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COMING EVENTS

Lincoln Day Dinner

BOYNE FALLS - The Charlevoix County Republicans are gathering for their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Friday, May 12, at the Mountain Grand Lodge at Boyne Mountain.

The featured speaker is David Brandon, a member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Brandon, who is CEO of Domino's Pizza Inc serves on the board of several non-profit organizations, including Detroit Renaissance. He is also heading up Dick DeVos' campaign for governor.

State Senator Jason Allen, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, and Republican candidates for U.S. Senate Michael Bouchard, Keith Butler and Jerry Zandstra will also be in attendance.

The public is invited to attend the dinner and evening's events, which will begin with a 6 p.m. cash-bar reception, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. Contact Susan Flanders, 231-547-4887, or Linda Wertz, 231-547-8980, for reservations and entree selection.

Band to play at benefit

BOYNE CITY - There will be a Family Fun Day fund raising benefit for Compassionate Hearts on Saturday, May 13, from 1-4 p.m., at the Boyne City Eagles on Lake Street.

The "Front Porch Pickers" Band will be featured, and there will be food, fun, and games.

Bikefest slated

BOYNE CITY - Bikefest, a community bicycle, parts, and information swap, will celebrate the coming of spring riding season, bicycles, and pedal power.

The day-long event, scheduled for Saturday, May 13, will be held at Bikefix Cycling Center, 114 State St. near the City Marina, in Boyne City from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public may use the free trade area to buy, sell, and trade bicycle equipment, sign-up for races and tours, and get information on trails and bike organizations.

For more information or to discuss consignment of bikes or parts call Bikefix at 231-582-6622 or visit bikefixcyclingcenter.com.

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WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
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Condition: Showers

THURSDAY, MAY 11
Hi: 59 Lo: 43
Condition: Showers

FRIDAY, MAY 12
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Condition: Showers

SATURDAY, MAY 13
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Condition: Showers

SUNDAY, MAY 14
Hi: 63 Lo: 45
Condition: Few Showers

MONDAY, MAY 15
Hi: 65 Lo: 47
Condition: Few Showers

TUESDAY, MAY 16
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East Jordan approves 06-07 budget

By JANE BOOZE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN - The East Jordan City Commission approved a \$2.1 million budget during their regularly scheduled meeting on May 2.

The budget reflects no change in the current millage rate, but an increase was built in for water and

sewer rates. An independent auditor hired by the city made the recommendation to increase the rates.

The monthly water flat rate will see an increase of \$2, and an additional \$2 a month for each additional unit of water consumed. There will also be a charge of almost \$3 per unit for maintenance and operation, and another \$1.58 for debt.

The sewer flat rate will remain the same at \$17 per month, but surcharges per unit will increase.

The new budget will be in effect on July 1.

In his report, city manager David White said that East Jordan is seeing activity in its downtown area, even with "the state of the economy and uncertain gas prices." The city is waiting to

hear from businesses which expressed an interest in Industrial Park lots, and another which has expressed an interest in expansion plans in East Jordan.

White also said the dredging of the boat launch was completed, and the depth has been increased to five to six feet.

"The only issue which came up during the dredging was a 14-

foot, 18-inch diameter log from the logging era with the end stamped with a logging or mill stamp," White said. "The log is currently at the (Department of Public Works) garage."

Commissioner Fred Vollbach expressed an interest in obtaining at least a part of the log on behalf of the East Jordan Historical Society.

Clean up



Photos by Vic Ruggles

Spring Cleaning was in order last Saturday, as the yearly city-cleaning efforts took place in Boyne City, and volunteers scoured the Jordan River for trash. Above, members of the volunteer group the friends of East Jordan canoe the river looking for trash. Below left, Boyne Area Chamber director Scott McKenzie looks like he's ready for a job on Mackinac Island. Below Right, Boyne City Fireman Dave Moyer sprays down the street.



Charlevoix road commission proposes millage

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - Time, heavy use and lack of funds have contributed to the disrepair of the county's primary roads. Taxpayers and others who travel the roads know that most of them are in dire need of reconstruction or repair.

But the funds the Charlevoix County Road Commission receives are not keeping up with costs.

For instance, a ton of asphalt for paving that used to cost \$32, now costs about \$48 a ton, according to CCRC manager Pat Harmon.

The surge in developments and housing in the area has increased the use of trucks and other equipment on the roads, making repairs more frequent and extensive.

To help solve the problem, the Road Commission is asking CCRC to approve a ballot proposal for the upcoming election. Essentially, taxpayers would decide whether to pay more property taxes to have better roads.

The ballot proposal would ask for one mill for each year for five years. Taxpayers who own a home with a taxable value of \$50,000 for example, would see a \$50 increase in property taxes each year for five years.

One mill would generate nearly

\$1.9 million per year for road improvements, said Harmon, who is at the front line of road complaints.

"I'm receiving calls from the public all the time wanting to know when the roads will be paved and I have to sit there and tell them we don't have the funds," Harmon told County Commissioners at an April 26 meeting at the county building in Charlevoix.

County Commissioner Connie Saltonstall asked that the Road Commission provide a plan that shows how the money would be spent if it were made available, so that taxpayers "will know what they will get for their money."

Commissioner Shirley Roloff said that the county commissioners should have a discussion with the townships before any decision is made.

A discussion about the proposal to put a one mill request on the ballot will take place at the Commission's 3 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, May 10, at the county building in Charlevoix. CCRC notified the townships, cities and villages of the meeting in a May 2 letter.

Harmon said there was no money at the state level to help counties with road improvements.

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Student's film earns state recognition

BOYNE FALLS - Senior Andy Schwem recently earned a Best of Show award at the annual Michigan Student Film and Video Festival. Andy's entry was a seven minute animated film which he produced as part of his independent study art class with art teacher Melissa Baker.

"I just wanted to be able to make something creative on my own, instead of having to do busywork, essentially," said Schwem.

The film, entitled "Tag des jüngsten gericht's" (German for "The Judgement Day") focuses on a group of scientists who gather at a weapons research facility for the unveiling of an ultimate weapon. Schwem has since posted his film on the web sites <http://www.newgrounds.com> and <http://nikonkittie.deviantart.com>.

The festival, co-sponsored by Digital Arts Film and Television and the Detroit Film Theater, is the oldest festival of its kind in the U.S., and this year had 333 entries from around the state. The jury panel consisted of professionals from film, video, education, and college-level student media makers.

Schwem's entry was unique in that it was a "one-man" operation from script writing, to art work, to voice overs, to editing. Everything was done on his home computer, using Flash animation. A sample of comments by the judges include "Wow!", "Incredible drawings and motion," "The drawing amazed me," "Loved the characters and effects," "Voices very well done," and "very creative."

Schwem said that he enjoyed the project because it combined two of his favorite pastimes, in addition to reading, of art and computers. He has been interested in making films for about a year.

"I've always liked to draw or doodle and such, but I never considered myself a serious artist," said Schwem.

Coast Guard tour



Photo by Vic Ruggles

Boyer City second graders like (l to r) Lindsey Argetsinger, Cara Richards, Hannah Hoth, Cheyenne Mount and Madison Smith were given a tour of a coast guard boat by guardsman Michael Sayer. The second-grade field trip also included a meal with Representative Kevin Elsenhimer and tours of Lynda's real estate and the Citizen Journal office.

Events

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Chicago musician to play at arts center

EAST JORDAN — Join us for the final show of the 14th season of Peace Coffee House on Saturday, May 13, 8-11 p.m. at the Jordan River Arts Center on Main Street, East Jordan.

This month, we are featuring Bruce Holmes, who is traveling all the way from the Chicago area. Bruce Holmes writes about what he knows — that life slips by all too quickly, so you have to do what you love. As a songwriter, he believes in songs that are short and to the point, songs that capture one moment in time or a conversation. More information, CDs and photos available at www.bruceholmes.com.

As always, the performer will be followed by open stage so don't forget your instruments or poetry. Entry is \$7.00 and refreshments are complimentary. Children may donate as they are able.

For information, contact Rick or Tracy Meisterheim at rckandrtracy@yahoo.com or call 231-525-9168.

Sheriff to sign books

BOYNE CITY — Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater will be signing his book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," at Boyne Country Books on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to noon. Boyne Country Books is located at 125 Water St., Boyne City. For more information call the bookstore at 231-582-3180.

Garden club holds sale

BOYNE CITY — This year the Boyne Valley Garden Club is offering a shrub and a perennial that can be ordered in their spring sale. The shrub is *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Limelight' which has eye-catching lime green blossoms that mature to cream and dark pink. Because it blooms on new wood, 'Limelight' blooms reliably in our northern Michigan climate.

The perennial is the new coneflower 'Razzmatazz'. This coneflower is a soft mauve-pink with an abundance of petals in its center. 'Razzmatazz' is also very hardy and grows well in our area.

The orders have to be in by May 25. Order forms are in downtown businesses or call 231-582-9373. There are posters with color photographs of 'Limelight' and 'Razzmatazz' at the Boyne Avenue Greenhouse, Boyne Country Books, Ace Hardware and the Boyne City Co-op. You may leave your order form and check at these businesses or mail them to the Boyne Valley Garden Club at Box 387, Boyne City, Mich., 49712.

The shrubs and perennials will be available for pick up at the Boyne Avenue Greenhouse on Saturday, June 3, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Planting directions will be available when you pick up your plants.

Cyclists to join for memorial ride

BOYNE CITY — Come and join your fellow cyclists in a memorial ride, "The Ride of Silence" to honor the cyclists who have been injured or killed by motorists while riding. This is a very slow-paced, short ride in silence to commemorate our fallen riders. It is intended to bring awareness to motorists that cyclists do have both the rights to use the roads and the responsibility to follow the same rules that govern all traffic.

We will meet at the Old Veterans Park in Boyne City at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17. Our ride leader, Donna Moll, will provide you with a black arm band. We will begin the ride at 7 p.m. and return to the park about 8 p.m. For more information call 231-582-7242 or Mike at 231-582-4030.

Ducks Unlimited dinner coming up

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — The major fundraiser for the Charlevoix Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is a banquet to be held Thursday, May 18, at the Belvedere Club Casino. Tickets for the banquet are \$50 per person, and there are a variety of special purchase packages available. The committee is also collecting cash donations to underwrite the auctions as well as raffle items. To arrange a donation or to get additional information on ticket packages, please call Ken Kline at 231-547-4808.

They DARE you to golf

BOYNE CITY — The 18th annual Boyne City Police and Charlevoix County Sheriff Departments' DARE Association benefit golf outing and dinner will be held Thursday, May 18, at Boyne Mountain's Alpine golf course.

Tee off for the four person shotgun scramble golf tournament will be at noon, with awards for closest to the pin and longest drive for both men and women, most putts per team, and a \$5,000 prize for a hole-in-one. Cost is \$80.00 per golfer and includes a prime-rib dinner, which will start at 5 p.m. Non-golfers are welcome to attend the dinner for a cost of \$14.50.

Cash and prize donations, and hole sponsors are also being sought. For more information please call 231-582-6611 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wine and dine

BOYNE CITY — Join us for the first annual Wine & Dine at Garrett's, featuring gourmet hors d'oeuvres paired with great wines, Friday, May 19, from 5 - 7 p.m., as a part of the 47th annual Mushroom Festival. Cost is \$30 per person, with the proceeds to benefit the Boyne Area Chamber programs. Sponsors are Bayside Beverage, Garrett's on Water Street, and the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. Please RSVP at 231-582-1111.

Perennial exchange

BOYNE CITY — Cindi Franco's annual perennial exchange will be held May 20, rain or shine, at 9 a.m. in the backyard gardens.

Bring any unwanted perennials — please mark what they are, and swap them for something you do want.

Don't have anything to trade? Come on down and start your garden — there are always extras and soon you'll be hooked on gardening.

Don't need anything? We'll take all your extras anyway.

Senior's driver safety course offered

EAST JORDAN — The Jordan Valley District Library will be offering an AARP driver safety course in the library's community room from 1-5 p.m., Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20. Presenter will be Jerry Reynard who is the Assistant State Coordinator of Area #2 of AARP.

This is the largest classroom driver improvement course designed especially for drivers who are 55 and older. For \$10, this two-day program includes a workbook and certificate. No driving is involved, and there is no exam at the end. Currently, several automobile insurance companies in selected states voluntarily provide premium reductions to graduates. To keep the discount, one has to renew the certification every three years. Consult with your insurance company.

For registration and more information, call the library at 231-536-7131. Registration is limited to the first 20 people.

Road

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"We're going to have to step up to the plate," he said. "We would like the county board to consider putting it to the taxpayer and let them decide if they want good roads. At least the public will have an opportunity and can say 'yes' or 'no.'"

Currently, no property taxes are used to maintain, improve or construct county roads, Harmon said. The state transportation fund allocates a portion of the state gas tax and a portion of vehicle registration and license plates' fees to Michigan's 83 counties.

Charlevoix County receives \$3 million a year, Harmon said. Winter maintenance takes about \$1 million, wages

and benefits use another \$1 million, and liability and other insurance coverage, road construction, new equipment and summer maintenance use the remaining \$1 million.

County primary roads are distinct from local roads that are funded by cities, villages and townships. The Michigan Department of Transportation determines which roads are primary roads. Some of Charlevoix County's primary roads that are badly in need of improvements are the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, Marion Center Road, Deer Lake Road, Camp Ten Road, River Road and King's Highway on Beaver Island.

What: A public meeting discussion about raising funds through a possible millage on taxpayers' property taxes to pay for county primary road improvements.

When: The meeting is today, Wednesday, May 10, at 3 p.m.

Where: The Commissioner's Room, Charlevoix County Building, Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. Road commission seeks taxpayer funds for improvements

Improvements to the 17 miles of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road are estimated at \$5 million, Harmon said. The county has 184 miles of primary roads. Any funds received would be parceled out to roads in various locations and several projects would be worked on at the same time, Harmon said.

Commissioner Denny Jason was one of the

commissioners concerned about increasing property taxes.

"How much more in taxes can people pay? It isn't fair," Jason said. "Raising the gas tax is the most fair way because the users (of the roads) pay. It's wrong for a senior who pays property taxes and doesn't use the roads that much to have to pay more," he said.

Local Nonprofits earn state honors

DETROIT — Four northwest Michigan nonprofit organizations have been named finalists for the DTE Energy Foundation's 2006 Achieving Excellence Awards, Michigan's largest corporate grant competition for nonprofit organizations.

The competition recognizes the state's exemplary nonprofit organizations with awards of up to \$100,000 each in four categories: Special Achievement, Leadership, Collaboration and Sustainability.

The Northern Homes Community Development Corporation, located in Boyne City, is a finalist for the Special Achievement Award. This newly created cat-

egory will recognize the nonprofit organization that has best anticipated and positioned itself to respond to community needs resulting from Michigan's current economic downturn.

The Traverse City Area Chamber Foundation, the Manistee County Community Foundation and Bellaire's Three Lakes

Association are finalists in the Collaboration category. This award recognizes the most outstanding collaboration between three or more organizations, of which at least one is a nonprofit, which enables them to pursue common goals beyond the reach of any single institution.

Twenty nonprofit organizations located through-

out Michigan have been named finalists for the Achieving Excellence Awards. Winners will be announced June 13.

To be considered for the Achieving Excellence Awards, organizations must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and be located within DTE Energy's service area.

Boyer Area Senior Center

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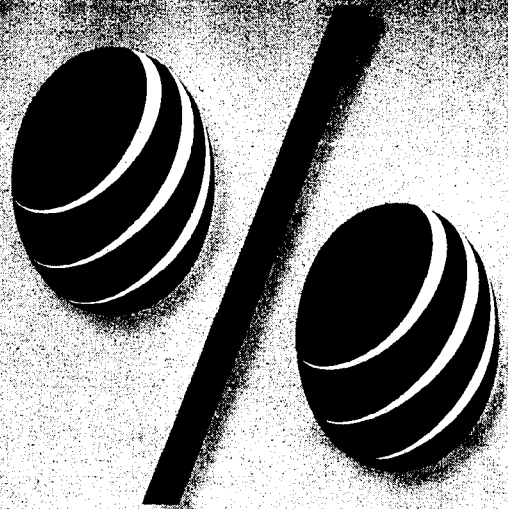
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Boyer Falls board member elected by write-in

By STEVE KLOOSTERMAN
INTERIM EDITOR

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — William Bielas had made an effort to put his name out in the public for the Tuesday, May 2 school board elections.

But he was still surprised to win, since he was a write-in candidate, and there were already two candidates officially running for the two seats open on the Boyne Falls Public Schools Board of Education.

"I had no idea ... I took a chance," said Bielas. "We put up signs and posters and called people."

Bielas said that he had also campaigned by talking to people on election day, and telling his friends and acquaintances.

Bielas and Kurtis Wilson edged out incumbent Phyllis Marchinkewicz, who had served on the Boyne Falls school board for the last six years. Wilson got 106 out of 309 total votes, while Bielas had 103 and

Marchinkewicz had 85. Fifteen write-in votes went to individuals other than Bielas.

Bielas said that two key issues the school board will face in the future are how to deal with budget cuts, and how to continue to market Boyne Falls as a school of choice to out-of-district families.

"I realize there are cuts that need to be made, but they need to be made in so that they impact the children as little as possible," said Bielas.

"We have a lot to offer, and we just want to make sure people know that," said Bielas. "People are bringing kids to our school because they want to."

In East Jordan, Nancy Tyree was elected to the school board over Michael Burr, 284-183, with one write-in vote being cast.

Tyree said that she hoped to be a valuable addition to the school board.

"The members of the board have done a good job easing into the budget cuts," said Tyree.

"Now that I am a member of the board, I hope to just continue and just add another perspective to anything that comes up."

At Boyne City, the unopposed Ken Schrader was elected to the school board, gathering 207 of 212 votes.

Local voters also approved operating millage increases in Boyne Falls and East Jordan School districts.

Boyne Falls' operating millage increase was 20.5232 mills, or \$20.5232 on each \$1000 of tax-

able value of property (excluding principal residence and qualified agricultural property), and was approved by about 73 percent of the vote.

East Jordan's operating millage increase of 1.75 mills was approved by about 76 percent of the vote.

In addition to these increases, voters in Emmet and Charlevoix counties approved a millage renewal for the Char-Em Intermediate School District's Vocational Education Program.



Photo by Steve Kloosterman

State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer recently presented a memorial in honor of former Banks Township (Ellsworth area) supervisor Daniel Wieland to his widow Joni Wieland. Elsenheimer also recently announced his intent to run for reelection.

Elsenheimer to seek 2nd term

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer seeks a second term in his bid for reelection to the Michigan Legislature.

The Bellaire Republican lists among his accomplishments the expansion of Brownfield clean-up projects in rural communities, consolidation of municipal zoning laws, procuring public funds for memorials to designate veterans' gravesites located in private cemeteries, and retaining the independence of the Mackinac Bridge Authority.

Elsenheimer was chosen by his peers as the Associate Speaker Pro-Tempore of the state House of Representatives. He is the only freshman legislator to serve on five policy committees. They are the committee on tort reform, committee on oversight, election and ethics, committee on local government and urban policy, committee on the judiciary and the committee on natural resources, Great Lakes, land use and environment. He is chairman of the tort reform committee.

"We've made some progress, but there is more work to be done," Elsenheimer said when he announced his reelection campaign on April 19.

"I see tort reform as one of the important issues to work on so that it is more difficult to file frivolous lawsuits in court," he

said. When in private practice, Elsenheimer worked in municipal law. "I'll continue to work on the Gaylord to Mackinaw snowmobile trail, that's very important to me." He said the economic benefits from winter activities and tourism are vital to the area.

The legislator has worked to obtain more funds for Northern

Michigan roads. He supports extending M-32 between East Jordan and Atwood and extending M-75 between Boyne City and Charlevoix. Both sections would become part of the state highway system, rather than county roads.

"I will work diligently to ensure the Northern Michigan voice is heard loud and clear. Northern

Michigan reflects the very best of our state and it's vitally important that a local voice from the region helps guide the direction of the Michigan Legislature," he said.

Elsenheimer is campaigning throughout the 105th District that includes Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Otsego counties.

Added funds to grow cherry market Lawmakers amend budget for promotion initiative

LANSING — News of the health and nutritional value of tart cherries will be spread to national and global consumers in a promotional effort supported by state funding to increase Michigan's agriculture industry and its economic impact.

State representatives David Palsrok, Howard Walker and Kevin Elsenheimer teamed up to include \$900,000 in the House supplemental budget to help local farmers participate in the National Cherry Research and Promotion Initiative.

The initiative implements a five-year, half penny per pound assessment on growing operations starting July 1.

"Increased promotion of the benefits of Michigan cherries is a great idea for the industry to reach a wider consumer market," said Palsrok, R-Manistee. "Such an effort will be costly, but it's an investment that will repay our local economy by increasing demand for a Michigan product."

Michigan producers supply more than three-quarters of the current national tart cherry market.

The Cherry Marketing Institute, headquartered

in Lansing, began in 1988 to advocate for cherry growers and their products.

"Local growers and the marketing institute have been working hard over the years and are steadily gaining ground in their efforts to expand the cherry market," said Walker, R- Traverse City. "Providing the additional resources necessary for a fully-funded program to focus on those outreach efforts will allow the campaign to shift into an even higher gear."

Growers already pay an assessment to support advertising and research for their industry.

The new assessment from the national board is partially in response to recent Federal Drug Administration rulings requiring proof of the health value of cherries.

"The heat is being turned up on growers and a sizeable part of the agriculture industry in our state," said Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire. "Without state support the additional cost of the campaign would place a burden on local cherry producers already existing on the slim operating margins of farming."

The supplemental budget bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Lookin' for more help Students, universities seek additional state aid

By MATTHEW SCHULER
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

LANSING — The state's universities are growing in enrollment while the money the Legislature allocates to them has stayed low.

As it stands, the state's higher education budget for 2007 totals about \$1.8 billion, with state universities seeing about \$1.5 billion of that.

The largest sums go to the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University, with more than \$800 million dedicated to those schools.

That number is \$200 million less than what was allocated just four years ago when the figure was just shy of \$2 billion dollars.

A group of MSU students has asked the House Higher Education and Career Preparation Committee for more funding.

Bruce Serven, who went with the group, is a divorced father of three who received public assistance before going to college to study agribusiness management.

"There were about seven or eight of us that went to request support for an increase in the budget," said Serven, who depends on financial aid from MSU. "We all explained our circumstances that got us into the higher education system."

There are serious problems with the funding system, and the biggest one is structural said Michael Boulus, the executive director of the Presidents Council State of the Universities of Michigan.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has proposing giving a 1.8 percent raise to most universities.

Four schools would get raises larger than the others, with Central Michigan University getting 2.2 percent more, Oakland University 4.2 percent, Saginaw Valley State University 6.1 percent and Grand Valley State University 7 percent more. Though GVSU sees the largest increase, they will still fall about \$400 short of the \$3,750 per student base funding level that the Legislature would like to meet.

"Because higher education funding is based on Michigan's general budget," Boulus said. "As long as we're competing with corrections and Medicaid, we're going to have this problem."

Rep. Lorence Wenke, R-Richland, who chairs the committee, listened to the students' plea.

"I'm not sure that there's anyone in state government that wouldn't support more funding for higher education," Wenke said. "We've all been made aware on the impact of the future of the citizens of Michigan and the state of Michigan if we don't."

He said the Legislature has to fund prisons first, and he cited budget requirements for Medicaid costs.

"When people are sentenced to life in prison, we have to make sure that there is a place to go," Wenke said. "We're required by federal and state law to pay Michigan's share of Medicaid costs. And that's where most of our money is going. It's the fastest increasing part of the budget."

That's the do.

Prisons and Medicaid costs are rising so much that it's taking away the Legislature's reason he said there's so little money left over for things that the state would like to ability to spend on other things.

CMU is among the state universities seeking more state support. CMU has been allocated about \$80 million in the 2007 budget, roughly the same as in 2003.

"One of the things we've been pushing for is a formula where funding follows student numbers, similar to the K-12 funding that the state has," said Steve Smith, director of media relations for CMU.

"That way, if you increase enrollment you see increased funding," he said.

Wenke called for more oversight on how that money allocated to public universities is spent.

"I think there's a lot of room for improved efficiencies in education," Wenke said. "It's our job to ask, 'Are we getting good value for our taxpayers' dollars?'"

Asked whether the universities would support the idea of oversight, Boulus said yes.

"We support greater accountability, always," he said. "But you've got to ask these questions, 'Are we growing enrollment?', 'Are students graduating in a reasonable amount of time?' and 'Are we generating research dollars?'"

"Yes, yes and yes."

Last year, the U-M generated more than \$900 million in research and development over and above what it was allocated by the state.

OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

Friends help in 'house work'

Those of you who have been reading my column for the last year may remember that when Neil and I decided to get married (almost three years ago now) we each put our houses on the market.

We planned to buy a sweet, little "our" house and live in it happily ever after. However ...

You know how those things go, and it isn't always as planned. This wasn't.

My house sold. This could turn into a subtle accusation: "Well, my house sold." But I imagine it was no one's fault really — a lot of houses have sat long on the market — some high end, some low, some needing TLC, some needing not a thing.

LAST CALL



By Jane Booze

It may just be Michigan, right now. It may be consumer caution; it may be location, location, location. At any rate, our best laid plans waited long and hard before coming to fruition.

Then, finally it happened and last weekend we moved into "our" house.

Afterwards my back hurt. My fingers were perpetually dirty and dry from wrapping and later unwrapping so many dishes and fragile treasures from a newspaper cocoon. There is a living room, a kitchen, two baths and three bedrooms, besides a gorgeous full basement—almost none of which can be seen through the stacks of cardboard boxes all marked, "Miscellaneous."

No, I'm not telling the truth. I label boxes. I will even get a little too detailed: "Jane's bathroom stuff to open immediately" on a box with my toothbrush, for instance. I try to put hints on the outside of the box to make myself think later that it is well worth unpacking right away: "Amazing treasures to put in living room."

Other people label boxes, too, and we were packing into reused boxes. One was labeled (by someone other than me), "White shoes." This was a huge box, like something a computer monitor or a microwave came in. That was astonishing, but it made it easy to tell which label wasn't mine. Mine probably ended up saying something like: "Shoes — most with mates."

But here's the thing. We were only moving across town, so we were reusing our own reused boxes. All of a sudden a box which I had labeled "Jane's elementary school artwork" (why do I keep all this stuff?), was being used for cleaning supplies and shop rags. This could confuse someone, and it could be me.

It is hard, hard work moving—even just a few blocks. And it involves other people. Our friends, whose son was visiting for the weekend, spent their whole weekend in backbreaking labor, hauling our junk from house to house. Was there any point when they wondered to themselves whether they really, truly like us that much?

And yet Sunday the father and son were back, while the mom went home after church and made a potato salad, a moose roast, and some apple pie so that we could take a break later and have something other than pizza to sustain us. Moose, I'm serious. And it was delicious, too—another first for me. Lesson: They must like us that much.

Other people loan trailers, trucks, shoulders, time—my mom came over with cleaning rags (mine were packed, remember) and a special clean-smelling solution that she makes herself, and she scrubbed down every cupboard and drawer, so that I could unpack and put things away right away. (She's obligated to like us that much, I suppose, but I am no less grateful.)

Finally, we relaxed in the new house, surrounded by a huge amount of remaining work, but finished with the heavy lifting that requires the efforts of others beside ourselves.

We felt a tiny bit like God, I guess, looking around at the fruit of our labor, and thinking about how good it all was. Even with everything that still needed to be done, there was a satisfaction of having emptied a house — and two households — in the course of a weekend. And the new house is taking shape nicely — already a couple of rooms are ready to live in.

We sat and relaxed and were happy, and loved the four walls that surrounded us and made us welcome. We felt like we were home.

But more importantly, we felt and appreciated the love of friends and family that surround and sustain us more than mere walls ever will — and the generosity of sweat to prove it.

CORRECTIONS

The letter written by Maxine Hough of the American Legion on the editorial page of our April 26 issue had an incorrect headline.

The headline did not accurately describe the efforts of motorcycle teams that are organized to thwart would-be protestors at military funerals.

According to Hough, the motorcyclists simply act as a human barrier to stop the protestors.

The B-24 bomber in the story, "Sheriff's book memorializes county's World War II Veterans," located on the front page of our April 19 issue was shot by another plane, not an anti-aircraft battery.



YOUR VOICE

Actions of many make Boyne City special

To the editor:
When you wrote about the penny drive, I realized you did it with a good heart.

However, the reason I went to the paper was I wanted people to know what a wonderful town we live in, not to get credit for myself I'm such a very, very small part of what's happening in Boyne City.

You see everyday God has sent me wonderful people, big and

small, who have not only opened their hearts and wallets to give to their neighbors and even strangers they've never met.

Like Jerry Kelts who puts on the Judy Kuheana breakfast and gave us \$600. What a blessing that was.

Or Sue Hoffman and all the wonderful children at the elementary school who worked to get money to help others. The teachers who sat and took time to ex-

plain about the people who needed their help. For the teachers who have a can for change in their lunch room, or all the community cash slips from Carter's.

It's all the people from the chamber of commerce, to city hall, the doctors, dentists, drug stores, K-of-C and the Eagles, who let us use their halls for our benefits. Also, one wonderful person that saved \$45 worth of cans for us.

It's my neighbors, friends and my family who have worked so hard and have not only gave their money but their time off. The list goes on and on right down to my great-great niece, Aurora Seelye, who just gave me a little ziplock bag yesterday with \$2.50 she saved to help people.

So, you see, it's never been about me.

— Sally Pasque, Boyne City

Mothers group has had enough of Iraq, war

To the editor:
You may have seen them as you drove or walked by — a group of women, standing quietly on a street corner.

There's no arm waving, no shouting, just a dignified presence, impressive by its obvious determination to further a cause which they fervently believe in — a protest to the war in Iraq, a protest to all war. These are the "Women in Black," a movement which started at the onset of the Iraq war and has gained momentum both nationally and internationally.

Women have not borne the pangs of child birth to have their sons and daughters march off to war and become cannon fodder for their country's military adventures. Let them grow up to be warriors for peace not young lives snuffed out in some senseless combat for some dreamed up, vague cause.

Some of the "biggies" in Washington may have seen them, grinned and said, "Ho hum-not another protest. Oh well, it won't last long." Pay attention, fellas. The American public is becoming increasingly weary and angry at the garbled, erroneous information the government tries to shove down its throat. How can we sort out fact from fiction, veracity from duplicity? A hopeless task. I am reminded of a movie way back, in which people in Manhattan threw open their windows, stuck their heads out and shouted,

"I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore."

As they say in Germany, "Genug ist genug." Enough is enough. So as you drive by these women who are there, and who will be there, come snow, rain, or shine every Friday at noon, toot your horn, and give a wave of affirmation.

These are the "Women in Black. God bless 'em. — Elizabeth Humphrey, Ellsworth

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Influx of illegals into U.S. must be stopped

To the editor:
As times change, so do the ways we express ourselves as demonstrated by the labels used by the mainstream media regarding immigrants, such as "legal, illegal, illegal alien, undocumented, unregulated, temporary or guest worker."

They are trying to sway us one way or another, by presenting half-truths, selected or incomplete information, directing us to their viewpoint. But no matter what label is used, it doesn't change the fact that anyone who enters the United States uninvited or illegally has violated our laws, is a criminal and should be treated as our laws direct. Dozens of illegal aliens will

cross America's borders in the time it takes you to read this letter — nearly 2,000 a day and more than 500,000 this year alone. Already there are more than 11 million illegal aliens in America and hundreds of thousands are from terrorist nations or nations that sponsor terrorism, possibly planning the next attack on America.

There are thousands of criminal aliens walking our streets and hundreds of thousands more who have been ordered by the courts to leave America, but are still here. Our country has historically welcomed immigrants who are willing to live by our rules, work hard and become truly American. The U.S. cannot con-

tinue to absorb the huge number of illegal aliens who milk the system for government services, free education and free benefits.

The immigration bureaucracy in Washington is unable to adequately monitor incoming legal aliens, never mind the millions of illegal aliens already living in the United States and the current level of immigration — legal and illegal — is siphoning billions of dollars from the American economy through crime, terrorist acts, abuse of government services and abuse of government benefits.

Congressman Tom Tancredo of the 6th District in Colorado introduced House Resolution 946, the Mass Immigration Re-

duction Act. This legislation puts a temporary moratorium on all immigration, legal and illegal, until our United States can integrate all current legal immigrants and removes all illegal immigrants.

This action is critically important for the future of our nation. If you feel as I do that "enough is enough," then write, e-mail, fax, or phone your representatives in Washington and tell them to support H.R. 946 before it's too late and another 9-11 occurs.

Your voice could be the one that makes the difference. Duty — Honor — Country. — Jerry Evans, Ellsworth

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NEIGHBORS

• Irene Rickard, "The Bionic Woman", as lovingly called by some members of her family, celebrated her 98th birthday at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey on May 5.



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She looked like quite the fashion lady in her lavender hat with a lavender and white striped shirt and white pants, adorned with a string of black beads and pearls. Nine members of her family joined her in the center dining room for a delicious lunch of flounder with trimmings, provided by Dave and his kitchen staff. Daughter, Karen (Dave) Gibson of Otter Lake, brought yummy cupcakes topped with a few of the candles depicting her age.

Other members attending were son, Charles and grandson, Bob, both of Houghton Lake, daughter, Judy Smith of Flint, daughter Janet (Bill) Vuilleumot of Boyne City, son, Rocky (Mary) Rickard of Boyne Falls, and Mary's mom, Dorothy Howard of Bortz. After dinner, the group, including "Happy Birthday," of course, sang a few old songs.

Last weekend, Irene's youngest daughter, Lois Grof of Clearwater, arrived to spend three days visiting at Bortz. Irene received many wonderful cards from old friends and since she doesn't write anymore, she would like to thank all of those who sent their love and prayers.

• A warm, "welcome back, neighbor" goes out to Dorothy Crandall Daniels, who is making Litzenger Place her home once again.

• Plan to attend the Boyne Area Senior Center on May 13, for the first annual "Stepping it up" fund-raiser. Enjoy the fun from 4 to 8 p.m. We will have music by the Cousins. A concession stand will be open. From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. we will have a live auc-

tion. Auctioneer, Jim White, will be sure to keep you entertained. Proceeds from the event will support activities at the center.

• About 30 friends and family members honored Jill Hardy on Sunday's beautiful day with a baby shower.

They gathered at the Buck Trail Ranch in the Petoskey area for a fun time of gifts, good food and conversation. Jill and husband Dustin are expecting their first child on May 26. Dustin is the son of Greg and Vicky Hardy of Boyne City and Jill is the daughter of Karen and Dale Daniels of Alanson. The awaited newborn will be the Daniel's first grandchild.

• Sunday's mass at St Matthew's was followed by an abundant potluck dinner before the May crowning ceremony of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Lexee Baker, age 8, crowned Mother Mary with a floral wreath, and several other children brought flowers also.

• The 4th annual Bergman Center dinner and auction was well attended on Sunday afternoon. Held at the K of C Hall in Boyne City, this fund-raiser is what keeps Bergman Center and its work projects and programs up and running in providing work and other activities for the developmentally disabled adults in the area.

A very nice lunch was catered by Charlevoix's Grey Gables. More than appreciated were the fine auction items and door prizes donated by many area businesses. Those attending also enjoyed a 50-50 raffle.

• Kevin Metzger

graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in Packaging Science on May 6. A family celebration was held in his honor after the graduation ceremony.

Kevin has accepted a job in Columbus, Ohio, with Victory's Packaging. He's the son of Karen and Tom DeNike of Boyne City and Gary and Sandi Metzger of Elmira.

Kevin is a 2000 graduate of BCHS.

• On May 12, a Mother's Day Luncheon will be held at the East Jordan Senior Center to celebrate all Charlevoix County moms, featuring a lunch at noon with soup, chicken salad on croissant, fresh fruit and desert. Just \$2 for 60 and over, \$4 under 60.

Also, live entertainment begins at 11:00 am featuring "The Huckels" young fiddler group.

• The Boyne Area Senior Center has the following schedule for this week:

On May 11, soup, sandwiches, and salad will be served. Cards will follow lunch at 12:45 p.m. The Tai Chi class is also on Thursday at 1 p.m. May 12 is the Mother's Day luncheon. Live music will begin at 11 a.m. for your enjoyment. Don't forget May 13 is auction day. Plan to be there from 4 to 8 p.m. On May 15, beef stew will be served. Monday is also bingo day. May 16 is cod amandine and scalloped potato will be served. A Sit and Be Fit Exercise program will begin on Tuesday at 9 a.m. May 17 is meat loaf and baked potato is on the menu. Line dancing is planned for Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will follow lunch.

• Remember Mom on Sunday with Happy Mother's Day greetings. Items of interest for the Neighbors column may be called into 231-582-8174 or e-mailed to neighbors@gtlakes.com.

Group offers scholarship opportunity

BOYNE CITY - The Friends of the Boyne River wish to announce the competition for this year's Marie Zoberski Scholarship.

The scholarship will be \$1,000 for one year, divided into amounts not to exceed \$500 per semester, and will favor applicants who are planning a career in a field compatible with the mission of the FOB.

Scholarship money is limited to tuition, room and board, textbooks, equipment, fees and materials. The student shall have lived in the Boyne River watershed for a minimum of one year. The deadline for application is May 31.

Also, the FOB are sponsoring a poster and/or float design contest for all citizens of the Boyne area. Perhaps you and your float will be in this special year's sesquicentennial 4th of July parade. Prizes will be awarded.

For application forms or more information, call Suzie Dickow, education chairwoman, at 231-582-0157 or your local high school.

BIRTH

A daughter, Audrey Faith, was born to Trista and Steven Cady of St. Louis on April 14, 2006, at 3:37 a.m. at Gratiot Medical Center in St. Louis.

Audrey weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Richard and Rita Simon of Boyne City and Steve and Pat Cady of Marshall.

Great-grandparents are Vincent Simon of Petoskey and the late Audrey Simon; Laura Belle Cady of Macon, Georgia, and the late Robert Cady; the late John and Audrey Brown of Boyne City; and the late James Gregory and the late Faith Gregory of Petoskey.

SERVICE NEWS

Air Force Airman Janell E. Grice has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Grice is the daughter of Jeffrey Grice of Boyne City, and Jodi Grice of Elmira.

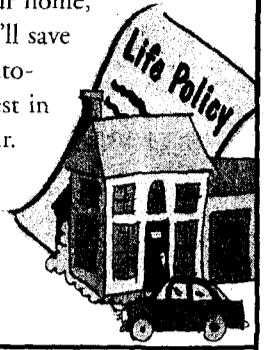
She is a 2005 graduate of Boyne City High School.



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls Public School

NAME: Jessica Tompkins
PARENTS: Mark and Gail Tompkins
GRADE: 9th
FAVORITE CLASS: English
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Build things
FAVORITE SPORT: Basketball
FAVORITE FOOD: Roast beef
FAVORITE BOOK: Harry Potter series
FAVORITE MOVIE: Pirates of the Caribbean
FUTURE PLANS: Book writer
STAFF COMMENTS: "Jessica consistently produces quality work every single day, and she absolutely stands out from the crowd when we work on material that requires high-level thinking skills. Jessica is extremely thoughtful, and I really appreciate the positive energy she brings into my classroom." - Mr. Garver



Honors Chemistry Class, he is a hard worker and is always respectful in class. I can count on David to do his work and behave appropriately in class. Nice job David! Congratulations!"
 -Mrs. Moeke

"David Karlskin is a quiet, hard working student with amazing creative skills. He is always on task and gets the job done far and hove what is asked for. He is never afraid to work hard and follows through on every assignment. He is a joy to work with and to have in class."
 - Mrs. Tinney

"David is a great student in Drafting. He is one of my hardest working students, and is always polite to everyone. I'm really glad to see him receive student of the week." Mr. Cross

"David's technology skills are outstanding. He's created some interesting graphics for his papers and presentations this year."
 - Mrs. McPherson

"Friendly, quiet, and competent - David has been a pleasant addition to our German class. I can always count on him to give new ideas a try." - Mr. Tarsa

to brighten our classrooms with his smile and positive presence. During our trip to Washington D.C., he took it upon himself to speak in front of his classmates and thank chaperones for their hard work. This is just one of the many reasons why we believe Teddy deserves to be a student of the week." - 8th grade teachers, Barb Noiro, Paul Nachazel, Matt Hamilton, and Kay Holley

Boyne City High School

NAME: Hannah Robinson
PARENTS: Cheryl and Charles Robinson
GRADE: 9th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: At school I participate in volleyball and next school year I may do tennis and soccer. I am also in band.
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: I like to go horseback riding, swimming, kneeboarding, wakeboarding, water skiing, and down-hill skiing. I also like creative writing.
FUTURE PLANS: I plan to go to college after high school. I hope to go to Michigan State. Go Spartans!
STAFF COMMENTS: "Hannah Robinson is an exceptional student. Her consistent behavior and assignments convince me that she cares about her academics. Hannah is friendly, cheerful, polite and I find her positive attitude refreshing. She has excellent organizational and leadership skills. I enjoy having Hannah in physical, earth and space science class as she has a great personality and is a delight to be around. Congratulations Hannah!" - Mrs. Hemming, Science



East Jordan High School

NAME: David Karlskin
PARENTS: Mike and Cyndy Streasick
GRADE: 10th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Macromedia Flash Club
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Art, and Drafting
FUTURE PLANS: Attend college for Character Design
STAFF COMMENTS: "I have David in my



East Jordan Middle School

NAME: Theo Snowden
PARENTS: Kim Brooks
GRADE: 8th
FAVORITE CLASS: Math
FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Football, Basketball, Baseball
STAFF COMMENTS: "Teddy is a very intelligent, sweet, and considerate young man. He never fails



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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Dilger

Elizabeth Dilger, 82, of Boyne City, passed away Sunday, April 23, 2006, at home with her husband, Joseph, at her side.

Elizabeth was the beloved wife of Joseph; loving mother of daughters, Kathleen M. Dilger (Richard T. Urbis) and (James H. Dingeman) and Patricia Dilger-Vivian (Daniel D. Vivian); loving grandmother of Rachel Urbis, Ryan Urbis, Katie Vivian and Kelly Vivian.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held Thursday, April 27, at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City, with the Father Duane Wackowiak serving as celebrant.

Visitation was held Wednesday, April 26, at Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City. A vigil and Rosary service followed.

Interment took place at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery in Boyne Falls.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Matthews Catholic Church Parish Hall Fund, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

William Barber

William H. Barber, 79, of Boyne City died Jan. 29, 2006, at his home.

Born on March 19, 1926, in Bayshore, he was the son of the late George and Marion Barber.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a Mason. He was a member of the Christian Science Church, as well as a police officer and volunteer firefighter.

Barber is survived by his wife, Lucille Koteskey Barber; three sons, William G. Barber, James Barber and Jon Barber; four daughters, Cindy Couture, Bonnie Bannon, Teresa Cusak and Patty Edrington; one brother, Nelson Barber; five sisters, Ida Reed, Rena Ocenasek, Peggy McKone, Georgie Taft and Alma Mattson; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his first wife, Sylvia M. Barber; and a sister, Lena Morris.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Barber's life from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 14, at the 4-H Center at Petoskey Fairgrounds. A luncheon will be provided during the afternoon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Challenge Mountain, 2205 Springbrook Road, Boyne Falls, Mich., 49713.

Lee Funeral Home & Crematory of Little River/North Myrtle Beach is serving the family.

Joyce Niswander

Joyce Elizabeth Niswander, 59, of Ruth, formerly of Boyne City, died Monday, April 24, 2006, as the result of boating accident.

Joyce was born Aug. 3, 1946, in Pellston, the daughter of Wendell and Anna (Griswald) Willis.

She grew up in Boyne City and graduated from Boyne City High School. On June 20, 2000, Joyce married Scott Niswander in St. Louis.

Joyce enjoyed several different types of crafts. She spent time working outdoors, fishing and working at her daughter's store. Joyce loved spending time with her family and friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Niswander of Ruth; daughter, Stacie (Jay) Vogel of Bad Axe; four grandchildren, Caleb, Savanna, Alexia and Andrew; mother, Anna Willis; siblings, Dick (Pat) Griswald of Boyne City, Carol Willis of Boyne City, Ronald (Cindy) Willis of Boyne City, and John Willis of Anchorage; and several nieces and nephews.

Joyce is preceded in death by her father, Wendell. Visitation for Joyce was held at Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 28, at the funeral home. Pastor Jerry Polk officiated. Interment took place at Dyer Cemetery on Camp Daggett Road.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family c/o Stacie Vogel, 111 North Hellmes Road, Bad Axe, Mich. 48413.

Dodge pleads guilty to drug, manslaughter charges

CHARLEVOIX — Noah Dodge, 17, of East Jordan, pleaded guilty Tuesday, May 2, to three felonies involving the reported delivery of methadone, which resulted in the death of Christopher Crain, also age 17.

Dodge was arrested by city police on March 15 at East Jordan High School after autopsy results indicated Crain had died of acute metha-

done intoxication.

Dodge plead guilty to attempted manslaughter, a five-year felony; delivery of a controlled substance, a seven-year felony; and maintaining a drug house, a two-year felony.

According to Prosecutor John Jarema, the plea agreements were reached after consultation with law enforcement and the victim's family.

"After speaking with the family and Chief (Dan) Reece, I felt that this was a fair and just resolution to a very tragic case," Jarema said. "The victim's family is spared having to through the traumatic ordeal of testifying and re-living this tragic accident."

According to a release from Jarema and East Jordan Chief of Police Dan Reece, they and

Crain's family hope "that this plea sends a message to the community that prescription drugs are a real problem and that there are real consequences for using and delivering drugs to your friends."

"Chief Reece did an outstanding job in preserving the evidence and interviewing all of the witnesses," said Jarema. "He sought the assistance of the

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department to help with locking all of the witnesses in with their statements."

"There are no winners in this case," Jarema said. "The only positive that can come out of this case is if our community realizes that drugs, especially prescription drugs, are a real problem and that those that participate in that behavior will be held accountable."

Couple injured in crash with deer

EVELINE TWP. — The Charlevoix County Sheriff's office is investigating a car-deer personal injury crash that occurred the evening of

Tuesday, May 2, on M-66 near Shaw Road at about 9:30 p.m.

Daniel Chingwa, 47, of Petoskey was driving a 1998 Ford van north-

bound on M-66, when a deer jumped out in front of his vehicle.

Chingwa reportedly was unable to stop in time to avoid the crash.

Chingwa and his passenger, Cammie Scharnett, were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix EMS for

minor injuries.

Both occupants were wearing their seat belts and both air bags deployed at the time of the crash.

New program embraces positive peer pressure

BOYNE CITY — Boyne City Public Schools officials announced the start-up of a new program beginning, second semester of this school year.

The first of its kind in Charlevoix County, this special program has been initiated to train students to assist their peers in coping with problems and facing academic challenges.

The "P.A.L. Program" and its members, known as "PALs" (Peer Assistant Listeners) receive their training.

In a one-semester class taught by vice principal Jack Petroelje with support from the Counseling Department and outside agency specialists. Students who are perceived as "natural helpers" are selected by the student body and

receive training in emphatic listening, problem solving skills, and some of the realities of adolescent problem behaviors.

Following the successful completion of the class, PALs are available to students as "PALs In Action" for helping with a variety of problems ranging from academic to personal.

The second semester

school officials were able to place a total of seven PALs throughout the district — three at the elementary school, three at the middle school, and one at the high school.

A qualified staff member provides supervision for the PAL contacts and acts as a backup for complex or emergency situations.

In a national survey,

85 percent of teens who responded stated they would turn to a friend before a parent or other adult for help relating a serious problem.

For more information, or if you do not wish for your child to use PALS services, contact Petroelje, vice principal and PAL coordinator, by calling 231-439-8132.

BCPD NEWS

The following report is courtesy of the Boyne City Police Department:

Monday, May 1 — Traffic citation issued, found luggage at Lake and Water Streets turned in, speed citation issued, loud stereo citation issued.

Tuesday, May 2 — Unlock on Silver Street, NSF check turned in from BC Pizza, and stalking complaint under investigation.

Wednesday, May 3 — Vehicle inspection on North Park Street, property check on S. Lake St.

Thursday, May 4 — One arrested for operating while intoxicated - lodged at Charlevoix County Sheriff Department, found check-book turned in and returned to owner, suspi-

cious person in park, unlock of vehicle on Front Street, report of vehicle running school bus lights, unlock at Barn Mountain, and unlock on South Lake Street

Friday, May 5 — Assist on North, East Street, malicious destruction of property to vehicle on Leroy Street, NSF check turned in from Eagles, 911 check at elementary school, skateboarding complaint in parking lot, assist at Parkview Apartments, and larceny from Shell Station.

Saturday, May 6 — Assault at Sportsman's under investigation, speed citation issued, skateboarding complaint in parking lot, family dispute on Wenonah Street, loud music complaint at

Parkview Apartments, property damage on East Main Street, and citation issued for defec-

tive equipment.

Sunday, May 7 — Report of loud music on East Main Street and

Boice, family dispute on North Lake Street, and domestic assault with one arrested.

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...RIDE AND SMILE...

BC hurlers Kruzuel, Brown dominate Bulldogs

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY - Boyne City hurlers Tyler Kruzuel and Will Brown both recorded shutout victories, as the host Ramblers (10-9 overall) swept Inland Lakes on Friday, May 5.

Kruzuel struck out 11 batters, surrendering just 2 walks and 3 hits, in a 6-0 opening game win. Brown sent down 3, walked

none and scattered 2 hits in the second game, a 15-0, 4-inning "mercy rule" win.

In the first game, Kirk Smith batted 2-for-2 with a stolen base and 2 RBIs, as the Ramblers struck for three runs in the second inning, two in the third and one in the fifth on 8 hits for the game. Kruzuel (2 stolen bases) and Robbie Jensen (2 RBIs) were both 2-for-3 in helping add to the Rambler attack.

In the second game, Tyler Price (2 RBIs, 2 stolen bases), Sean Mills (2 RBIs), Jensen (2 stolen bases) and Kruzuel (4 RBIs) all went 2-for-3, as Boyne City tallied four runs in the first, seven in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth to end the contest early.

Boyne City 2-3, Elk Rapids 0-4
Lake Michigan Conference

vals Boyne City and Elk Rapids split a doubleheader in Elk Rapids on Tuesday, May 2, as the Ramblers took the first game, 2-0, and the Elks took the second game, 4-3.

Kruzuel struck out 8, walked 5 and gave up just 1 hit to win the first game and he helped his way to the victory with a seventh-inning RBI triple that drove in Charlie Courtwright.

Kevin Beaton brought Kruzuel

home for the insurance run on a squeeze play.

The Elks tallied lone runs in the first and second innings to take an early lead in the nightcap, before the Ramblers responded with a run in the third and two in the fourth to pull ahead by a run.

Elk Rapids countered with two runs in the bottom of the fourth to take a 4-3 win and salvage the split.

Courtwright was 3-for-3 at the

plate to lead the Rambler hitters and scored 1 run, while Jensen, Brown, Smith, Beaton and Mills all chipped in with 1 hit each.

Brown started for Boyne City and tossed 3 innings before Kruzuel came in to work the last 2 frames.

Brown fanned 3, walked none and surrendered 3 runs. Kruzuel struck out 4, walked 1 and gave up the winning run.

Batter up

Pentecost helps lead East Jordan sluggers to win over host Stags

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

KINGSLEY - Red Devil pitcher Tom Pentecost earned a 5 hit victory over Kingsley in the first game on Friday, May 5, as the East Jordan boys varsity baseball team downed the host Stags, 12-2.

Pentecost fanned 4 batters and walked 3 in 7 innings of work, as East Jordan scored two runs in the opening inning, four in the second, one in the third, two in the fourth, one in the fifth and two in the seventh to run away with the win on the road.

Eric Hansen (4-for-5, 2 RBIs), Josh Cooper (3-for-4, 3 RBIs), Dallas Dougherty (2-for-4, 3 RBIs), Shane Gardner (2-for-4), Andrew Streufert (2-for-5) and Matt Pater (2-for-5, 3 RBIs) paced the East Jordan hitting.

The second game was tied at 3-3 when it was called due to darkness.

East Jordan 13-7, Gaylord 3-9

Pentecost fanned 5, walked 2 and yielded only 3 hits to earn a

13-3, 4-inning victory for East Jordan over Gaylord on Monday, May 1.

Jeff Keyser, Dougherty (1 RBI), Cooper (2 RBIs), Gardner (2 RBIs) and Pentecost (1 RBI) all batted 2-for-3.

The Red Devils scored 2 in the first, 1 in the second, 3 in the third and 7 in the fourth to end the contest early.

Gaylord scored 5 runs in the third inning, as the Blue Devils rebounded to take a 9-7 win in the second game of the win in the second game.

Dougherty had a 2-run homer and Hansen was 2-for-4 with a double to lead the East Jordan hitters.

East Jordan 5-13, Grayling 4-0

Streufert and Matt Pater were the winning pitchers as East Jordan downed Grayling (5-4, 13-0) in a Lake Michigan Conference matchup on Tuesday, May 2.

Streufert fanned 7 batters and gave up 6 hits, while Pater sent down 6 and scattered 3 hits.

Dougherty hit a pair homers in the opener and added a third

round-tripper in the nightcap to highlight the hitters for the day.

Hansen added a home run in the first game and Pater chipped in

with one in the night's second game.



East Jordan's Dallas Dougherty couldn't stop himself from smiling after he hit his third home run of the day during the Tuesday, May 2, contest with Grayling.

Take two

Logger softball team wins pair over visiting Wolverine

By ANDY TAYLOR
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE FALLS - Bouncing back from 2 conference losses against Mackinaw City, the Boyne Falls varsity softball team took two wins from visiting Wolverine on Thursday, May 4.

The Loggers pumped out 13 runs in the first game to win by a score of 13-7. Annie Pernicano was the winning pitcher, allowing 7 runs, 5 hits and striking out 4.

Pernicano also had 3 singles and scored 4 runs in the game.

Other notable hitters for the Loggers were Kassie McClellan (double and 2 runs scored), Terra Wasylewski (single), Lindsey Reynolds (single), Sharnai Wheaton (single) and Roslyn Fiel (single).

In the second game, the Loggers were able to put even more runs on the board as they cruised to a 16-5 win in 5 innings of action.

Pernicano was the winning pitcher again, allowing 6 hits, walking 3 and striking out 3.

Fiel had 2 singles in the victory and scored 3 runs. Wasylewski also had a single and scored 3 runs.

Pernicano, Whitney Woiteshek and McClellan hit singles in the second game.

The pair of victories put the Loggers back up at .500 in Northern Lakes Conference play, at 2-2.

Mackinaw City 19-11, Boyne Falls 1-5

Boyne Falls got off to a rough start at the beginning of the NLC season when they went up against the Mackinaw City Comets on Thursday, April 27.

In game 1 of a doubleheader the Loggers allowed the Comets to score 19 runs while losing, 19-1, in 4 innings.

Woiteshek had 2 singles for Boyne Falls in the game. Wasylewski and Pernicano both hit singles. Pernicano was the losing pitcher, giving up 13 hits and striking out 2.

For Mackinaw City, Bethany Campbell was a triple short of hitting for the cycle and scored 3 runs. Erin Sullivan was the winner on the mound, giving up 1 run on 4 hits and 1 walk, while striking out 6.

In the nightcap, the Loggers were much more solid but still endured an 11-5 loss. Pernicano was on the mound again for the Loggers, walking 2 batters and striking out 5. She also hit a double at the plate for Boyne Falls.

For the Loggers, Wasylewski, McClellan, Fiel and Panapom Ouseng all hit singles.

For the Comets, Campbell hit another home run and Caitlin Spencley was the winning pitcher, allowing 5 runs and strik-

Steiner Memorial boasts tense competition

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BELLAIRE - The East Jordan girls varsity track team got individual wins from Mary Shaw, Ashley Skrocki and Jaleesa Baier, as well as wins in the 400-meter and 800-meter relays to capture first place overall at the Heidi Steiner Memorial Track Meet in Bellaire on Monday, May 1.

East Jordan topped the field

with 175 points, followed by Kingsley (88), Traverse City St. Francis (87), Suttons Bay (68), Rogers City (61.5), Charlevoix (43.5), Bellaire (39), Boyne City (33), Onaway (19.5), Central Lake (19), Pellston (12), Traverse City Christian (8) and Alanson-Littlefield (5.5).

"We thought we could win, but we never felt the girls would do this well," East Jordan coach Dennis Snarey. "We had many

personal bests today."

Shaw was a double winner, and was named the girls athlete of the meet, taking the long jump with a leap of 15 feet, 10.5 inches and the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 1.2 seconds.

Baier won the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.43 seconds and Skrocki took the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 49.56 seconds.

Charlevoix won the boys meet

with 181.84 points followed by Kingsley (129.67), Traverse City St. Francis (98.5), Onaway (54.67), East Jordan (53), Suttons Bay (41), Bellaire (37.67), Central Lake (25), Boyne City (17), Rogers City (16.67) and Pellston (8).

The Rayders got individual wins from Mike Dimartino in the long jump (19-3), Jeff Golovich in the discus (136-8.5), Jacob Wimmer in the 1600-meter run

(4:42), Daron Munson in the 400-meter run (52.36 seconds), Scott Plude in the 300-meter hurdles (41.69 seconds) and Brandon Stevens in the 800-meter run (2:01.71).

Charlevoix won the 800-meter relay (1:35), the 1600-meter relay (3:54) and the 3200-meter relay (8:59).

Another notable boys winner was Graham Burry (110-meter hurdles, 16.03 seconds).

BY THE NUMBERS

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER STANDINGS:

Lake Michigan Conference				
Conference	W	L	T	GB
Charlevoix	7	0	0	-
TC Liberty	5	1	0	1.5
Kalkaska	2	0	0	2.5
Harbor Springs	4	2	0	2.5
Elk Rapids	3	4	0	4
Boyne City	3	4	0	4
East Jordan	1	7	0	6
Grayling	0	7	0	7

VARSITY BASEBALL STANDINGS:

Lake Michigan Conference				
Conference	W	L	T	GB
East Jordan	7	1	0	-
Kalkaska	7	1	0	-
Elk Rapids	5	2	1	1.5
TCSF	5	3	0	2
Boyne City	4	4	0	3
Harbor Springs	3	5	0	4
Grayling	0	7	1	6.5
Charlevoix	0	8	0	7

VARSITY SOFTBALL STANDINGS:

Lake Michigan Conference				
Conference	W	L	T	GB
East Jordan	5	0	0	-
TCSF	6	2	0	2
Charlevoix	5	3	0	3
Boyne City	4	4	0	4

Grayling	4	4	0	4
Elk Rapids	3	5	0	5
East Jordan	2	6	0	6
Harbor Springs	0	8	0	8

WEEKLY SPORTS SLATE:

VARSITY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL		
5/11	Boyne City vs. Kalkaska	4:30 p.m.
5/12	East Jordan vs. Gaylord St. Mary's	4:30 p.m.
5/12	Boyne Falls vs. East Jordan JV	4:30 p.m.
5/13	Boyne City vs. Suttons Bay	10 a.m.
5/15	Boyne Falls @ Harbor Light	4 p.m.
5/16	Boyne City @ Charlevoix	4:30 p.m.
5/16	East Jordan @ Kalkaska	4:30 p.m.

JV BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

5/10	East Jordan @ Gaylord	4:30 p.m.
5/11	Boyne City @ Inland Lakes	4:30 p.m.
5/12	East Jordan @ Boyne Falls	4:30 p.m.
5/13	Boyne City @ Suttons Bay	10 a.m.
5/16	Boyne City vs. Charlevoix	4:30 p.m.
5/16	East Jordan vs. Kalkaska	4:30 p.m.

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

5/11	Boyne City @ Grayling	5 p.m.
5/11	East Jordan vs. TC Liberty	5 p.m.
5/13	Boyne City @ TC Central	10 a.m.
5/15	Boyne City @ Harbor Springs	5 p.m.
5/15	East Jordan @ Kalkaska	5 p.m.

BOYS/GIRLS TRACK

5/11	Boyne City/Boyne Falls @ East Jordan Invitational	3 p.m.
5/13	East Jordan @ Lake City Invitational	9:30 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS

5/12	Boyne City @ LMC Championship	TBA
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Rayders top BC

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

CHARLEVOIX - Charlevoix posted victories in all 4 of the doubles matches, while taking 2 of the 3 singles battles to hand the Boyne City varsity tennis team a 6-1 defeat on Friday, May 5.

Grant Ameal earned the Rambler's point at the No. 3 singles slot with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Rayder Ty Haske.

The Ramblers will compete at the Lake Michigan Conference Championships on Friday, May 12.

Voice sets new record

BELLAIRE - Taylor Voice set a new record at the Boyne City High School pole vault record - set

at 16 feet even at the Heidi Steiner Invitational Track Meet in Bellaire.

Faded Ink

BC girls place 2nd at Mancelona invite

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

MANCELONA – The Boyne City girls track team placed second overall and the boys team placed fourth at the Mancelona Invitational track meet held on Friday, May 5.

Natasha Bell was a triple winner for the Ram-

blers, taking the long jump (14 feet, 11 inches), the 100-meter dash (13.09 seconds) and the 200-meter dash (27.62 seconds).

Jessica Nichols ran her fastest times of the year as she doubled up winning the 100-meter hurdles (16.96 seconds) and 300-meter hurdles (51.75 seconds).

Caitlin Wonski also grabbed a win in the pole

vault (9 feet).

Other medals went to Erin Haley (2nd in 3200-meter run), Maggie Knight (2nd in 400-meter dash), Lindsey Mansfield (5th in 3200-meter run), Kristina LaVake (5th in 100-meter dash) and the 400-meter relay team of LaVake, Sam McLeod, Nichols and Bell (2nd).

Medalists in the boys competition included Tay-

lor Voice (2nd in pole vault), Kelcie Nohel (3rd in 3200-meter run), Tom Hague (4th in 110-meter hurdles, 4th in 300-meter hurdles), Nick Simeri (5th in discus), the 400-meter relay team (3rd) and the 3200-meter relay team (4th).

Harbor Springs topped the standings in both meets as the Rams won with 158 points and the Rams girls won with 142.

Kickin' it Rambler soccer rolls over Red Devils, 5-1

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY – Boyne City's girls varsity soccer team struck for 3 first half goals and added 2 markers after the intermission to defeat Lake Michigan Conference rival East Jordan 5-1 on Thursday, May 4.

Sam Dunwoody scored 4 goals to power the Lady Rambler victory with the first coming at the 33-minute mark of the first half, from Amy Anderson, while the same combination connected later to get the host team rolling.

Lindsay Baic scored a goal from Anderson with 1 minute left in the first half to give Boyne City a 3-0 half time advantage.

Dunwoody scored her third and fourth goals of the night when she moved in from midfield at the 39-minute mark of the second half and then stole a goal kick and scored at the 30-minute mark.

East Jordan's Kathryn Rowley found the Boyne City net with 10 minutes to go in the game. Melanie Hillaker recorded the assist on the play.

"Savannah O'Brien did a nice job filling in for Emily Moeke at the sweeper position, who was out with an injury, and Berit Rieper also did a nice job filling in at midfield for Ali Danforth," Boyne City coach Nick Baic said.

Boyne City outshot East Jordan 20 to 10.

"Kelsey Poineau and BobAnn Fick joined in the midfield activity passing and attacking," East Jordan coach Pete Elliott said. "Britney Kline played a good game in her fullback position, stopping Boyne's attack many times and fullback Danielle Wiser also had a strong game."

Charlevoix 3, Boyne City 1

Charlevoix's Ariel Ramsey scored at the 26-minute mark of the first half and added a second goal in the second half to lead the Rayders to a 3-1 victory over Boyne City on Monday, May 1.

Boyne City's Baic scored on a penalty kick at the 8-minute mark of the second half to tie the score at 1 apiece before Ramsey put in the game winner and Becca Madison scored the insurance goal to close out the scoring.

East Jordan will host Traverse City St. Francis tomorrow and travel to Kalkaska on Monday, May 15.

Boyne City will travel for its next 3 games against Grayling, Traverse City Central and Harbor Springs.



Photo by Vic Ruggles

An East Jordan JV baserunner made it safely to home during the Tuesday, May 1 double-header against the Grayling Vikings. The Red Devils won both games, 12-8 and 6-5.

It's a no-no

Bourdo blanks 'Birds as JV Red Devils roll

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN – Nick Bourdo struck out 6 batters without yielding a hit in the first game and then fanned 8 without surrendering a hit in the nightcap to lead the East Jordan boys JV baseball team to a 19-0, 10-1 sweep over Gaylor St. Mary's on Wednesday, May 3.

Scott Hansen, (4-for-4, 3 RBIs), Jordan Dionne (2-for-3, 2 RBIs) and Ryan Gettel (2-for-3, 2 RBIs) led the hitters in the opener.

Lucas Spence (2-for-3, 4 RBIs), Kevin LaVanway (1-for-2) and James Brown (1-for-3, 2 RBIs) paced the hitters in the second game.

East Jordan 12-8, Grayling 6-5

The Red Devils downed Lake Michigan Conference foe Grayling 12-6 and 8-5 on Tuesday, May 1.

Scott Hansen was the winning pitcher in the first game with 7 strikeouts, 2 walks and 4 hits. Dionne, Darryl Bingham and Mac Brennan were all 2-for-3 at the plate.

Bingham struck out 8, walked 4 and gave up 3 hits to win the second game, while Scott Hansen and Brennan both had 2 hits in 3 at bats.

Stags too much for JV Devils

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN – The East Jordan girls JV softball squad came up just a run short against Kingsley on Friday, May 5, when the Stags defeated the Red Devils, 5-4, in the opening game.

Randi McFall was on

the mound for East Jordan and gave up 7 walks and 4 hits, while striking out 9 batters.

Angel Lee led the hitters with 3 hits, McFall chipped in with 2 hits, and Megan Thomas, Ashley Warrington and Mary Gocha had 1 hit each.

Thomas lashed a home run and added a

single in the second game, a 16-6 Kingsley victory. Tori Carr, McFall, Angel Lee, Alyssa Bellant, Jessica Gibbard and Andi Symonds all chipped in with 1 single each.

Gocha struck out 4, walked 8 and allowed 6 hits on the mound.

TCSF 6-5, EJ 2-7

The Devils gave their coach a first time victory over Traverse City St. Francis when East Jordan pulled off a 7-5 win in the second game of its conference doubleheader with the Gladiators on Tuesday, May 2.

McFall fanned 5 batters, walked 9 and allowed 6 hits, while earning the win and Thomas

had 2 singles to lead the hitters.

Warrington and Gocha contributed with a double each and McFall, Hailey Crick, Bellant, Alyssa Piechocki and Carr chipped in with a single apiece.

Danielle Rathbun and Gocha also stroked singles in the first game loss, 6-2.

Softball rivals split twin bill

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

ELK RAPIDS – The Boyne City girls varsity softball team gained a split at Elk Rapids on Tuesday, May 2, with a 5-2 victory in the second game after falling to the Elks 10-8 in the opening game.

Cheyenne Shumaker was the winning pitcher for Boyne City, which pushed across lone runs in the first, second and fourth innings and then added 2 in the sixth close out the win.

Elk Rapids scored all 10 runs in the second inning to take a 10-5 lead and then held Boyne City to 1 run in the fifth and 2 in the sixth to secure the opening game victory.

Leading the Boyne City bats for the day were: Allison Aown (4 hits), Shumaker (3 hits), Holly Stanek (2 hits), Christina Roland (2 hits), and Hailli Friedrich (2 hits).

"I was pleased with our play today," Boyne City coach Sandy Clausen said. "We played solid defense and we out hit them in both games."

Ramblers take 2nd at BC tourney

Whittemore-Prescott handed the host Lady Ramblers a 5-2 defeat in the championship game of the Boyne City Invitational tournament on Saturday, April 29.

Boyne City defeated Gaylor 8-5 in its first game of the day and then shutout Kingsley 10-0 to advance to the finals.

Stephanee Woodward struck out 7 batters while surrendering 3 walks and 7 hits to earn the win in the first game. Shumaker fanned 3, walked none and gave up 3 hits to get the win in the second game.

Three Ramblers (Friedrich, Stanek and Woodward) were named to the all-tournament team.

Gaylor edged out Glen Lake 1-0 in the consolation game.

JV Ramblers split with TC West

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

TRAVERSE CITY – The Boyne City JV softball team scored 4 runs in the top of the sixth inning to pull off a 12-9 victory in the second game at Traverse City West on

Friday, May 5, to earn a split.

Jessica Knisz tossed 5 innings with 1 strikeout and surrendered just 2 hits, while Hilary Urman tossed 1 inning with 1 strikeout and yielded 3 hits.

Knysz also led the hitters with a triple, a

single and 3 runs scored, while Hannah Hausler had a triple and a single and Shelby Mittig had a triple and 2 RBIs.

"I was very impressed with the girls in this game," coach Tom Neidhamer said. "We had some strong bats,

we were aggressive on the base paths and we scored lots of runs."

Tanya Persons batted 2-for-2 with an inside the park home run and a double in the opening game 10-2 loss. Mittig chipped in with 2 singles.

The Lady Ramblers

now sport a 9-5 overall record.

Boyne City 9-15,
Elk Rapids 4-5

Boyne City downed Elk Rapids 9-4, 15-5 at home on Tuesday, May 2.

Persons hit her first career home run, driving

the ball over the fence and 2 runs across the plate in the second game. She also had a single and a double in the first game.

Mittig chipped in with 4 hits for the day, while Hausler, Sarah Gerberding and Knysz all added 2 hits each.

Young sluggers earn way to first-place finishes

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN – Four young and aspiring East Jordan baseball players won first-place honors at the Pitch, Hit and Run competition hosted by the City of East Jordan Parks De-

partment on Saturday, May 6.

The event saw 25 athletes compete in the yearly quest for a trip to the Major League Baseball all-star game

Ryan Lavanway totaled 343 points to win the ages 7-8 group, Colin Harasewicz

amassed 584 points to win the 9-10 group, Aaron Peck posted 866 points to win the 11-12 group and Jordan Richards recorded 993 points to win the 13-14 group.

The four are now eligible to advance to the team championship on

Saturday, June 24, at Detroit's Comerica Park.

Pitch, Hit and Run is a baseball competition that allows youngsters to showcase their talents with their scores determined by individual performances in each skills event.

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By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN – The East Jordan Middle School boys track team fell just a point short of a team victory at a quad-meet held at East Jordan on Monday, May 1.

The Harbor Springs boys team scored 72 points to finish first, East Jordan (71) placed second followed by Kalkaska (59) and Boyne City (43).

Event winners were: Drew Nobel of Boyne City (high jump, 5 feet, 2 inches; 100-meter

dash, 12.38 seconds), Eric Brun of East Jordan (pole vault, 8-3), Zach Bush of Boyne City (3200-meter run; 11 minutes, 29 seconds; 800-meter run, 2:27);

Dylan Snyder of East Jordan (55-meter hurdles, 9.04 seconds;

200-meter hurdles, 30.68 seconds), the 3200-meter relay team from Boyne City (10:52), Jacob Baier of East Jordan (70-meter dash, 9.19 seconds) and Caleb Fair of Boyne City (200-meter dash, 27.68 seconds).

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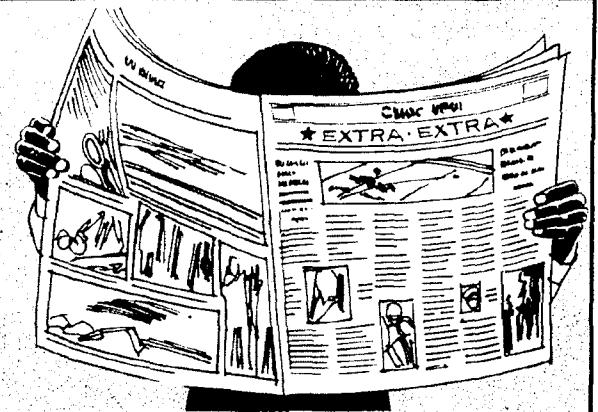
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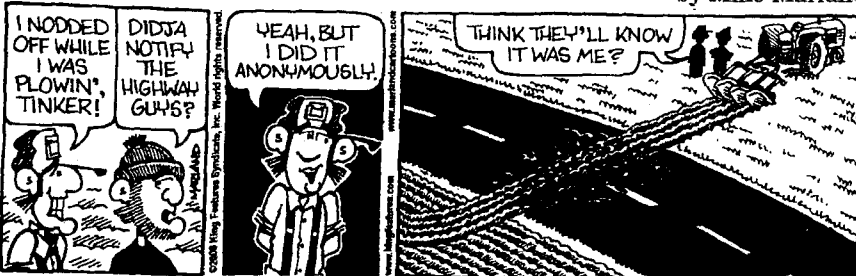
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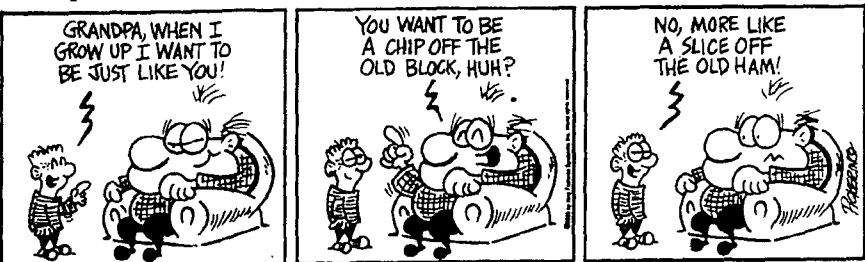
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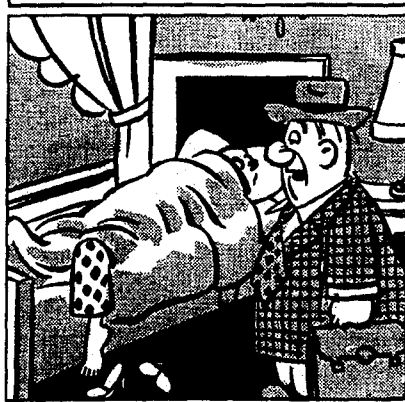
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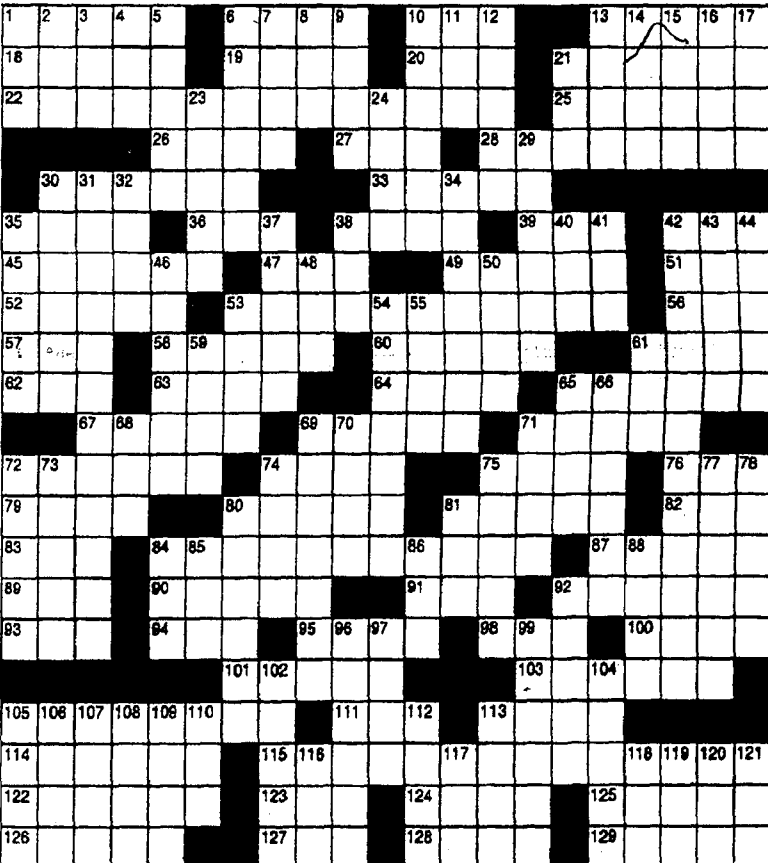


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Williamson of "Excalibur"
 - 8 The Brothers transport
 - 10 Urban transport
 - 13 Get the lead out
 - 18 Harden
 - 19 Stallion's son
 - 20 "Agnus"
 - 21 Mason's tool
 - 22 Cat-show judge?
 - 25 Puts aside
 - 26 Carpenter's item
 - 27 Cavity
 - 28 Model boat?
 - 30 Degraded
 - 33 Mongoose's enemy
 - 35 Bungle
 - 36 One of the Marches
 - 38 "If I... you..."
 - 39 White House grp.
 - 42 Beret kin
 - 45 Queen of mystery
 - 47 Tell it like it isn't
 - 49 Winter warmer-upper
 - 51 See 105 Down
 - 52 Sluggishly
- DOWN**
- 1 Tuck's mate
 - 2 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
 - 3 Mongrel
 - 4 Rink legend
 - 5 Bowe blows
 - 6 Charge
 - 7 Reformer
 - 8 Lilly or Mintz
 - 9 Command at a corner
 - 10 Perry White, for one
 - 11 Meyerbeer's —
 - 12 Lucknow lute
 - 13 Art Deco name
 - 14 Carrot or parsnip
 - 15 Crooked
 - 16 Trickle
 - 17 In addition
 - 21 "For shame!"
 - 23 "Sleeping with the..." ('91 film)
 - 24 Mediterranean port
 - 29 Foul
 - 30 Charm
 - 31 Aggressiveness on Wall Street?
 - 32 Genesis figure
 - 34 Suits
 - 35 Disgusted
 - 37 Pills to the gills
 - 38 Moistens of desperation?
 - 41 Machine part
 - 42 Kremlin tomb?
 - 43 Hawk's home
 - 44 One of the Yokume
 - 46 "Swingin' School" singer
 - 48 Claire or Ballin
 - 50 — impulse (suddenly)
 - 53 Landed
 - 54 Centipede's sensor
 - 55 Departs
 - 56 "My word!"
 - 61 Churn
 - 65 Medieval menial
 - 66 Kindly
 - 68 Pantry item
 - 69 Atlas or Aznavour
 - 70 Actress
 - 71 Java joint
 - 72 Wore
 - 73 Abrasive substance
 - 74 Bangkok native
 - 75 Poe crow
 - 77 Cover old ground
 - 78 Belongs
 - 80 Athlete's injury
 - 81 Triangular sail
 - 84 Mimic
 - 85 Word with on or off
 - 86 — degree (somewhat)
 - 88 Skater
 - 89 Lipinsk
 - 92 Forms a dart
 - 96 Trudge
 - 97 Big ng
 - 99 Come to'
 - 102 Employees
 - 104 Ms. Midler
 - 105 With 51
 - 106 Lucy
 - 107 Shrewd
 - 108 Land in the ocean
 - 109 Action figure
 - 110 Greene's "The — of the Affair"
 - 112 Falco or Adams
 - 113 Injury after-effect
 - 116 Hard word
 - 117 Significant years
 - 118 Gun the engine
 - 119 Nev. neighbor
 - 120 Decorative vase
 - 121 Tended a lot



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Photo by Jayne Welsheimer

Julie Whitley of Charlevoix County Animal Control holds the net with the captured critter.

Welsheimer joins Citizen Journal

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY - The Citizen Journal is pleased to announce the hire of Jayne Welsheimer, as advertising sales consultant. "I'm thrilled to be at the Citizen Journal and looking forward to seeing all my old friends and meeting new ones," said Welsheimer.

Welsheimer previously worked for 16 years at Harbor Industries in Boyne City.

Welsheimer is married and lives in Petoskey. She has two sons, Derek Chapel, 23, and Loren Welsheimer, 14. Loren attends Boyne City Middle School and Derek, who recently graduated from Michigan Tech, now lives in Washington, D.C.

Welsheimer says she loves the Charlevoix County Area and has many fond memories of Boyne City High. Particularly, she remembers the old Sunny Side Restaurant and Woody's Bait Shop.

"I'm so glad to see at least the Dairy Queen and Bob Mathers' Ford is still here," said Welsheimer.

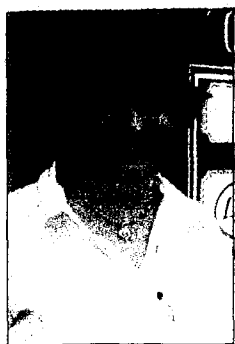
In her spare time, Welsheimer enjoys traveling and camping. She is also an animal lover, and owns three dogs, two cats and one fish.

"I enjoy travel and love visiting Big Cities to take

advantage of all they have to offer, but only short periods of time," said Welsheimer. "I wouldn't live anywhere else but Northern Michigan. There are great schools, great people and clean air."

"I still love camping—my first trip was at least six weeks old at my Aunt Nellie's on Shula Vista on Lake Charlevoix," said Welsheimer. "Now our favorite camping is at Young's, but no longer in a tent—we've upgraded to a pop-up camper. I know it's not real camping, but, as they say, everything has to change."

Jayne Welsheimer may be reached at 231-582-6761.



Jayne Welsheimer

Women wrangle woodchuck

By STEVE KLOOSTERMAN
INTERIM EDITOR

BOYNE CITY - The antics of a frantic, obsessive-compulsive juvenile woodchuck—and the women who eventually caught him—provided shop owners on Lake Street on the afternoon of Monday, May 1, with a spectacle unrivaled since Tom met Jerry.

Perhaps the woodchuck—dubbed "Walter" by Charlevoix County Animal Control—was lonely for his family, and decided to move to the city. Perhaps he was only hitchhiking through. Whatever the case, Animal control received a complaint at 2 p.m. that an elderly man was having trouble with a Woodchuck stuck under his truck.

"I got a call at the office of a gentleman in distress with a woodchuck," said Animal Control Officer Julie Whitley. Also responding to the scene, camera in hand, was Citizen Journal Sales Consultant Jayne Welsheimer.

Welsheimer, who had started her sales job only a week ago, responded to the calls of shopkeepers for media representation, as no editorial staff were present in the office at the time.

"I think somebody called us from Medicap Pharmacy," said Welsheimer. "I grabbed my camera."

Upon arrival, Welsheimer was issued what Whitley called "a catch pole" and told to poke at Walter while Whitley tried to wrangle the woodchuck with a net.

"I said I didn't want to hurt him," remembers Welsheimer. "She said, 'POKE HIM!'" Welsheimer

noted in retrospect that the first week of May is "be kind to animals week."

What then ensued was a 40-minute game of cat and mouse as the wily woodchuck lead both women to three different vehicles.

"All the businesses were coming out and watching, clapping," said Welsheimer "People were honking."

The skirt-wearing Welsheimer said that she was afraid "the whole town saw my bloomers."

At one point the two were assisted a girl whose car had been hijacked by Walter just as she pulled into a parking space. Whitley was able to warn one would-be victim before Walter made his move, however.

"I said, 'Quick, get in your car, sir! Drive away!'" said Whitley. "He did."

At some point in the chase, the women exchanged implements, and eventually were able to subdue the wild rodent.

"I snared him with a catch pole, and then Jayne maneuvered the net," said Whitley. "I kid you not, it was like a 'Rocky' movie. Mary's, Edward Jones Investments, Indo-China Gardens, the bank, Medicap, they were all out there cheering for Jayne and I."

Whitley said that after re-locating Walter, the desperate animal chased after her truck. She said that Walter, who looked like a juvenile animal, may have been abandoned by his mother.

"That's very common with wildlife, that they get kicked out of the nest," said Whitley.

Auction to benefit CAB arts on the go program

BOYNE FALLS - The benefit auction for Arts on the Go will be held Friday, May 12 in the Concord Academy Boyne auditorium. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased at the door. The silent auction begins at 6 p.m., followed by the live auction at 7 p.m. Dinner and entertainment will also be part of the evening.

The Arts on the Go program brings regional artists to Concord Academy Boyne to work with and perform for the students. Artists selected to work with the students represent a variety of mediums,

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The National Honor Society and members of the Senior Class will provide childcare at the event.

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