on purpose."

The jukebox has been around since 1889, when the machine made its debut at a saloon in San Francisco. (Thought it wasn't called a jukebox then; at the time, it was known as a "nickel-in-the-slot player.") And it wasn't exactly like the music players we're familiar with today. It was simply a wooden cabinet with a phonograph player inside. Four tubes that resembled stethoscopes were attached to the cabinet, so no more than four people could enjoy the music at any given time — and each of those four people had to deposit five cents to activate the listening tube.

It's required by law that all U.S. currency have the national motto "In God We Trust" somewhere on it.

When you're whipping up a meal for the family, do you ever use saffron? If so, you know that it'll put a dent in your pocketbook. Not only is it one of the most ancient spices — records show that it was used as far back as 3,000 years ago — it is also one of the most expensive, with a price today of nearly \$30 for a single ounce. Why the high cost? It's because of the labor involved. Saffron comes from a type of crocus, and the delicate flowers must be processed by hand. Experts estimate that it takes 70,000 flowers to yield one pound of dried saffron.

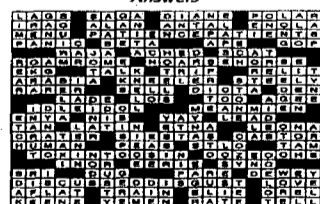
Thought for the Day: "Never pray for justice, because you might get some." — Margaret Atwood

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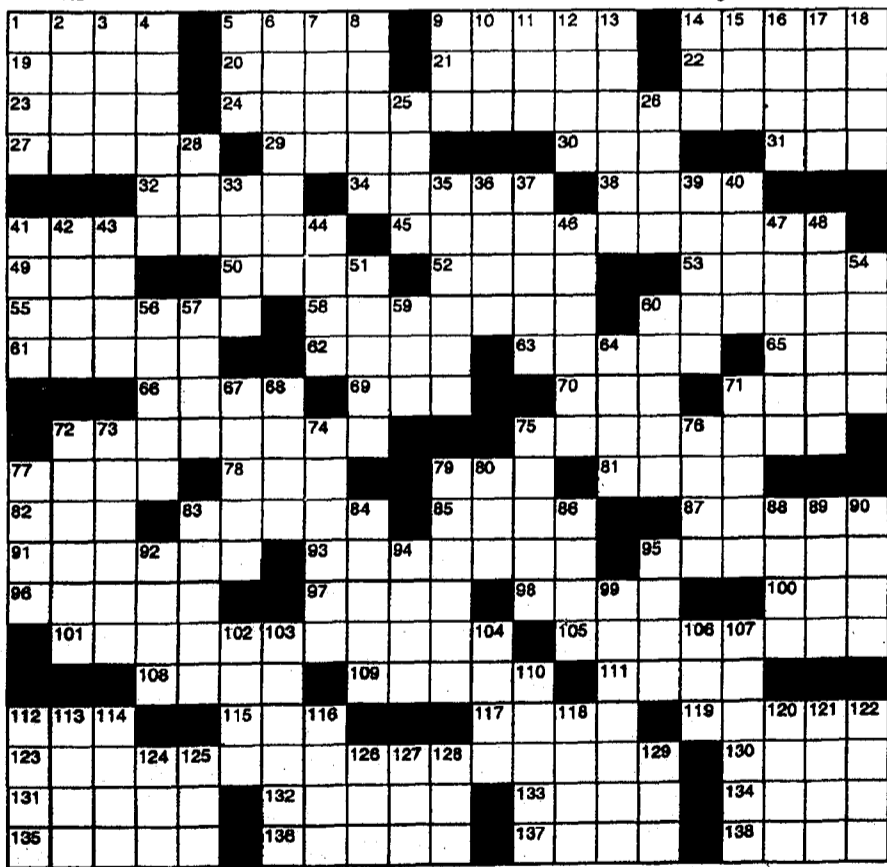
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MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND PLANNED EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND: Governing Body/Commission \$32,670, Administrator \$79,099, Elections \$8,600, Assessor \$30,000, Attorney/Counsel \$29,710, Clerk \$112,114, Board of Review \$1,195, Treasurer \$119,023, Data Processing/Computer Dept \$21,150, Building and Grounds \$102,310, Cemetery \$56,937, Police Department \$484,786, Fire Department \$94,217, Inspection Department \$ - , Zoning Board/Commission \$10,216, Department of Public Works \$507,580, Airport \$26,957, Street Lighting \$35,500, Brownfield Redevelopment \$250, Recreation/Parks Department \$68,003, Community & Skate Parks Department \$239,267, Elm Pointe Recreation Facility \$24,480, Civic Center Recreational Facility \$16,523, Sidewalks \$9,574, Transfer Out Control \$47,734, Total General Fund Expenditures \$2,157,895.

ANTICIPATED REVENUE - GENERAL FUND: Property Tax \$1,058,027, Misc. Tax Income \$15,480, Tax Collection Fees \$16,600, State Revenue \$279,800, State Liquor Control \$3,000, State Grant Bike Path \$114,000, Grants Private Source \$10,000, Federal Grant/Public Safety \$175,000, State Grant-Other \$5,000, Permits \$4,200, Township Contracts \$44,765, Airport User Fees \$600, Cemetery Fees \$13,000, Interest \$15,000, Rentals \$3,512, Rebates \$7,000, Miscellaneous \$12,390, Proceeds Fr Sale of Bonds/Note \$202,000, Operating Transfers In \$17,000, Sand Salt Reimbursement \$14,000, Sub Total General Fund Revenue \$2,010,374, Use of Funds on Hand (General Fund) \$147,521, Total General Fund Revenue \$2,157,895.

MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND PLANNED EXPENDITURES - MAJOR STREET FUND: Major Streets \$172,818, Total Major Street Fund Expenditures \$172,818.

ANTICIPATED REVENUE - MAJOR STREET FUND: Major Streets Fund \$195,419, Major Streets Fund Balance (\$22,601), Total Major Street Fund Revenue \$172,818.

MAJOR BUSINESS TYPE FUNDS EXPENSE REVENUE: Ambulance Fund \$525,229 \$496,000, Ambulance Fund Balance \$176,942, Harbor Fund \$269,789 \$183,890, Harbor Fund Balance \$116,934, Transfer Station \$41,306 \$35,100, Transfer Station Fund Balance \$49,052, Tourist Park Fund \$124,519 \$113,300, Tourist Park Fund Balance \$66,128, Sewer Fund \$433,160 \$335,581, Sewer Fund Fund Balance \$2,444,790, Water Fund \$581,919 \$517,047, Water Fund Fund Balance \$944,042.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND: Equipment Fund \$482,503 \$428,950, Equipment Fund Fund Balance \$296,923.

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DEBT SERVICE FUNDS EXPENSE REVENUE: 2002 Capital Improvement Bond Debt Fund \$15,068 \$15,068, 2002 Capital Imp. Bond Debt Fund Fund Balance \$102, 1999 MI Transportation Debt Retirement Fund \$37,120 \$37,120, 1999 MI Transp. Debt Ret. Fund Fund Balance \$104, 2001 MI Transportation Debt Retirement Fund \$24,645 \$24,645, 2001 MI Transp. Debt Ret. Fund Fund Balance \$91.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS EXPENSE REVENUE: Bandshell Construction Fund \$1,000 \$1,100, Bandshell Fund Fund Balance \$11,452, Industrial Complex Const. Fund \$100 \$15,000, Industrial Complex Const. Fund Fund Balance \$176.

FIDUCIARY FUND EXPENSE REVENUE: Perpetual Care Fund \$2,000 \$3,500, Perpetual Care Fund Fund Balance \$161,691.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND: Rehab I & II \$20,000 \$27,433, Rehab I & II Fund Balance \$60,916, Fire Equipment Fund \$232,341 \$259,431, Fire Equipment Fund Balance \$36,242, Local Streets Fund \$104,525 \$79,463, Local Streets Fund Balance \$25,064.

CITY OF EAST JORDAN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 PROPOSED BUDGET

MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND TIFA FUND EXPENSE REVENUE: Tifa Fund \$277,115 \$254,100, Tifa Fund Fund Balance \$23,375.

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS EXPENSE REVENUE: DDA 1997A Debt Retirement Fund \$80,080 \$80,080, DDA 1997A Debt Ret. Fund Fund Balance \$98, 1998 DDA Debt Retirement Fund \$74,319 \$74,319, 1998 DDA Debt Ret. Fund Balance \$90, 2003A DDA Bond Debt Fund \$9,865 \$9,865, 2003A DDA Bond Debt Fund Fund Balance \$99, 2003B DDA Bond Debt Fund \$22,350 \$22,350, 2003 B DDA Bond Debt Fund Fund Balance \$79, 2004 DDA M-66 Bike Path Bond Debt Fund \$9,213 \$9,213, 2004 DDA M-66 Bike Path Bd Dt Fund Fd Balance \$100.

A Public Hearing will be held on the above tentative 2006/2007 fiscal year budget Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING. THE PROPOSED BUDGET CALLS FOR A GENERAL TAX MILLAGE OF 17.7953 AND FIRE EQUIPMENT MILLAGE OF .4448.

A copy of the above detailed line item budget and proposed rates are available for review during regular office hours at City Hall.

Pageant princesses



Miss East Jordan hopefuls will prepare for the upcoming pageant for several weeks. Back, from left, Jaleesa Baler, Jessica Morris, Amber Lifer, Tassia Sweeney, Megan Warnos; front, from left: Brooke Sheridan, Tori Bingham, Sierra Roberts, and Amber Gettel.

'First Kids Bank' in EJES:

Students learn to manage money

EAST JORDAN - What is First Kids Bank? It is an East Jordan Elementary School program designed to help students save and manage money - and to have fun doing it.

First Kids Bank has graduated its first round of

bankers, managers and tellers, but it is still going strong, with 12 fifth-graders "hired" to run the bank through a series of applications and interviews.

The bank employees are trained to open new accounts, make deposits,

withdrawals, and balance their drawers. The bank is open for the whole school, with students, teachers and administrators all opening accounts at FKB.

The program is sponsored by Huntington Bank in East Jordan, and the accounts at FKB are real - students can open a new

account or make deposits from school into an existing account at Huntington.

Students are entered into a monthly prize drawing when they make a deposit.

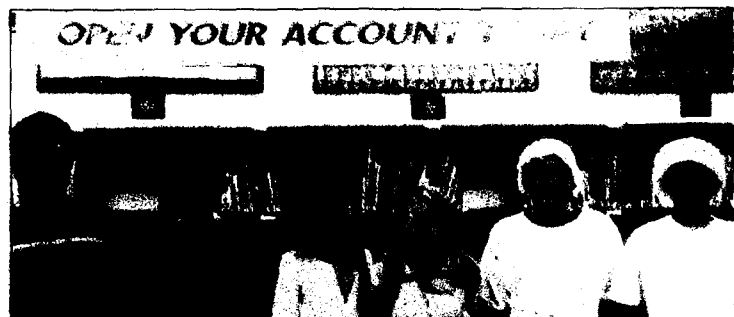
The FKB employees also get involved in community activities, such as having lunch with seniors,

and having a float in the Freedom Festival.

Students interested in opening an account may get an application at the Elementary School Media Center. The remaining FKB banking hours are Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 and 20, from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.



Second semester First Kids Bank employee Donnie Miller, branch manager, cuts the ribbon for the opening ceremonies at the FKB "branch office." Rachel Bernier is the assistant branch manager. Other employees are Chelsea Joki, McKenna Sletznier, Parker McNitt, Rachel Bernier, and Zack Shepard. Missing from the picture are Casey Keene and Emily Wright, for whom first semester employees Parker and McKenna are substituting.



First semester First Kids Bank employees include, from left, Jordan Edmonds, Parker McNitt, Macie Ostrom, McKenna Sletznier, Grant Walker, and Joseph Manville. The branch manager is Jordan Edmonds, and the assistant branch manager is Parker McNitt.



Brittany Scott, a senior at East Jordan High School, attended the second semester grand opening ceremonies for the First Kids Bank. Brittany was an FKB employee when she was in fifth grade.

\$400 worth



Family barber, Shirley Matz of Boyne City cuts Eagle member, Denny Christensen's hair for the Locks of Love to make wigs and hair pieces for cancer patients. \$400 was raised for this haircut for Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders.



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Increase

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assessment, as well as college and the workforce, Jarema said.

School Superintendent Jim Cooper asked that the board consider a procedure for handling requests for additional school sports. "Obviously, with the budget we can't just put a model in place," Cooper said. "We're not in a position to add athletic programs, so we need a process in place to evaluate our existing program. That is, the board needs a way to assess these requests."

Anyone interested in creating a new sports program would first apply to the school district's Athletic Advisory Council for its consideration, Cooper said. The application would include information for the proposed sport, such as participating age levels, estimated financing for uniforms, equipment, transportation, coaches salaries, and other information.

The Athletic Advisory Council would make a decision based on criteria, including the requirement that the sport must be offered by a minimum of 50-percent of the other schools in the league conference, and the program must be fully funded by the applicant for five years.

Also at the March 13 meeting, the board discussed the search for a superintendent. The school board has received approximately two dozen calls from educators and superintendents interested in the open position. Cooper will leave the school district at the end of May, following five years as superintendent.

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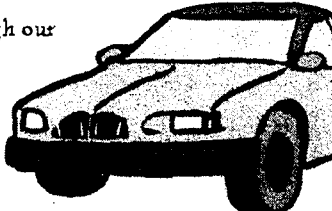
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