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East Jordan hotel project moves forward

BY B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — When a new downtown 60-room, three-story hotel with a convention center, swimming pool and spa is constructed, it is expected to create at least 26 jobs in the city.

Approximately two of the

four acres of land at 200 Mill St. will be used as the site of the 52,000 square-foot "Jordan Valley Resort" hotel. The city will purchase the other portion of land for \$210,000 for use as a paved public parking lot. The lot will accommodate 147 vehicles.

The hotel project cost is estimated at \$3.8 million, by its developer, Jordan River

Properties, L.L.C.

"This is intended to be a community asset, a gathering place, an attraction for tourism, (and) a boost for commerce," Floyd Wright wrote in a site plan. Wright is a member of Jordan River Properties, L.L.C. The other member is Laurie Lesser Hodgson. Both Wright and Hodgson are from the area.

The City of East Jordan and Jordan River Properties, L.L.C. have entered into an agreement that spells out the rights and responsibilities of each party. It also outlines the private and city investments, and state grants for the city's project.

The city will apply to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for

a \$650,000 loan. The loan will become a grant when jobs are created. The city will issue bonds or seek other financing to obtain funds for a local grant match of \$373,000.

City sewer, waterlines and a sewer lift station will extend to the hotel. The city expects a grant from the state to cover the cost.

A snowmobile shed structure is planned on a portion of the parking area. It will provide a staging area for short-term, minor repairs to snowmobiles by private owners of the sleds.

Construction on the hotel will begin in April and the developers say it will be ready for occupancy in April 2008.



Charlevoix 'D' closes BC hoops season

Boyne City coach John Hertel was expecting Charlevoix's defense to be pressuring, but was hoping his team would handle it better. See page 7.



School plays to debut

Boyne City's "Crazy For You," and East Jordan's "West Side Story" set to run this month. See page 6.

WEATHER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
Hi: 36 Lo: 20
Condition: Few Snow Showers

THURSDAY, MARCH 15
Hi: 33 Lo: 20
Condition: Few Snow Showers

FRIDAY, MARCH 16
Hi: 24 Lo: 15
Condition: Snow Showers

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Hi: 27 Lo: 20
Condition: Partly Cloudy

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Hi: 32 Lo: 22
Condition: Partly Cloudy

MONDAY, MARCH 19
Hi: 35 Lo: 24
Condition: Mostly Cloudy

TUESDAY, MARCH 20
Hi: 34 Lo: 20
Condition: Partly Cloudy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
Hi: 39 Lo: 24
Condition: Sunny

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Crews from Frank's Towing Service rescue this 2006 Dodge Ram from its watery grave after a downstate man mistook the frozen lake for a parking spot. He was arrested by Charlevoix County Sheriff deputies for operating while intoxicated and false report of a felony.

Photo by Vic Ruggles

No Parking

Downstate man arrested for intoxication, false report

BOYNE FALLS — On Saturday, March 10, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene of a pickup truck that had become submerged in a frozen pond at the Boyne Mountain Resort. 23-year-old Nicholas Leo Hein, of Oxford,

Mich., was driving his 2006 Dodge Ram pickup in a parking lot near the Grand Mountain Lodge when he became confused and drove onto a large frozen pond located behind the lodge. He drove about 75 yards on the pond and stopped near a fountain

where his truck began to break through the ice.

He escaped from the truck before it sank completely in about 10 feet of water.

Hein told deputies his truck had been stolen, and he did not know if anyone was still inside. The

Boyne Valley Fire and Ambulance Service and the Boyne City EMS were subsequently dispatched to the scene. Charlevoix County Sheriff Office

scuba diver James Nowka also responded to the scene, and after diving in the pond, he found the

truck was unoccupied. Frank's Towing Service recovered the truck.

Further investigation revealed Hein had actually been the driver. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and for a false report of a felony.

Boyne City ZBA tie vote defeats appeal

BY B. J. HETLER
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BOYNE CITY — An appeal to the city Zoning Board of Appeals of a planning commission's approval was denied in a tie vote.

At a March 6 meeting, city resident Sue Hobbs presented her case that the planning commission's approval of the One Water Street development's site plan violated the city zoning ordinance, comprehensive master plan and waterfront master plan. The approval was given by planners on December 18, 2006.

ZBA member, Chuck Vondra, was absent at the

March 6 meeting. Members John McClorey and Pat Kubesh voted that there was an error in law by planning commissioners. Members Jim Knurick and Bob Carlile voted that there was not.

The One Water Street site plan remains approved.

The ZBA vote followed a presentation by Hobbs. She explained point-by-point the reasons she believed the site plan approval was a violation. But first, she said she was not opposing the project or the development's waterfront location.

"This is not an objection to the project this is an objection to the process,"

Hobbs said. "I know how much the public put into the comprehensive master plan and the waterfront master plan, and if it's (site plan) going to be reviewed (for variances) it should be before the ZBA."

The planning commission had waived the requirement that the developer appear before the ZBA for variance requests.

The planning commission had that authority, Hobbs said, but only when a waiver was in the interest of scenic views and vistas, as stated in the zoning ordinance. She argued that because the variances resulted in height, density,

use and other exceptions, the views were not enhanced, but decreased.

One Water Street developer Jerry Rutter attended the meeting with his attorney, Jack Turner. Following the presentation by Hobbs, the ZBA asked Turner if he wanted to address the board.

"I don't really have a lot to say to you because most of the matters are addressed in the planning commission minutes," Turner said. "I think there may be some disagreements about how to understand the provisions of the zoning ordinance."

Turner said the plans had a great deal of public input

and the process went on for several months. There was plenty of opportunity for people to ask questions, he said.

Business owner, Bob Huff, spoke at the meeting and voiced his opinion of the planning commissioners waiving the requirement that a party must appear before the ZBA for variance requests.

"If you can have the planning commission decide on all of this then what do we need you guys for?" Huff asked the ZBA members. "My customers come into town and they want to see the lake, and they aren't going to see the lake."

East Jordan commission juggles meetings

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan City Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m., has been rescheduled for March 27, at 7:30 p.m. The city commission meeting scheduled for April 3, at 7:30 p.m., has been cancelled.

EJ hopes to renovate Tourist Park

BY B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The city Tourist Park will undergo a number of improvements to its small craft marina and campground buildings if the state approves funds for the projects.

The city is applying to the Michigan Waterways Commission for funding for the Tourist Park small craft marina. The campground building project funds would come from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. It will be fall before the city will know if it is to receive funding, said parks and marina director, Tom Cannon.

City plans for the tourist park marina call for removal of the existing stationary docks and replacing them with a 26-slip floating dock system. Dredging of six to eight feet is necessary because of low water conditions. But, no work will be performed unless the funding is approved.

The shoreline will be expanded to allow for access and room to maneuver boats. Site improvement construction is also part of the project.

The Tourist Park campground buildings that date from the 1940s would be replaced with one new building. It would house the office with a larger lobby, as well as shower rooms. The area around the building would be redeveloped for a larger space for campers.

If funding is approved, construction on the building may begin in 2008, Cannon said. A timetable for the park marina is not known at this time.

COURT REPORT

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for an assumed name for doing business:

Bob's Odd Jobs, 570 Blanchard Road, Petoskey, by Bob Brown.
Nice Things, 5326 Lakeshore Dr., Boyne City, by Harriett Hess.

MEM Enterprises, 7643 Upper Bayshore Road, Charlevoix, by Mark Edward Morgan.

Moyer Creek Log Homes, 05345 U.S. 131, South, Boyne Falls, by Leon Massey.

Teaching Hearts, 8190 Susan Shores, Charlevoix, by Deborah R. Peterson.

Walloon Song, 04165 Healey Road, East Jordan, by Gail L. Gerrie.

K. B. Party Creations, 206 Bridge St., East Jordan, by Kandy Blair.

G & Papa's, 108 Antrim St., Charlevoix, by G. & Papa's Pizzeria, Inc. and Thomas H. Awrey.

Great Lakes Quality Roofing, P.O. Box 193, Walloon Lake, by Joe Breidenstein and 3154 Townhouse Trash.

Great Lakes Seamless Gutters, P.O. Box 193, Walloon Lake, by 3154 Townhouse Trash.

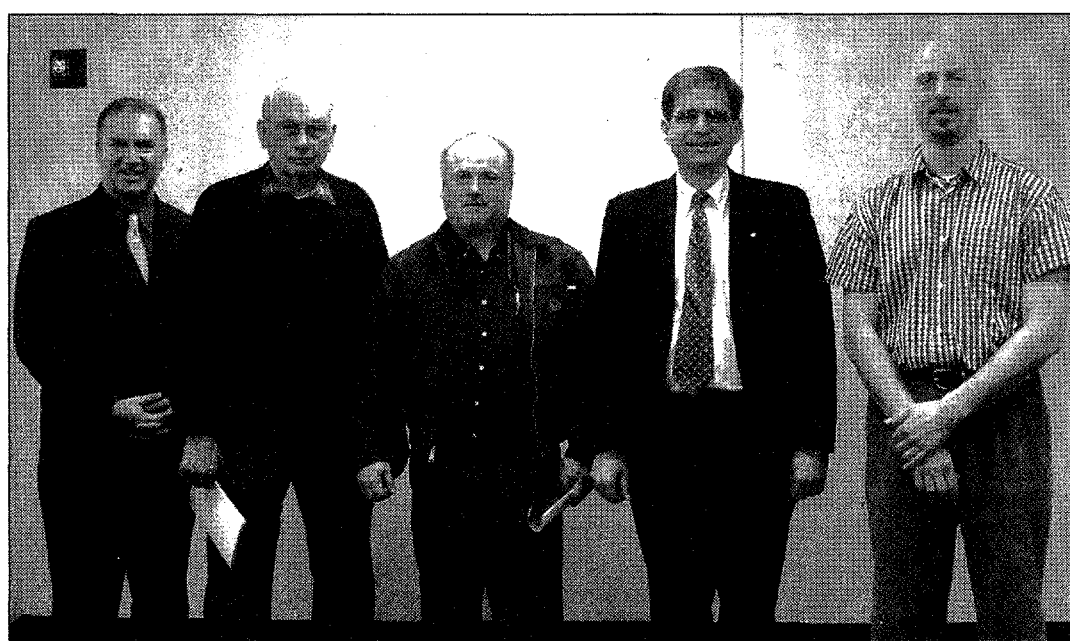
Bear Woods Carpentry & Finishing, 40 Manning, East Jordan, by Ryan L. Ennik.

DMH Engineering & Consulting, 626 River Ridge Lane, Boyne City, by David M. Hicks.

Pennington Construction, 206 Nicholls St., East Jordan, by Lucas Pennington.

Clairebear's, 3695 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Claire Ransom.

Let's fix the roads



Members of the Charlevoix County Road Commission met with Sen. Allen and Rep. Eisenheimer March 7. Taking a brief break from their meeting where they discussed road work, among other topics are (l-r) Rep. Eisenheimer, Wane Saunders, Patrick Harmon, Sen. Allen, and James Vanek.

Cherry producers approve referendum

LANSING — Michigan's cherry producers approved a referendum Tuesday to continue the Michigan Cherry Promotion and Development Program.

Established in May 1972, the Michigan Cherry Promotion and Development Program was developed to im-

prove the economic position of the state's cherry producers by creating greater marketing opportunities for Michigan cherries.

It will continue for an additional five years beginning July 1, 2007. The current program assessment is \$10 per ton for sweet or tart cherries

and \$5 per ton for cherries sold for juice.

A total of 226 valid ballots were cast in the referendum. Of those, 184 producers voted yes (84 percent) representing 120,216,082 pounds of cherries (86 percent of the production volume represented) and 36 producers voted no (16

percent) representing 19,893,472 pounds (14 percent).

To renew the program and its activities, approval must have been received from more than 50 percent of the voting producers, representing more than 50 percent of the pounds sold by those voting.

Fund raiser expands trail accessibility

BOYNE FALLS — On March 3, Michael Awrey and Boyne USA held a fund raiser at the Mountain Grande Lodge at Boyne Mountain. This year's event was the sixth year Boyne USA has hosted fundraisers for Challenge Mountain in Everett Kircher's name.

Mike Hurchick, board president, said "Challenge Mountain is extremely appreciative of the fund raising efforts of Michael Awrey and Boyne USA.

Funds generated over the past five years have allowed us to expand our handicapped accessible trails, add a pavil-

ion, and have provided funds for operations. It is through generous gifts such as these that Challenge Mountain continues to meet the growing demand placed upon the organization.

Speaking for the clients, volunteers, and employees of Challenge Mountain, thanks again

to Michael Awrey, Boyne USA, and everyone who attended the fund raising event for contributing to our program."

For information on the fund raisers, volunteer opportunities, or to provide a financial gift, call 231-535-2141.

Red Cross courses announced for March

The American Red Cross is offering the following health and safety classes in March:

• **Community First Aid and Safety:** Learn the basics of first aid and CPR skills with AED and CPR for adults, children, and infants on Saturday, March 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **CPR and First Aid Skills for Adults, Children, and Infants:** Lay responders will learn to overcome any reluctance to act in an emergency situation and to recognize and care for life-threatening respiratory emergencies; and minimize the consequences of injury or sudden illness until medical help on Tuesday, March 20, from 6 to 10 p.m. and Thursday, March 22, from 6 to 8 p.m.

(The CPR component will be on Tuesday and first aid segment on Thursday.)

• **Are You Prepared?:** The purpose is to provide participants with the knowledge to prepare for a flu pandemic and to help protect themselves and others from getting the flu during a flu pandemic.

There is no charge but all participants need to pre-register before attending on Thursday, March 29, from 7 to 8 p.m.

• **Safe Baby Presentation:** Every parent makes the safety of their child their first priority. This presentation is for new and expectant parents, family and friends to learn CPR in a one hour hands-on orientation in a class at the American Red Cross Office.

There is no charge but all participants need to pre-register before attending the class on Wednesday, March 14, from 7 to 8 p.m.

For information on these courses or to register, call the American Red Cross at 231-348-7666 or e-mail info@arcnlm.org.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



Exercise May Cut Alzheimer's Risk

A six year study revealed that people over 65 who exercise regularly have a 30-40% reduced risk of developing Alzheimer's or other dementia when compared to those who are sedentary. Just walking for 15 minutes, three times a week, was helpful. Researchers believe that exercise may improve brain function by increasing blood flow to the brain. Those who were the least fit and started to exercise saw the greater benefit. Lead researcher, Dr. Eric Larson said, "Even if you're 75 and have never exercised before, you can still benefit by starting to exercise now." Consult your doctor for the right exercise plan for you.

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Shamrock 3: _____ Shamrock 7: _____
Shamrock 4: _____

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You must be at least 18 years of age to enter. Photocopies not accepted. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. You must find all 7 shamrocks to be entered in the drawing. Employees of The Citizen-Journal and their immediate families are not eligible.

Mail entry forms to: The Citizen-Journal
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CITIZEN JOURNAL



Night on the Town

These listings are subject to change, so we advise you check with the local establishment before visiting to ensure the person you want to hear is playing.

If you have a listing you would like to submit, please e-mail us at lsee@michigannewspapers.com. The listings will run on the lifestyles page on the second week of every month and must be received by 5 p.m. Friday prior to publication.

ANTRIM COUNTY

Antrim Dells Golf Club - Ellsworth
Thur-Sat-Doug Thomas, 7-10 p.m.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill - Ellsworth
Call for entertainment at 231-588-6023

The Pelican Room - Central Lake
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day concert with the Horton Creek Band, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Press Box - Mancelona
Friday - Karaoke with Larry Reichert Ent.

Shanty Creek Resort - Bellaire
Ivan's - Call for scheduled entertainment.
Summit Village
Sunday-Chris Ventzke, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Short's Brewing Company - Bellaire
March 17 - St. Patty's Day entertainment with Tangleniere. An American group of players with a diverse background and a labor of love for Celtic and other music. \$5 cover, 9 p.m.
Tuesday - Open Mic Night, 9 p.m.
Sunday - Acoustic Jams at 6 p.m.

Vasquez Hacienda - Elk Rapids
Tuesday - Open Mic at 7 p.m.
Saturday - Karaoke at 9 p.m.

Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen - Elk Rapids
Call for entertainment schedule and times.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Boyne City Sportsman's Bar - Boyne City
March 16 through the 18 - Yankee Station

Boyne Highlands Resort - Boyne Falls
March 17 - Carnival weekend with Jelly Roll Blues Band and Tyron Stone and Just Soul.
Eriksen's
March 16 and 17 - Bob Bryan from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Everett's at Mountain Grand Lodge
March 17 - Brant Satala from 7 to 11 p.m.
Snowflake Lounge
March 17 - Jelly Roll Blues Band, 9 to midnight
Piersons
March 17-The Trio from 8 to 11 p.m.

Boyne River Inn - Boyne City
Wednesday - Nelson Olstrom from 8 p.m. to midnight
Saturday - Karaoke with Nikki Lec starting at 9:30 p.m.

Jordan River Arts Center - East Jordan
Call for special exhibits and entertainment.

Murray's Bar and Grill - East Jordan
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day party with live music from 3 to 6 p.m.

The New Tannery - Boyne City
Wednesday - Karaoke with open mike at 9:30 p.m.
Thursday - Josh and Dylan Hall from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.
Friday and Saturday - DJ Kevin from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Red Mesa Grill - Boyne City
Call for entertainment.

KALKASKA COUNTY

Kiootee's - Kalkaska
Call for schedule.

Gordy's - Fife Lake
March 17 - Viper

Dingman's - Near Bear Lake
Call for entertainment.

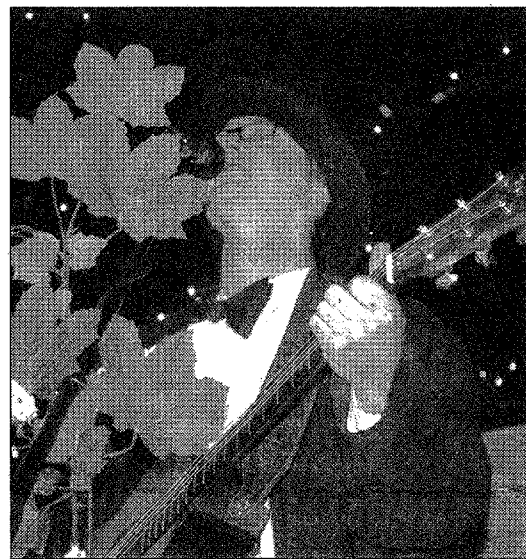
Huma-lupa-licious

Beer's debut welcomed with unique 'Wonka' themed-party

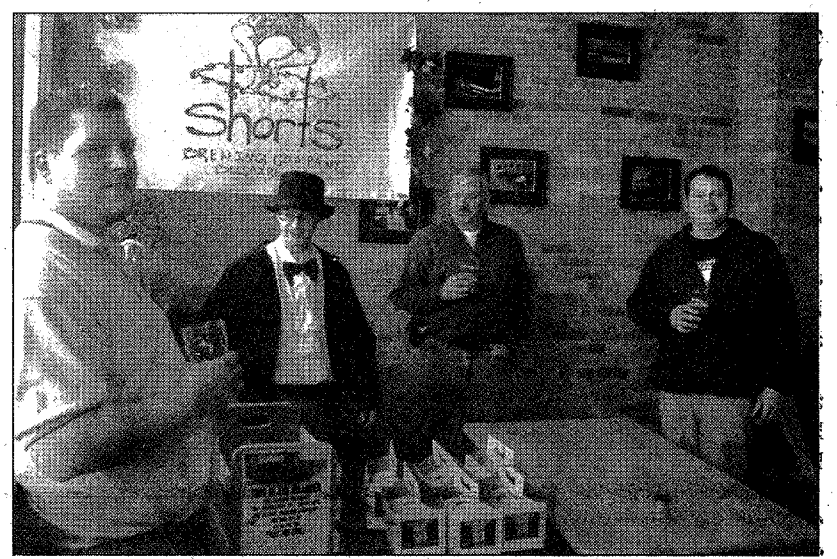


Audience members react during the presentation of "Wonka Joe and the huma-lupas" during Saturday's introduction of the newest beer at the downtown Bellaire establishment. Over 250 bottles were produced locally, with several offering a chance for a personal brewery tour with owner Joe Short.

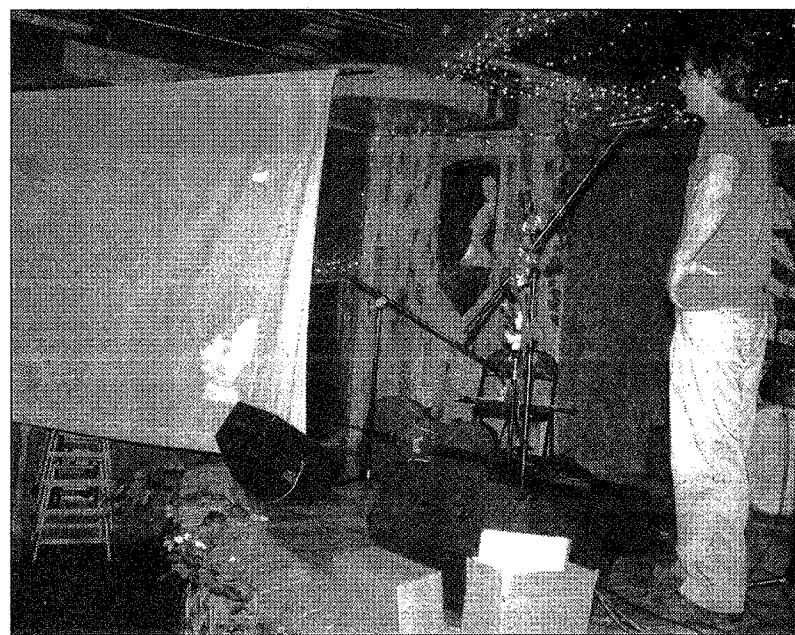
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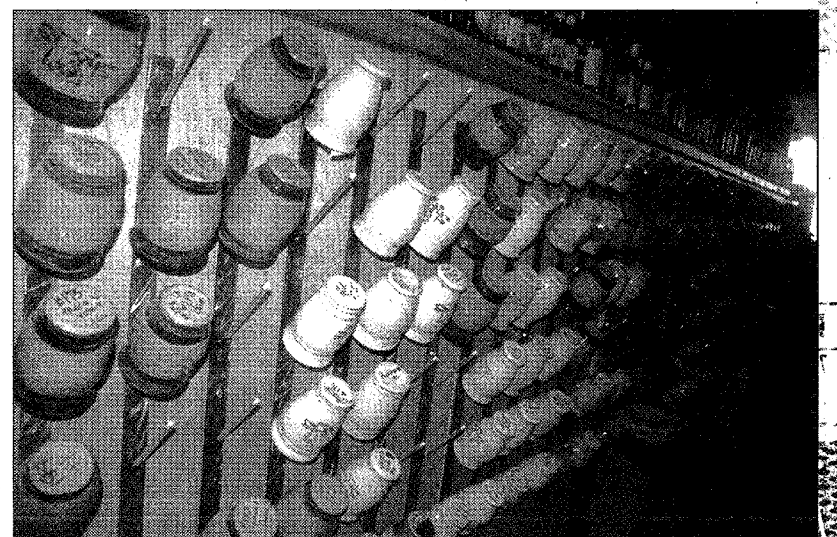
Using the theme from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "Wonka Joe" otherwise known as Joe Short, took to the stage during the unveiling of his newest beverage. In addition to being the lead vocalist, Short also wrote the song and directed the younger children in their stage debut.



Area brewers traveled from throughout Michigan to aid Joe Short in unveiling his newest beverage. Sharing some of the product during a pause in the event are, (l-r) Bret Kuhnenn, Short, Dan Rogers and Eric Kuhnenn. The Kuhnenn's are from Warren while Rogers operates a brewery in Birmingham.



Brewery owner Joe Short describes the trials and tribulations of making the newest beer, which was produced and bottled locally, using a new machine none of the staff had ever used before. The end result met with rave reviews from the participants.



The line of cups adorns the side of a wall in Short's Brewing Company. Area businesses and individuals have their names permanently etched on the bottom of their mug.



The 'humas' start their musical number on stage during the introduction of the newest beverage at Short's Brewing Company.

NEIGHBORS

On Saturday, Paul and Dorothy Pfahler hosted two former students and their spouses at their home in Cypress Lakes near Lakeland, Fla. Don and Bobbi Dunsmore and Carl and Sue Charon were the guests. All enjoyed visiting and telling stories for about four hours. You can be sure many of the stories were about the Boyne area. It was a fun time of friends being together in such a nice warm climate. It was about 75 degrees and sunny.

Jean Grimm has returned to her State Street home after having spent a wonderful two weeks in Mesa, Ariz., with her daughter, Mary Bunker, and family. Always enjoying Mary and her family, some other highlights were shopping, going to basketball games, going to the 42nd Street Dinner Theater, and attending the Scottish Highland Games



By Nancy Northup

Madeline Wheeler, of Boyne's Deer Meadows, has been a medical patient this past week or so at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. It is expected she will soon be transferred to Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

In celebration of St Patrick's Day, residents gathered in the community room at Deer Meadows for their March potluck dinner. Traditional shamrock greens decorated the room, enhanced the tasty corn beef and cabbage and other green dishes topped with the four-leaf clover. Festive spirits also enjoyed humorous readings of Darlene Totton. Games of "Everybody Wins" bingo followed dinner.

Belated "Happy Birthday" goes out to Boyne's Andrew Kipapa on March 11, the same day as this year's change in daylight savings time.

Esther Trojanek of Boyne's Deer Meadows entered Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey on Friday, March 9, for total hip replacement surgery.

The Adult Day Care Center at the East Jordan Senior Center is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities at the East Jordan Senior Center or the Civic Center for March include walking to music at the Civic Center on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Beginning Tuesday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m., line dancing was held.

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, Roger Hartson will perform on keyboard at 11 a.m.

On Thursdays there will be movies and popcorn at 11 a.m. at the EJ Senior Center.

The first Friday of each month, Gail Williams, singer, will perform at 11 a.m. The Cousins Music Group will perform on a monthly basis at the E. J. Center, but will notify them a week ahead. For more information, see the Charlevoix County Commission Aging senior activities newsletter.

Jeff and Julie Hancock of Bolingbrook, Ill., welcomed the arrival of their second son, Tyler Edward, on Feb. 16. Tyler Edward weighed in at 9 pounds even. His brother, Zachary, 2, welcomed him to the family too. Maternal grandparents are Burt and Diane Abdalah of upstate New York and paternal grandparents are Gene and Barb Hancock of Boyne City. Gene and Barb were there when Tyler Edward was born and they are going for about another week's visit soon.

The monthly meeting and luncheon of the Grandvue Auxiliary had a very good turnout on Thursday's beautifully sunny day. Donations were given to a fund for resident needs. The group also met a new accounting staff member and East Jordan native, Debbie Haydell. The auxiliary was pleased to wish Ruth Sheets a happy birthday — her 90th on Saturday, March 10. Their president, Ardith Hawley, provided the delicious lunch.

The Oral Sutliff's spent a couple days in Marquette recently on the two blizzard days. They were there attending NMU's production of "Hello Dolly," in which their grandson, Brenton Fitzpatrick, took part.

Items of interest for the Neighbors Column may be called into Nancy's home phone, 231-582-9174, or e-mailed to neighbors@glakes.com before the noon deadline on Friday.

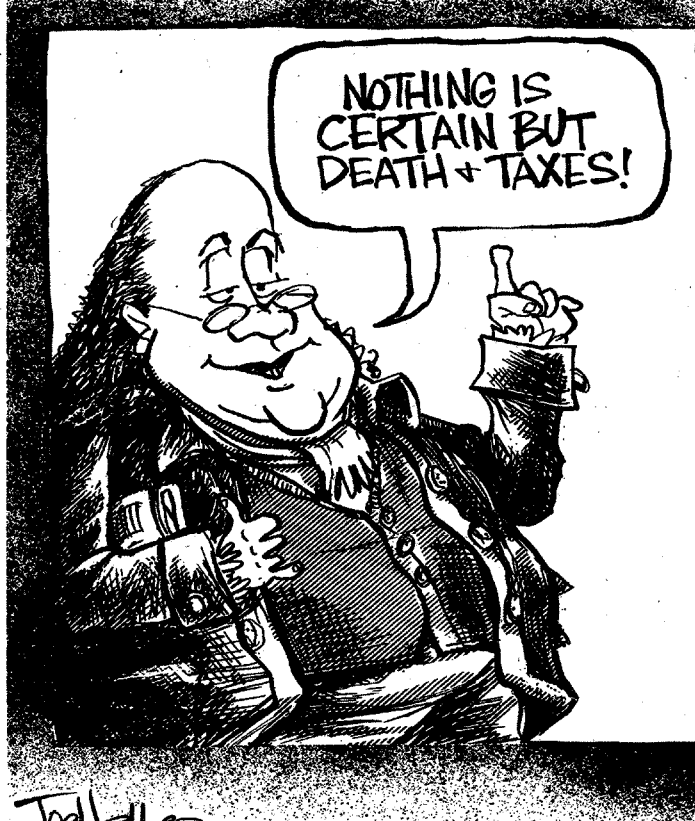
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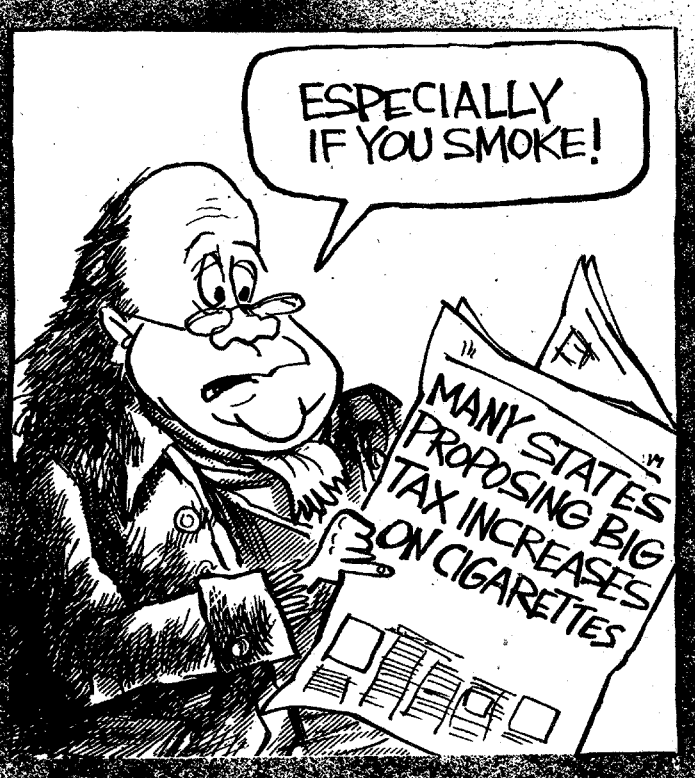
Letters should be limited to 350 words and must contain the author's name and daytime phone number, which will be used for verification purposes only and will not be published. Photocopied submissions are not acceptable.

Letters will be published on a space available basis and will receive priority according to potential interest, timeliness in connection with other events, or whether similar letters from other authors have been published previously.

The Citizen-Journal reserves the right to edit all letters for length, grammar and clarity, as well as the right to reject any letter. Submissions could be rejected for the following reasons:



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YOUR VOICE

March madness and mayhem are spotlighted

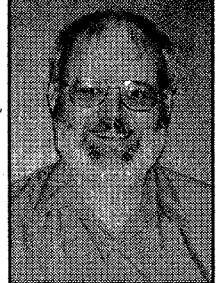
Why did the month of March come along? Was it invented to give us one more month of doom and gloom before the snow starts to melt in April and the flower and plant seeds we ordered during the barren days of winter start arriving on our doorstep.

snow which blocks your driveway or doing some other preparation work for the season.

pieces and live again. They definitely deserve a debt of gratitude for what they do.

we celebrate women. During the entire month we honor members of the opposite sex, but they have their own special day on March 8. Did you honor your significant other? If not, shame on you.

LOOK AND SEE



By Larry See Jr.

Sure, spring begins in March 21, but will we in northern Michigan still be kneedeep in snow — or has luck might have it be shoveling out of five to six inches of the "spring" present we will receive the night before.

March is also the time when Americans celebrate the formation of the American Red Cross. This organization springs into action when disasters strike locally and around the world, bringing together trained personnel to help the residents of a flood-ravaged area or tornado-stricken area return to their feet.

On a much more pleasant note, March is also the day when Irishmen and women celebrate their patron saint — St. Patrick. Whether you are Irish or not, you'll want to mark March 17 on your calendar and make tracks for your favorite establishment. I know Traverse City regularly gets into the merriment of the day with pub crawls — and since the "official" holiday is on a Saturday, I can bet the crawls will start on Friday — and all the corned beef and cabbage one would (or could) care to eat.

Albert Einstein was born on March 18, 1817, and we saw Uranus for the first time on March 13. (I think it is so small, it must have been hiding from us, who knows)

We also mark the start of daylight savings time in March. This means you must turn your clock ahead one hour, otherwise we will be late for Sunday morning appointments. The time change also means you can work later outdoors in the evening, clearing up the spring

Sometimes these people, who might be your neighbor or friend, drop what they are doing and jet off to another area. They leave chores, friends, family and creature comforts at home, to live in grass shacks (or in some cases, perhaps, no shacks), eat when they can grab a minute and give their lives to that others might be able to pick up the

In addition to the Paddy of dear Saint, March is also recognized as the month that the "Star Spangled Banner," officially became our national anthem. I know I didn't hum a few bars on March 3 when the proclamation was made, but I have recited the Pledge of Allegiance several times, so that must count.

The swallows return to Capistrano on March 19 and magician Harry Houdini is remembered on his birthday of March 24. I wonder if he had anything to do with the fact the swallows always return to Capistrano on the 19th.

aren't aware of the issues at all. It is in these times, when an election draws near, that taxpayers need to be asking questions. They also need to be informed.

personnel to help the residents of a flood-ravaged area or tornado-stricken area return to their feet.

March is also the month when

Is March a bad month? Well, not really. I still think though those that created the calendar thought it would be easier to deal with 12 months rather than 11. And they decided to add March to the mix to give us more time between February snows and April events. That's the real reason!

Civic participation is critical as ever

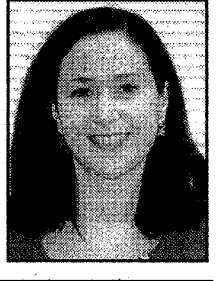
Elk Rapids Public Schools Board of Education has submitted two ballot proposals for the upcoming May regular elections. One will address a millage to pay for a new bus facility and the other will address a millage to pay for technology upgrades.

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information by way of Hoover's "Superintendent's Message," and he said a link to the proposals and any information surrounding them may be accessible on the home page.

Things shouldn't get so cozy. It isn't a club; everyone is welcome. This is a place where important decisions are made that affect the area today and often well into the future.

THE GESTALT SHIFT



By Megan Taylor

These proposals have potential to enact great change for students in terms of safety and academics. And, as to be expected, they also impact local taxpayers.

taxpayers need to be asking questions. They also need to be informed.

Are these media enough? Who assumes responsibility when it comes to informing the public in times of upcoming elections? Is it the board's responsibility, the local newspapers' or the taxpayers themselves? The answer should be all three.

I commend residents who choose to attend meetings regularly, but everyone should take an active interest in any issues affecting the community. There should be a mix of people taking in the issues. A public presence at a meeting is important in terms of maintaining accountability for all parties involved.

Through casual interactions with community members, I have found that many people have various questions about both proposals. Some have said they would be in favor of a new bus facility exclusively while others feel the need isn't as pressing as the request for updated technology. Some

newspapers attend their regular board meetings and information is delivered in this regard, but in what other ways are taxpayers informed of the issues?

The crowd at many meetings, be it for the school board or for local government, usually consists of a solid group of what I call "regulars." At a school board meeting, there is the board, teachers, principals, reporters and anybody involved directly with the schools.

If there are any uncertainties about the two upcoming bond proposals, residents should be asking questions or attending an occasional meeting. If unconvinced of a need, then talk to students and teachers who use the current technology or actually visit the bus garage and see what it is like.

Hoover said he makes himself available to answer questions by phone, email or in person. He added that the schools include information in their district newsletter, which is mailed to about 5,000 homes in the area. The schools' Web site is valuable for presenting

At local governmental meetings, I see more residents in attendance, but they are often the same people every month. Meetings become cozy and everybody knows your name — like the television show "Cheers" — only we're talking about local government here.

Take an interest for the sake of the students. Understand what your tax dollars do. And remember, as always, your vote counts no matter which bubble you decide to darken.

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Gershwin musical to dazzle Boyne City audiences

BOYNE CITY — The 40-member cast of Boyne City High School's drama department is charging up for a dazzling opening night of this year's spring musical "Crazy for You."

Set in the stylish and glamorous era of the 1930's, the musical showcases American composer George Gershwin's best-loved songs, including "Embraceable You," "Bidin' My Time," and the show-stopping "I Got Rhythm."

The Tony Award-winning Broadway show is a high-energy comedy which includes mistaken identity, plot twists, fabulous tap dance numbers

and hilarious dialogue.

The plot concerns Bobby Child (Chase Petroelje), the son of a prominent East Coast banker. Though he'd rather be a song-and-dance man, Bobby is forced to enter the family business — and his first assignment is to foreclose on the Gaiety Theater in Deadrock, Nev. But when he falls in love with spunky Polly Baker (Zachera Wollenberg), daughter of the Gaiety's owner (Zach Knott), Bobby dedicates himself to saving the theater. And how does any self-respecting musical comedy hero accomplish this task? By staging a fabulous show, naturally, with Bobby him-

self in the lead.

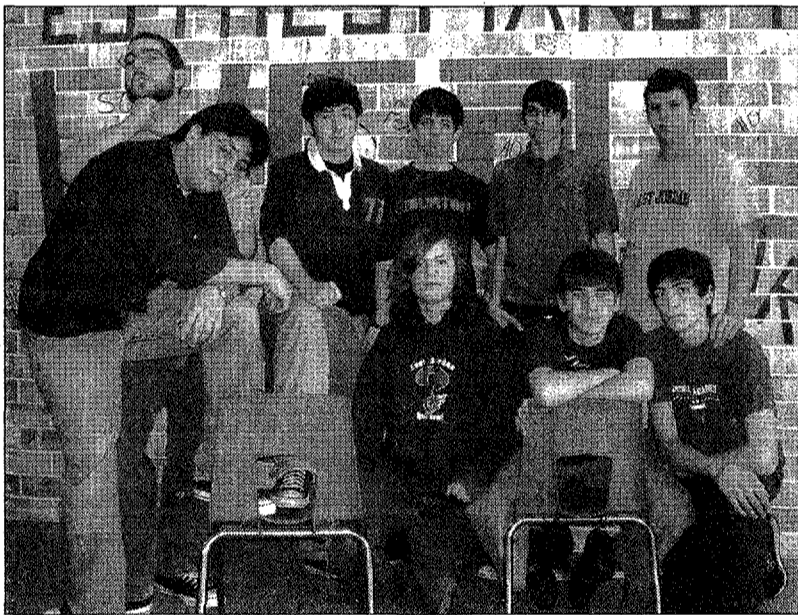
Audiences who have come to expect top-rate performances from Boyne City's drama program will not be disappointed. The Gershwin extravaganza is filled with polished song and dance, stunning costumes and spectacular sets. The show opens Saturday evening, March 17, with an 8 p.m. curtain. Additional performances are Sunday, March 18, at 2 p.m., Friday, March 23, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 24, at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Boyne Country Books for \$5 or \$10 patron seats, or from BCHS drama students.



Boyne City High School's spring musical "Crazy for You" will open this Saturday evening, March 17 at 8 p.m.. Gearing up for the performance are song-and-dance man Bobby Child (Chase Petroelje) with his string of New York showgirls (Taylor Swaim, Natalie Lindsay, Karalyn Cain, Shannon Barsy, Sarah Gerberding, Kristin Moody, Lane McCarry, Annie Bricker and Jennaca Jacobs. Courtesy photo



Members of The Jets pause during the rehearsal of East Jordan's West Side story, to be presented this weekend and next weekend. The background is a brick graffiti wall created out of foam board to advertise the musical, which is on display in the auditorium lobby. Below, The Sharks are itching for a fight. Tickets for the Shakespeare classic are on sale now, with remaining tickets available at the door



EJ Thespians perform West Side Story

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan Thespians are comprised of 6th through 12th grade East Jordan students under the direction of Paula Vollbach. The production marks the 16th year of musicals in East Jordan. West Side Story takes Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" and transports it to 1950s New York City, where two idealistic teens (Tony and Maria) fall in love and find themselves caught between warring street gangs, the American 'Jets' and the Puerto Rican 'Sharks.' Their struggle to survive in a world of hostility and prejudice is one of the most innovative, heart-wrenching and relevant musical dramas of our time," states Vollbach. The show is rated PG-13 as it contains blood/several death scenes and parents may want to reconsider bringing elementary students to this drama/romance.

West Side Story will be performed March 16, 17, 23, and 24; at 7 p.m., and March 18 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 each and will be for sale Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and March 12 through 14, and 19 through 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are not sold during the school day. No phone reservations will be accepted and all sales are final.

The cast is played by: Steffy Poindexter (Maria), Paul Schneider (Tony), Danielle Rathbun (Anita), Glen Gee III (Bernardo), Paul Beauvais (Riff), Jeanne Schultz (Velma), Benson Massey (Chino), Julia Wehner (Anybody's), Devin Kurzhals (Diesel), Jessica Gibbard (Graziella), Alicia Oliver (Rosalia), James Wheeler (Indio), Liz Hasseld (Consuelo), Joseph Thorp (Pepé), Tom Brown (Officer Schrank), Correy LaLonde (Officer Krukpe), Brian Iverson (Doc), Michael Manville (Glad-Hand), and Karina Hosler (Serrona Chavez).

Additional members include the Jets and their girls: Ben Archer, Ashley Warrington, Matt Bourdo, Kayla Nierman, Nick Kidder, Abbie Hawley, Benjamin Winter, Sara Testa, Jacob Crawford, Shelby Campbell, Levi Warnos, Damaris Blatt, Pierce Shivley, Sara Robinson, Yuki Inoguchi, Hannah Oliver; the Sharks and their girls: Arshak Papazyan, April Wakeham, Michael Carter, Kaitlin Keane, Andrew Boyer, Kalie Tyree, Conrad Loucks, Elizabeth Crawford, Jerrole Hosler, Gloria Barnum, Todd Hart, Alison Romero, Eric Hosler, Casey Keane; the New Yorkers: Courtney Jackson, Kimberly Silva, Brittany Kriz, Angela Sewell, Katie Anderson, Meg Burns, Josh Rathbun, Shannon Tyree, Chris Berish, Alyshia Healey, Joshua Johnston, Martina Peterson, Donald Miller II, Samantha Gardner, Taylor Diller, Tammi McKenzie and Austin Sumner.

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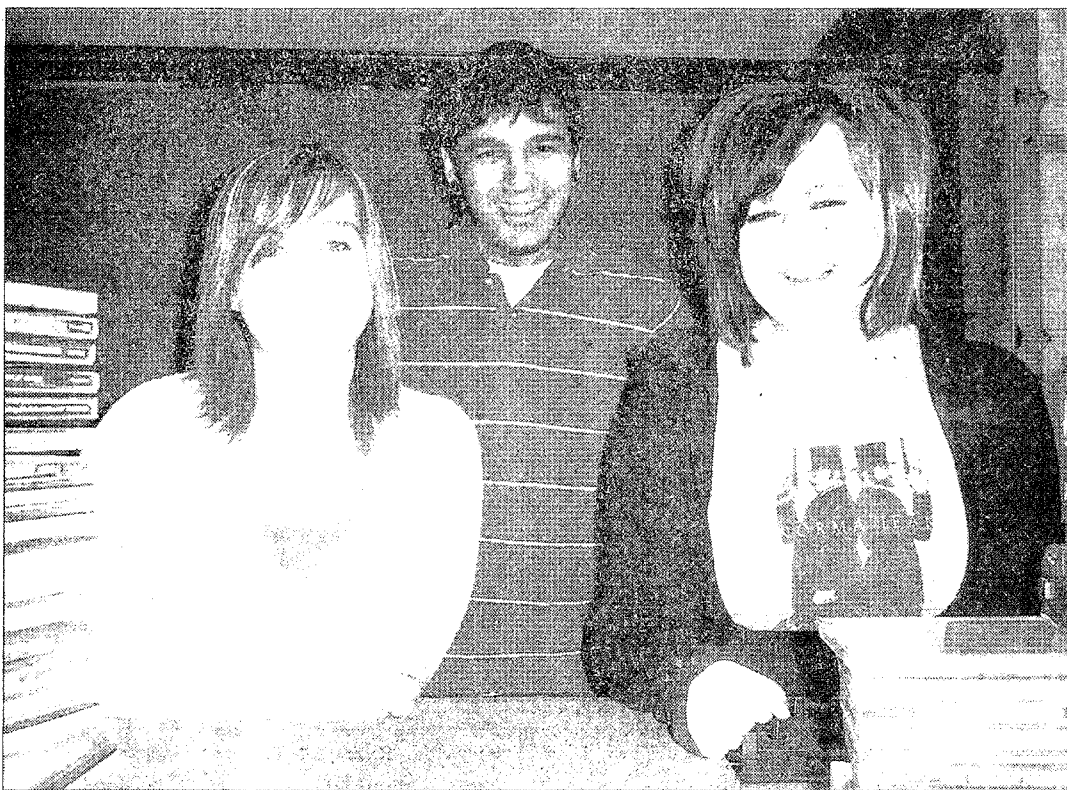


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Representing xEDGEx (l to r) are Jill Wilhelm, Kendall Francis, and Tatum Criner.

Dreaming over the edge

By DEBORAH HAWKES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — For 21 year-old Tatum Criner, thinking about the needs of others is a value instilled at a young age. Criner is the daughter of Kimon and Bridgette Criner, pastors of Harvest Barn Word of Life Church.

"My parents have always had huge hearts," Criner said. She recalls her parents feeding those who were hungry or sharing their holidays with those who had no place to go. "They are very hospitable, and that's something they've passed on to me."

As a teenager, Criner was faced with the "having-nothing-to-do syndrome". She watched as her friends slowly drifted into partying, getting pregnant, and failing out of school.

"It just seemed like everything was going downhill for no reason. Like our boredom and lack of entertainment caused people to start drinking, doing drugs, and doing things that they normally wouldn't have," she said. "I watched all this happen, and I realized something had to change or the kids that grew up in Northern Michigan were only going to get worse."

Enter xEDGEx. "It started as a dream of 'If I

could create anything in the world that I wanted...something so huge and so awesome that everyone would want to be there... something that could make a difference... what would it be?" So I started dreaming up plans for xEDGEx." Her dreams included a concert venue, arcade, indoor skate park, computer gaming, café, and recording studio.

Today, Criner's dreams are becoming a reality. "Until we get the funds together to go further with this project, we're just putting on concerts right now. They're drug and alcohol free, completely positive and tons of fun. The bands I book have non-violent lyrics, they don't swear, and they're generally awesome people," she explains.

Criner has a team of people assisting her in publicizing xEDGEx. Jill Wilhelm, 18, coordinates public relations while Kendall Francis, 20, is responsible for promoting events throughout Michigan. XEDGEx currently holds concerts at Harvest Barn Church, with their next event March 17. They will also participate in the Jordan Valley Freedom Fest.

For information about upcoming events, call 989-906-4473 or send an e-mail to xedgexproductions@hotmail.com



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Members of the East Jordan High School all-academic team take time out from the awards ceremony to relish their achievements. Seated (l-r) are Katherine Anderson, Jenaye Chew, Kristi Werner, Ashley Skop and Jessica Roberts. Standing are (l-r): Laura Schihl, Kayla Windish, Jill Drenth, Todd Hart, Devin Kurzhals, Nelson Ogden and Paul Schneider.

'Classy' students earn honors

EAST JORDAN — East Jordan High School's "All-Academic" Team was recognized at the annual Lake Michigan Conference "All-Academic" Awards ceremony, held on, March 8, at Grayling High School. Positions on the All Academic Team are awarded to the members of the senior class who have earned the highest grade point averages and

ACT college entrance examination scores. "This is the third year that the Lake Michigan Conference has recognized our top academic students," EJHS Principal Tammy Jackson said. "It's been great for our league to add academic achievement to what has traditionally been an athletic emphasis."

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Michelle Bos and Randy Morris

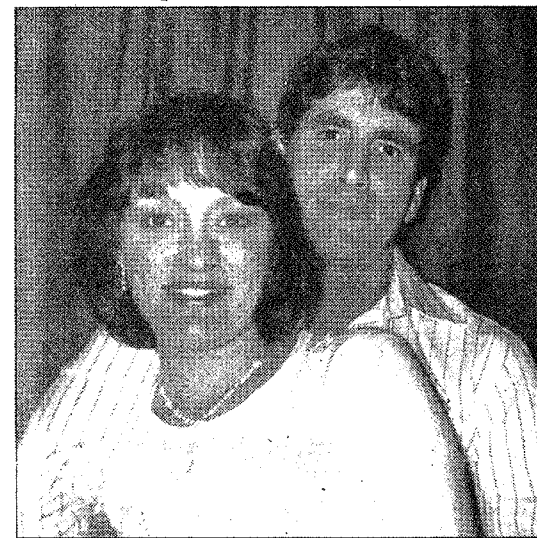
Michelle Bos, the daughter of Michael and Karen Bos and Randy Morris, the son of Delwin and Gloria Morris, all of East Jordan, were united in marriage on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2007.

The private ceremony took place at 4 p.m. in the East Jordan City Hall. The couple were attended by Brittany and Cody Thayer, the bride's daughter and son; Stefani Morris, the groom's daughter and a close family friend, Tim Wilson.

East Jordan Mayor Mark Postma served as officiant and witnesses were Brittany Thayer and Tim Wilson.

The couple will host a barbecue party this summer and are making their home in East Jordan.

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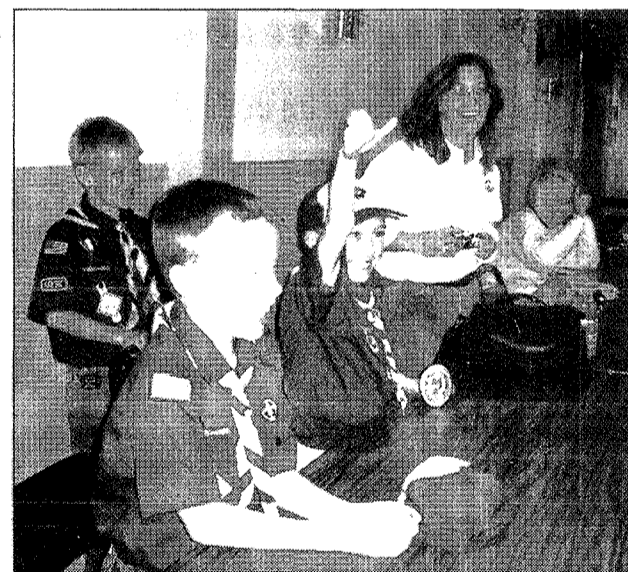
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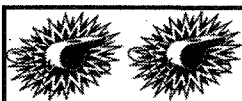
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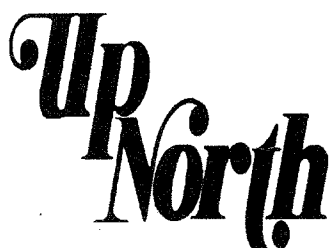
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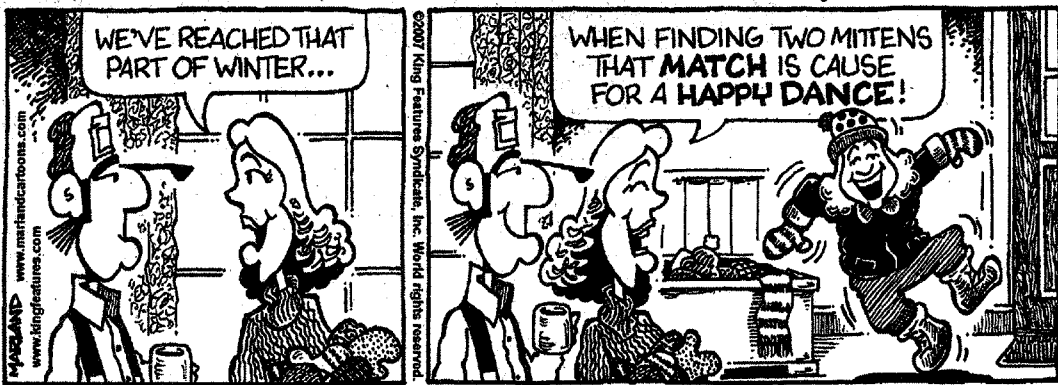
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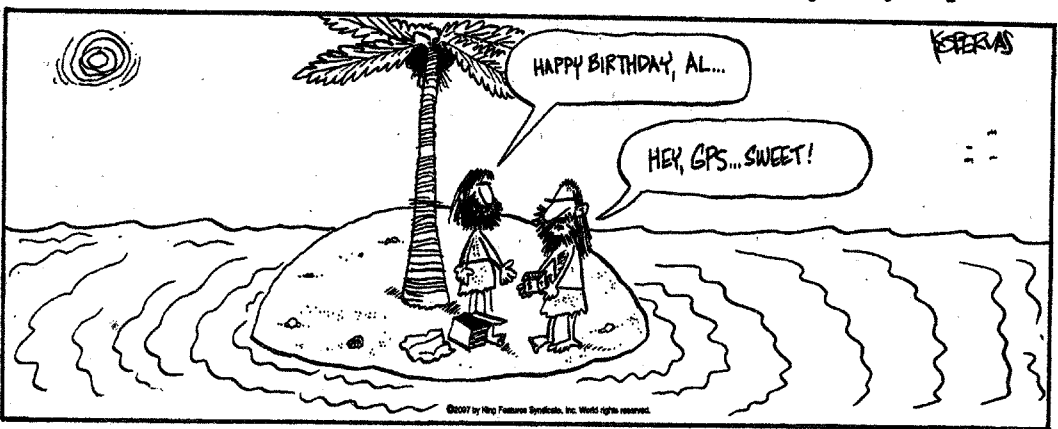
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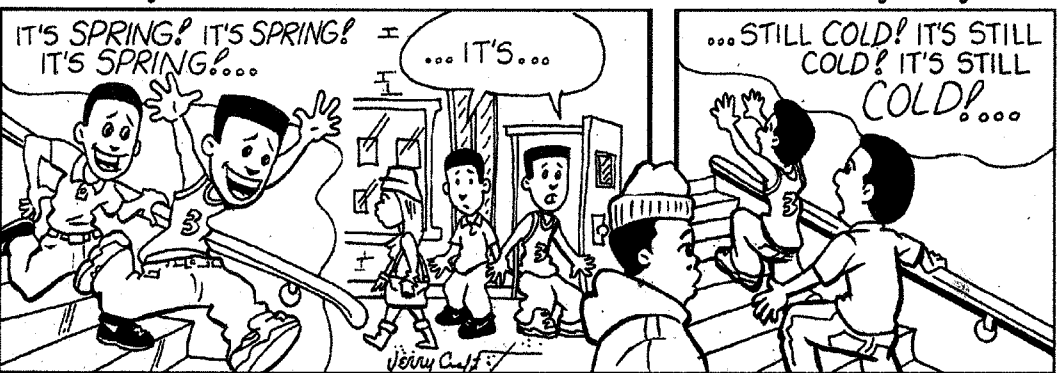
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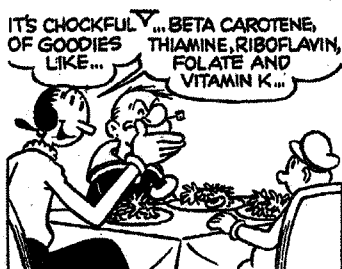
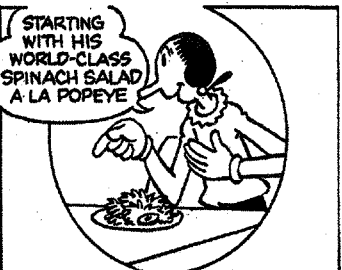
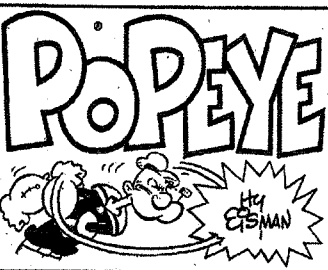
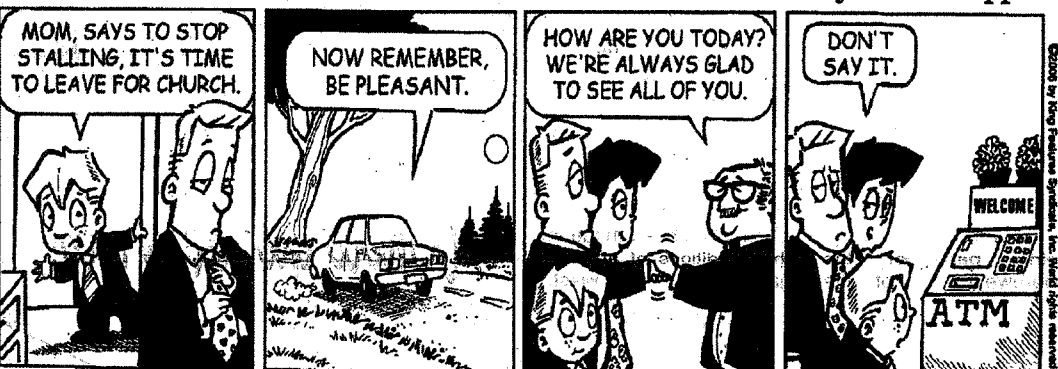
Mama's Boyz

by Jerry Craft



Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

You might be surprised to learn that famed 17th-century Dutch painter Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn — better known, for obvious reasons, by his first name alone — was not what you'd consider a model citizen. Art historians point out that he cheated on his taxes, stole from his wife's inheritance, rarely paid his bills and sometimes indulged in petty theft and con scams. Despite his attempts at acquiring money by any means possible, however, he was a pauper when he

died.

- Famed author D.H. Lawrence reportedly loved his favorite horse so much that he had it made into a duffel bag after it died.
- Throughout history, numerous languages have died out, taking with them words that could perhaps be useful in modern life. Take, for example, the Old English word "fribbler," referring to someone who is infatuated but commitment-shy — anyone on the dating scene these days is familiar with the phenomenon, but it's doubtful they have a word for it. At least, not a word appropriate for polite society.
- "The Star-Spangled Banner" wasn't officially adopted as the national anthem until 1931.
- Those who study such things say that a mixture of equal parts beer, Lis-

terine mouthwash, Epsom salts, ammonia and liquid soap can be used as a lawn fertilizer. What I'd like to know is how long it took and how many different combinations of substances the researchers had to try before they hit on that particular one.

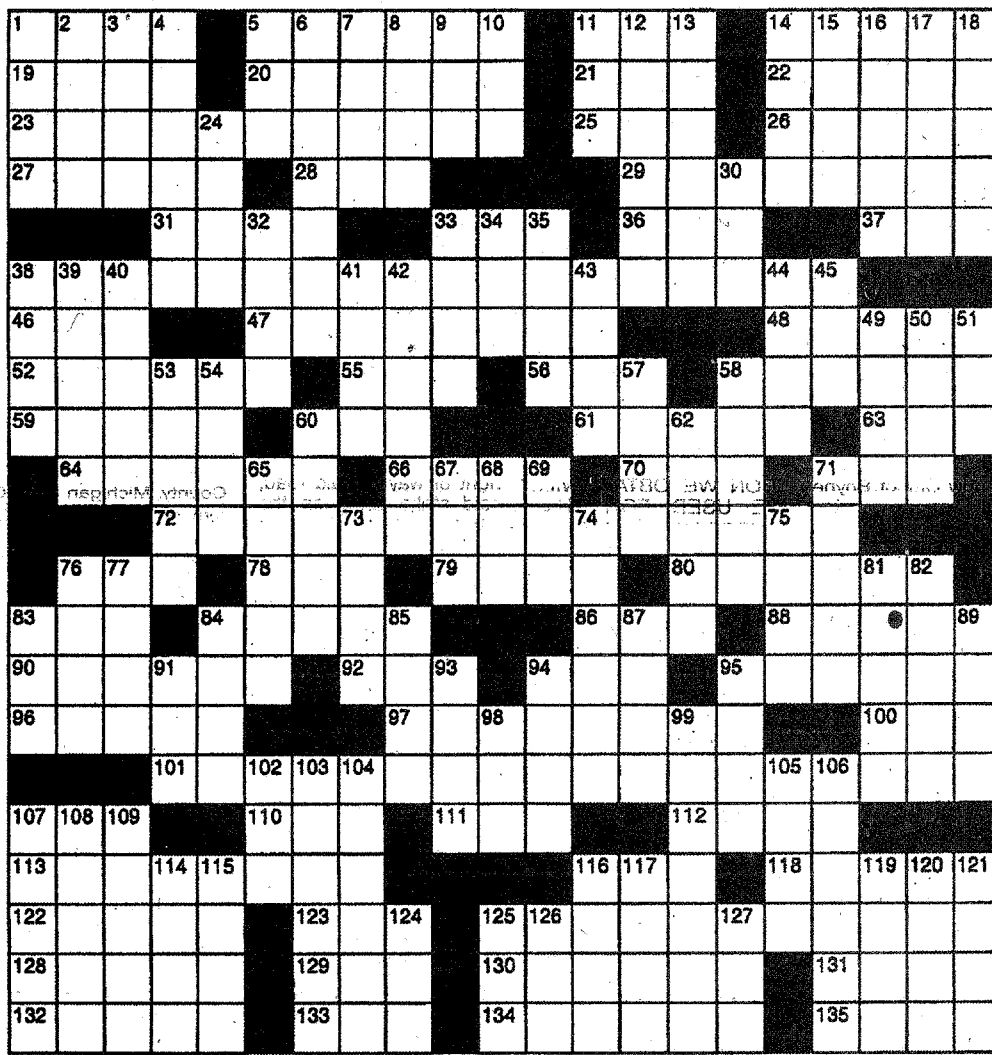
- The next time you're choosing fresh produce at the grocery store, keep this in mind: It's considered good luck if you find a pea pod with just one pea in it, and anyone who finds a pea pod with nine peas in it supposedly gets a wish granted.

Thought for the Day: "Man is the only animal that can remain on friendly terms with the victims he intends to eat until he eats them." — Samuel Butler

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Super Crossword PARTY OF ONE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pay to play
 - 5 Merry
 - 11 Off. equipment
 - 14 Vicious
 - 19 Crawl (with)
 - 20 Culmination
 - 21 Slangy sib
 - 22 Songwriter
 - 23 Greenwich
 - 29 Speaker of remark at
 - 29 Across
 - 25 Writer Rand
 - 26 Still's partner
 - 27 Club creed
 - 28 Bit of sunshine
 - 29 Start of remark
 - 31 Columnist
 - 31 Bombeck
 - 33 Author
 - 33 Umberto
 - 36 When the French fry
 - 37 High rails
 - 38 Part 2 of remark
 - 46 Zinc or copper
 - 47 Quick comeback
 - 48 Lamb product
 - 52 Dennis, for one
 - 55 Cambridge quaff
 - 56 Arkansas hrs.
 - 58 Flowering shrub
 - 59 Cookie quantity
 - 60 Mr. Baba
 - 61 Mako or hammer-head
 - 63 Joan Van Gray
 - 64 Wilde's
 - 66 Ralston or Miles
 - 70 Terminate
 - 71 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)
 - 72 Part 3 of remark
 - 76 TV's "Major"
 - 78 Quiet — mouse
 - 79 Singer Tori
 - 80 Jennifer of "Rio Lobo"
 - 83 Ad — committee
 - 84 Put on guard
 - 86 Campanella or Clark
 - 88 Unimprovable
 - 90 Slick
 - 92 Solemnly swear
 - 94 Cauliflower
 - 95 Anxious
 - 96 Pastoral poem
 - 97 Button or snap
 - 100 DC figure
 - 101 Part 4 of remark
 - 107 Bell and Barker
 - 110 Samovar
 - 111 Affirmative vote
 - 112 Give a hoot
 - 113 Part 5 of remark
 - 116 Ring stat
 - 118 Bull
 - 122 Don Diego de la Vega
 - 123 Chips' accompaniment
 - 125 End of remark
 - 128 — Park, CO
 - 129 SHAEF commander
 - 130 Shed
 - 131 Around the corner
 - 132 Smallest
 - 133 Spitz sound
 - 134 Loathe
 - 135 Big rig
 - 8 Unlikely to allure
 - 9 Born
 - 10 — Peres, MO
 - 11 Cops' org.
 - 12 "— River" ('55 tune)
 - 13 Electronics buy
 - 14 Verne captain
 - 15 One of the Waughs
 - 16 Roofing material
 - 17 Alpine area
 - 18 TV's "The Wonder —"
 - 24 Comic
 - 24 Crosby
 - 30 "Agnus —"
 - 32 Insignificant
 - 33 Raison d'—
 - 34 Canvas bed
 - 35 Oil cartel
 - 38 Pyramid, for one
 - 39 Mountain nymph
 - 40 Slowly, to Schubert
 - 41 Autumn birthstone
 - 42 Mouth watering?
 - 43 Musical Myra
 - 44 Pullover part
 - 45 Youth org.
 - 49 Analyze poetry
 - 50 Well-ventilated
 - 51 Run up the phone bill
 - 53 Caustic
 - 54 Vandyke site
 - 57 Next
 - 58 Cosmetician
 - Elizabeth
 - 60 Aromatic plant
 - 62 Vex
 - 65 Dickens title start
 - 67 Letter from Athens
 - 68 Sleep stage
 - 69 Bother
 - 71 Confidential comment
 - 73 Coach Levy
 - 74 Where to dance the hora
 - 75 Equine accessory
 - 76 Connecticut senator
 - 77 Sore
 - 81 Rent
 - 82 Light tool
 - 83 "Bali —"
 - 84 Singer
 - Guthrie
 - 85 Vegan staple
 - 87 Sarah — Jewett
 - 89 Director
 - Adrian
 - 91 Brownie, for one
 - 93 Cautious
 - 94 Sicilian rumbler
 - 95 Air bear?
 - 98 — Ane
 - Langdon
 - 99 Prom dates
 - 102 Capek
 - 103 "Nightmare on Elm Street" villain
 - 104 Silverware city
 - 105 Word with farm or frog
 - 106 Long-legged waders
 - 107 "— tov!"
 - 108 Faced the day
 - 109 Sealy competitor
 - 114 "— bien!"
 - 115 Throw a party
 - 116 Demonstrative pronoun
 - 117 Holiday of "Matlock"
 - 119 Piece of fencing?
 - 120 Quahog, e.g.
 - 121 Garr of "Mr. Mom"
 - 124 Energy
 - 125 Vintage
 - 126 Widget for Woods
 - 127 Saucepan

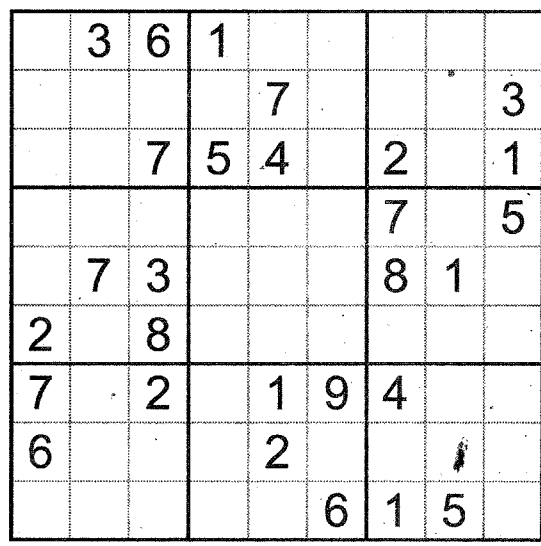


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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9, but only once in each. No number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com. For solutions check 'JRC Publications' on the solutions page of www.sudoku.com.

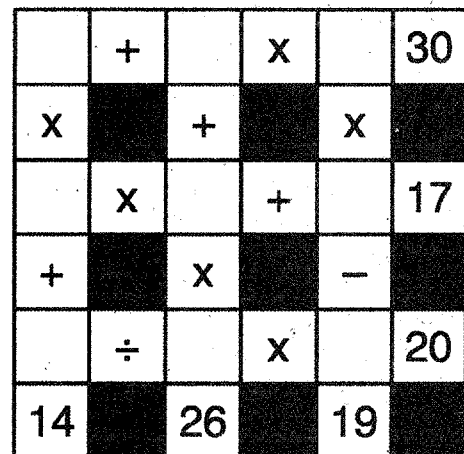


EASY

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.



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★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Sudoku Answers

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Go Figure! answers

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Super Crossword Answers

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	YAP	DETIST	BEIMT

HAPPENINGS

Little League sign-up set

Sign up for Boyne City Little League will be held March 7, from 3:30 to 7 p.m., at the Boyne District Library and at the Boyne Falls School gym; March 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Boyne District Library; March 15, from 3:30 to 7 p.m., at the Boyne District Library; and March 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Boyne District Library.

Church to host showdown

The shamROCK Showdown will be held March 17, at the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church, 210 S. Lake Street, East Jordan. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m. Bands performing will be "Mason Proper," "Your Best Friend," "Bringing Down Broadway," "Moorland," and "Kratos." Tickets are \$8 at the door.

Call 231-582-5045 for more information.

Film to be aired at library

The film, "The Ground Truth: the Human Cost of War," will be shown Saturday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m., at the Charlevoix Public Library community room A.

This event is free to the public and is sponsored by the Veterans for Peace.

Snacks and discussion will follow.

Budgeting program slated

Budgeting and Trimming the Budget, a financial management workshop, will be offered free of charge by Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency on Tuesday, March 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., at their office at 2202 Mitchell Park Dr. #4, in Petoskey. This class is designed for anyone wanting to learn how to budget their money or improve their budgeting skills. Call 231-347-9070 or 1-800-443-5518 for information or to sign up.

Women empowerment program slated

Woman to woman - women empowering women. Boyne City group forming now.

Contact Teri at 231-582-9185, or e-mail, tmrounds@charter.net.

Church to host program

Troubled by panic attacks, temper, fears, helpless or hopeless feelings? Try Recovery, Inc. We meet to help ourselves and each other Tuesdays, at 7 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church,

1250 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, and Thursdays, at 7 p.m., at the Pregnancy Resource center, 418 Waukazoo, Petoskey. To inquire call 231-582-2699 or 231-347-6474.

Y to host basketball program

YMCA of Northern Michigan will host a 3 on 3 youth basketball tournament on Saturday, April 21, at the Petoskey High School gyms. This one-day event is open to all girls and boys in 3rd thru 12th grade. Teams consist of 3 or 4 players, with divisions being determined by grade. Teams must send in registration form and \$100 team fee by April 16. Teams registering by March 30 may take advantage of an early registration discount and team fee of \$80. All players will receive a tournament t-shirt and teams placing first or second in their divisions will receive awards. Proceeds from the event will go toward funding the YMCA Y-Center, a fun and active youth center for students in grades 4 thru 12.

Information, rules and registration forms are available on the YMCA Web site at www.ymcanm.org or by contacting the Y at 231-348-8393.

Free dinner at church

The Boyne City United Methodist Church will hold a free dinner on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., followed by activities for children. Everyone is welcome. Come with friends,

come with family, bring your neighbors and please bring your children. The church is located at 324 South Park Street in Boyne City.

Food pantry relocates

The East Jordan Care and Share food pantry has moved. Their new location is 205 Water Street, in the Crossroads Resale Shop. New hours of operation are Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m., and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Their phone number is 231-536-7423.

Vaccines offered locally

HPV vaccine appointments now available for girls and women age 11 through 26 at Health Department offices in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

HPV vaccine provides lifetime protection against the types of HPV that cause most cases of cervical cancer and genital warts. Call the Health Department at 800-432-4121 for an appointment.



Madlyn Heise, 85-year-old of Charlevoix, (middle) is already on her second session and part of the intermediate Tai Chi class. Marian Betty, (not pictured) 94-year-old senior from Charlevoix, is also part of the class.

Tai Chi classes offered

CHARLEVOIX — Tai Chi classes will be offered beginning Tuesday, March 20, at the Charlevoix Public Library. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese form of "moving meditation" and relaxation that promotes inner tranquility. Meg McClorey, Tai Chi instructor, emphasizes the many health benefits of the activity which include improved relaxation, building muscle, strength and stamina, improving flexibility and balance, integrating body and mind, increas-

ing circulation, heart, and lung function, helping relieve pain and stiffness, improving concentration and memory, and improving posture and biomechanics. McClorey has been teaching the Alexander Technique and Tai Chi short Yang form in Northern Michigan since 1999. She has taught at North Central Michigan College, the Michigan Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, at workshops internationally, and in her

own private practice. She has a studio in Boyne City, where she teaches the Alexander Technique, practices Tai Chi, and makes pottery. The beginner class will be scheduled from 10 until 11 a.m. The intermediate class will be scheduled from 11 a.m. until noon. Cost for six weeks session is \$12 for seniors 60 years old and up, under 60 years old the fee is \$40. To register call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at 231-237-0103.

Soccer sign-up ongoing

Spring soccer, a new program for K through sixth grade, is holding signups now through March at the 4-H office. Call 231-582-6232 for details.

Business After Hours planned

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the March Business After Hours Thursday, March 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Bob Mathers Ford, sponsored by Century 21 and Bob Mathers Ford. Enjoy homemade Polish food, networking and great fun.

Festival seeks volunteers

The East Jordan Freedom Festival is looking for enthusiastic people who would like to be part of this year's festival, June 21 through the 24. Call Gretchen at 231-350-0760.

Coffeehouse planned in EJ

The next Open Door Christian Coffee House in East Jordan's Senior Center on Main Street will be Saturday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. Louisiana Cowboy with David Dickerson from Potterville will perform. Donations are accepted. This is non-denominational and everyone is welcome.

EJ to host league sign-ups

East Jordan little league spring sign-ups will be held Saturday, March 17, and Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the East Jordan High School cafeteria. For questions or information, contact Ruby at 231-536 3012.

Lenten fish dinners ongoing

St. Matthew Church will hold a series of fish dinners on Fridays during Lent. The menu includes lightly breaded baked cod, hash browns, cole slaw, rolls, macaroni and cheese and applesauce. The cost is \$6.50 for fish, \$3 for macaroni and cheese and child's portion, five and under, free. St. Matthew Church is located at 1303 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City.

Lenten soup suppers offered

Church of the Nativity invites the public to soup suppers on Thursdays during Lent, featuring homemade soup and discussion of a series entitled "Games People Play." The suppers will start at 6 p.m., with beverage provided. Participants may bring their own sandwich to the suppers.

Church of the Nativity is located at 209 Main Street, Boyne City.

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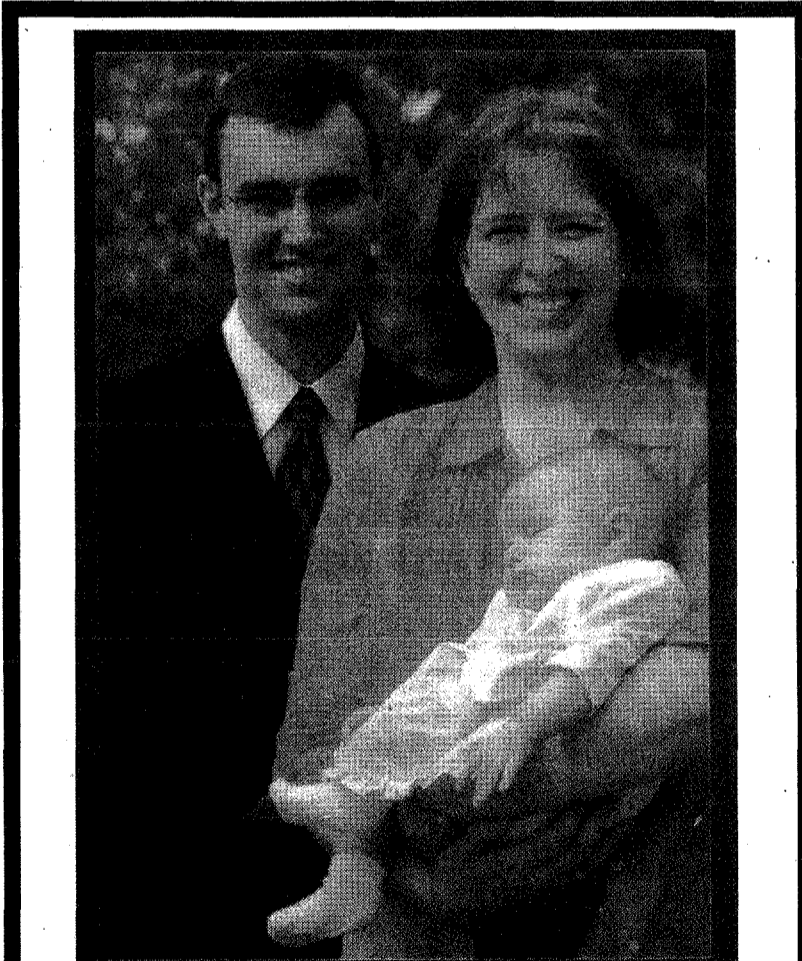
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September 17, 2006

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