



COMING EVENTS

Kids Gardening class offered

BOYNE CITY - The Boyne City area will offer three after school Junior Master Gardening classes for grades 3-5 at the following schools: Boyne City Middle School, Boyne Falls & Concord Academy Boyne. East Jordan will also offer a JMG class after school. A JMG notebook, T-shirt, snacks, crafts and more will be provided. Cost \$15.00. Classes are sponsored through the Charlevoix County 4-H Program and Master Gardeners. Call the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office at 231-582-6232 for registration information.

Maundy Thursday service scheduled

BOYNE CITY - Maundy Thursday service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 401 S. Park St., Boyne City at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13.

"The Lord's Passion Remembrance" will be presented; the Matthew passion narrative divided into eleven lessons including the Lord's Supper and Tenebrae Service.

Children invited to Easter Egg Hunt

WALLOON LAKE - The tenth annual Walloon Lake Easter egg hunt will be held on April 16, at 1 p.m., at the Melrose Township Park in Walloon Lake. There will be two age divisions: 0-5 years and 6-12 years. The first place winner of each division will win a brand new bike. For more information call 231-535-2007 or walloonlakeeasteregg hunt@yahoo.com

Kindergarten Round Up

BOYNE CITY - Children ready for kindergarten and their parents are invited to attend the kindergarten round up at Concord Academy Boyne, on Tuesday, April 18, during school hours. Each child will be individually evaluated to test the knowledge that the children already have. Parents and children will also be able to tour the school and meet faculty and staff.

Parents must call for an appointment. In order to register for kindergarten children must turn five prior to Dec. 1, 2006. Parents must also bring the child's birth certificate, vaccination records and a copy of the child's social security card.

Concord Academy Boyne is a public K-12 school of choice that focuses on teaching the fine arts everyday. CAB is located between Boyne City and Boyne Falls on M-75. For information regarding the school or to make an appointment for kindergarten round up, call 231-582-0194.

Choral accepting grant applications

The Northern Michigan Chorale is announcing the availability of vocal music grants for summer music study. These grants are for anyone of high school age or older in Emmet, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties.

Letters of application are due by Friday, April 21, and should include name, address and telephone number. Also, specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music camp assistance. High school applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from their music instructor.

Auditions will take place May 1. Applicants will be notified of time and place.

Send letters of application to the Northern Michigan Chorale, Box 51, Petoskey, MI 49770.

City discusses dredging, teen center, budget

BY JANE BOOZE
Contributing Writer

EAST JORDAN - Following a lengthy budget discussion meeting on Monday, March 27, the regularly-scheduled Tuesday evening East Jordan city commission meeting was short and to the point. The consent agenda was passed with no discussion. The remaining items on the regular agenda were also all passed. These included a resolution to place delinquent bills on the 2006 summer tax roll for collection; a resolution for a charitable gaming license for the Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop

to hold a Ducky Derby; and a resolution to update the East Jordan Community Recreational Plan.

In his comments, city administrator David White addressed the dredging and repair issues for the boat launch and city marina. R.E. Lyons has given the city a bid for repair work to the city boat slips 57 and 60, as well as to straighten bumpers and do some maintenance on the pier. The bid for the docks was \$9,800, and the pier work was bid at \$6,100. The total of \$15,900 is in the budget, but Parks and Recreation manager Tom Cannon requested that the commission allow him to borrow the money from a re-

habilitation fund in order to get the project started. The money would be paid back when the budget is approved.

The commission approved Cannon's request and also voted to enter a contract with Lyons.

The Department of Environmental Quality has ordered that the city collect dredge samples before it can move forward with its dredging permit, and Gourdie Frasier will obtain the samples for a cost not-to-exceed \$5,600. White requested permission to borrow the amount from the city fund balance in order to move forward. If the samples are not obtained

as ordered by the DEQ, the permit will be expired and the city will have to reapply for a permit.

The commission voted to authorize the loan from the fund balance. The current permit only allows for a small amount of dredging to be done. According to White's report, the city has a "maintenance dredging permit, good until 2008, for the boat launch. This will allow for a Band-Aid measure for the boat launch to open this year."

White reported that dredging work for the harbor will take longer, and said, "Staff is now reviewing all options to see if any relief can take place

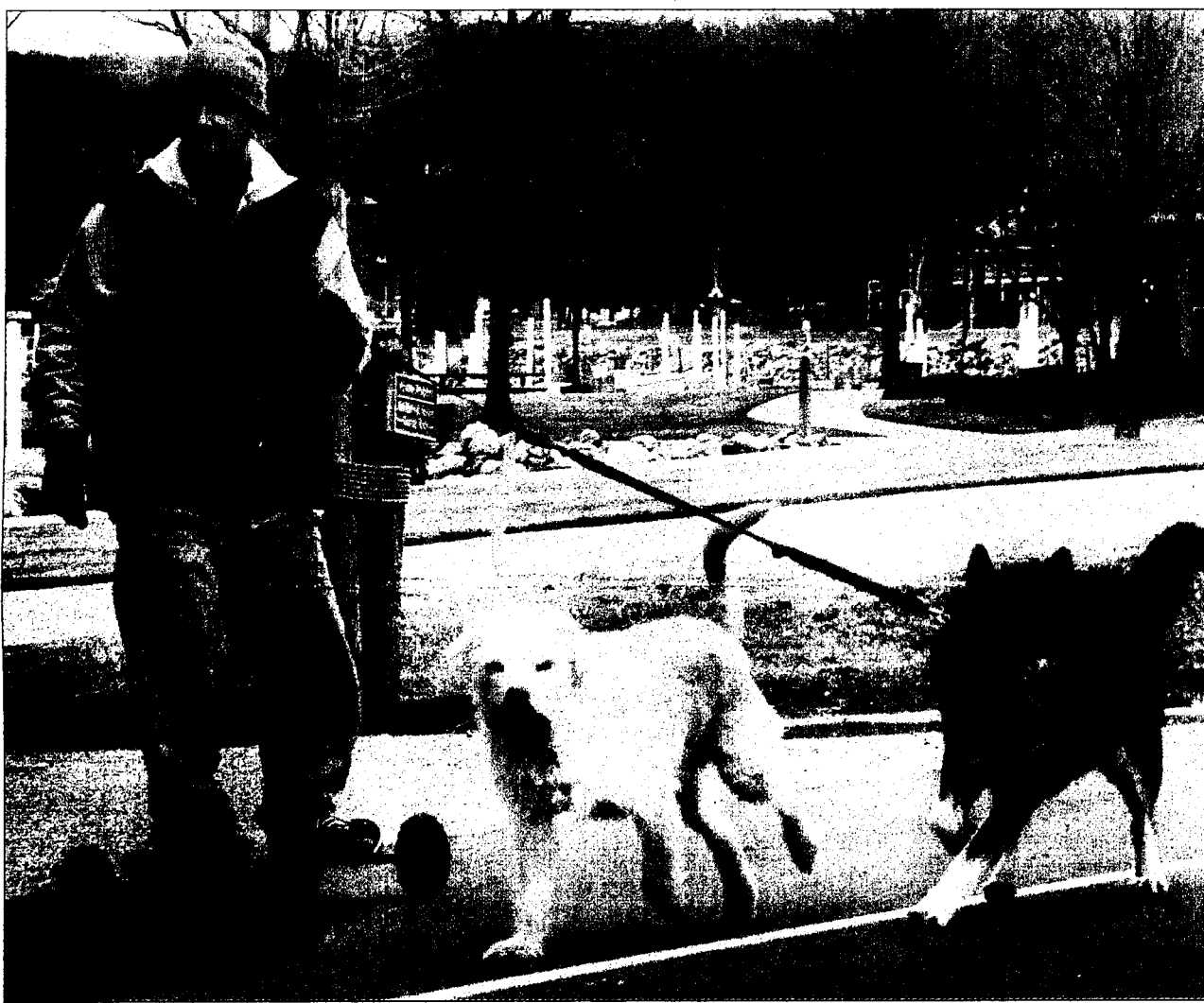
this year for the harbor."

During the commissioner's comments, commissioner Ron Klooster said that he had been approached by an ecumenical church group interested in using the former Four Corners Market for a teen center, and wondered if the city would consider allowing the use of the building.

Mayor Mark Postma stated that the group would have to present a formal request, but recommended that the request be made quickly, as the commission will be making a decision soon on demolition options. Other

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Dog days of spring



The water wasn't warm enough for wake boarding last week, but Eric Baxter of Boyne City still accepted a tow from his friends "Nelly" and "Cody" in front of Harborage Marina. The activity is called "dog-boarding."

PHOTO BY VIC RUGGLES

Public hearing set on proposed new budget

BY B. J. HETLER
Contributing Writer

BOYNE CITY - The proposed city budget for fiscal year May 1, 2006-April 30, 2007, was reviewed by city commissioners at the March 28 commission meeting and is now up for public comments.

A public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, at City Hall, after which commissioners will likely vote on adopting the proposed \$11,202,039 budget.

The new fiscal year is in step with past years' financial challenges for the city and the state as a whole, city manager Michael Cain reported to commissioners.

A portion of the expense for repair and reconstruction of streets, both major and local, must be met by the city in order for it to take advantage of available state funds. The proposed budget allocates \$964,670 for major streets, such as Front Street, and \$573,140 for local streets, including North and Bay streets.

Michigan's economic outlook remains troublesome, Cain said. State revenue sharing is expected to decrease and the city's proposed budget anticipates this. Boyne City continues to find its own financial house in good order, he said.

Total city millage rates will decrease by 0.5 mills. The proposed

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Boyne City honors citizen and Eagle's Lodge

BY B. J. HETLER
Contributing Writer

BOYNE CITY - Kay Sweet was driving through town on a night in January when she noticed smoke coming from a house on Park Street. She stopped and roused the family, all of whom had been sleeping.

"Her actions may have saved the family's lives," fire chief Dennis Amesbury said. He presented Sweet with an award for her deed at the city commission meeting on March 28.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles received recognition by the fire department for its generosity and donations to the department, including a recent \$1,200 check, water rescue suits and a rescue basket. Jim Lambdin, its president, accepted a plaque on behalf of the Eagles Lodge.

Also at the March 28 meeting, city commissioners approved a community development plan that is required for the city to receive a \$1 million grant from the state's Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The plan addresses housing, employment opportunities and residents, especially those with low and moderate incomes. It also lists infrastructure improvements, such as



Boyne City Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury presents an award on March 28 at City Hall to Kay Sweet for her actions in January when she woke family members whose house on Park Street was on fire. Everyone made it out safely.

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The Fraternal Order of Eagle's Lodge 1583 was honored March 28 at City Hall for its generosity to the Boyne City Fire Department. The Eagle's have recently donated \$1,200, water rescue suits, a rescue basket and made other contributions. Jim Lambdin (left), the Eagle's Lodge president, accepted a plaque on behalf of the organization from fire chief Dennis Amesbury (right).

the replacement and reconstruction of sewer, water and streets.

The city was notified in a letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that biologists from the Ludington Biological Station will treat the Boyne River for sea lamprey larvae in May. Biologist Alex Gonzalez said the lamprey larvae are found in streams and rivers and were recently detected in the Boyne River.

"The Boyne River is unique," Gonzalez said in a telephone inter-

view.

"It is a relatively short river and is silty, probably from the logging days." The silt provides protection for the sea lamprey's larvae.

The treatment is part of continuing efforts to control the parasite that would have a detrimental effect upon fish in the Great Lakes if left unchecked, Gonzalez said in the letter.

Commissioners approved the \$55,049 bid of Tri County Excavating for storm sewer replacement on

Division Street from Lake through Park streets. Tri County Excavating submitted the low bid out of nine bids received by the city.

The next city commission meeting

is 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, at City Hall. A public hearing on the new city budget will be held prior to commissioners voting for adoption of the budget.

Budget

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budget's overall city millage rate is the lowest the city has levied since 1975, Cain said.

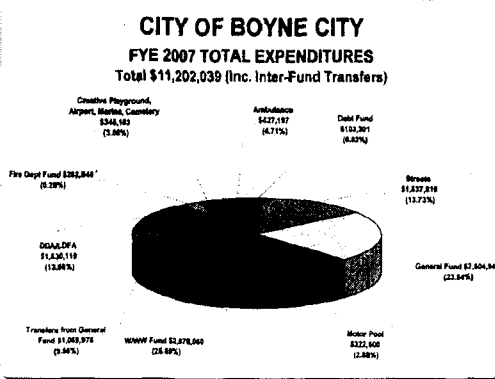
Residents will see a 3 percent increase in water rates. Ambulance fees are proposed to increase by 3 percent, and wastewater system rates would increase by 3 percent. Wastewater rates are lower than the past year when they were in the 5 percent range, Cain said.

Significant items for the new fiscal year include the completion of a new wastewater treatment facility, the beginning of the infrastructure improvement project and plans for the city marina improvements. Marina rates include a new fee for seasonal dinghy storage for non-marina users who would like to park a dinghy on city property.

The next fiscal year revenues are projected at

\$11,202,039. Of that total \$2,637,456 is projected to come from property taxes. Other revenues include the water and wastewater fund projected at \$2,878,060, the street fund at \$1,537,810 and the Downtown Development Authority and Main Street program at \$1,530,119.

Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at City Hall and the public library.



BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

Monday, March 27-Sunday, April 2, 2006

Monday, March 27: Report of malicious destruction of property at Boyne City High School; officer assist on N. Lake Street; embezzlement complaint under investigation at Boyne City Food Mart; citation issued for expired registration; trespassing on Wenonah Street; one arrested on probation violation; speed citation issued.

Tuesday, March 28: Unlock in Post Office lot; unlock at The Max car wash; noise complaint off S. Lake Street; malicious destruction of property to restrooms at Barn Mountain; suspicious vehicle on Lake Shore Drive; property damage accident on N. Park Street; warrant arrest-transported to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

Wednesday, March 29: Parking citation issued; speed citation issued; unlock

at Deer Meadows; officer assist with assault complaint.

Thursday, March 30: One arrested for warrant and minor in possession of alcohol; citation issued for no operator's license on person; verbal domestic at Parkview Apartments.

Friday, March 31: Officer assist on Haven Court; operating while intoxicated arrest-lodged; larceny from McDonald's under investigation; unlock on E. Water Street.

Saturday, April 1: Disturbance at the Tannery; report of fight at corner of E. Main and S. Park Streets; one arrested for domestic assault on E. Main Street; unlock on N. Lake Street; citation issued for expired registration; juvenile runaway reported and returned home.

Sunday, April 2: Hit and run accident in Glen's parking lot; noise complaint at Parkview Apartments.

Cars crash near East Jordan

SOUTH ARM TWP. - A two-car personal injury accident occurred Wednesday, March 22, on Ellsworth Road about one half mile west of the East Jordan city limits.

James Smith of Charlevoix was eastbound on the road, when he lost control of his vehicle due to snow and ice on the road. Smith's car, a 1998 Ford Taurus, ran off the south side of the road, the rear passenger side corner of the car hitting some trees. Smith was apparently not injured in the incident.

But after an East Jordan Police officer arrived at

the scene, a Dodge Stratus driven by a Michelle Rudzitis, also slipped off the road, hitting Smith's Taurus. Both Rudzitis and her passenger, Brian Lark, were injured in the crash, with Rudzitis complaining of pain in her neck and back, and Lark complained of a leg injury. Lark and Rudzitis were transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital by East Jordan ambulance.

Several other vehicles were observed by law enforcement and Smith having trouble on the road between the two accidents.

Bomb threat a hoax

EAST JORDAN - A hand-written bomb threat note found in a bathroom at East Jordan High School Wednesday, March 22, was determined the same day to be a hoax, according to a release from superintendent Chip Hansen.

"A thorough search of the building was conducted by school officials, law enforcement personnel and the canine unit, and the threat was determined to be a hoax," states the release, which was distributed the day of the incident. "Consistent with EJPS procedures, students and staff members were evacuated, while the East Jordan City

Police, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and EMS crews responded.

"The response effort was also supported by the Michigan State Police Canine Unit. The fire department and EMS, pursuant to our procedures, established a perimeter around the school. The perimeter was very helpful in keeping passers-by out of the area. This is our established procedure and it works very well."

Hansen's release stated that police were working to identify the person or persons responsible for the note.

Center

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commissioners agreed that a teen center is a good idea, but suggested that other buildings might better meet the need for a teen center.

Attorney Scott Beatty said the group interested in starting a teen center at the Four Corners location should make their request to Parks and Recreation director, Tom Cannon.

There will be a pre-construction meeting on Wednesday, April 12 for the M-32 Michigan Department of Transportation project. After the meeting there will be a public hearing to be held by MDOT to answer questions regarding the project. White has heard some concerns from local businesses about the affect to their businesses due to road closure during construction.

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, April 18, regarding the budget. The budget will be accepted with changes at the regular April 18 commission meeting, and will be adopted the following meeting, so citizens who are concerned with budget issues are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

Extra Health Tip: Check Expiration Dates

The expiration date that drug manufacturers are required to list on their products represents the time frame in which the manufacturer can guarantee the full potency and safety of the drug. Many medications may still be effective beyond the expiration date, but check with your pharmacist before taking them. Your pharmacist can also tell if the older drugs will interact with any new ones you may be taking. It's a good idea to go through your medicine cabinet once a year and discard expired drugs. Always store medications in a cool, dry place and out of reach of children.

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Ecumenical Good Friday service venue changed

The Boyne Christian Ministerial Association will be sponsoring the annual Good Friday service for the area churches, on April 14 at noon. This year will find the service at a new location, as a Roman Catholic service will be held separately at St. Matthew.

Therefore, the Protestant churches of the area will be holding a brief 40minute service at the United Methodist Church, located at 324 S. Park St. in Boyne City. All are welcome to come and reflect on

the great gift of the passion and crucifixion of Jesus Christ in a service of remembering, giving, and commitment.

The Good Friday message will be given by Rev. Dave Crumbaugh, president of the Boyne Christian Ministerial Association.

There will be an offering received for the association's benevolence fund, administered by the deacons of the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City, which helps those in need in the area.

DEATH NOTICE

Nicholas E. Bingham, 21, of East Jordan, died Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Michigan from injuries sustained in a recent logging accident.

Funeral services were held on Sunday,

April 2, at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Interment will be in St. John Nepomucene Praga Cemetery, Jordan Township, Antrim County. The family was served by Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Andy Reynolds
PARENTS: Julie and Randy Reynolds
GRADE: 11th
FAVORITE CLASS: Math
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Four-wheelers and snowmobiles
FAVORITE SPORT: Baseball
FAVORITE FOOD: Pizza
FAVORITE BOOK: Forrest Gump
FAVORITE MOVIE: The Fast and the Furious
FUTURE PLANS: Woodworker
STAFF COMMENTS: "Andy is a pleasure to have in the classroom. He puts forth a great effort and is always willing to help others out. I also had the opportunity to coach Andy on the basketball team and he shows the same work ethic on the court as well as in the classroom. Congratulations, Andy, on being chosen as Student of the Week. You earned it!" - Mr. Hamilla



PARENTS: Kelli and Kirk Mousseau
GRADE: Ninth
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Volleyball
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Algebra and Art
FUTURE PLANS: Architect or interior design
STAFF COMMENTS: "Kayla is an outstanding student in drafting. She comes to class ready to work, she asks great questions, and has one of the highest grades of all drafting students!" - Mr. Cross
 "Always wants to do her best. Hard working. Kind and friendly to all students." - Mrs. Stangis
 "Kayla is quite the personality. Her sense of humor and desire to excel make her stand out in many ways. She works extremely hard and always has additional question(s) and comments about the topics studied in biology. She is one of a kind!" - Mr. Bailey
 "I look forward to seeing the projects that Kayla completes because they are so creative, artistic and accurate. Way to go Kayla." - Mr. Essenberg
 "Kayla Mousseau is a very focused student. She sets high standards and goals for herself and achieves them. Her work is always above average and she has a creative streak that runs through all that she turns in. She is quiet yet willing to advocate for herself and others. Kayla is an outstanding candidate for student of the week." - Mrs. Tinney



Concord Academy Boyne

NAME: Garrett Crego
PARENTS: Mark and Rhonda Crego of Boyne Falls
GRADE: 10th
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Snowmobiling, history
FAVORITE FOOD: Ramen noodles
FAVORITE CLASSES: American history, art
FAVORITE BOOK: "Fighting Eagles"
FUTURE PLANS: To be a contractor like my dad
STAFF NOMINATION FOR CHARACTER EDUCATION, FAIRNESS: Garrett is a student who always works well with others in class. He never gets upset when other students are chosen before him; however, he steps up to be a part. He is a polite and courteous young gentleman and is looked up to by students and staff.
CONCORD CARES: "As I am a Jehovah Witness, I helped my congregation by shoveling off the roof."



Boyne City High School

NAME: Ali Danforth
PARENTS: Joyce and Greg Danforth
GRADE: 11th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Soccer and tennis.
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I enjoy snowboarding and painting.
FUTURE PLANS: I plan to attend college to become a Marine Biologist, then travel the world.
STAFF COMMENTS: "Ali is a pleasure to have in class. She is a self-motivated, hard working student who pays close attention to detail. Ali is also good at helping others in class." Mr. Mansfield, Accounting Teacher
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: "Cowabunga!"



East Jordan High School

NAME: Kayla Mousseau

Students ponder pathways, consider careers

EAST JORDAN - On Tuesday, March 28, East Jordan High School students participated in a career day, coordinated by Deb Harm, the school's School-to-Work Counselor. The career day featured a variety of guest speakers and presenters spanning the entire scope of East Jordan's career pathways opportunities.

The day began with Steve King (financial advisor and partner of Hackney Financial LLC in Traverse City) as a keynote speaker presenting to the entire student body. His presentation was thorough, and covered issues such as personal finance, saving, and credit. Following the keynote address, students attended breakout sessions in the areas of arts and communication, business, management and marketing technology, engineering, manufacturing and industrial technology, health science, human service, natural resources and agriscience, and a special senior program that addressed the interview process.

Guest presenters included:
 David and Andrew Otis - Otis Pottery
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 Marla Steinhoff - massage therapist, Xtreme Relief Massage Therapy
 Bernadette Raymond - registered nurse, Charlevoix Area Hospital
 Jim Slough - pilot

Patrick McGinn - clinical psychologist, Harbor Hall
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 Steve King - financial advisor, Hackney Financial Services LLC
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(Back, from left) Brenton Fitzpatrick, Evan Conklin and Adrian Bryant, (middle) Rachel Jabara, Rudy Aronoff, Molly Hausler, Paige Smith, (front) Superintendent James Cooper, Brandi McMillan, Jacie Fountain, Megan Bascom, Haili Friedrich, Kayla VanAlstine, Principal Mrs. Karen Jarema.

Seniors earn All-Conference for academics

BOYNE CITY - Boyne City High School is proud to recognize the twelve senior scholars earning the title of the 2006 Lake Michigan All-Conference Academic Team. The All-Conference academic team is selected by a formula using a student's cumulative grade point average and ACT composite score. The students were recognized formally at an awards program on March 15 at the Elk Rapids High School by the eight principals of the Lake Michigan Conference schools (Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Harbor Springs, Kalkaska, and TC St. Francis) with a certificate and All-Conference medallion. In attendance at the program was Superintendent James Cooper, parents and other family members of the honorees.

Honor Society Grows

EAST JORDAN - On Tuesday, March 28, the East Jordan Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted 20 new members. This is the second year the middle school has sponsored a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, an affiliate to the National Honor Society, both of which promote scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character among young people.

The students inducted Tuesday spanned each of the grades at the middle school, and represented students with high academic and citizenship standards. Students with exemplary academic performance were invited to apply to the chapter by submitting an information packet detailing each of their experiences relating to service and leadership. A faculty council met to evaluate the application forms and selected the students based on a scaled rating of criteria.

The induction ceremony featured current members of the chapter reading about each of the pillars of the society "scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character" as well as an introductory speech delivered by seventh grade student and president of the chapter, Brandi Bartlett. Parents had an opportunity to visit with the new inductees following the ceremony as well as walk through the gallery of science fair displays set up at the middle school.

"It was a great time for families to celebrate and recognize their child's success," according to chapter advisor and school counselor Cynthia Boss. Students inducted included sixth graders Ellen Boyer, Emily Crick, Mariah Kelly, Calli Kujat, Kelsey Moore, Rachel Neal, Hannah Page, Fred Segraves, Lissa Vincent, and Marcus Wingate; seventh graders Mollie Andor, Katie Carter, Syndal Morris, Rachel Mumich, and Brady Brennan; eighth graders Jeri Brooks, Renee Evans, Andrew Nemecek, Erin Poindexter, and Kalie Tyree. Existing members are President, Brandi Bartlett, seventh grade. Vice President, Amber Barnum, seventh grade. Secretary, Sara Robinson, eighth grade. Treasurer, Dillon Hughes, eighth grade; seventh graders Wesley Petrie, Sarah Byce, Sarah Jordan, Brianne Prins, and Trista Karlskin; eighth graders Kailin Keane, Hannah David, Maribeth Poindexter, Haylee Tieber, and Ben Oliver.

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OPINION

Movie meltdown

I took three of my nephews, ranging from 14 to 9, to see "Ice Age, the Meltdown," Sunday. We left the house early, figuring there would be a line for a Sunday matinee on the show's opening weekend, but in fact, we were among the first there, and the boys selected excellent seats.

Tiny little kids surrounded us. For those of you who watched the first "Ice Age," you will know that the main story line is intersected by a squirrel who is on a quest to capture and keep an acorn. This squirrel-gets-acorn, squirrel-loses-acorn saga continues in the sequel, and is in some ways the favorite part of the movie for young aficionados - and probably for the rest of us.

LAST CALL



Jane Booze

But now I am going to give something away. It is small - you might miss it. Maybe I should have missed it. Maybe I am too particular about such things. Maybe I need to loosen up. What do you think?

There is a point in the movie when the meltdown has begun and chunks of an iceberg are beginning to break loose, threatening the prehistoric cartoon characters with extinction by drowning.

One mother is standing below the cliff-like glacial wall, and as she watches a big block of ice calve off the top, she says, wonderingly, "Damn!"

I am not shocked. I am just bewildered.

Why this gratuitous "damn" in the middle of a kids' movie? There were other moments too adult, but perhaps enough too adult to worry about. If the child isn't going to get it, maybe it's okay to slip in some humor a bored mom or dad can appreciate in the midst of the silliness.

But kids get "damn." And while in some households that is pretty mild language, in many households it's still swearing. It is in mine even today, and only adults live there.

Casual swearing is immensely prevalent, I know that. Most people use a little blue language in the course (coarse?) of the day. If you ever use a computer, you either swear, if mildly and only occasionally (or only in German), or are eligible for sainthood. Sometimes swearing is effective, and may be redeemed by usefulness, although I personally draw the line at some words which are never, ever necessary.

I always told my kids - and they have frequently ignored this good advice - that swearing only has one value: shock value. If you use it too frequently, you lose the only value it has. Resorting to swearing in normal conversation is indicative of a flimsy or lazy vocabulary.

In any case, is there any place for it in a kids' movie? What was gained? What point was made? Who benefits here? Certainly there was no real shock value, and it was a relatively mild swear word, but what was the point?

I think it's a sign of the times. It's a sign of the coarsening of the culture that transcends just language. I would love to return to a culture that was just a little more genteel. I would like us all to refrain a little more from vulgarity. We could all go back in the closet. We could all talk a little less about sexuality, use language that was a little more refined, listen to music that elevated (but not elevator music), read books that make us reach for the dictionary.

That mom could have said, "Zounds!" or "Eureka!" Both are short and to the point, like "damn." They have a humor factor, in that they're funny-sounding words. And they have this redemptive value as well - they increase vocabulary. They add color (not blue) and depth. They make kids giggle, but not guiltily. Try it, you'll see.

There are those who will see this complaint of mine - and it is a complaint, though I enjoyed the movie - as inhibited, censorious, or petty. I don't agree. Some things just don't belong in a children's movie.

TODAY IN DUH-NEWS: A STUDY SHOWS AMERICANS ARE SWEARING MORE.



Pleased to make your acquaintance

The hardest thing about writing columns in which one is supposed to introduce one's self to the general public is the probability that one will never meet half of the people who read the column. To me it seems a little like putting a personals ad in the paper: You don't really care what everybody who reads the ad thinks of you so much as you care what the three or four people who respond to the ad, and whom you might eventually meet in person.

My name is Steve Kloosterman. I'm pleased to be the new editor of the Citizen-Journal, pleased to make your acquaintance, and let me start things off by stating that I have never placed a personals ad in a newspaper, or online, nor do I ever hope to do so.

I grew up around Kalamazoo, where I was the spitball-shooting, sneaker-squeaking, dodgeball-throwing urchin of suburbia. After that, I was the basketball-playing, homework-churning preppie at Plymouth Christian high school in Grand Rapids, and at the tender age of 20 became the sleepless, cranky, and stress-ridden editor of the student newspaper at Dordt College in Iowa.

Today, I'm just pretty much your average shmoe. I work a fair amount, read some, watch movies some, and do some non-work related writing. In the time I have left over, I like to play basketball and video games, in that order. I've had to give up spitball-shooting, and dodgeball.

I expect that most people, when they first get out of college imagine, as I did, a career full of extraordinary accomplishments: winning the Pulitzer, fighting in a war, building a beautiful work of art, running a Fortune 500 company, or landing a contract in professional sports. One of my own dreams is to write for a daily newspaper. Another is to write a humorous novel, in the style of James Thurber, Dave Barry, P.G. Wodehouse or Carl Hiaasen. Since I'm still a fairly young person, there's still plenty of time

for me to accomplish those dreams. But what I'm finding out is that there's really no sense in hurrying along the way.

Switching jobs can be a nerve-wracking thing. Last Thursday, I was hurrying along the highway, trying to make it to another appointment, and then home-I will be moving up, but now I'm commuting from Bellaire—when I calmed down enough to realize what a beautiful day it was. In Ellsworth, I saw the girl's softball team practicing at the ball diamond, and I saw a little boy swing a stick at some imaginary dragons in his front yard. Out in the country, I saw a sea gulls flocking behind a tractor, to gobble worms out of the freshly plowed soil. All I could think was, "I'm rich." I had an internship in Chicago before I moved to Michigan, and although at the time I would have given my eye teeth to stay there and work at a big paper, I don't regret moving now. Northern Michigan—Charlevoix County especially—really is a beautiful, comfortable sort of place, and I'm blessed to have the opportunity to live here.

The other thing that I've found I like about writing for local newspapers is that you do—quite often, actually—get to meet a lot of the people you're writing for. It's actually kind of refreshing to see somebody in the grocery store or in the gas station that you met while writing an article, and have the chance to catch up with them on how they're doing. It's also refreshing to have an audience to write for—one of the first things they tell you in school about writing is to think of who you're writing for, and that's really hard to do if half a million or more people are going to read your articles. Not so at local newspapers. You've got to be accurate, but also gentle, and where possible, kind, because your friends, neighbors and acquaintances will know that you wrote it. You've also got to find and write good stories, and put as much community news items as you can in the paper, because (in the Citizen-Journal's case, at least) the only local paper, and people are counting on you to do a good job for them. It's a big responsibility—almost a frightening one until you realize that the community can be your friend. You can let go and become one of them. And then, some people will understand if you miss a story, or forget to put in something they submit, because they know you, and because they know you are human.

In short: I'm going to be happy to live here, I'm already happy to work here, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can.

THE SMIRK



Steve Kloosterman

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Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

LETTERS

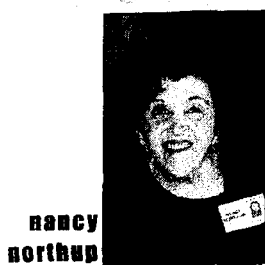
At-a-girl!

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to give Jane Booze an "at-a-girl" for her column titled "A Welcoming Society" in the March 29th Citizen. She was right on the mark with her views and conclusions and wrote as if she wanted to make a difference. When you possess writing tal-

ent, never waste it on the mundane, but write to make a difference and never forgetting the price of Liberty Is Eternal Vigilance and Freedom Is Not Free!

NEIGHBORS

•We have a mystery person who decorates an evergreen tree for every holiday. The tree is at the intersection of East Division and Boyne Ave. No one seems to know who does it, but it sure is a conversation piece. Whoever it may be, keep up the good work. It definitely is noticed!!



Nancy Northrup

•Laura Cole Crumpler was honored with a wonderful baby shower on Saturday, March 25. About 70 friends and family members gathered at the decorated pink and pretty former senior center at city hall for a fun time. Laura and husband Bowdie have already chosen the name Ayrianna Bryce Crumpler for their expected daughter. Ayrianna Bryce to be received many lovely gifts. Grandparents of this "to be born anytime" little girl are Bob Cole and Jerry and Kathy Gilbert and Terry and Pam Handy Crumpler. Bill and Carol of Petoskey catered the lovely event.

•Richard Dunsmore of Boyne City spent a few days this past week visiting friends in the Detroit area.

•Penny and Jenny Hardy and Gen Varnum have returned from spending about 4 days in the Columbus, Ohio area, getting acquainted with the newest member of the family, Gen's great granddaughter, Grace Marie McGeorge. Little Grace Marie was born to Collins and Stephanie McGeorge on March 2. She has a big sister, Emily, age 3. They also visited with Kasha and Dan Brackett and family and Grace Marie's grandparents, Keith and Peggy McGeorge. En route home, they visited Paul and Cathi Varnum and children, Ryan, Liza and Patrick, and then in Farmington, making it a full family visit. at Pam and Mike Smith's, before heading back to Boyne.

•Flying off to Florida for spring break were Ann and Harley Parks, Shelby Parks and Kyrsha Zimmerman. All were looking for a good time in joining Natalie and Dan Peck in New Port Richey!

•Brittany Matelski and four friends of the University of Michigan's Martha Cook dormitory in Ann Arbor spent the weekend with her parents, Kim and Ben Matelski in Boyne Falls and grandparents, Sue and Morrie Hobbs in Boyne City.

•There have been great furnouts, averaging over 100, and a good range of mixed ages, attending the Tuesday night adult formation classes at St Matthew/St Augustine Churches, followed by soup and sandwiches, and also the same great response has gotten out for the Friday night fish fries!

•Come join them at the Boyne Area Senior Center this week for lunch and activities. They begin the week on Thursday, April 6, with soup and sandwiches for lunch. Come early for a game of cards. Tai Chi is at 1 p.m. Friday, April 7, macaroni and cheese will be served. Friday is also music day. Come enjoy entertainment with "The Huckles". Monday, April 3, BBQ ribs will be served for lunch. Monday is bingo day. Bingo will follow lunch. Come enjoy the fun! April 4, Tuesday, the menu is cod amandine and boiled red skin potato. Wednesday, April 5, the lunch menu is meatballs and chesiee potato. Line dancing is planned at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Bingo will follow lunch at 12:45 p.m. At 10 a.m. Monday the Boyne Area Board of Directors meet at the senior center. This meeting is open to the public.

Items of interest for the Neighbors column may be called in to Nancy at her home phone: 231-582-9174 or e-mail neighbors@gtlakes.com Thanks!

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SPORTS PREVIEW

Double deck header please BC youth wrestlers score sportsmanship trophy

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

PETOSKEY — It was an extremely rewarding day when the Boyne City 4-H wrestling club took home the Team Sportsmanship trophy and also had 21 grapplers earn spots in the top four finishes in their brackets at the Petoskey tournament on Saturday, March 25.

Those with first-place finishes were: Trent Lashuay, Trey Peterson, Seth Lashuay, Noah Bacchusi, Austin Colbeck, Asa Blatt, Austin Gardner and Jordan Harasewicz.

In second-place was Steven Schmalzried, Wyatt Crick, Jordan Peterson, Zach Wandrie, Conner Mills and Drew Nohel.

The third-place finishers were: Dylan Colbeck, Christian Edmonds, Christian Knott, Kaycie Overmeyer and Jon Calo.

And in fourth-place was Ethan Habasco and Dalton Gardner.

Red Devils JV softball coach expects promising season

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan junior varsity softball team has an attitude much to the liking of coach Al Gregory and he is looking for this edition of the Red

Devils to improve on last year's 15-9 record when they hit the field this month.

"This team shows a lot of promise and the season should be a very good one," says Gregory. "We have 20 girls on the roster, so it will be very interesting to see

how players adapt to learning new positions and moving around to different positions."

Gregory has 13 sophomores out this year including returning players Clancey Garland, Angel Lee, Ashley Burt, Liz Peck,

Treasure Timmons Heather Warren, Danielle Rathbun and Ashley Warrington. Other sophomores on the roster are Amanda Zipp, Andi Symonds, Lacie Knebl, Sarah Roberts, Meghan Thomas and Tori Carr.

"We should be a very strong hitting team," Gregory said. "The girls have looked very good in the batting cage and they have an aggressive attitude at the plate. Our pitchers are somewhat inexperienced and their ability to throw

strikes will determine a great deal in how far this team is able to go."

The Lady Devils will open play this week with two home matchups against Alba on Tuesday, April 4, and Pellston on Thursday, April 6.

New coach hopes to maintain tradition for BC baseball

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

BOYNE CITY — When the action starts this week Don Richards steps in for his first season as the coach of the Boyne City varsity baseball team and he inherits the task of keeping up the winning ways that Rambler players, students, parents and fans have enjoyed in recent years. Richards, who takes over from long time coach Beano Archey, does so well aware of the winning tradition Boyne City baseball has enjoyed in recent years. He was the school's junior varsity coach for the last three years and spent one year as an assistant coach at Charlevoix High School.

The coach will stress the fundamentals to this group of Ramblers asking them to "play together as a team and do the basics of fielding the ball, hitting the ball and throwing strikes on the mound."

The Ramblers, the defending district champions last year, will count on senior right hander Tyler Kruzel to anchor the pitching staff with senior Will Brown and junior Tyler Price seeing a lot of throwing

time. All three will double their duties by splitting time behind the plate.

"Tyler will play a big role on our team," Richards said. "He is a third year varsity player and Will will also be a big part. Both lead by example on the field and they will provide the pitching and catching for us."

Seniors Kevin Beaton, Sean Mills, Ben Sobleski and Kirk Smith all return as lettermen to add their playing experience to this year's roster.

Juniors K.C. Smith, Charlie Cartwright, John Miller, Matt Thomas, Ken Beford, Ben Percy and sophomore Rob Jensen fill out the line up.

"Our team works very hard and they play together as a team," Richards said. "They're a nice group of kids that try very hard. We need to find a rotation to make sure that we don't wear our guys out."

The Ramblers were scheduled to open play this week with a pair of non-conference double headers at Traverse City West on Tuesday, April 4, and at home against Onaway on



Taking the throw at second base, Boyne City's David Austin gets ready to apply the tag during action at the Boyne Invitational baseball tournament last season.

Thursday, April 6.

Lake Michigan Conference play starts on Tuesday, April 18, with a double-header at Harbor Springs. Boyne City travels to

Traverse City St. Francis this on Friday, April 21.

"It's going to be a tough conference with a lot of solid teams," Richards said. "And we will have to play

good baseball to compete."

The Ramblers will take to the road for outings against Grayling and Cheboygan next week before hosting the Boyne In-

vitational Tournament on Saturday, April 29.

Dave Vasquez (first base coach) and Don Richards Sr. (assistant coach) will fill out the coaching staff.

Zimmerman shines at state

GAYLORD - Thereseann Zimmerman, former Boyne City All-State cross country and track runner, finished second in the 3200M run in the Michigan Indoor Track Series State Championship on Saturday March 18. Zimmerman currently runs for Gaylord High School and was All-State in MHSAA Division II Cross Country last fall. She ran a personal best 10:57.8 for 3200M at the indoor championship meet hosted by the University of Michigan. Zimmerman has signed a national letter of intent to run cross country and track at Michigan State in the fall. The race was won by Kellee Lemcke

(10:50.1), who may also become a Spartan this fall.

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New beginning

Loggers baseball looks to bring 'excitement' to 2006 season

BY ANDY TAYLOR
Sports Writer

BOYNE FALLS — As the snow continues to melt, the thoughts of some student-athletes at Boyne Falls High School are turning to one thing: baseball.

The Boyne Falls varsity baseball team has been honing its skills over the past few weeks in anticipation of the upcoming 2006 season. And they have a new captain at the helm to help them along the way.

Chris Fiel, a 1994 graduate of Boyne Falls, will be making his debut as coach of the Loggers this spring and is more than ready to begin a new chapter for the program. Last season the school's baseball team finished 3-16 and Fiel and his players are looking to improve on that.

"I'm going to try and bring fundamentals and a winning attitude (to Boyne Falls baseball)."

Fiel said. "We want to be competitive and have fun. That is the No. 1 goal."

The Loggers will be a young and relatively inexperienced squad, but Fiel is looking to use that to his advantage. Eleven of the team's 15 players are underclassmen, including three freshmen.

"We have a lot of younger guys who have never played baseball before, but it's good," Fiel added. "We'll have some rough times but we'll just have to learn from our mistakes."

Fiel will be returning four seniors this season, including Jimmy Gross, Jack Sevanski, Brad Smith and Nathan Wasylewski.

Gross has been a standout in the past and Fiel will be looking to him to lead the younger players.

"He is the top middle infielder on the team and looks to be probably the

top stick," Fiel said.

Wasylewski will be showcasing his versatility in his last season as a Logger. His coach said he can play just about position, making him an ideal utility man.

"He is a pitcher but fills the void wherever it is needed," Fiel added.

Junior catcher Andy Reynolds and sophomore outfielder David Gross will also have considerable roles in leading the team.

"I'll be looking for leadership from (them)," Fiel said. "(David Gross) is promising. We should see some pretty good things from him."

"But I want all my guys to be leaders."

As far as strategy on the diamond, Fiel said his players will be aggressive on the basepaths and focusing on solid defense.

Because his team has been gifted with speed the coach wants to take ad-

vantage of it.

"I want us to be aggressive on the basepaths and create our own offense," he said. "And just be solid on defense. If we keep loose we'll be alright."

Being in the Northern Lakes Conference, Boyne Falls will be preparing for some stiff competition from its rivals. The coach said the two strongest teams this season will be the Mackinaw City Comets and Ellsworth Lancers. Other teams include Alba, Harbor Light Christian, Vanderbilt and Wolverine.

"They're all tough," Fiel added. "I don't want to look at one team, because we don't want to overlook anyone."

"If we play the way we're capable of no one can beat us except ourselves... We're just looking to drastically improve on (last season). We're hoping to bring some excitement and bring more fans."

Back again

Devils seek to defend LMC co-championship

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan varsity baseball team will feature another strong hitting line up when the Red Devils begin play this week as the defending Lake Michigan Conference co-champions, with an eye on another season on top of the standings.

The Red Devils, who went 22-5 last year, will also be striving to improve on their semi-final showing in last year's district tournament.

Six returning senior lettermen will lead the way for head coach Mike Gle's club, while seven juniors move up from the junior varsity to fill out the roster.

"We've only had a few days outside, but I've been pleased with what I've seen," Gle said. "We need to be focused throughout the season and show up every day to play."

The players back for another year on the diamond include Andrew Streufert (pitcher, shortstop), Josh Cooper (catcher), Dallas Dougherty (pitcher, outfield), Eric Hansen (second base), Shane Gardner (pitcher, outfield) and Cliff Graham (utility).

Gle expects Streufert and Dougherty, both all-conference performers last year, to be the team leaders this spring, while Cooper and Hansen will add their experience to help set the tone for the rest of the players.

The Red Devils are scheduled to open play this week with two non-conference matchups against Bellaire on Wednesday, April 5, and Pellston on Thursday, April 6.

The conference schedule begins on Tuesday, April 18, at home against Charlevoix. Harbor Springs will visit East Jordan on Friday, April 21.

Gle sees a tight race on tap in the coming league campaign with his squad



An East Jordan baserunner dives back to the bag during a Red Devils blow-out win over Ellsworth last season.

and Elk Rapids fighting it out again to repeat as champions.

Gle is starting his third season as the Red Devils head coach following a one year stint as an assistant coach at Traverse City Cen-

tral. He is also in his third year as a physical education and government teacher at the high school.

Bryan Hawkins and Karl Redmer are the assistants filling out the coaching staff.

BC and BF track combine forces for upcoming season

BY PHIL TROMBLEY
Sports Writer

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Ramblers and the Boyne Falls Loggers are pooling their talents to compete as a co-op track team this spring, giving both schools more of an opportunity to showcase their talents during the 2006 track season.

With the Loggers joining the Ramblers, girls head coach Andy Place has twice the number of athletes to work with as last year and he is looking forward to a much more competitive season in 2006.

Four letter winners from last year's Boyne City team return. Boyne City seniors Jessica Nichols and Lindsey Mansfield, along with sophomores Caitlyn Wonski and Lacey VanAlstine will give the team leadership.

Place sees East Jordan as the strongest contender for the Lake Michigan Conference title with Charlevoix and Harbor Springs set to give the Lady Devils a run for the year end championship.

"The conference is very strong in track and team depth is the key to winning it," Place said. "We need a little more depth and experience to contend for the title."

Boys coach Tom Nagurka is looking forward to working with a young group of athletes as his team hits the track with a wide open attitude backed by some hard pre-season weight training sessions.

"Last week we finally got outside, so that was



Sailing through the air, Boyne City's Dan Sutton stretches for every inch in a long jump competition last season.

How the group of athletes will do on the track and in the field will come with the opening of varsity competition as 11 of the 18 members on the roster are freshmen newcomers who lack varsity experience.

Nagurka is still optimistic about this group though.

"Even as young as we are it's a lot of fun," he said. "The kids have been very receptive to everything we've asked them to do. Our weight training is spilling over to the track and we'll see how things pan out when the season gets underway."

Junior pole vaulter Taylor Voice returns as a top-ten finisher in last year's Division 3 State Final meet

good to see what the kids were able to do," Nagurka said. "It was good to get on the track."

and he looks to higher heights this year. Voice has set his goal to break the school's pole vault record (12'11") and return to the final meet again this spring.

Sophomore Nick Simeri also returns with a trip to the state finals in mind and he has been working hard with the weights to enhance his chances in the discus and shot put events.

Nagurka also cites sophomore distance runner Kelsey Nohel, freshman distance runner and vaulter Jesse Place, freshman middle distance runner Marc Calo and first-year senior thrower and sprinter Jacob Hoagland as some of the newcomers to watch for.

Boyne Falls will be represented by sophomore distance runner Kevin Knight as the co-op effort gets underway this month.

The team will open the

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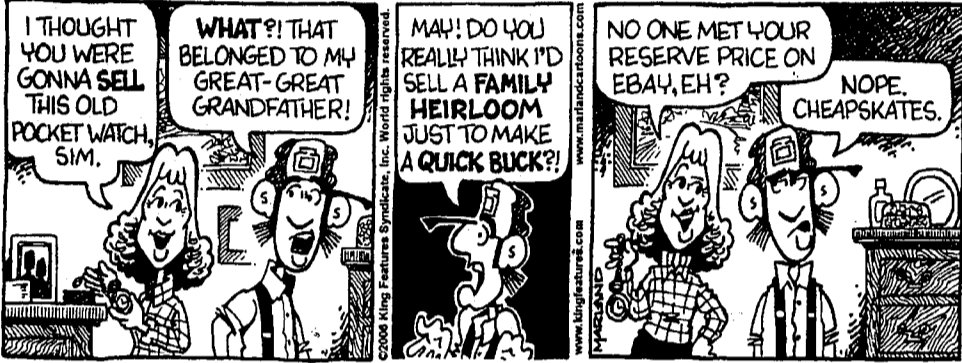
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 - 39 Victorian ornaments
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 - 45 HMS PINAFORE
 - 47 Drill sergeant's shout
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 - 51 Advantage
 - 53 Drainpipe part
 - 54 New Haven collegian
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 - 57 Coup d'
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 - 61 Automaton
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 - 66 Let out the lava
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 - 81 "Good gracious!"
 - 84 Woody herb
 - 85 Fiber source
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 - 89 "pro nobis"
 - 90 Part of MPH
 - 91 ENDEARMENTS
 - 95 Snowy fisherman
 - 97 - vu
 - 98 Stilted
 - 99 Singer Stratas
 - 100 Garden tool
 - 102 Last name in fashion
 - 103 Act catty?
 - 104 Put on a happy face
 - 105 Hold fast
 - 107 Clerical garb
 - 108 Luau neckwear
 - 111 Siberian monk
 - 113 THE MORSE CODE
 - 119 Qty.
 - 120 Golfer Ballesteros
 - 121 A great composer?
 - 122 Lacking principles
 - 123 Salon supply
 - 124 Paradise
 - 125 TV exec Arledge
 - 126 Bean
 - 8 White House spokesman Fleischer
 - 9 Stimpy's pal
 - 10 "Johnny - Note" ('37 song)
 - 11 Keepsake
 - 12 Enraged
 - 13 One of the Waughs
 - 14 Showy shrub
 - 15 Jell
 - 16 Actress Harmon
 - 17 Word with tea or pepper
 - 18 - India Company
 - 24 Fool
 - 26 "dixit"
 - 30 Swerve
 - 32 Marsh
 - 33 Crochet unit
 - 34 Resign
 - 35 Without - (daringly)
 - 36 Brit. fliers
 - 38 Hold back
 - 39 Fowl feature
 - 40 "Turandot" tune
 - 41 ASTRONOMER
 - 42 Pay hike?
 - 43 "Comin' - the Rye"
 - 45 Prominent
 - 46 Missouri airport abbr.
 - 47 GEORGE BUSH
 - 48 Take the honey and run
 - 49 See 104
 - 52 Chianti color
 - 56 Show mercy
 - 58 "Surprise Symphony" composer
 - 59 Raison d'
 - 60 August one?
 - 62 Spout like Cicero
 - 64 Beholden
 - 65 Forest father
 - 67 Smooth transition
 - 69 Slugger's stat
 - 70 Edmond of "The Barefoot Contessa"
 - 71 Capital
 - 73 - seal
 - 76 "Tarzan" extra
 - 78 Actor Ashbrook
 - 79 Complete
 - 80 Lawrence's "In Love"
 - 82 Olympic warmonger
 - 83 Base stuff?
 - 86 Tossed aside
 - 87 Jewelry material
 - 88 "The - Hunter" ('78 film)
 - 92 Actor McGregor
 - 93 More turbulent
 - 94 Scand. nation
 - 96 Weimaraner's warning
 - 97 Clammy
 - 99 Abolitionist Harriet
 - 100 Disreputable
 - 101 Ersatz emerald
 - 102 It may suit you
 - 103 Arafat's grp.
 - 104 With 49 Down, "Spy Game" star
 - 106 Reside
 - 107 43,560 square feet
 - 108 Feudal superior
 - 109 List ender
 - 110 Vacation location
 - 112 Manipulate
 - 114 Ike's domain
 - 115 Sweater letter
 - 116 Sundown, to Shelley
 - 117 Comic Philips
 - 118 TV's "Scooby-"

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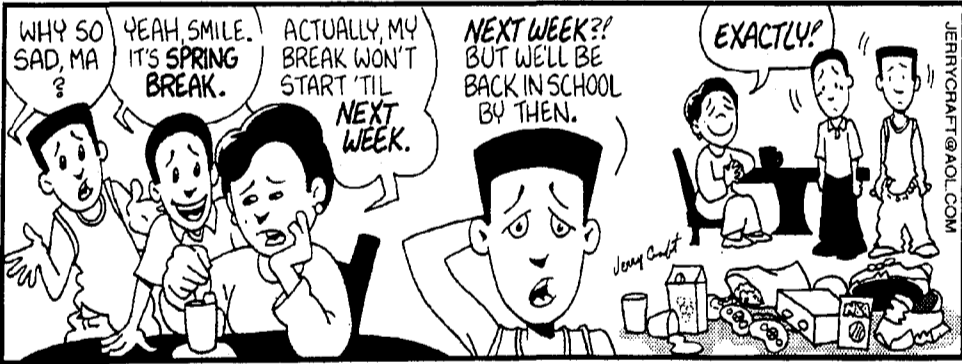
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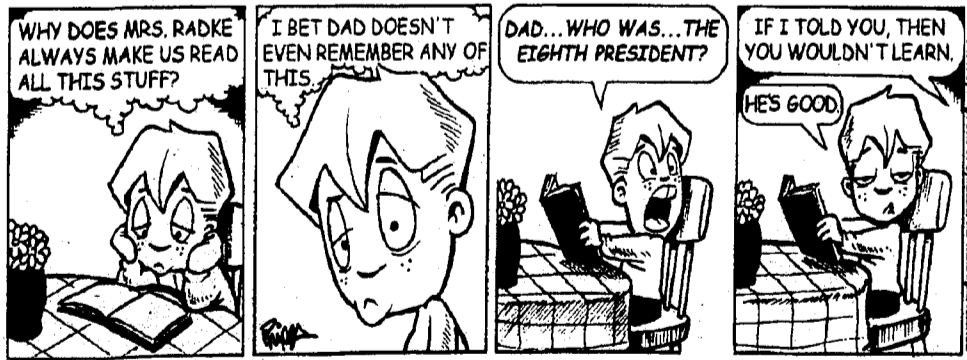
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GRASS FIRE

The Boyne City and East Jordan Fire Departments responded to a grass fire near Ironton Ferry last week. A bulldozer also arrived from the DNR office in Ellsworth to quickly dig a ditch, preventing the fire from spreading any farther.

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Beware of online scams, officials warn

BY DEREK WALLBANK
Capital News Service

LANSING — Michigan residents who receive an e-mail asking them to verify bank account and social security numbers should beware.

It's probably an Internet scam trying to steal your identity.

"In the low-tech days, people would call people to scam them," said Attorney General Mike Cox. "Now, more of it is going online."

Identity theft is a crime on the rise, said Terry Jungel, director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA).

"It's a risk-free way for people to steal things without being confronted," said Jungel.

The MSA has identified more than 800 kinds of online scams and swindles and is conducting public awareness campaigns, Jungel said.

The Attorney General's office is using a \$600,000 pilot grant from the US

Tips for avoiding online scams

- Know the person to whom you are giving information to whether it's over the Internet, phone or fax. Don't provide personal information unless you initiate contact and are certain of legitimacy.
- Be suspicious of any request for personal information. Financial institutions are unlikely to ask for personal information in an e-mail.
- Do business only with Internet companies that use a secure form for private information such as account or credit card numbers. The form will tell you that the site is secure and ask if you wish to proceed.
- Don't buy products from merchant or auction sites if the deal looks "too good to be true."
- Change your passwords periodically, using passwords that can't be easily guessed.
- Always log off from your online banking session. Shut off your computer or disconnect from the Internet when not in use.

— Source: Comerica Bank

for customers' personal information via email or a link in an email," said Scott Talley, Comerica's associate vice-president for corporate communications.

Scam artists posing as representatives from Citibank and eBay have conducted similar ploys, according to Snopes.com, a popular urbanlegend reference Web site. Urban legends are popular but usually untrue stories and hoaxes.

"Just because an e-mail looks like it comes from an entity you do business with doesn't mean it's genuine, and just because you're being directed to a Web page that looks like that entity's home page doesn't mean you're not being sent somewhere else," reads the Snopes warning.

"Beware the wolf in sheep's clothing lest you end up his dinner."

To report suspected scams, call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 517-373-1110.

Department of Health and Human Services to form a senior protection brigade and train local law enforcement officers and prosecutors to deal with online hoaxes. More than 1,300 people have

been trained so far to respond to Web scams.

Comerica Bank, based in Detroit, has warned its customers not to respond to any e-mails asking for sensitive information.

"Comerica does not ask

Residents asked to watch waters

LANSING - Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced last week that boaters and others can take a stand in protecting Michigan waterways by reporting suspicious activity as part of the America's Waterway Watch campaign. Complete information is included with the 250,000 watercraft registration renewal notices mailed at the start of March.

The America's Waterway Watch campaign encourages residents to become the "eyes and ears" of the country by watching over coasts, bridges, tunnels, ports, ships and other water-related resources. Land, Capt. Patrick Brennan, commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit; Capt. Scott Laroche, commander, Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan; and Capt. Quain Kahler, com-

mander, Coast Guard Sector Sault Ste. Marie are championing the campaign to promote greater safety throughout the Great Lakes.

"Area residents are the best sources for identifying suspicious or unusual behavior around their hometown waterways," said Land, who oversees the titling and registration of nearly 1 million watercraft. "They are familiar with the rhythms of their marine communities and know when something is out of place. By reporting suspect behavior to authorities, everyone can help do their part to protect this wonderful state."

The Coast Guard and U.S. Department of Homeland Security sponsor America's Waterway Watch nationwide. In Michigan,

cooperative outreach is provided by the Department of State, Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadrons.

The America's Waterway Watch brochure provides guidelines for identifying suspect or unusual behaviors or activity, along with reporting procedures. Residents are asked to report:

- Unattended vessels or vehicles in unusual locations such as near bridges, tunnels or overpasses, or by commercial areas or services like ports, fuel docks, cruise ships or marinas
- Lights flashing between boats
- Unusual night operations
- People near critical facilities who do not fit the surrounding

environment such as individuals wearing improper attire

Residents are cautioned to not approach or challenge anyone acting suspiciously. They should call the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802 or 1-877-24WATCH. For immediate dangers to life or property, calls should be made to 911.

The brochure and other related information is also available in Secretary of State branch offices. Materials are also available at select marinas and boat dealers, compliments of the Michigan Boating Industries Association.

For more information about the America's Waterway Watch initiative, visit the Coast Guard Web site at www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mp/AWW/Website/need.htm

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