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COMING EVENTS

Summer sailing open for children, teens

BOYNE CITY — The 20th annual 4-H Youth Sailing School will begin June 12, with three week-long sessions starting June 12, 19 and 26 at the Boyne City Marina and 6 week-long sessions beginning July 10, 17, 24, 31 and Aug. 7 and 14 at Depot Beach in Charlevoix.

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Sailing achievement awards will be given following the successful completion of a week's class session.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the program, a family picnic is planned Friday, June 23, at the Boyne City Marina at 6 p.m., and at Depot Beach in Charlevoix on Friday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Michigan State University Extension, Charlevoix County, 319-B North Lake St., Boyne City, Mich. 49712; call 231-582-6232 or e-mail msue15@msu.edu.

WEATHER

Wednesday, June 7
Hi:80 Lo:55

Condition: Isolated T-Storms

Thursday, June 8
Hi:75 Lo:50

Condition: Partly Cloudy

Friday, June 9
Hi:74 Lo:50

Condition: Partly Cloudy

Saturday, June 10
Hi: 69 Lo:55

Condition: Few Showers

Sunday, June 11
Hi:69 Lo:53

Condition: Scattered T-Storms

Monday, June 12
Hi:76 Lo:51

Condition: Scattered T-Storms

Tuesday, June 13
Hi:71 Lo:51

Condition: Showers

Wednesday, June 14
Hi:71 Lo:52

Condition: Mostly Sunny

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Officials concerned over slow progress But developer says Boyne Beach Club remains right on track

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — At this point in time, the large fenced-in area of rubble on Lake Street across from Glen's Plaza was to have showcased a hotel, restaurant and marina, but the only ones currently enjoying the area are the seagulls that congregate on the site.

The land is owned by Devlon Properties, headquartered in Ontario, Canada, with a local office in Charlevoix. Its president James Hevey on Friday, June 2, said the plans are intact and the company will move ahead with construction of the project known as the Boyne Beach Club in July. "The DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) man-

dates that we have to wait until after July 15, because the fish are breeding," Hevey said.

The marina and break wall work would disturb the fish. Hevey said construction on the hotel also has to wait because the hotel and marina's underground pipes and other equipment are inter-connected and must be constructed at the same time.

But Boyne City Planning director Dan Reed said the permits have long since expired and because construction has not commenced, the company must reapply to the city for its zoning permit, site plan approval and conditional use permit, all of which were issued by the city to Devlon in the late spring and summer of 2004.

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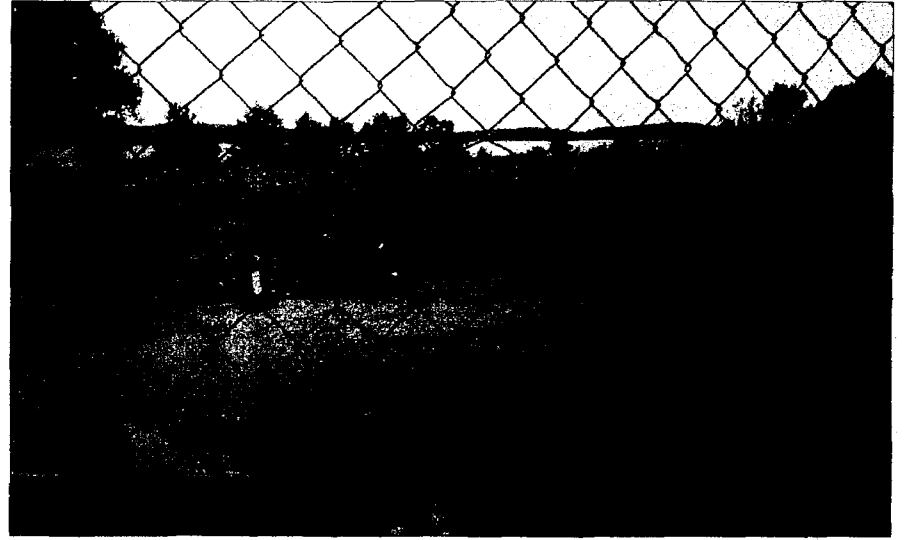


Photo by B.J. Hetler

This plot of ground on Lake Street in Boyne City has been vacant since 2004.

SLIDING IN SAFE



Photo by Vic Ruggles

Boyne City's Molly Hausler slides into third base on Saturday, June 3, during the Ramblers' district tournament clash with Kalkaska in East Jordan. For complete district tournament coverage, see pages 8-9.

Business owners size up road work

By STEVE KLOOSTERMAN
INTERIM EDITOR

EAST JORDAN — With little more than a month left before road-work begins on M-32 in the heart of East Jordan, downtown business owners are already anticipating the effect it will have on commerce this summer, as well as the improved infrastructure the work may bring. "I'm going to be happy, because my building has been flooded out before because of the insufficient draining system they had here," said Rick Hawley, owner of Competitive Edge hair salon.

Before rebuilding the road, the Michigan Department of Transportation plans to replace a short section of the existing water main and sanitary sewer. The curb and sidewalk also will be remodeled with brick pavers and fitted with street lights, to match the look of East Jordan's Main Street.

Extensive road work will be done to M-32 from the east side of the

bridge to about 200 feet southeast of Third Street. The work, which will last from July 10 and last until early November, may slow business, although M-32 drivers will be able to drive into the downtown on Spring Street, and one lane of traffic will stay open.

Hawley said he wasn't happy to be losing parking in front of his building's M-32 storefront, and that he expected to lose some business because of the construction but still supported the work.

"I believe it's going to make it tough on businesses, but with all good things you have to give something to get it done," said Hawley. "It's not upsetting to me."

Elaine Birgy, owner of Joyful Expressions on Main Street, was less cheerful about the road work.

"I think it's going to hurt downtown business. People like convenience," said Birgy. "Our society is that way ... we don't like inconvenience."

See ROAD, page 2

Litzenburger Place seeks donations for air conditioning

BOYNE CITY — More than 30 years ago now, Litzenburger Place Apartments were built to help house the low income seniors, veterans and handicapped residents in the Boyne City area community.

Since that time, the residents have been allowed to purchase and use window air conditioners in their apartments.

But a recent ruling by Housing Urban Development Commission now states that window air conditioners in rooms with only one window are a health and safety violation since they would block secondary fire escape routes. Residents who saved to purchase the window units may no longer use them.

The Housing Commission has determined that portable air conditioners can be used, provided that an exhaust vent be cut through the outside wall and the portable units be purchased by the tenants. Because of drastic cuts in our funding budget, the residents applied for a grant to pay for cutting these vents. Unfortunately, the grant was denied.

Many residents of Litzenburger Place are living on Social Security, disability and small pensions, and some cannot afford the cost of purchasing new portable air conditioners, and now the cost of cutting the vents also will be upon them. This will become a huge health issue for a very large percentage of the tenants, many of whom are on oxygen or have other respiratory problems and desperately need the cool air.

Litzenburger Place Apartments is now asking organizations and businesses in the area for financial assistance to help with the purchase of new portable air conditioners. Many residents are too proud to ask for help and suffering in silence through the heat of summer could prove to be devastating. These new portable units could also be available to benefit tenants moving here in the future.

Donations may be mailed to B.C.H.C Resident's Air Conditioner Fund, 829 S. Park St., Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

Red Devils mark graduation

The members of the East Jordan High School Class of 2006 celebrated the end of their high school careers during commencement exercises on Sunday, June 4, at Boswell Stadium. Right, salutatorian Eric Hansen addresses his classmates, as well as family and friends that gathered for the occasion, during Sunday's graduation ceremonies.



Photos by Vic Ruggles



Above, senior Sierra Roberts is all smiles during Sunday's festivities, while wearing some cool sunglasses.

Left, EJHS seniors officially celebrate becoming alumni with the traditional throwing of the hats toward the end of commencement exercises.

Club

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"Permits are good for one year from the time the permit is issued," Reed said on Friday, June 2.

In the case of Devlon, the city has waited about one year following the expiration in May 2005. Finally, on May 16, Reed notified Hevey and Devlon by letter that zoning, site plan approval and conditional use permits had all expired and were no longer valid.

Reed's letter went on to advise the company

that if it wished to proceed with the project, it must reapply and that about 90 days are needed to start the process again.

Hevey denies that the permits are expired, saying that Devlon commenced construction when it demolished the former Boyne Products factory building on the property.

Devlon related that position to the city in a letter that responded to the city planning director's May 16 letter, Hevey said.

"My position is that we have approval and we're going ahead after July 15," Hevey said. "For all intents and purposes we've been working on the project."

But Reed says no. "That's not accurate and if they start work I'll put a stop work order out. My letter stands, he has to reapply," Reed said.

The \$37 million Boyne Beach Club project includes 30 hotel-condo units, a restaurant, a private beach and a marina.

Road

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She admitted, however, that MDOT and the city's plan was probably a good one.

"I'm sure they thought it all through and planned it all out. I guess we just have to be inconvenienced," said Birgy.

"Both the contractors have told us and those businesses that they will have access to their business the vast majority of the time," said East Jordan Economic Development Coordinator Rod Benson. "It's going to be a good project and the end result is that it's going to be good to be good for the town. There are going to be some difficulties during the construction period, but we're doing everything we can, we think, to make it as easy as possible."



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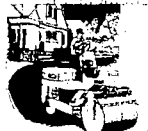
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Summertree Residential Centers management team (from left): Norma Brown, Kathy Zimmerman, Debbie Daly, Karl Kuzmik, Barb Bragenzer, Ginny Rusnell, Patsy Wood, Debbie Bingham and Joseph Manary.

Group homes offer positive alternatives to institutions

By LOUISE NELLE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Joseph Manary, executive director of Summertree Residential Centers, could not contain his excitement when given the opportunity to teach the community more about Summertree.

The non-profit organization, whose main office is located in downtown Boyne City, was founded May 19, 1978. Since that time, Summertree has been providing services for the developmentally disabled and/or mentally impaired.

The birth of Summertree arose as a need to de-institutionalize, to remove individuals from large institutions and place them in smaller settings where they could get better personal care.

According to Manary, "There are lots of horror stories of things that went on in large institutions."

Horror stories such as patient neglect and re-

straints are not uncommon. Manary explained that those coming from institutions have been known to strike out or do bizarre things, behavior he called "survival methods" from when they lived in unhealthy settings.

Beginning with five group homes throughout Northern Michigan, Summertree gradually expanded to its current size of 12 group homes and seven apartments located in five counties: Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, Otsego, and Grand Traverse. Each home accommodates two to six people and each apartment one or two people ranging from 18 to 90 years of age.

The organization works closely with agencies such as North Country Community Mental Health of Petoskey and Northern Lakes Community Mental Health of Gaylord. Together, Summertree and the agencies determine resident placement to en-

sure the comfort and safety of all residents.

"If there's a vacancy, we really have to take into account the impact of the person on a home," Manary said.

Summertree focuses on improving residents' quality of life and provides them the individual care they deserve. Residents are free to move about and interact with others. Outings are heavily stressed; simple everyday outings such as helping employees with grocery shopping, going to farmers markets and to the beach.

The organization also plans Christmas parties, birthday parties and a summer company picnic to let residents know that they belong to a caring community.

After coming to Summertree, residents are much calmer and feel safer. They are able to have jobs, usually working in grocery stores helping to bag groceries, stock shelves or work with the recycling.

On the whole, they are allowed to have lives.

An example of a normal day at one of the group homes begins by waking up, eating breakfast and fulfilling personal needs. Then residents either go to work, doctor and dentist appointments, day centers or stay at home due to physical and age limitations or personal desire.

"Their days are not so very different from ours," said Manary. "Just that our clients are dependent."

Yet, as wonderful as all this sounds, Summertree has not been without its complications. Sizeable employee turnover remains its biggest obstacle.

Funds from mental health boards heavily restrict employee salaries, and many employees want more competitive wages. In addition, frequent turnover causes stress on the residents who must continually form new

employee-resident relationships.

"We do have a core group of people who have been with us for years and years, and they do it because they love it. They become like family members," said Manary.

Despite complications, the organization has been able to provide more intensive care as the years pass, not only to residents but to those living outside of Summertree who need some additional support.

For more information, visit online at <http://summertreerc.org>.

Township official announces bid to run for state Senate

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY — Democrat Donald L. Collier wants to give people a choice in the state Senate.

That desire—and his concern about public school funding—went into his decision to run for election, he said.

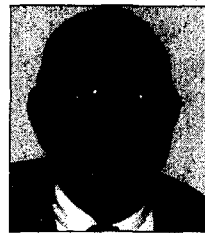
Collier is one of two Democrats running in the 37th District. Democrat Sharon Unger is also campaigning for state Senate, and the Aug. 8 primary election will decide which candidate runs against incumbent Sen. Jason Allen in the Nov. 7 general election.

The 37th District comprises eight counties: Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Presque Isle and Mackinac.

Collier, 78, serves on the Grand Traverse Planning Commission in Grand Traverse County and has held the position for 15 years. He has lived in Interlochen for 16 years.

He was a special investigator for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, worked for Ford Motor Division as an analyst and for General Motors on the production line.

Collier has owned small businesses for about 50 years, he said. He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps. He earned a bachelor's de-



Donald Collier

gree with a major in police administration, and attended Detroit College of Law.

He has volunteered for Focus Hope, an organization that provides food in Benzie County. He is married and has four grown children. Public schools are a primary concern for Collier, and if elected, he said he will push for fair funding of public education.

"I believe public education is the foundation of our society," he said. "In terms of fairness and equity, the gap in state aid that exists between downstate districts and others is wrong and indefensible."

Each of the state's school districts currently receives a minimum of \$6,875 per student, but the inequality is in the supplement, or the state aid gap. The more than \$1 billion in that supplement is proportioned out to schools by an indeterminate factor, Collier said.

"We need to revamp the whole (supplement) system, it should be decided by the number of pupils, not geographically," he said.

Collier would like to

stop the influence of "PAC" money on legislators. PAC is the acronym for Political Action Committee, groups that donate to candidates with the same or similar interests.

"No representative or senator should take any PAC money," Collier said.

In difficult economic times, Collier believes in more promotion of tourism, both in-state and out-of-state, of the state parks, walking and bicycle trails and winter sports. He said the Single Business Tax should be modified because eliminating that tax without replacing the revenue will further hurt the state's economy.

To protect the environment, Collier said the state must have strict enforcement of the environmental laws. He would prohibit the dumping of Canada's trash in the state.

Development in the 37th District should start with responsible local planning commissions and zoning, he said.

"People don't realize how important zoning and planning are to the community. Townships shouldn't be sitting on their hands, but should be keeping up with the times as far as zoning laws."

Collier encourages citizens to participate in local government.

"People do not participate in the discussions for the decisions, and every meeting is full of decisions," he added.

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Michigan Department of Management and Budget director Lisa Webb Sharpe, in partnership with the Michigan Association of Timbermen, announced recently that the annual search is on to locate a holiday tree for the Capitol lawn. To be considered, the tree must:

- Be a spruce or a fir;
- Be at least 65 feet tall;
- Have a maximum crown diameter of 30 feet and a maximum trunk diameter of 30 inches;
- Be accessible from the road and away from wires; and
- Be available at no charge.

Nominations are requested by July 1. Submissions must include a photo of the tree.

Michigan's Upper Peninsula has provided a number of botanical beauties, yet three trees have come from communities close to the Capitol. The Laura and Scott Brock family of Kingsford, in the UP, donated last year's holiday tree — a green spruce that was brought to Lansing by truck and unveiled in front of 80,000 people at the "Silver Bells in the City" celebration. This year's tree will be illuminated at the annual event, which will take place Friday, Nov. 17.

Individuals interested in nominating a tree may send their name, telephone number and information about the tree, including a photograph, to: Holiday Tree Search, Michigan Department of Management and Budget, Facilities Administration, Building Operations Division, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, Mich. 48909

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WORD ON THE STREET

Question of the week:

"Do you think there truly is a liberal bias by the mainstream media against the Bush Administration and its policies, and do you think you're being misled on many important topics? And how does this make you feel about the national media?"



"I THINK there are good things and bad things that are going on. Some media tell you about things that don't need to be known. Sometimes they aren't the right things to pay attention to."

Amanda Korhase, Boyne City



"I THINK it's getting easier to pull out facts and opinion. It's getting pretty obvious. Things can't be negative all the time. I think local media are fine but when you get to national it gets pretty ridiculous."

Adam Hubble, Boyne Falls



"I GUESS, because of what is going on in Iraq"

Katie DeRitter, Manvelona



"YES, I think they (the media) are leaving a lot out."

Justah Simmonds, Manvelona



"NO, THEY'RE all biased. They've got a pre-conceived idea. I feel he's doing the best he knows how to do"

Donna Harris, Rapid City



"TO TELL you the truth, I haven't been paying attention. I have more important things to do with my time. I have a lot of kids. I just deal with what I have at hand."

Crystal Harrington, Kalkaska



"YES, I do think there is a liberal bias, but not really against Bush. I think national media is just filling a lot of air time. They are beating a dead horse."

Mark Wittjer, Traverse City



"THERE ISN'T necessarily a bias. It may have a liberal tendency, but not as much as is portrayed, and it's not any more distorted or misleading than what the government gives us."

Kevin Huffman, Wooster, Ohio

Grads deserve people's adulation

It's time for a bunch of teenagers to fly out of the nest and land someplace other than school. Their dreams will take them one place; their feet will take them another.

Although not all high school graduates will move out of the place they call home, they will leave the familiar confines of school.

For some, that will be a blessing. Others may not be ready to end their scholastic careers and say goodbye to friends.

High school memories stir up a mix of emotions. Successful students have a strong foundation upon which to build their lives. Because high school has been a success, they may be sad to leave.

Students who have struggled may have been itching to leave for some time.

I was some of both. Battered by backstabbing that some would call typical of teenage years, I was ready to leave my small thumb-area school by my sophomore year.

I begged my parents to send me to an all-girls private school.

They convinced me that being one of the poor kids at one of those schools would not be the best decision. They reassured me that my situation could be made tolerable.

It was not until I had been gone from what had become that "god-forsaken town" for a couple of

semesters of college that I could begin to appreciate what I had been given: a small-town upbringing filled with rich experiences and people who had shared their wisdom with me.

Since survival of the fittest is what drives us as humans, I guess it is no surprise that we want children to grow up and have a better life than the previous generation. Most parents raise their children up in order to have them go out and make their own way. That way of thinking, however, does not come without a price.

We pay in the way our families become scattered. Having everyone home for holidays becomes unique, after high school graduation.

My oldest sibling and only

brother started college the year I started kindergarten. I was a classic "tag-a-long" child and quite a surprise to an established family.

As if it were yesterday, I remember leaving him at Western Michigan University. I could not believe he wanted to leave us. I could not grasp why my parents would leave him there. Family lore has it that I sobbed in the back seat the entire trip home, across the breadth of the state. It was as though my heart had been ripped from my body.

The experience clearly toughened me up though, as I do not have any memories of leaving my two older sisters at college.

I was one of those high school graduates with a strong foundation that I took for granted and an even stronger itch to get out. I was going to go to college and have a big career.

I had dreams of sipping wine and eating hors d'oeuvres in a grand house, with my fellow art aficionados. I was certain I'd have an office overlooking the Detroit River.

As I filled the coffee cups of the farmers I was serving at the Harvest Haus, during my senior year of high school, they would laugh at me and say, "Come

back and let us know when you're making that two hundred grand a year." I never did.

Blame it on the crayfish that bit me when I was seven. It put something in me that has had me love nature and make some sort of a positive difference on the planet, instead of raking in loads of money and flying across the ocean to see a kangaroo with my own eyes.

It took nearly a decade out of college for me to notice where my feet kept taking me. I was in the water, cleaning a river. I was going back to my hometown, just so I could see for miles. I was visiting my parents, so that I could put my toes in the sand and smell the water.

All those big dreams I had no longer seemed important. Instead, I had grown to appreciate what I was given, used what I had learned and paid more attention to where my feet were taking me.

So, I congratulate the graduates. They are prepared for the flight out of the nest. As they land, from time to time, I hope they notice where their feet are. Where you land can be more fulfilling than the biggest of dreams.

— Readers may contact Leader editor Heidi Berden via e-mail at editor@torchlake.com.

CONNECTIONS



By Heidi Berden

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NEIGHBORS

The update on Chad Danforth, the grandson of Sally Shaler Pasque is a positive one.

According to Sally, "God is still in the miracle business. His doctors were amazed. It had to be nothing short of a miracle and the many prayers for Chad and his family that removed him from critical to nearly healed. The two staph infections occurring from wounds of his recent motorcycle accident disappeared."



By Nancy Northup

"He is now at home, still having a blood problem, but happy to be alive and thankful to all those who prayed for him."

Last week, Friday's wonderful fish fry benefit for Al and Jenny Lawson was a huge success at the Presbyterian Church.

The proceeds are to be used for Al's needed kidney surgery. Hang in there, guys.

The descendants of Duane and Sarah Hollenbeck Hawkins met over Memorial Weekend for a reunion.

Duane and Sarah Hawkins lived in Vermontville. Their son, Don J. and Gertie Rawson Hawkins, homesteaded on Tebo School Road on the farm currently owned by Dorothy Hawkins. The children and grandchildren of the second generation on Tebo School Road, Carl and Adeline Hawkins, hosted the gathering. Carl and Adeline's children include Hilda (Clarence) Reinhardt, Don (Sam) Hawkins, and Doris (Carl) Grutsch. Their son, Carl Hawkins Jr., husband of Dorothy, is deceased.

The reunion began on Friday evening at Linda and Bill Chase's, then continued Saturday with a tour including Maple Lawn cemetery, the homestead, area family residences, and lunch at the Jordan Inn, as well as a visit to Elm Pointe.

Saturday evening there were 61 for dinner at the Dilworth Hotel with many photos and family information on display as well as a DVD slide show of old family pictures and music produced by Kim Matelski.

A hearty breakfast at Terry and Glenda Reinhardt's on Sunday morning gave those from out of town a great send-off back to their homes in areas of Michigan, Alabama and Ohio.

Bunny Garlock is the proud grandmother of three grandchildren who have recently graduated from college.

Cory Michael Handy graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree with a major in psychology and a minor in criminal justice. Cory is the son of Mike and Kathie Handy.

Melinda Jane McCutcheon graduated from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in physical science and has been accepted into the masters program. Mindy is the daughter of Patti and Perry Hausler and Alan McCutcheon.

Charles Andrew Talboys graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. Charlie is the son of Steve and Libbie Talboys.

Congratulations and good luck to each one of them as they now go out into the world and make their mark.

The family is all proud of them and loves them. "Oh yeah, Tommie couldn't make it this time but we still love him," they said.

Susanna Lynn Wellert, daughter of David and Jean Wellert of Boyne City, married Beau Daniel Detcher, son of Ray and Judi Detcher, also of Boyne City, on May 27 at Walloon Lake Community Church, which was decorated like a beautiful garden.

The lovely ceremony was followed by a reception there at the church.

The newlyweds will spend their honeymoon in Mexico and then will be living in Marquette.

Recently, The Oral Sutliff's met up with their nephews, John and Mark Sutliff, and two boys of Ann Arbor, the sons of the late T. J. Sutliff.

They all had lunch in Gaylord, spending a few hours together.

The boys were on a camping trip for the weekend.

In town last week were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stone of Burlington, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Stone, the former Marilyn Coon of Boyne City, was here visiting with friends and family members — including brothers, Glenn and Bruce Coon and Woody and Marie Everest.

The couple spent Mother's Day Sunday with Caroline McCleary at the home of Patrick McCleary in Alanson

Several from Boyne City attended the memorial service honoring the life of Wanda Heaton Hill on Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix.

"Green Thumb" residents of Litzzenburger Place and Deer Meadows were really happy this past week, watching head of maintenance Ray Detcher

and helper construct raised garden plots between the two buildings.

Garden lovers will soon be out there, tending to their plantings, made even more comfortable by sitting on attached benches.

And, thanks to the Litzzenburger Place Resident Council, all of the entryways, including the Franklin Street ramp way, are adorned with colorful floral hanging baskets, giving it a real homey touch.

The Boyne City United Methodists honored their graduates at their morning worship service on Sunday and their coffee hour, which followed.

Congratulations went to Luke Stevens, high school, and Janelle VanDeCar Kathleen Hunt, Aubrey Fry and John Fry, all college graduates.

Items of interest for the Neighbors column may be called in to 231-582-9174 or e-mailed to neighbors@gtlakes before noon on Friday.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Please take notice that on June 19, 2006 at 6:15pm in the cafeteria of the Early Childhood Education Center, Boyne City, Michigan, the Board of Education of Boyne City Public Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2006-07 budget.

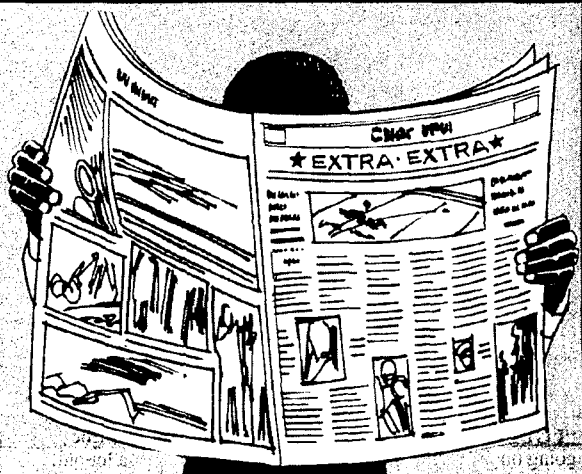
The Board may not adopt its proposed 2006-07 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2006-07 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the District's Business Office at 321 S. Park Street.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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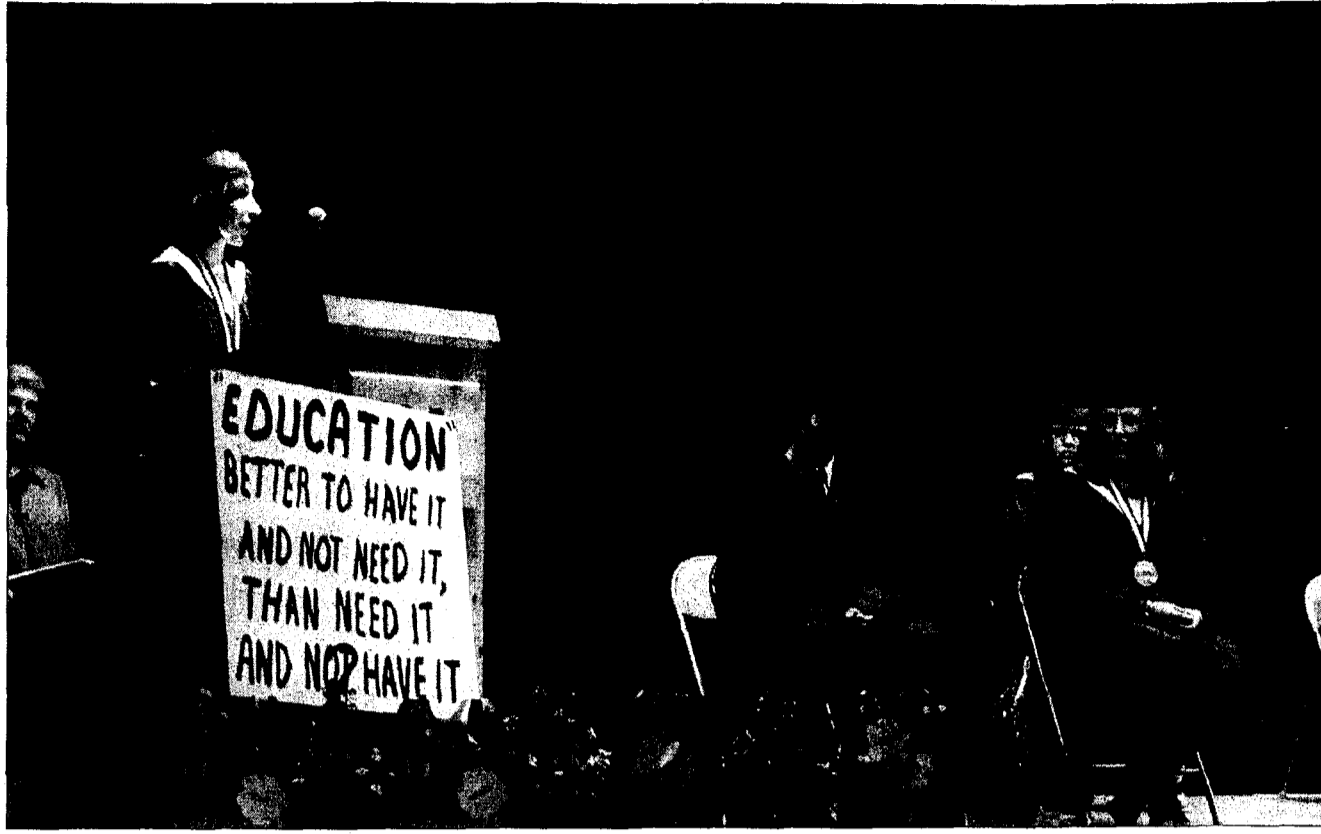
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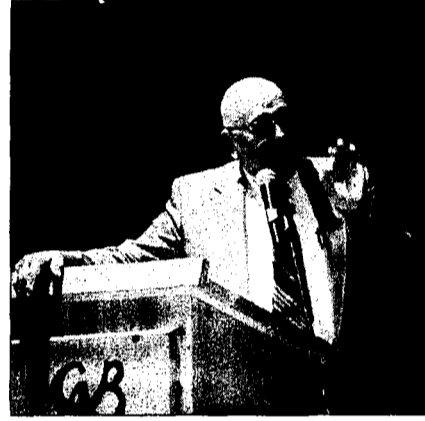
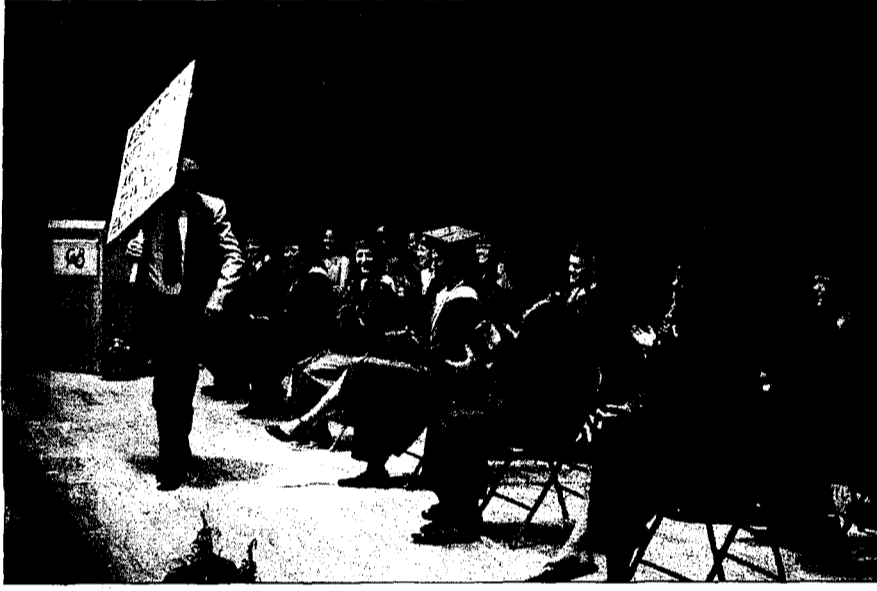
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CAB grads take center stage



Concord Academy Boyne Seniors closed a chapter in their lives last Saturday afternoon, June 3. Above, CAB valedictorian Hannah Precup gives her speech, as classmates Gary Lee and Mary Chafee look on.



Above and left, CAB board president Sam Kose gave a colorful speech that was very well-received, in which his daughter Elizabeth, a senior, rang a bell to remind him of the time limit to his speech.

Photos by Vic Ruggles

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

EAST JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL

NAME: Paula Stanfield
PARENTS: Renee Stanfield
GRADE: 12th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band and choir
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): English 12 and band



Paula Stanfield

FUTURE PLANS: Field
STAFF COMMENTS: "Paula was an excellent advanced algebra student. She always completed her work and made sure to understand everything. I really enjoyed having Paula in class."

— Mrs. Russell
 "Paula manages to keep a positive attitude and a great work ethic! School has always come first for her."

— Mrs. Cross
 "Paula has chosen to rise above personal challenges to be a very successful student this year. I am happy to say that I know her and am very proud of her."

— Mrs. Standerfer

EAST JORDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

NAME: Sarah DeHann

PARENTS: Pete and Melissa DeHann

GRADE: 6th
FAVORITE CLASS: Social studies ... because she likes learning about history.

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Soccer, reading

STAFF COMMENTS: "Sarah has a very positive attitude at all times and is one of the friendliest students in the sixth grade. She tries her best and invariably turns in a very good effort. Way to go, Sarah."

— Paul Keyser
 "Sarah is a very nice young lady who brings a smile wherever she goes. She is a hard worker in class and her high quality assignments show her hard work."

— Anne Petrie

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HAPPENINGS

Fair trade coffee to be discussed

"Fair Trade Coffee and Clean Water in Chiapas, Mexico" is the topic for discussion at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, at the Jordan Valley District Library, East Jordan.

Prior to the program, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., on the main floor of the library, Gary Howe, Traverse City resident and photojournalist, will host a photo display highlighting the people and coffee cooperatives of Chiapas.

Howe's photos will be on display at the library throughout the month of June.

Last day of school is Thursday

Boyer City Public Schools' last day for students will be Thursday, June 8.

All students will be dismissed at 11:13 a.m. The kindergarten students will ride home on the buses with the older students.

Breakfast will be available for all students.

Photo contest gets underway

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed kicked off its second annual photography contest June 1.

Any image that captures the changing nature of the watershed throughout the year will be accepted. Whether scenery, landscape, flowers, animals or people engaged in activities throughout the watershed. The only requirement is that the pictures are taken in the Jordan River watershed area.

Entries for the contest must be received by Aug. 1. Photos must be 8-by-10 inch to 8.5-by-11 inch prints. Professional printing is strongly recommended due to the variable quality of home printing.

A \$5 entry fee must be submitted with each photo.

Details and forms for the contest are available on the FOJ website, www.friendsofthejordan.org, or can be obtained from the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce.

Any questions should be directed to Margaret Moran 231-631-8856 (call after 6 p.m. only). Refer to the FOJ Web site for a map of the watershed.

Humane Society benefit dinner

Garrett's on Water Street in Boyne City presents "The Stray Gourmet," a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix County Humane Society, on Saturday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m.

A four-course gourmet meal will be featured by master chef Garrett Scanlan. Dance to the music of Craig Marsden, under the stars, weather permitting.

Tickets are \$75 and are available at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, Bridge Street Books in Charlevoix, and at the Charlevoix County Humane Society. Black tie optional.

City cleanup coming up

The City of East Jordan will be having a city-wide spring clean-up on June 10 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

People must take items to either Community Park located at 802 Main Street or the transfer station located at 700 Nicholls Street. One pick up load per household will be permitted and proof of residency must be obtained at City Hall prior to June 10.

Residents must bring proof of residency card with you when you drop off your items at either location.

When obtaining your proof of residency, you must show proof of identity that you are a city resident or renter inside the city limits of East Jordan.

Contact City Hall at 231-536-3381 for addi-

tional information or questions you may have.

Free fishing this weekend

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is reminding citizens not to forget about celebrating Michigan's world-class freshwater fishing on June 10-11.

Michigan's Free Fishing Weekends are two special days when all fishing license fees will be waived for residents and outstate visitors alike on both inland and Great Lakes waters.

All fishing regulations will still apply.

Service features speaker, music

Evangelist George Holley and Living Truth 2 will be at the Northern Michigan Holiness Campground, at 630 North Park St. in Boyne City, from Sunday, June 11 through Sunday, June 18.

Services will begin at 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and at 6 p.m. Sundays.

A special concert by Living Truth 2 will be held Saturday, June 17, at 4 p.m.

Basketball camp set for June 13-15

Hoop School will run Tuesday through, June 13-15, in the East Jordan High School gymnasium.

Hoop School is a basketball camp for boys and girls run by former college coach, player, and East Jordan native Sara Chase Heise.

Hoop School teaches fundamentals and hard work. Each session is filled with intense learning, full, competitive games, and a Christian environment.

This year's camp will feature two sessions, one for those entering third- through fifth-grades and another for students entering sixth- through ninth-grades.

The younger students' session will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, and older students 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Both sessions are

open to girls and boys; however, they will be separated during drills. The cost of this year's camp is \$60 at the door.

If you have any questions, please call Sara Chase Heise at 901-596-6819 or Bill Chase at 231-536-7250.

Public invited to ceremony

The public is invited to attend the annual flag disposal ceremony to be conducted by Ernest Peterson Post 228, the American Legion, at 7 p.m. in Veterans Park, Boyne City, on Wednesday, June 14.

Anyone who has a flag that is no longer serviceable (faded, tattered or torn) may drop it off at the American Legion Post, on the corner of Lake and Main, any Tuesday between 2 and 10 p.m., or bring it to Veterans Park on June 14 at 6:45 p.m.

Should a person wish to purchase a new flag or flagpole, visit the post on Tuesdays between 2 and 10 p.m. or call 231-582-7811 at that time to receive needed information.

Golf outing planned

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will hold a golf outing Thursday, June 15 at Ye Nynne Olde Holles golf course.

Tea off time is 2 p.m., dinner is at 5 p.m.

Workshops to be offered

North Central Michigan College will conduct a series of seminars for entrepreneurs on Monday evenings during June in Petoskey and East Jordan.

Participants will learn the steps involved in buying an existing business, developing marketing and pricing strategies and managing cash flow.

The East Jordan programs will be held in the Lake Street Center, formerly known as the Dura Building. All programs will start at 6 p.m. and will last about three

hours. Seminars on marketing communications and pricing strategies will take place Monday, June 12, and issues associated with managing cash flow will be covered in seminars on Monday, June 26.

The cost to attend each workshop is \$25.

For more information and to register, see the North Central Web site, www.ncmich.edu/edres/entrepreneur.asp, or call 231-348-6613.

Senior center schedule set

Activities at the Boyne Area Senior Center on Wednesday, June 7, will include a foot clinic at 9 a.m.

Persons must have an appointment for this service. Call 231-582-6682 for your appointment. Line dancing is planned from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served at noon. The menu is "cooks choice." Bingo will follow lunch.

On Thursday, June 8, is soup and salad. Tai Chi will begin about 1 p.m. Cards will follow lunch.

For June 9, Friday, egg and sausage casserole will be served.

On Monday, June 12, enjoy cheeseburger meatballs for lunch. This Monday is also bingo day.

Tuesday, June 13, at 9 a.m. Sit and Be Fit exercise is planned. This is also birthday day. Garlic chicken will be served for lunch. Wednesday, June 14, beef pasties will be served. Activities for the day include line dancing and bingo.

For all the news of the north, find it the local newspaper.

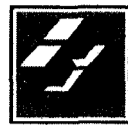
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SPORTS

Voice, EJ girls relay team earn all-state honors

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

COMSTOCK PARK — Boyne City pole vaulter Taylor Voice placed fourth in his specialty at the Division III State Final track

meet at Comstock Park on Saturday, June 3, while the East Jordan 400-meter relay team of Sienna Richards, Sierra Roberts, Ashley Skrocki and Jaleesa Baier placed eighth in their final run, giving the athletes all-state honors to cap the 2006 season. The top eight finishers in each event receive medals.

Voice cleared 13 feet, 6 inches in the vault, which was won by Joey Latz of Ovid-Elsie with a height of 14-6.

The East Jordan quartet combined for a time of 51.53 seconds to medal behind the winning Kent City team, which turned a time of 50.06 seconds.

RISING & CONVERGING



By
Andy
Taylor

Baseball 2006: It's more than just Bonds

As most sports fans know by now, Barry Bonds has passed Babe Ruth on the all-time home runs list, and now sits solely in the No. 2 spot.

Hank Aaron is now the only player who has hit more home runs in Major League Baseball history.

All I can say is, it's about time.

I was so happy when Bonds finally passed the Babe. In fact, I was ecstatic. It was great for baseball when Bonds finally hit himself past Babe Ruth.

But I'm not happy because I am a Bonds fan. I have never been a follower of Willie Mays' godson. I have never even liked him.

I was just glad all this hoopla over him being No. 2 (think about that one, but not for too long) is finally over. Gee whiz, it was ridiculous.

I got so sick and tired of being interrupted during the game I was watching to have ESPN switch to a Bonds at bat. I was sick of not being able to go on the Internet without reading about how long it has been since he hit a home run.

I just wanted baseball to get back to normal.

I'm also sick and tired of all the talk of asterisks for Bonds, possible steroid use and probes into the hitter's past.

I'm sick of it.

It seems to me that Barry probably has done steroids in the past. But ever since the official ban, Barry has stayed huge, meaning he's probably pumped more iron than steroids.

But in the end it doesn't matter to me. I don't like Barry Bonds, but the reason I don't like him has nothing to do with steroids — it's a much purer reason.

He's a jerk.

Barry Bonds is one of the most arrogant, stuck up and downright mean athletes I have ever seen (on TV at least). That's right; I don't like him because he is a jerk.

There are far better things to spend your attention on this season than watching Barry Bonds move into the No. 2 spot for home runs.

And by the way, my prediction that Bonds will not even come close to breaking Hank Aaron's record this season still stands.

With what is going on in the American League Central (who would have guessed there would be 3 teams contending from the Central this year), Derek Jeter being the youngest player ever to get hit No. 2,000 and teams like Cincinnati and Colorado surprising everyone, there is so much more to be excited about than just Barry Bonds.

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Kalkaska rolls by Ramblers in districts

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The Kalkaska girls varsity softball team earned its third straight district title with a 10-0 shutout of Mancelona in the District No. 66-3 tournament in East Jordan on Saturday, June 3.

Kaitlyn Raymond was the winning pitcher in both games, striking out 9 batters and allowing just 2 hits in the final, while fanning 7 and yielding 4 hits in the semi-final game, which saw Kalkaska defeat Boyne City, 3-0.

The Blazers (25-7) advance to play in the Traverse City St. Francis regional on Saturday, June 10.

Kalkaska 3, Boyne City 0

The Blazers scored two runs in the first inning and added an insurance run in the seventh inning to earn their way to the finals with a 3-0 shutout of Boyne City in the first semi-final game of the day.

Kaley Babcock tripled in both runs in the opening inning, while Raeann Lupo singled in the seventh and eventually came home on a fielder's choice play.

Molly Hausler had a pair of singles, Allison Aown had a single and Holly Stanek had a single to account for the four Rambler's hits.

"I thought we played real well defensively, but a couple of little mistakes made a big difference," Boyne City coach Sandy Clausen said. "We had some big defensive plays to stop them (in the middle innings)."

The game closed out the season for the Ramblers, with Boyne City posting a 14-17 overall record. The game saw the final appearance for seniors Hali Friedrich, Hausler and Emma Clemens.

"Molly has been very versatile this year and she is a very smart player," Clausen said. "Emma is solid defensively at second base."

Mancelona 4, East Jordan 3

Mancelona pitcher Brooke Orman held East Jordan to just 4 hits in 7 innings as the Ironmen moved into the finals with a 4-3

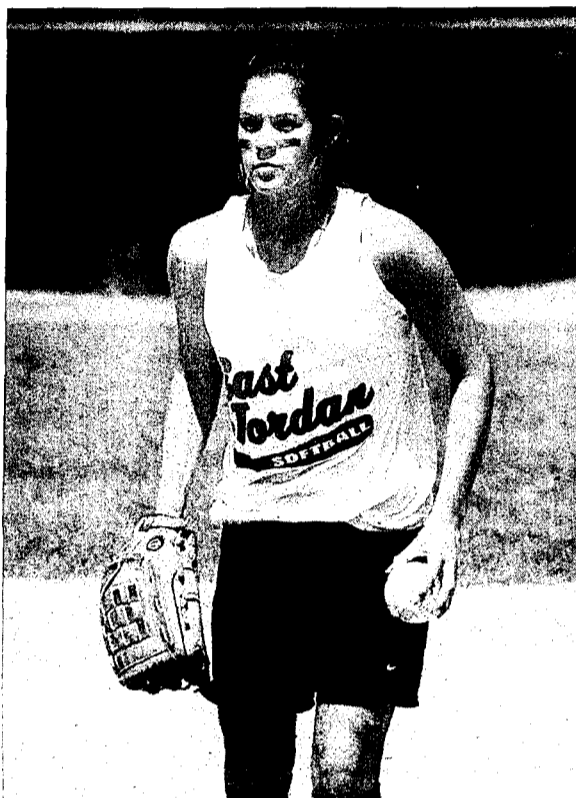


Photo by Vic Ruggles
East Jordan hurler Kayla Hines looks in for a sign while getting ready to throw a pitch during district tournament action last week.

victory over the Red Devils in the second semi-final game.

Mancelona scored a run in the bottom of the second inning and tacked on three runs in the bottom of the third to take a 4-0 lead early on.

East Jordan countered with three runs in the top of the fourth, but the Red Devils were held scoreless the rest of the way. East Jordan ended its season with an 11-21 overall record.

Alex Snowden, Ashley Warrington, Kayla Hines and Jenaye Chew had 1 single each to get the East Jordan hits.

Hines started the game for East Jordan and tossed 2 and one-third innings, allowing 2 hits and 4 runs while taking the loss. Randi McFall came on in relief for the final 3-2/3 innings, striking out 5 without surrendering a hit.

"It was a decently played game, but we could not hit the ball and that ended up being the difference," East Jordan coach Meg Kitson said.

East Jordan 14, Harbor Springs 1

East Jordan earned its way to Saturday's semi-finals with a convincing 14-1 victory over Harbor Springs in the pre-district game on Tuesday, May 30.

The Red Devils put the game away in the opening two innings, scoring eight runs in the first inning and coming back to tally six more in the second frame. The Rams scored their lone run in their half of the first inning.

Andrea Chew got the win for East Jordan, striking out 5 batters and allowing just 3 hits in 5 innings of work.

Amber Gettel (double, 2 singles), Jenaye Chew (2 singles) and Sierra Roberts (2 singles) led the East Jordan hitting, while Snowden, Emily Bajko, Andrea Chew, Ashley Skop and Jessica Roberts all chipped in with 1 single each.

"We had a great start to the game and we relaxed and played well," Kitson said.

Blazers top BC, EJ on way to district title

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The Kalkaska boys varsity baseball team defeated Boyne City 8-0 in the semi-final round and added a 4-3 victory over East Jordan in the championship game to take the District No. 66-3 baseball title at East Jordan on Saturday, June 3.

Blazer pitcher Jim Peters tossed a 3-hitter with 9 strikeouts to earn the shutout over Boyne City. Peters came back to get the win in the final game, in relief of starter Cory Heier.

The Blazers edged out the Red Devils with 2 runs in the first inning and 2 more in the fifth to counter East Jordan's one in the second and 2 in the fifth.

"We played well, but came up just 1 play short," East Jordan coach Mike Gle said. "To win in the playoffs you need to have a little luck on your side, but today we didn't have enough against a very talented Kalkaska team."



Photo by Vic Ruggles
Rambler pitcher Tyler Kruzel took the loss for Boyne City against Kalkaska in the district title game Saturday. The senior fanned 14 batters, while allowing 6 walks and 8 runs.

Tom Pentecost and Jeff Keyser were both 2-for-3 at the plate to lead the Red Devil hitting.

Kalkaska 8, Boyne City 0

The Blazers pushed across a

run in the first inning, 1 in the fourth, 4 in the fifth and 2 in the seventh to down the Ramblers on 7 hits for the district semi-final matchup on June 3.

See BASEBALL, page 9

Boyne City's Amy Anderson (No. 6) tallied a goal in the Ramblers' 3-0 district win over rival East Jordan on May 29.



Photo by Vic Ruggles

Local soccer teams fall in district action

By PHIL TROMBLEY
SPORTS WRITER

HARBOR SPRINGS — Charlevoix's Rayders scored 2 first half goals and added 5 goals after the intermission to end the Boyne City girls varsity soccer team's season with a 7-0 defeat at the District No. 64-4 tournament on Thursday, June 1.

The Ramblers played with great enthusiasm, but they were hampered when goalkeeper Lindsay Baic went out of the game due to a rib injury, with a little over 2 minutes remaining in the first half. Sophomore Shannon Barsy stepped into the nets for the remainder of the contest.

Harbor Springs defeated Charlevoix 2-1 in the championship match.

Five Ramblers played their last game for Boyne City, including senior Erika Braukis and foreign exchange students Macarena Hildalgo (Chile), Berit Rieper (Germany), Caroline DeFranca (Brazil) and Slaviana Cruz (Brazil).

"Erika was a 4-year player for us and she always brought great energy to the games," Ramblers coach Nick Baic said. "She went from never playing the game to being a valuable starter."

"Berit's biggest asset was her

tenacity. Macarena was one of the fastest girls on the team and she brought a lot of speed at left wing. Caroline brought decent work ethics to practice every day. Slaviana also brought a great attitude to practice and she gave a good effort at all times."

Boyne City 3, East Jordan 0

The Ramblers opened the tournament with a 3-0 victory at East Jordan on Tuesday, May 29.

Sam Dunwoody scored 2 goals and Amy Anderson tallied 1 goal to head the offense, while Baic got the win in the nets.

Welborn scored halfway through the first half to give Boyne City the early lead, while the Ramblers tallied 2 goals within 2 minutes in the second half to add the insurance markers.

East Jordan goalkeeper Brandie Boike had a very good game stopping 18 shots, while midfielders Melanie Hillaker and Kelsey Poineau also played a strong game, working hard to win the ball, East Jordan coach Pete Elliott said.

The game marked the last appearance in uniform for East Jordan seniors Rina Jeong, Bridget Knight, Kelsey Poineau (captain) and Megan Warnos.

All done:

HL ends Loggers' season, 15-0

BOYNE FALLS — Despite having the home crowd behind them, the Boyne Falls boys varsity baseball team was unable to pull out a victory in the District No. 99-4 tournament on Saturday, June 3.

The Loggers faced Harbor Springs-Harbor Light in the semi-finals and found themselves taking a quick exit, losing 15-0.

The loss dropped the Loggers to 4-13 overall on the year, ending their 2006 season. They also ended the year in fourth place in the Northern Lakes Conference, with a 4-6 record.

Harbor Light went on to defeat Central Lake 4-2 to win the district championship. Central Lake advanced to the final by downing Ellsworth, 15-6.

BF softball falls in pre-district

BOYNE FALLS — The Boyne Falls girls varsity softball team was given a disappointing end to the 2006 season when it was soundly defeated by Harbor Springs-Harbor Light on Tuesday, May 30.

The pre-district matchup saw the Swordsmen beat the Loggers, 11-2. Harbor Light advanced to the District No. 99-4 semi-final, where it defeated Central Lake, 5-0, to move on to the district championship.

On the other side of the bracket, Ellsworth defeated Alba, 10-0, in the pre-district. Then the Lancers beat Bellaire, 8-0, setting up the clash with Harbor Light in the final.

It took an incredible 21 innings to decide the winner, but Ellsworth downed the Swordsmen, 3-2, taking the district championship.

For the Loggers, their season ended at 2-15 overall and 2-12 in Northern Lakes Conference, placing them in sixth place in the league.

Baseball

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Tyler Kruzel took the loss for Boyne City, fanning 14 batters, while surrendering 6 walks and all 8 runs.

"Kalkaska is a good team and they made the plays and got the hits when they needed to," Boyne City coach Don Richards said. "It was a fun year for us and the kids played hard."

The loss saw Boyne City close out the season with a 13-16 record and marked the final game for seniors Tyler Kruzel (captain), Sean Mills, Kirk Smith, Ben Sobleski, Kevin Beaton and Will Brown (captain).

"Tyler pitched a great year for us and did a good job catching," Richards said. "He finished the season hitting .350. Will stepped up having to pitch for the first time in his career and did a good job. He

made huge improvements on the mound as the season went on.

"Sean played outfield for us and did a great job. If it was catchable he was going to catch it. Kirk also did a good job at first base and Kevin played third base and outfield. These guys are good athletes and teammates. They did a nice job of leading our team this year."

EJ 9, Mancelona 0

Matt Pater threw a 1-hit shutout in the other semi-final game as East Jordan advanced with a 9-0 victory over Mancelona. Pater struck out 2 batters without surrendering a walk.

The Red Devils jumped to a 5-0 lead after the first two innings and then tacked on two in the fourth, one in the fifth and one in the sixth to pull away.

Shane Gardner batted 3-for-4 with 1 double to pace the hitters, while Dallas Dougherty went 2-for-3, Pater was 2-for-2, Jeff Keyser went 2-for-4 and Eric Hansen was 2-for-4.

EJ 5, HS 1

The Red Devils drew the pre-district game and responded with a 5-1 win over Harbor Springs on May 30, moving into the semi-final matchup with Mancelona.

Pater held the Rams to 5 hits in 7 innings, while fanning 6 and allowing just 1 walk to earn the win, as East Jordan scored 1 in the first, 2 in the third and 2 in the sixth to pull away.

Andrew Streufert (1-for-4) and Hansen (2-for-4) both belted home runs. Dougherty went 2-for-2, Pentecost was 2for-3 and Gardner batted 1-for-3 to add to the offense.

Rising

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More impressive than Bonds reaching No. 2 are the numerous milestones that one of my favorite players, Craig Biggio, is set to reach. Biggio could reach 3,000 hits (becoming one of only 27 players in history to do so); play in his 2,708 game (making 25th all-time for games played); score his 1,783 run (making him 17th all-time); make at bat No. 10,000 (16th all time); hit his 647 double (7th all time); and drive in his 1,918 RBI (8th all time) this season.

All in this season!

That is more unbelievable than home runs if you ask me.

Versatility is no longer prized in baseball like it used to be. For Biggio, consistency and longevity go hand-in-hand. And the fact that he has spent 19 years in the majors (all with the same team) and played 3 completely different positions (catcher, outfield, second baseman) in that time and could achieve all those milestones this season is proof of how ridiculously good a baseball player he is.

And yet he has done it all outside of the spotlight. What does this say about our sports media (why has no one picked up on the fact that Eric Byrnes is not only playing his typical jaw dropping defense, he is also hitting .324 with 8 home runs and 20 RBIs?)

I'll tell you what it says. It says the national sports media would rather cover a guy, who might have taken steroids, than give the majority of its attention to good baseball.

What a joke. But who's laughing?

BY THE NUMBERS

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER STANDINGS:

Lake Michigan Conference	Conference			
	W	L	T	GB
x - Charlevoix	12	0	0	—
TC Liberty	8	2	0	3
Kalkaska	4	0	0	4
Elk Rapids	8	5	0	4.5
Harbor Springs	4	6	0	7
Boyne City	4	8	0	8
East Jordan	2	12	0	11
Grayling	0	12	0	12

Kalkaska 8, Boyne City 0
Final on Saturday, June 3
Kalkaska 4, East Jordan 3

District No. 67-3 at Elk Rapids
on Tuesday, May 30
Elk Rapids 4, Kingsley 3
Semi-finals on Saturday, June 3
Elk Rapids 2, TC St. Francis 1
Benzie Central 7, Suttons Bay 6
Final on Saturday, June 3
Elk Rapids 11, Benzie Central 3

District No. 99-4 at Boyne Falls
on Tuesday, May 30
Central Lake 5, Bellaire 4
Semi-finals on Saturday, June 3
Central Lake 15, Ellsworth 6
Harbor Light 15, Boyne Falls 0
Final on Saturday, June 3
Harbor Light 4, Central Lake 2

District No. 103-4 at Bear Lake
Semi-finals on Saturday, June 3
Mesick 9, Bear Lake 5
Buckley 11, Forest Area 2
Final on Saturday, June 3
Mesick 7, Buckley 0

GIRLS SOCCER DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

District No. 48-3 at Kingsford
on Tuesday, May 30
Kingsford 4, Cheboygan 1
at Grayling
on Tuesday, May 30
Kalkaska 8, Grayling 0
at Kingsford
Semi-final on Thursday, June 1
Kingsford 5, Elk Rapids 1
at Kalkaska
Semi-final on Thursday, June 1
Suttons Bay 4, Kalkaska 0
at Cheboygan
Final on Saturday, June 3
Suttons Bay 2, Kingsford 1

District No. 63-4
at TC Keystone Complex
Semi-finals on Tuesday, May 30
Glen Lake 5, Forest Area 2
TC Liberty defeated Mason County Eastern
Final on Friday, June 2
TC Liberty 5, Glen Lake 1

District No. 64-4
at Harbor Springs
on Tuesday, May 30
Harbor Springs 5, Burt Lake NMC 1
Boyne City 3, East Jordan 0
Semi-finals on Thursday, June 1
Harbor Springs defeated Ironwood
Charlevoix 7, Boyne City 1
Final on Friday, June 2
Harbor Springs 2, Charlevoix 1

VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL STANDINGS:

Lake Michigan Conference	Conference			
	W	L	T	GB
x - Kalkaska	11	3	0	—
TCSF	10	4	0	1
Elk Rapids	9	4	1	1.5
East Jordan	9	5	0	2
Boyne City	6	8	0	5
Harbor Springs	3	9	0	7
Charlevoix	4	10	0	7
Grayling	1	10	1	8.5

VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL STANDINGS:

Lake Michigan Conference	Conference			
	W	L	T	GB
x - Kalkaska	14	0	0	—
TCSF	9	3	0	4
Charlevoix	7	5	0	6
Grayling	7	7	0	7
Elk Rapids	7	7	0	7
Boyne City	5	7	0	8
East Jordan	3	9	0	9
Harbor Springs	0	12	0	6.5

(x) — Clinched conference championship.
(*) — Final standings have not yet been made official.

GIRLS SOFTBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

District No. 66-3 at East Jordan
on Tuesday, May 30
Kalkaska 12, Charlevoix 0
East Jordan 14, Harbor Springs 1
Semi-finals on Saturday, June 3
Kalkaska 3, Boyne City 0
Mancelona 3, East Jordan 2
Final on Saturday, June 3
Kalkaska 10, Mancelona 0

District No. 67-3 at Elk Rapids
on Tuesday, May 30
Elk Rapids 3, Kingsley 2
Semi-finals on Saturday, June 3
Benzie Central defeated Suttons Bay
TC St. Francis 5, Elk Rapids 4
Final on Saturday, June 3
TCSF 10, Benzie Central 0

District No. 99-4 at Boyne Falls
on Tuesday, May 30
Ellsworth 10, Alba 0
Harbor Light 11, Boyne Falls 2
Semi-finals on Saturday, June 3
Ellsworth 8, Bellaire 0
Harbor Light 5, Central Lake 0
Final on Saturday, June 3
Ellsworth 3, Harbor Light 2, 21 innings

District No. 103-4 at Bear Lake
Semi-finals on Saturday, June 3
Buckley 9, Forest Area 3
Mesick 14, Bear Lake 2
Final on Saturday, June 3
Mesick 11, Buckley 1

BOYS BASEBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

District No. 66-3
at East Jordan
on Tuesday, May 30
East Jordan 5, Harbor Springs 1
Kalkaska 5, Charlevoix 1
Semi-finals on Saturday, June 3
East Jordan defeated Mancelona

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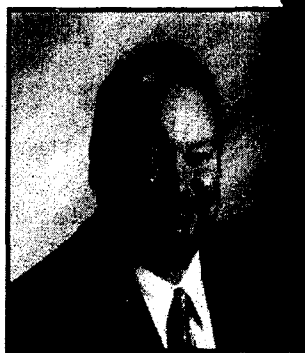
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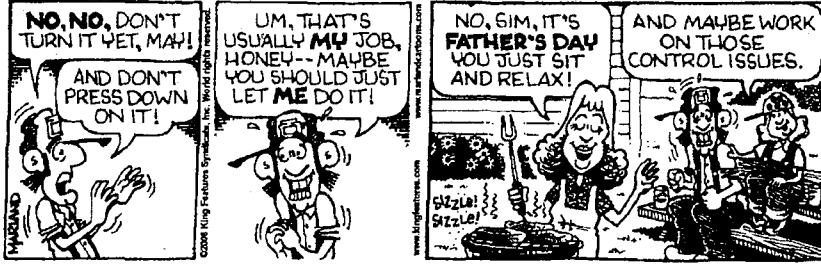
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 - 63 Close as can be
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 - 66 TV's "My Two —"
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 - 103 Go it alone
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 - 122 Mineral suffix
 - 123 Throws down the gauntlet
 - 125 Soprano Tetrazzini
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 - 135 Is inexact
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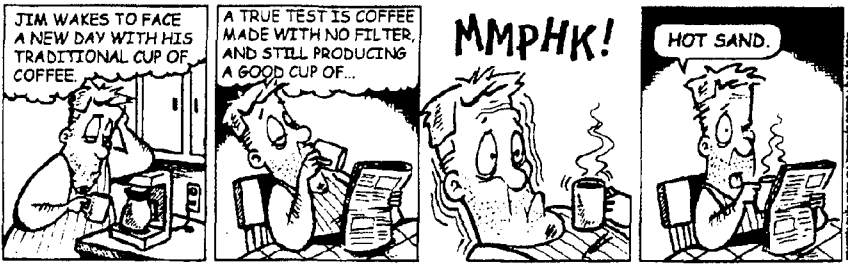
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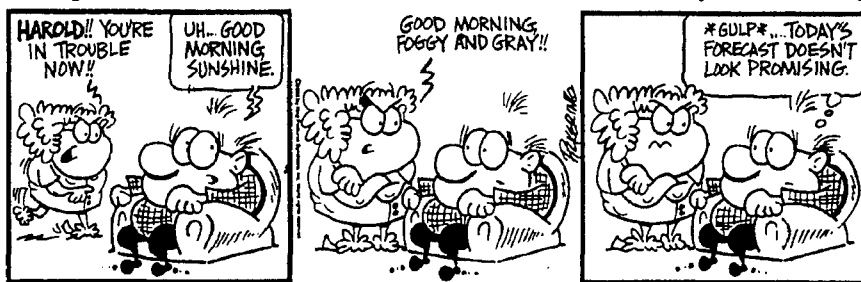
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POLICE REPORTS

These reports provided courtesy of the Boyne City Police Department:

Friday, May 19 — Police responded to a report of a suspicious person near Boyne Motel, issued a speed citation, issued a citation for defective equipment, arrested a suspect for operating while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

Saturday, May 20 — Police responded to an assault complaint under investigation from the Ray Street area, had a found wallet returned to its owner, took part in a property check on Wenonah Street, responded to a trespassing complaint on Boyne Avenue, responded to a violation of controlled substance on N. Park Street under investigation, assisted at Blockbuster, arrested a disorderly person in Veteran's Park, and responded to a reported hit and run on N. Park Street.

Sunday, May 21 — Police arrested one suspect on a warrant, arrested one suspect for a minor in possession of alcohol, arrested one suspect for operating while intoxicated, assisted in a property check on Boyne Avenue, responded to a fraud complaint under investigation from Water Street Cafe, arrested one suspect on two warrants, and assisted a person who complained of being threatened.

Monday, May 22 — Police responded to a report of an unlock at the school parking lot and a report of a non-sufficient funds check turned in from Boyne River Inn. Police also arrested a minor for possession of tobacco, distributed a welfare check on Collings Street, responded to a civil dispute on E. Main Street, arrested one suspect on an Emmet County warrant, a report of criminal sexual conduct that remains under investigation, issued a citation for parking on sidewalk, issued a citation for speeding and issued a citation for disregarding a traffic signal.

Tuesday, May 23 — Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at Water Street and East Street, unlocked a vehicle on Water Street, responded to a report of swimmers off shopper's dock, wrote a citation for a bike on a sidewalk and responded to a fraud complaint that remains under investigation.

Wednesday, May 24 — Police assisted citizens at Glen's Market, dealt with a property damage accident in Glen's parking lot, unlocked a vehicle at Lexamar, made an operating while intoxicated arrest on N. Lake Street, investigated a non-sufficient funds check turned in at S&K Foods, returned found property to its owner, responded to a family dispute on Wenonah Street and dealt with the larceny of bike at Parkview Apartments.

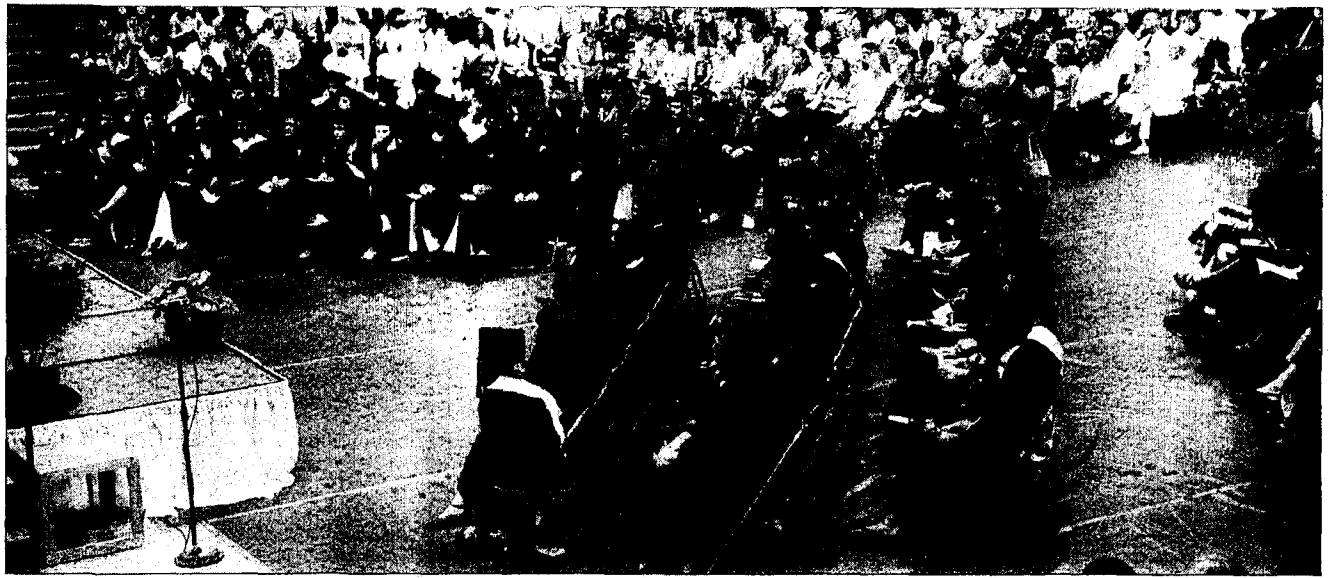
Thursday, May 25 — Police arrested a minor in possession of alcohol, arrested one suspect for driving while license suspended, issued two citations for bikes on sidewalk, issued defective equipment citation, unlocked a vehicle at Rotary Park.

Friday, May 26 — Police unlocked a vehicle at Parkview Apartments, arrested a suspect for driving with a suspended license, assisted the fire department with a call on Boice Street, investigated a nonsufficient funds check that was turned in to Boyne Marathon and called S&K Foods in reference to a larceny of gas.

Saturday, May 27 — Officers assisted at Parkview Apartments, dealt with a disorderly person at a trailer park, responded to an assault complaint on Trent Street and responded to a noise complaint on Front Street.

Sunday, May 28 — Police arrested one suspect for driving while his license was suspended, responded to a personal injury accident at Boyne Avenue and Beardsley Street, responded to a property damage accident at Shell station, unlocked a vehicle at Deer Meadows and Elm Street, arrested a suspect for assault responded to an assault complaint at Parkview that remains under investigation, and responded to possible fight reported on Front Street.

Turn your tassel



Freinds and classmates: Courtney Cambric (left) and Haili Friedriech walk to the stage during the ceremony in the high school gymnasium.



Last Sunday's was a night to be remembered, as Boyne City Seniors recieved awards and diplomas for their last four years of work. Scholarships received by the class of 2006 added up to well over half a million dollars total.

A teary Megan Bascom, left, made it through her salutorian's speech with the help of an encouraging crowd. Bascom thanked the community for all their support and spoke about how suprised she had been to be named Homecoming Queen Earlier this year. As in past years, the Senior Send-off video was a smash hit with those who stayed after the graduation ceremony.

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

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Watching a funny movie may not only lift your mood, but it may also be good for your heart. A study reported in the journal *Heart* measured the blood flow in the brachial arteries of healthy young adults before and after episodes of laughter or sadness. They found that watching a comedy film increased cardiac blood flow to levels similar to that of aerobic exercise or starting a cholesterol-lowering statin treatment. Watching sad movies reduced blood flow. Note: "A cheerful heart is good medicine," but keep regular exercise as part of your healthy lifestyle.

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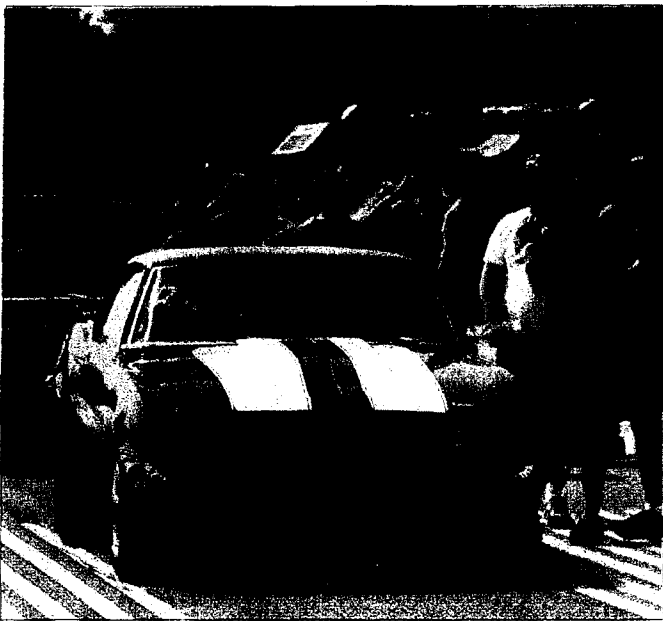
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Smokin' fund-raiser



Photos by Vic Ruggles
Hot rods and Vintage Sports cars were a colorful part of the 69 participant vehicles that participated in the drag race. The Boyne City Police Department and the airport are sponsor drag race fund-raisers every Memorial Day and Labor Day. Above, a driver burns rubber trying en route to the finish line. At left, cars line up in twos to prepare to race.

BCPD help hosts annual drag race

BOYNE CITY — Squealing tires, smoke and smiles were dished out by car owners Sunday, May 28, during the Boyne City Police Department's annual drag race fund-raiser at the Boyne City Airport.

Sixty-nine participants showed up to race their vehicles over an eighth-mile stretch during the six-hour event.

"The weather was against us from the get-go. I think it kind of had an effect on the crowds," said BCPD Chief of Police Randy Howard. "The participants had a great time." Registration fees for the event benefitted the department and airport.

Howard said that many drivers watched each other's times during the first race before issuing challenges to each other.

A.J. Spaay of Boyne City clocked the highest speed of anyone at the meet, reaching 110.4 mph by the end of his run.

Justin Rondeau won the prize for traveling the farthest to the event, and his father, Doug Rondeau, won the prize for having the best reaction time to the lights.



BCPD Chief of Police Randy Howard raced his own car in addition to running the event.

Race to benefit Challenge Mountain

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Yacht Club will be sponsoring the second annual Mark Madness Sailing Regatta at the Boyne City Marina on Saturday, June 10, to raise fund for Challenge Mountain.

Challenge Mountain is a non-profit organization based in Boyne Falls that is dedicated to "helping the physically impaired, mentally challenged and at risk youth achieve their maximum potential through outdoor therapeutic recreation," according to organizers.

The cost is \$75 per boat. On Saturday night, the famous Bob Kopec "Shrimp Boil" will start at 6:45 p.m.

The shrimp boil dinner costs \$25 per person and reservations are necessary.

For information or to make a reservation, call Challenge Mountain at 231-535-2141.

To get copy of race information, please visit the Boyne City Yacht Club Web site at www.boynecityyachtclub.com or www.twinvalley.net/~bcyrcracing/.

OBITUARIES

Damian Vondra

Damian Jacob Vondra died on May 30, 2006, in a work-related accident at the Austin Golf Club in Austin, Texas.

Damian began working as an assistant superintendent for the golf club just eight days ago. Damian fulfilled a dream of graduating with a bachelor's degree in science, with a focus on crop and soil sciences, from Michigan State University on May 5, and then began working at a prestigious golf course with national recognition.

Damian was a family-orientated person from Day No. 1. He was born at home on Feb. 18, 1983, during a planned home delivery to Rev. Mr. Edward and Martha Vondra. He was the youngest of seven children.

Damian treasured quality times with his family, girlfriend and friends. He would often play basketball with his brothers. Night or day, Damian would join in the fun. He loved to play golf and began tagging along with his brothers from an early age. As Damian grew older, he became the one inviting others to join him for a round a golf on a great course. Damian and his mom would sneak away late at night for shopping and games. Damian liked to play cards and became quite good at playing everything from memory to poker. His nieces and nephews remember how he was always so nice to every one of them. He made time for all their interests and meet their needs. Damian helped all of his siblings, parents, and grandparents with projects at their homes. He was always willing to lend a hand on a project.

Laura, his girlfriend of four years, describes Damian as a best friend and a true love. Damian's passing was too soon for all those who knew and loved him.

Damian was a huge sports fan. He played a big role in a goal line stand for Boyne City's football team during a game against Traverse City St. Francis, his senior year. While fans cheered wildly, Damian experienced personal and team success because of his commitment and work ethic. He made a huge impact.

Damian held himself to high standards as a son, brother, boyfriend, friend and as a professional. Kind, committed, generous, selfless, crazy for fun, easy going, and loving are ways to describe Damian.

He is survived by his parents the Rev. Edward and Martha Vondra; sister, Peg (Matt); brothers, Rick (Teri), Chuck (Theresa), Shawn (Stacy), Andy (Katie) and Tim (Mandi); nieces, Emma, Isabelle, Amanda, Rachel, Claudia, Grace and Hannah; nephews, Adam, Nick, Sam, Max and Noah.

Damian is now welcomed into heaven and joins the Lord's eternal kingdom.

Visitation was held on Friday, June 2, at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City. A vigil service was held on Friday at the church.

A funeral mass was held on Saturday, June 3, at St. Matthews Catholic Church. Father Duane Wackowiack served as celebrant.

Burial will follow at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be directed to the Damian Vondra Memorial Scholarship to be established for Boyne City students to pursue an education beyond high school. C/O Damian Vondra Memorial Scholarship, 417 Elm St., Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

Mary Brown

On May 26, 2006, Mary W. Brown, 95, of Boyne City passed away at Grandvue Medical Care in East Jordan.

Mary was born in Cullman, Ala., on March 21, 1911, to Anton and Elizabeth Merbs, who were of German ancestry.

Her early years were spent growing up with her brothers and sisters on a farm in the deep south. Her father grew cotton, sweet potatoes, and peanuts. Mary and her siblings were all expected to help with the many chores on the farm. She en-

joyed sharing with her family her memories of picking cotton and when she was old enough, plowing the fields with her father's mule.

When Mary was 12, her family moved to Grand Rapids, where her father found work in a furniture factory. At a very young age, Mary went to work to help her family make ends meet as a housekeeper and in a bakery.

In 1933, she married her first husband, Henry Zimmerman. The couple raised their family in Central Lake and Muskegon — all but one of their seven children were born at home. Mary and her family eventually settled in the Boyne City area on a small farm where Mary lived for more than 50 years. These were, as she often recalled to family and friends, the happiest years of her life.

With the death of her husband, Henry, in 1961, Mary went to work at the Dilworth Inn and later the Essex Wire Factory in Boyne City.

In 1963, Mary married Maynard Brown, a potato farmer from Elmira, and they shared several happy years. Maynard also preceded Mary in death.

Mary is survived by her sons, William (Nancy) Zimmerman, Henry (Alice) Zimmerman, and Clyde (Joan) Zimmerman; and daughters, MaryAnn (Allan) Baker, Norma (Floyd) Johncheck. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by two children, an infant son, Seth, and daughter, Bernadine DeBaene; infant granddaughter, Jane Zimmerman; and grandson, Robert Schneck; as well as a son-in-law, Leonard DeBaene.

Mass of the Resurrection took place Tuesday, May 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Matthews Catholic Church in Boyne City. Visitation was held the previous evening at Stackus Funeral Home.

Although Mary lived her entire adult life in Michigan, she always remained a simple, hard working little gal from the south.

Ina Vallance

Ina V. Vallance, 72, died on Saturday, June 3, 2006, at her home in East Jordan.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 7, at 11 a.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan. Pastor Mark Belanger of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Tabernacle in Central Lake officiated. Interment will follow in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

She was born on Dec. 24, 1933, in Calvin Township, Nipissing District, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Charles and Irene (Dunn) McLaughlin. On Oct. 30, 1954, in Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada, she married David G. Vallance. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1998.

Ina worked 38 years for Dura in East Jordan. She retired in 2001. She enjoyed knitting and loved spending time with her great-grandchildren.

She is survived by four children, Cheryl (Don) Clark of Central Lake, Brenda (Eric) Smith of Bellaire, Pamela (Richard) Stuart of Layton, Utah, and David Vallance of Kincheloe; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Laura McLaughlin of Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada, Elaine (Ken) Brough of Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada, and Nancy Hutchinson of Woodstock, Ontario, Canada; two brothers, Clayton (Barbara) McLaughlin of Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada, and Vern (Joanne) McLaughlin of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada; brother-in-law, Allan Dobratz of Daine, Ontario, Canada; sister-in-law, Linda McLaughlin of Kirkland Lake, Ontario, Canada; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; sister, Norma Dobratz; and brother, Wilbert McLaughlin; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday at the Penzien Funeral Homes in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

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