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Hi: 65 Lo: 38
Condition: Sunny

FRIDAY, MAY 4
Hi: 64 Lo: 40
Condition: Mostly Sunny

SATURDAY, MAY 5
Hi: 67 Lo: 43
Condition: Mostly Sunny

SUNDAY, MAY 6
Hi: 74 Lo: 50
Condition: Sunny

MONDAY, MAY 7
Hi: 74 Lo: 51
Condition: Isolated Thunderstorms

TUESDAY, MAY 8
Hi: 72 Lo: 46
Condition: Showers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
Hi: 64 Lo: 43
Condition: Mostly Sunny

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Marina up for public hearing Thursday

By B. J. HETLER
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BOYNE CITY - The city's municipal marina renovation and expansion plans are the topic of a public hearing at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 3, at city hall.

Comments from the community will be taken at the hearing hosted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The MDEQ and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are the agencies that decide whether to issue a permit for the marina project.

The city marina is one of

five marinas existing or planned within one mile of the city limits on Lake Charlevoix's waterfront. If all marina plans are implemented the waterfront will have nearly 500 slips. In addition, in nearby Eveline Township, the Sommerset Pointe development plans propose a marina with 136 slips.

The city's plans for the Boyne City Municipal Marina will increase the number of slips from 42 to 115, including mooring buoys. Existing fixed piers will be demolished and removed. A 660-foot long by 12-foot

wide "L" shaped pier will expand the harbor lake ward, according to the state's joint public notice dated April 20.

A main floating pier is designed with 21 finger piers. A second floating pier will have eight finger piers and a third pier is designed for six finger piers.

Three fishing platforms sized 65-feet by 10-feet will be installed. A 10-foot diameter gazebo will be constructed as well as a 125-foot long and 10-foot wide floating shopper's pier for transient broadside dockage.

Along with expansion, the renovation will provide improved wave protection. No dredging or shoreline protection is proposed by the city.

The agencies will base the permit decision on the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. Conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, fish and wildlife values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion, water quality, safety and the welfare of the people are considered, according to the joint public notice.

Historic properties within the permit area factor into the decision. The public notice states that there are no recorded historic properties within the city marina area and that the site has been so extensively modified by modern development that little likelihood exists for historic properties.

However, the state invites responses from Indian tribes, historical and archaeological societies, and others that may have knowledge to the contrary.

Public comments may be made at Thursday's hearing. See **MARINA**, page 2

Boyne's LexaMar to layoff employees

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY - LexaMar will temporarily reduce its workforce in Boyne City because of a change in a work order by Ford's Michigan Truck Plant. LexaMar produces body side door panels for the Ford Expedition and Navigator models.

The number of employees affected has not yet been disclosed by LexaMar's parent company, Magna International, Inc.'s Decoma unit.

But the layoffs will be conducted by seniority and initially by volunteers, according to Scott MacKenzie of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce. It is hoped the layoff time period will not go beyond three months, he said.

The layoffs come just six months after the company was granted a reduction in property taxes by the city. The 12-year tax abatement is projected to result in a decrease of tax revenue to the city of about \$23,000 in its first year.

LexaMar claimed that the tax abatement, or reduction, would enable it to retain local jobs. In its October 2006 request to the city, LexaMar stated that it had purchased

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EJ looks for budget cuts

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — City employees may be affected by the need to make cuts in the city's budget, as economic conditions become more challenging.

Commissioners met on April 17 and agreed retirement will be offered to some employees before other methods are considered, such as a decrease in some employees' hours. It was the general consensus if hours were cut, benefits would likely remain intact.

Commissioners were informed that cuts other than personnel have already been enacted.

The budget for the next fiscal year is difficult to finalize because of the overall economy, said city administrator David White.

"We're going on so many unknowns," White said. "The crystal ball is pretty cloudy."

What is known is the 2007-2008 proposed budget showed expenses at \$2,073,309 and revenue at \$1,861,934. The \$211,375 difference was made up from the general fund. But, that leaves the general fund at \$24,764, and more cuts are required to bring the general fund up to \$180,000.

Some of the major expenditures in the 2007-2008 budget are the financing of the police department at \$534,134, followed by the department of public works at \$304,648 and the community skate park department at \$243,871.

Major revenues include property taxes at \$1,102,913, revenue from the state at \$274,044 and bond sale proceeds at \$176,000.

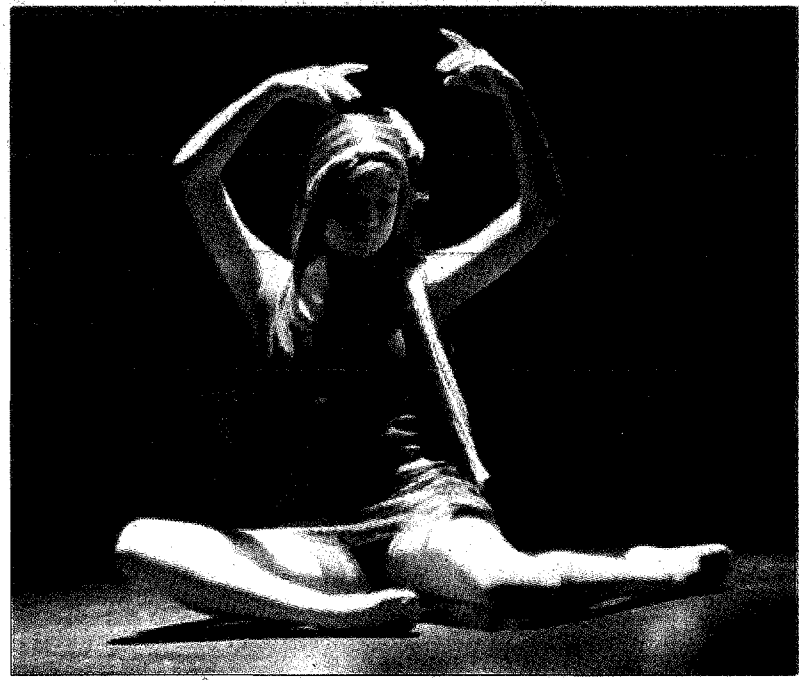
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Motionless form



"The whole body dances" an evening of dances from around the world enchanted the audience recently at the Boyne City auditorium. Dancers from Concord Academy-Petoskey presented dances from around the world. Among other dances, spectators witnessed six 'hakas' which is the traditional dance of the Maori people of New Zealand. Haka means 'fiery breath' and the fiery brath is because of the fierce attitude that accompanies the performance of traditional Haka. Prior to performing the dance, students researched the history and cultural significance of the form.

Photos by Vic Ruggles.



State of the community May 3

EAST JORDAN — The East Jordan Chamber of Commerce is holding a State of the Community breakfast meeting on Thursday, May 3, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the East Jordan High School Auditorium. Admission is free to chamber members and \$5 to prospective members. A light breakfast will be served, sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank.

Featured speakers are Tom Bailey, Executive Director, Little Traverse Conservancy on environment; Cameron

Brunet-Koch, President, North Central Michigan College, and Kevin Keane, President, East Jordan Public Schools Board of Education on education; Andy Hayes, President, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance on economy; Mayor Mark Postma, East Jordan (City) Events; Mary H. Faculak, President, East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce.

To register, call the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-536-7351 or e-mail info@ejchamber.org.

Second public forum planned in Boyne Falls

BOYNE FALLS — The Boyne Falls Public School Board of Education has scheduled a second town meeting for Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. at the school.

The meeting will focus on questions from the first town meeting and expanding on ideas raised at that time in regards to a possible upcoming bond issue in sup-

port of an addition to the current school building.

The possible project includes a multipurpose room, weight/fitness room, along with other upgrades to the

existing building and grounds. The possible project will carry a pricetag of approximately \$2.6 million.

Boyne Falls Public

School superintendent Gary Urman is available to answer any questions, please do not hesitate to call. For information, call 231-549-2211.

Boyne school district honored

BOYNE CITY — School districts across Michigan have demonstrated their commitment to excellence in education through innovative programs aimed at improving student achievement. From helping the brain get a "smart start" to global awareness and integrating the arts, these unique programs address school districts' critical needs.

The Michigan Association of School Boards has named 27 recipients of the 2007 E program, for at-risk students. The winning programs span from the far reaches of the Upper Peninsula to southeast Michigan. The programs will be honored Tuesday, May 8 at a luncheon hosted by MASB and SET SEG School Insurance Specialists, the exclusive sponsor of this year's awards. The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the Eagle Eye Golf Club in Bath.

"These programs take a unique approach to making education relevant, and the impact on student achievement is evident," said Justin King, MASB executive

See **SCHOOL**, page 2

Buff up Boyne this weekend

BOYNE CITY - It is time to give Boyne City a shine.

Buff Up Boyne, Boyne City's annual community-wide spring clean-up, is Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m.-noon.

The Boyne City Main Street Program, organizer of the event, is calling all residents, civic organizations, and schools to lend their shovels, rakes, and brooms to give Boyne City a shine during the annual cleanup.

Volunteers will be sweeping, picking up trash and raking up debris in the city's sidewalks, parks, alleys, and along the waterfront. Organizers are also looking for individuals interested in waking up extra early and being part of a special crew in charge of hosing down the streets and sidewalks in the downtown.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Veteran's Park pavilion to sign-in, get instructions on what areas need to be cleaned, and receive trash bags and safety vests. Volunteers will also have a chance to win gift certificates and door prizes. Coffee and donuts will be served in the morning as well as lunch beginning at noon.

Organizers ask all business owners to sweep the sidewalks in front of their building in an effort to reduce the amount of dirt and debris washed into storm drains. They also ask business owners to place towels under their doors to prevent any water from accidentally seeping underneath.

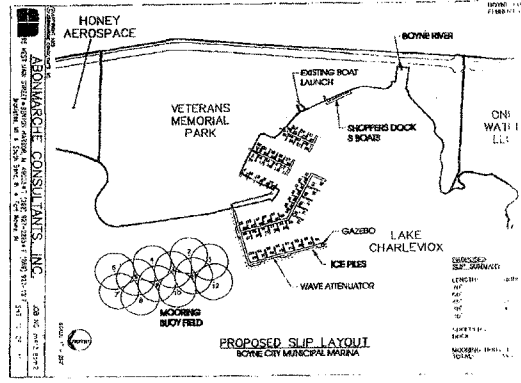
For information, contact either Mark Kowalske at 231-675-3721 or Hugh Conklin at 231-582-9009, or e-mail mainstreet@boynecity.com.

Marina

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Public comments may be made at Thursday's hearing, or written comments may be sent to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Land and Water Management Division, P.O. Box 30204, Lansing, Michigan 48909. All correspondence must refer to file number 2007-184-41 and 07-15-0002-P. Comments must be received by May 20.

For more information contact Roxanne Ramirez at the MDEQ Gaylord office at 989-705-3442.



School

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director. "They really show the power in believing in a quality education for all."

Each school or district will receive a trophy and a metal street sign proclaiming it an "Education Excellence Winner." Winners will also move on to round two judging to determine "Michigan's Best" and the recipients of a cash prize to help further the goal of the programs.

Entries are judged by an independent panel

of state education specialists. Winners are selected based on uniqueness, the critical need served and evidence of impact on student achievement. This year, applicants were also asked to demonstrate which characteristics of high performing schools relate to their program. The winners are listed in a searchable database an MASBs Web site (www-mash.org) and in a directory mailed to every school district in the state.

School election candidates

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — Boyne City Public Schools and East Jordan Public Schools hold Board of Education elections on Tuesday, May 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voting for the Boyne City Public Schools Board of Education will take place at Boyne City City Hall, Bay Township Hall and Wilson Township Hall.

Voting for the East Jordan Public Schools Board of Education will take place at the East Jordan Civic Center and at South Arm Township Hall.

Boyne schools' Board of Education has two seats open and three candidates. Two of the candidates are incumbents, Dr. Richard Mansfield and Marty Moody. The third candidate is Billie (Bea) Reinhardt. Board members serve a four-year term.

East Jordan schools' Board of Education has two seats open and three candidates. One of the candidates is an incumbent, Kevin Keane. The other two candidates are Charles Day and Jay Peck. Board members serve a four-year term.

Layoff

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\$5.4 million in new equipment that would make it possible to capture additional work.

The city has the option of reducing the abatement term or of revoking the abatement. But city

manager Michael Cain said on Monday that no action would be taken at this point.

"We'll keep track of the layoffs," Cain said, noting that occasional temporary layoffs are not uncommon in manu-

facturing. "If it looks like it will become permanent then we'll look at the tax abatement."

LexaMar is one of the largest companies in Boyne City's industrial park and employs approximately 450 people.

Budget

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A millage levy remains unchanged from previous years on property taxes. General operations will receive 17.80 mills and .4448 mills will be

levied to fire equipment.

Various fees will increase. For example, airport user fees will jump from \$100 per year to \$150 per year. The flat rate for water will in-

crease from \$23 to \$28 quarterly, and the flat rate for sewer will increase from \$17 to \$20 quarterly.

The budget will be reviewed every three months for adjustments.

HAPPENINGS

'Cool' presentation planned May 2

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance is presenting "Can small towns be cool?" with guest speaker Dave Ivan, MSUE Economic Development Specialist, Wednesday, May 2, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Boyne City High School Auditorium. Please RSVP by calling the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce at 231-582-6222.

Prayer service

The Boyne City Christian Ministerial Association is holding a National Day of Prayer event Thursday, May 3, at the Boyne City Pavilion at the Lakefront Veterans Park at 7 p.m.

Salad luncheon May 3

The East Jordan United Methodist Church will hold its annual salad luncheon Thursday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the church.

Genealogical society to meet

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, at the Family History Center located in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The church is located at 707 Alcan Road in Petoskey. Amy Christensen will give a presentation on the genealogical research and resources available at the Family History Center. The presentation is free and open to the public. For further information, phone Joy at 231-582-3440.

Red poppy sale planned

Volunteers from the American Legion Rebec, Hosler, Sweet Post and Auxiliary Unit 227 will be distributing the red poppies in honor of America's war dead on Friday May 4, and Saturday May 5. Hospitalized veterans make each nine-

piece poppy; they receive a small wage that helps to supplement their incomes and make them feel more self-sufficient.

Opry at performing arts center

The Grand Northern Opry will be performing at the Boyne City Performing Arts Center on May 5. There will be 2 shows, at 2 and 7 p.m., featuring The Front Porch Pickers, The Ramsey Family, "Dance Attack," Lee Cloyd, Sharon Batdoroff, Gene Farley, Luanne Reed and Don Judd. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for

students, and are available at the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

Nativity church to host events

Reverend Brad Will will officiate at Church of the Nativity on the fifth Sunday of Easter. Coffee hour will be served in the church undercroft following the service. Nativity's Helping Hands volunteers will meet in the undercroft Monday, May 7, at 9 increasing gas expense of this ministry. Also in May, the ash remains from the honor those books. For information about any of

Community band concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band will present its spring concert on Saturday, May 5, at 7 p.m., in the Community Auditorium at East Jordan High School. The concert will feature local musicians performing music for all ages. Joining the JVCB as a "double header" will be the Up North Big Band.



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BC student captures LSSU scholarship

SAULT **S**T. MARIE — Lake Superior State University's Vice President for Student Affairs Ken Peress has made an inaugural award from a scholarship endowed to recognize and encourage student leadership at LSSU. Peress presented this year's recipient, Brittney Farrell, a junior majoring in finance and economics from Boyne City, with a \$1,000 scholarship for next semester.

Peress created the Laker Student Leader Scholarship by making a \$1,000 gift in February to the University through its Foundation Office. The scholarship recognizes a junior or a senior who makes a difference in the lives of others on campus or in the community. They must demonstrate leadership qualities through involvement in athletics, academics, service, publications, mass communications or the performing arts.

Farrell was the fund's first beneficiary when she was recognized during LSSU's annual Leadership Awards on

the evening of April 10. "Brittney is a wonderful example of our student leaders at LSSU. She is a self-starter who is positively involved in many different activities while achieving academic success," said Peress. "As the first recipient of this scholarship she has set the standard for those who follow."

Farrell has been involved with Student Alumni Involved for Lake State (SAILS), a student organization affiliated with LSSU's Alumni office, since starting at Lake Superior State three years ago. SAILS provides logistical support for a variety of campus events and daily events. As a member of SAILS, Farrell volunteers her time to host alumni socials, lead admissions tours, and participate in SAILS events organized by others.

Last year, Farrell was responsible for scheduling all SAILS volunteers to man campus tours for admissions, both for regular tours during the week and special group tours,

which required more volunteers.

This past fall she served as Great Lake State Weekend chair. GLSW is an annual homecoming weekend that attracts alumni and parents to campus for events ranging from alumni recognition and sports hall of fame induction ceremonies, to tailgate parties and competitions for kids. Farrell recruited volunteers from within SAILS and the community to organize events for each night of the week preceding GLSW. Weekday evening events attracted current students, while all-day weekend events were tailored for student families and alumni.

As a student, Farrell consistently makes the Dean's List and receives a number of academic scholarships. She is active in SIFE, a student marketing organization with chapters all over the world that seek to foster entrepreneurialism. She started her first year at LSSU when she was only 17.

"During my three

years at Lake State, I have been granted more opportunities than I could have imagined," said Farrell. "I am excited to develop my leadership skills in the university through my last year."

Nominations for the scholarship come from LSSU staff, faculty, and administrators. Nominees must be enrolled full-time and have earned at least 56 credits in any course of study offered at LSSU. They must also be of junior or senior standing when they receive the award, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Students can be nominated during the spring of their sophomore or junior year, provided they will be a junior or senior by the following semester.

For information about the Laker Student Leader Scholarship, or any one of the more than 100 scholarships and awards available at LSSU, call the LSSU Foundation Office at 906-635-2665 or run a search for "LSSU foundation scholarships" on the Web.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan High School

NAME: Renee Evans
PARENTS: Kevin and Rosemarie Evans
GRADE: 9th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Debate, Volleyball, Track, and Spring Musical



FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Drama
FUTURE PLANS: Attend college and become a missionary

STAFF COMMENTS: "Renee is an excellent geometry student. She is one of the top scorers on all tests and quizzes. I really enjoy her personality and she is a pleasure to have in class." Mrs. Russell

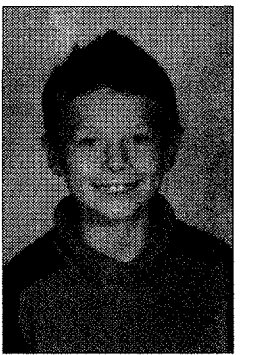
"Renee Evans is a 'go get-um' type of student who is willing to try anything and gives every project 100 percent. She is so willing and anxious to learn. She has bright eyes that reflect her great attitude and the class just isn't the same when she isn't there." Mrs. Tinney

"Renee Evans always comes to class with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. She is caring, kind and bright. Renee is always willing to help other students." Mrs. Stangis

"Renee is an excellent student in our social studies. She turns in complete, quality work. Renee can be counted on for good topic discussions and does excellent group work." Mrs. Sitkins

Grows FAVORITE TV SHOW: The Suite Life of Zack and Cody

STAFF COMMENTS: "I would like to nominate Jordan Struble. Jordan has a tremendous work ethic. He always gives his best effort and goes out of his way to help others. He has been highly successful in math and has also participated in athletics such as football and basketball. Jordan has been a pleasure to teach and I am very proud of him." Mr. Massey



East Jordan High School

NAME: Clarissa Sarasin
PARENTS: Ed Sarasin and Lora Sarasin
GRADE: 9th
FAVORITE CLASS(ES): Algebra and EDP
FUTURE PLANS: Attend Cosmetology School

STAFF COMMENTS: "Clarissa is a reliable student who is concerned with doing well in all of her work. I also appreciate her positive attitude and quiet sense of humor." Mr. Tarsa

"Clarissa is a quiet young lady with a terrific upbeat attitude. She quietly and steadily gets the job done. She has a beautiful smile and is just terrific to work with. She is a pleasure to teach." Mrs. Tinney

"Clarissa Sarasin is very hard working. She is very focused, creative and bright. She is always willing to give 110 percent with anything she is working on." Mrs. Stangis

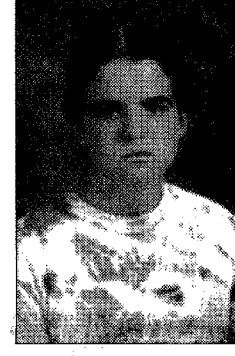
"Clarissa Sarasin is an excellent example for all students. She is always prepared for class, has an amazing work ethic and tries her best in all that she does." Mrs. Walker

"Clarissa has been a very good algebra student. She always gives her best effort and I can count on her to have her work done. I really enjoy having Clarissa in class." Mrs. Russell



Boyer City High School

NAME: Philip Conklin
PARENTS: Susan and Hugh Conklin
GRADE: 11th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band, Jazz Band, Soccer, Tennis and National Honor Society.



HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Music and reading.

FUTURE PLANS: College

STAFF COMMENTS: "Philip is an outstanding performer! He received a First Division rating at both the district and state solo festivals and has been invited to play in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival Honors Band due to the strength of his solo performances. Philip has also been accepted into Interlochen's summer music program. He is a regular soloist with our jazz band and also dedicates a lot of time outside of school to practicing and performing with the BCHS Jazz Combo. Congratulations, Phil!" Brandon Ivie, band teacher

Boyer City High School

NAME: Jessica Capp
PARENTS: Mark and Corrine Capp
GRADE: 9th
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Volleyball, Soccer and Tennis

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Participating in sports and hanging out with friends.

FUTURE PLANS: After high school I plan to attend college.

STAFF COMMENTS: "Jessica is well prepared for class every day. She completes homework and class assignments carefully and completely and maintains a high level of competency with Algebra 1 concepts. Her presence in class makes the classroom a better place to learn and teach. Congratulations!" Dale Thomason, math teacher



Musher competes in UP race

MANCELONA — Boyne City Middle School student Andrea Westrick, recently competed in the Lake Superior Rainbow Lodge sled dog race in Newberry, Mich.

Westrick, driving dogs owned by Last Chance Kennel in Mancelona, raced a three-dog team for 4.9

miles to place third in the junior division. Westrick has been training at the kennel for several years and is the daughter of Dr. Aaron and Kimberly Westrick of Boyne City.

The kennel has been home to the Antrim County 4-H group, the "Idita-Brats," composed of area students from

northern Michigan, including Westrick. Within the last year, the group has traveled throughout Michigan for camping trips, kennel tours and visited a wolf sanctuary. They have also attended training sessions with dog mushers from the U.S. And Canada, including training puppies with

2006 Iditarod Michigan musher, Jim Warren. Ongoing musher training, dogs, sleds, and necessary equipment are furnished by the kennel.

To learn how to get involved with Antrim County 4-H as a youth member or 4-H volunteer, call Dee Miller at 231-533-8818.

STUDENT NEWS

MARQUETTE — Nissa Ryder of Boyne Falls is among 38 seniors and graduate students who have been named the outstanding graduates from their respective academic departments at Northern Michigan University.

Ryder is completing her master's degree in exercise science. She entered the program after

completing her bachelor's degree in athletic training at Northern Michigan University, where she was honored with the Outstanding Senior Award in 2005.

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NEIGHBORS

A correction is needed in regard to Emily Sobleski's baby shower. Emily and husband Jason Miner are awaiting the arrival of their first child on May 8.

The Boyne Area Senior Center Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m., at the senior center. This meeting is open to the public.

Ruth Shaver of Boyne City is now in Grandvue and would appreciate cards and letters.

Phyllis and Ellwood Hardy of Boyne City became proud great-grandparents once again on April 26. Grandson, Justin Cross of Kalkaska, became a new daddy to a baby daughter, Brennah. His twin brother, Chris Cross and wife Brandy of New Orleans, became the proud parents of a son, Wyatt Scott on March 24, and their sister Rebecca and husband Pete are expecting girl and boy twins in September. Justin, Chris and Rebecca are the children of Terry and Shelley Hardy of Kalkaska.

George Stocker of Sparta spent the weekend in this area working on his place and doing some mushroom hunting.

Congratulations go out to Boyne's Brenda Thompson for being promoted from the maintenance crew to the office receptionist of the Boyne City Housing Commission.

The Rev. Richard H. Schmidt and wife Pam of Ohio, and her brother Thad Hegerberg of Hawaii were here this week for the interment service at Maple Lawn Cemetery of their mother, Virginia Schaub Hegerberg on Friday.

The Boyne Area Senior Bake sale on April 30, from 10 a.m. to noon, was expected to be a great success, toward supporting our local senior center. Donated

baked goods were much appreciated.

Bunny Garlock recently arrived home after a month in Florida. Bunny traveled with her daughters Kathie, Libbie, and Connie. After meeting Debbie and Pennie in Orlando, Bunny, five of her daughters, and one granddaughter, Lindsay, went freestyle cruising on the Norwegian Pearl for five days. They



By Nancy Northup

traveled to Cozumel, Mexico and Belize, Central America for a couple of days of beach partying, snorkeling, and extreme cave tubing. The girls had a great time while on the ship playing bingo (Debbie and Bunny won), gambling, cocktail parties, lounging around the pool and the bar at the back of the ship. The weather was wonderful and all had a great time. While in Florida, the girls had a birthday party for son-in-law, Barry, at granddaughter Amber's house. Special guests at the party were Butch and Fran Erber of Boyne City. Bunny also met her newest great-grandson, Brenden, who is ten weeks old.

Patty Davis Carlisle of Charleston was in Boyne this past week visiting her mother, Clara Carlisle, and to attend the interment service of Virginia Hegerberg.

Keri Hardy of Boyne City gave birth to a son on April 3, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Mason Zachery weighed in at 10 pounds and 5 ounces and measured 21 inches in length at his birth. Grandparents are Tim and Lauri Hardy and great grandparents are Elwood and Phyllis Hardy, all of Boyne City.

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



Ethics week should be celebrated year-long

By CHRISTINE TATUM
GUEST COLUMN

In the public's eyes, just about the only folks struggling with believability issues more than the Bush administration are journalists.

And journalists largely have themselves to thank for that.

This week, newsrooms nationwide are observing Ethics in Journalism Week, and they have a sorry state of affairs to consider.

Since the mid-1980s, Americans have been increasingly skeptical of the information they receive from the news media, and no major news outlet has escaped the trend, according to The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.

Last year, only 19 percent of people surveyed by the Project for Excellence in Journalism said they believed "all or most" of what they read in their daily newspaper, a drop of 10 points in eight years. Another 40

percent believed only "a good deal" of what they read in the paper.

The loss of public trust should come as no surprise. Journalists have been caught making up stories (Jayson Blair, formerly of The New York Times, and others); rushing stories into the public domain ("Al Gore is our next president. No, make that George Bush. No, make that ..."); accepting payment from the government in exchange for news coverage (three journalists formerly at El Nuevo Herald in Miami, and others); plagiarizing (too many culprits to name here); and juicing their stories with loaded language and sensational imagery (again, we don't have enough space to start naming names).

Business agendas are also getting in the way of good journalism. What else would explain an ABC reporter's "story" about a medical procedure that just happened to play a starring role in the

episode of Grey's Anatomy that aired right before the newscast? What happens to local news coverage when hundreds of reporting positions are cut to satisfy investors' expectations, or one corporation owns hundreds of news outlets?

Good journalism is at the heart of our democracy. Like it or not, a free press — warts and all — is what creates an informed citizenry that can hold business, government and the institutions that affect our lives accountable. This nation is great because it has a free — albeit noisy and messy — news media.

The easy thing for a cynical public to do is watch passively as journalism reels from its self-inflicted wounds, or bash the news media until they deliver nothing of substance or value.

The media most certainly need to win back the public trust they've lost. That trust starts with a commitment to ethical news production, which is, above all, accurate, fair and independent of special interests.

Many news organizations, including our parent company, Journal-Register Company, publicize their ethics policies online. The Society of Professional Journalists' code is widely considered the gold standard of the industry and can be found at spj.org. SPJ members routinely debate journalism ethics online and encourage the general public to join their conversations.

Rather than tune out, readers, listeners and viewers should hold news organizations and the companies that own them accountable for their news coverage and the business decisions that undermine responsible journalism. Write letters, send e-mail, make phone calls or blog. We'll all be better for it.

Christine Tatum is national president of the Society of Professional Journalists, the nation's largest journalism advocacy organization, and an assistant business editor at The Denver Post.

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YOUR VOICE

Gov. waste on increase and must be stopped

To the Editor:
Government waste is on the increase in our country as demonstrated by the \$23.5 billion Boeing tanker lease deal that was stopped and was the worst corporate welfare scam in the Defense Budget — until now!

Recently the Army awarded a contract to the Raytheon Company to develop a system to stop rocket propelled grenades by 2011. Rocket propelled grenades have been responsible for the deaths of nearly 40 of our soldiers in Afghanistan and 130 in Iraq as well as hundreds of additional

casualties, and many analysts predict RPGs will be a growing threat to our troops in the Middle East and in any future conflict.

The Pentagon's Office of Force Transformation, which is not a part of the Army, tested an Israeli anti-RPG system called Trophy and found under near-battlefield conditions it was 98 percent effective at destroying RPGs. Army senior officials not only failed to show up for the simulated battlefield tests of Trophy, but tested a Raytheon system when it was mounted on a stationary object rather than a moving vehicle and

Army documents show that nine of the 21 members of the technical team that evaluated the Raytheon system were Raytheon employees and all of the administrative staff for the evaluation were from Raytheon. The less expensive, proven effective Israeli system is available right now and could be saving our soldiers' lives today, while the Raytheon system won't be available until at least 2011. This is more than an outrageous waste of our tax dollars — it is putting our courageous soldiers' lives at risk — which is simply unacceptable and

immoral. We must contact our representatives in Congress by writing, e-mailing or calling at 202224 3121 or the White House at 206-456-1414 and insist they call on the Army to immediately reconsider its contract for an anti-RPG system with Raytheon and instead purchase and deploy the proven successful Trophy system. Our voices are important on this issue and could save the life of a loved one or a friend, but only if we act now.

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DARE golf tourney seeking entrants

BOYNE CITY — The Boyne City Police Department and Charlevoix County Sheriff Department announce the annual DARE golf benefit and dinner fund-raising event, to be held at Boyne Mountain on May 10. Tee time is noon on the Alpine Course and dinner is at 5:00 p.m. at Eriksen's Restaurant at Boyne Mountain.

Prizes will be awarded on the par 3 holes, also for longest drives, most putts, and closest to the pin, with a "hole in one" worth \$5,000 cash on two selected par 3 holes.

The golf tournament is a 4 person, shotgun start, scramble. Dinner follows at 5 p.m. and is included

in your entry fee, with prime rib being served. The cost of golf and dinner together is \$80 per person, and will also include a group photo for each member of your team.

If you don't care to golf, dinner can be purchased for \$14.50. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Boyne City Police Department.

The DARE association is also seeking hole sponsors and items to be given away at the dinner as door prizes. If you have items you wish to donate, you can drop them off at the Boyne City Police Department, or call 231-582-6611 and let us know you have items that need to be picked up.

If you cannot partici-

pate, but still wish to support the DARE program, you can send a cash donation.

There are a limited number of spaces for golfers, so if you are interested in golfing, please get your entry fees in soon.

Anyone who is interested, and needs more information or an informational flyer, should call the Boyne City Police Department at 231-582-6611 and ask for Bardel Belford or Assistant Chief Jeff Gettel.

The proceeds from the fund-raiser are used to purchase educational materials, train DARE officers, purchase graduations supplies and instructional equipment used for the DARE program.

Veterans to host appreciation day

BOYNE CITY — Ernest Peterson Post 228 of the Boyne City American Legion is planning a Veterans Appreciation Day, Wednesday May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and an open house which will include a display of military uniforms, rifles, equipment, pictures, maps and much more which will be explained and demonstrated by members to the guests through a hands-on learning experience. We are expecting to have several military vehicles on display, as an added interest this year, as well as representatives from all levels of law enforcement and branches of the military who will answer any questions.

At each open house between 450 and 800 students take advantage of this opportunity to learn the truth about the freedoms we all enjoy, the fact that freedom isn't free, the price of that freedom and who paid that price for us all. As the students leave the post, each receives a flag from the grave of a veteran who paid that price.

The American Legion Auxiliary will provide refreshments and we encourage all schools and the public to participate in this unique experience that you or your students will never forget.

LEGION NEWS

BOYNE CITY — At the regular meeting of Ernest Peterson Post 228, held on April 5, and conducted by Vice Commander Brian Morrison, the following communications, reports, discussions and actions were presented or acted upon: Commander Hough e-mailed instructions to present the 60 year continuous membership certificates and conduct a ceremony of initiation for new members at the May meeting; a letter thanking the post and squadron for a donation to cover the cost of producing the Military Transport Museums' news letter, was moved, supported and carried the post donate an additional

\$83 to cover overrun costs; the chaplain reported on area veterans who are sick, disabled or shut-in; the bingo chair reported attendance has increased and has had no complaints; the service officer stated he is available on Saturdays from 4 to 9 p.m. or by appointment by calling 231-582-0518; the adjutant reported membership stands at 152 — that includes eight new, three transfers, 10 active duty, 22 life and 109 regular memberships; the troop support officer reported on active duty members locations and activities; the honor guard con-

ducted "Veteran of the Month" ceremonies for Harold Wayne Kleinschrodt and Garland Kenneth Gilbert; The Citizen published "Veteran of the Month" Harold Wayne Kleinschrodt and the March "Legion News" and the Petoskey News-Review - Generations published "Veteran of the Month" Clarence Bernard Meldrum and Harold Wayne Kleinschrodt; Americanism/Youth chair reported contact was made with all area schools and Boyne City student Kevin Knight has requested attendance to

Boys' State. It was moved, supported and carried the post submit a registration fee of \$310 for Knight; the monument committee met March 24 and reviewed pictures of area monuments, discussed location and assigned tasks to be completed by the next meeting. A tentative completion date is Memorial Day 2008 and public support will be encouraged; Veterans' Appreciation Day, May 9, is on schedule and permission has been granted to use the Water Street Mall parking lot; it was decided the "Veteran of the Month"

biography be framed each month and presented to the family. We are accepting items to be sent to our troops overseas at the post on Saturdays between 3 and 9 p.m., and Blue Star Banners and troop support ribbons are available to the public. The next regular meeting will be held May 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the post home and will be preceded by the "Veteran of the Month" ceremonies at 6:15 p.m., to be followed by a potluck supper in their honor. Area veterans are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SERVICE NEWS

Army Reserve Pvt. Luke J. Stevens has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values,

physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading,

field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. He is the son of John and Denise Stevens of Boyne City and is a 2006 graduate of Boyne City High School.

BC SENIOR MENU

Lunch is served at the Boyne Area Senior Center Monday through Friday. A donation of \$2 is suggested for lunch for those 60 and over, \$4 under 60.

Come join the group on Wednesday, May 2, for macaroni and cheese. At 10:30 a.m., line dancing will begin.

Thursday, May 3, meatloaf and potatoes are planned. Sit and Be Fit Exercise class will begin at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will follow lunch about 12:45 p.m. Friday, May 4, ham

and scalloped potatoes will be served. The Cousins Music Group will entertain at 11 a.m. to noon.

Monday, May 7, on the menu is Swiss steak and potato. Monday is bingo day following lunch.

Tuesday, May 8, enjoy the keyboard music with Roger Hartson from 11 a.m. to noon. Soup, salad and sandwich day is planned for Tuesday. This is also birthday day. See Terri when you arrive if your

birthday is in the month of May. If you receive home delivered meals on Tuesday, May 8, crunchy drummies are planned.

Wednesday, May 9, cheeseburger meatballs with sweet potato will be served. Line dancing will start at 10:30 a.m. There also is an Annie Oakley presentation planned.

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WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

Prevent Cartilage Loss

Strengthening the quadriceps muscle (the muscle on the front of the upper leg) may help prevent loss of cartilage behind the knee cap. This loss of cartilage leads to osteoarthritis of the knee. Without the cushion of cartilage between the bones of the knee, the joint doesn't function well and becomes painful. Researchers studied 265 men and women with osteoarthritis of the knee and found those with greater strength in their quadriceps had less cartilage loss. If you have knee arthritis, check with your doctor on how to safely strengthen your quadriceps muscle.

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AT 7:00, 9:15 NIGHTLY;
SAT-SUN AT 2:00, 4:15

KICKIN' IT OLD SKOOL - PG-13 (108)
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COMPLETE COVERAGE OF THE
BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS, BOYNE FALLS LOGGERS AND THE EAST JORDAN RED DEVILS

'Playmaker', turned peacemaker

The class was Team Sports — the single greatest high school curriculum addition in education history, in my view. Created by my favorite teacher on the planet — Mr. Robert Darbee.

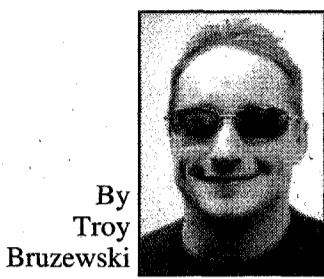
It was basically a high school gym class, with students split into different teams. We'd play several different sports each day and keep standings. Best record at the end of the semester, was the champion.

This class got me through high school and despite being a writer, trumps English as my most important class of life. Not only did it keep me in shape and gave me enough credits to graduate, since I took the class three times. Thank you Bay City School District.

Every kind of character was in this class, all sports fans, with different talents. The handful of us that led the class, distributed nicknames to either those we were very fond of, or those with names we kept forgetting. There was the kid with big hair — "Rod Stewart"; the kid that shot rainbow-arc basketball shots — "Joey Dumars"; another with pointy ears that liked Star Wars too much — "Ewok".

Jamie Baker, was one of the guys we were fond of, we always remembered his name. A hard-working guy, that didn't

BRIEFCASE
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By
Troy
Bruzewski

say much during the game and the rhyme scheme made it perfect — Playmaker Baker.

My role was more scoring touchdowns and shooting 3-pointers and making sure our opponent was aware of each one of them. His role, was doing the grunt work — tough rebounds, setting picks, setting blocks and spiking at the volleyball net. His role is still the tough work, that may not get the headlines like those of us that hold daily press conferences in our mind. He is serving his second tour in Iraq for the military and keeping in touch with me. There's seven months remaining in this tour, which began for him in March.

I asked him to keep in touch while overseas, so we have plenty to talk about when we meet later this year.

I also told him I was going to

update our readers as often as possible, on how my high school buddy was doing and what troops are experiencing — without the slant.

He sent me a message last week, with the message title "Frustration". This message is verbatim.

"What up brother? How is life in Michigan? Today was one of those days here. Between the corruption in the Iraqi higher-up chain of command, and our officers thinking we can win this war with paperwork, hugs and kisses. I don't know what is worse — we catch some bad guys, and the Iraqi generals release them for a large amount of cash. Then, with our officers, they want a 15-page report to do a mission on someone wanted for killing people or setting bombs. By the time they process the report, it is too late. This is a different type of war than the last time I was here. They need to pull out all troops and send in the Peace Corps, a bunch of lawyers and some creative writing professors to write these reports. Does not matter, I will be back in 7 months. I will get some pictures out soon bro, I know I keep saying that but I will. Take care brother and have fun at work. Jamie."

Another message he sent,



James Baker, a Bay County native is serving his second tour in Iraq in the United State Army.

referred to his unit training the Iraqi Police. Now, he's playing the role of teacher, rather than Mr. Darbee.

"(Need) bug spray. I can handle getting shot at, but these little (deleted) are getting on my nerves. Always flying around my head and biting the hell out of me. So bug spray would be great. Spent the last couple of days training the Iraqi Police and a couple of companies from the local Iraqi Army. The teaching portion is fun, they are motivated and

always trying to show us that they can get the job done. We train them, then we take them out on missions with us, it is cool, because you get to see them in action. Plus, it is instant feedback on how well you teach. Bad thing is, if you are a (deleted reference to poor) teacher, then you can get them killed. I take a lot of time preparing and training myself and my guys, before we go in front of them. Hope all is going good back there. Jamie."

My feelings on our current

administration or policy in Iraq? No comment. It's not what this column is about.

Jamie's the first buddy to go to Iraq, I've ever had. When he sends messages about what he and fellow troops go through and the basics they need, rather than anger or frustration, it drives me to action now, because he's my friend.

In a previous message, he said he and other troops are in need of items, such as bug spray. Our soldiers, including my friend, need our help and communication to get

through an event that affects all our lives. I'm sending him weekly packages with bug spray, candy, magazines and such. Many soldiers have no one to receive items from — unless we choose to do it.

I'm sending him, and other troops, packages with these items. If you know someone over there, do the same. If you need someone to send to, contact your local recruiting office, or email the paper and you can send one to my friend and his unit.

TCSF takes doubleheader

EAST JORDAN — Difficulty scoring runs led East Jordan to a loss in both games of a doubleheader against Traverse City St. Francis, Tuesday, April 24.

David Marr pitched the first game, a 6-4 loss. He had seven strikeouts and allowed seven hits. He also led the offense with three hits and an RBI.

Marr's effort wasn't enough though. "Offensively, we were unable to capitalize on most of our scoring opportunities," East Jordan coach Pete Inman said. "David pitched five solid innings, but couldn't get the win."

Those struggles continued in the second game, a 5-2 loss for the Red Devils.

Tom Pentecost pitched six innings, striking out four and allowing two earned runs. Scott Hansen had two hits and scored both runs for East Jordan.

"We could not come up with the big hit, while runners were in scoring position," Inman said. "Defensive misfires cost us three unearned runs."

The two losses dropped East Jordan to 3-3 on the season.

EJ soccer beats Grayling

EAST JORDAN — Katherine Rowley scored a pair of goals for the East Jordan girls soccer team Tuesday, April 24, in its 4-2 win over Grayling.

Maribeth Poindexter had 26 saves in goal for the Red Devils, who tied the game at 1-1 in the first half when Melanie Hillaker scored.

Grayling scored the first goal of the second half, but Whitney Kraemer tied the game again with a second-half goal. Rowley scored the final two goals, giving the Devils the win.

The game-winner came from a Kraemer corner kick, finding Rowley for the third goal.

"In the second half, the team started playing really well, passing and possessing rather than just reacting to the play," East Jordan coach Pete Elliott said. "This was a good game for the team, it will give them some confidence."

Devils third at Ram Scram

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

HARBOR SPRINGS — Out of eight teams competing in the freshman/sophomore meet at Harbor Springs, the East Jordan girls' track squad took fifth place with 60 points on Wednesday, April 25.

Sault Ste. Marie won the meet with 114 points, Harbor Springs finished second with

104, Charlevoix had 71 and Boyne City 68.

Among the winners for the Red Devils was Ashley Skrocki in the 100-meter high hurdles with a time of 16.5 seconds, for a new meet record. Sarah Robinson finished second in 18.59 seconds.

Skrocki picked up another first in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 51.55 seconds, and she

was third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.43 seconds.

In the shot put, Shaina Peters took first place with a throw of 26 feet, 11 inches. Peters finished second in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet, 4 inches.

The Red Devils returned to Harbor Springs on Friday, April 27, for the Ram Scram.

Sault Ste. Marie captured first place with

149 points, while Harbor Springs finished second with 110, East Jordan third with 84, Indian Lakes 75 and Pellston had 50.

Dominating the competition in the 100-meter hurdles for the Red Devils for the second time last week was Skrocki with a first place finish in a time of 16.92 seconds.

Kristi Werner picked up a first place in the

1600-meter run with a time of 5:44, and Meghan Thomas finished second with a time of 5:46.

Skrocki also won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in a time of 50.8 seconds, and she took second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.89 seconds.

Werner placed second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 13:15. The Red Devils co-ed

800-meter relay team of Skrocki, Anthony Castle, Sarah Kupovits and Travis Nachazel finished second with a time of and the 400 relay team of Peters, Castle, Kupovits and Nachazel was third.

"I think we had a week that was a very hard week," coach Dennis Snarey said. "With three meets, it's hard on the kids. (This week) we only have one meet (Monday).

Nachazel sets meet record at Ram Scram

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

HARBOR SPRINGS — Travis Nachazel set a new meet record in the long jump for the East Jordan boys' track team

Friday, April 27, at the Ram Scram in Harbor Springs.

Combining his two best jumps together for a final total, Nachazel had 38 feet, 11 inches. Michael Hines was third with a

combined jump of 35 feet, 6 inches, only 1/2 inch out of second place. One of his jumps was 17 feet, 11 inches which broke his previous best set only four days earlier.

East Jordan finished

sixth out of nine teams with 48 points. Inland Lakes scored 51 and Pellston had 50. Sault Ste. Marie dominated the meet tallying 167 points, with Harbor Springs finishing second with 87.

Nachazel was third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.67 seconds. The 800-meter co-ed relay team finished second in 1:45.76, and the 400 relay was third in 51.10.

Marshall Page was

fifth in the shot put with a combined throw of 75 feet, 3 1/2 inches. He was third in the discus with a total throw of 203 feet, 6 inches. At the Ram Scram, two throws are added together.

Grams wins 100-meter dash in invitational

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

HARBOR SPRINGS — Benn Grams' second place finish in the 100-meter dash highlighted the evening for Boyne City's boys' track team at the freshman/sophomore invitational at Harbor Springs on Wednesday, April 25.

The Ramblers finished seventh overall. Traverse City West had 124 points for first place, followed by Harbor Springs in second with 123. Elk Rapids took sixth place and Kalkaska ninth.

Grams turned in a time of 12.09 seconds in the 100.

Drew Nohel cleared 4

feet, 10 inches in the high jump for a third place. He also anchored the 800-meter relay team that finished fourth in a time of 1:48.22. Steven Robinson led off for Ramblers, with Caleb Fair running second and Robert Garcia third.

Also placing fourth was the 400-meter relay

team of Ryan Spence, Robinson, Fair and Nohel in a time of 50.40 seconds, and the 1600-meter relay team of Nohel, Zach Bush, Fair and Spence took fourth in a time of 3:58.35.

Jesse Place had a fourth place in the pole vault with a leap of 8 feet, 6 inches. Ethan Mapes took sixth place

in the event with a jump of 8 feet.

The 3200-meter relay team of Bush, Zach Matthews, Josh McGeorge and Garcia was fifth in a time of 10:12.32.

No results were available from the Charlevoix meet, but Stephen Redmer had an excellent day running

2:14.6 in the 800-meter run for second place.

Mapes vaulted 10 feet and Place 9 feet, 6 inches for their personal best efforts of the year.

Kelsey Nohel, Bush, Kevin Knight and Redmer had their best time of the season in the 3200-meter relay with a 9:17.3.

BY THE NUMBERS

VARSIITY BASEBALL

TC ST. FRANCIS - 6
EAST JORDAN - 4

EJ pitcher: Matt Pater 1 IP, 1 K, 2 BB, 2 ER.
EJ hitters: David Marr 3 H, RBI; Scott Hansen H, R; Tom Pentecost H.

TC ST. FRANCIS - 5
EAST JORDAN - 2

EJ pitcher: Tom Pentecost 6 IP, 4 K, 2 H, 2 ER.
EJ hitters: Scott Hansen 2 H, 2 R; Darryl Bingham H.

Record: EJ 3-3.

VARSIITY SOFTBALL

TC ST. FRANCIS - 3
EAST JORDAN - 0

EJ pitcher: Shaina Peters 6 IP, 2 K, 8 H, 1 BB.
EJ hitters: Kayla Hines H; Clancey Garland H; Jessica Roberts H.

TC ST. FRANCIS - 2
EAST JORDAN - 1

EJ pitcher: Randi McFall 6 IP, 6 K, 4 H, 4 BB.

EJ hitters: Jessica Roberts H; Shaina Peters H; Angel Lee 3 BB.
Record: EJ 4-4.

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

TC ST. FRANCIS - 12
EAST JORDAN - 1

EJ pitcher: Melyssa Skrocki 3 IP, 1 K, 9 H, 6 BB.
EJ hitters: Megan Keyser 2 H; Michelle Finley H.

TC ST. FRANCIS - 10
EAST JORDAN - 1

EJ pitcher: Mary Gocha 6 IP; 4 K, 6 H, 8 BB.
EJ hitters: Melyssa Skrocki H; Hailey Crick H.
Record: EJ 2-2.

VARSIITY GIRLS SOCCER

EAST JORDAN - 4
GRAYLING - 2

EJ goals: Melanie Hillaker; Whitney Kraemer; Katherine Rowley (2).
EJ assists: Katherine Rowley; Whitney Kraemer.
EJ goalie: Maribeth Poindexter, 26 saves.

BOYNE FALLS BASEBALL

2006 record: 4-13
 2006 conference finish: 4th
 Coach: Chris Fiel 2nd yr.
 Assistant coaches: Scott Ellis
 Key returners: Andy Reynolds, Ryan Matelski, David Gross, Devin Simon.

Hitting: "Should be solid one-through-nine. Key hitters, will include: seniors Andy Reynolds and John Carson, Juniors Ryan Matelski, Tyler Reynolds, David Gross, Chad Deming, Sophomores Devin Simon and Justin Grubaugh, and freshman Jared Mathers."

Starting pitching: "Tyler Reynolds, Jared Mather, and John Carson, will rotate."

Relief pitching: "Andy Reynolds, Patrick Hood, Josh Grubaugh, and Devin Simon will all see mound action."

Infield: "I believe I have one of the best first basemen in the north in Ryan Matelski, Chad Deming at 2nd, and either Mathers or Carson, Hood or T. Reynolds at third."

Outfield: "I have a speedy combo of Simon in left, and Gross in center, with Justin Grubaugh in right."

Speed: "Blazing speed in Gross and Simon, and above average speed in Deming and Carson."

Key dates: "Harbor Light Christian (5-17), and going into districts, I am going to watch, Ellsworth (5-21) and Vanderbilt (5-24) as key games we can't overlook."

2007 Outlook: "We believe we have a very good balance of pitching, speed, power, and timely hitting, along with a much improved defense. As long as we stay confident and focused, I think we can do some pretty good things this year. I look for us to be competitive in every game, and finish towards the top of our conference."

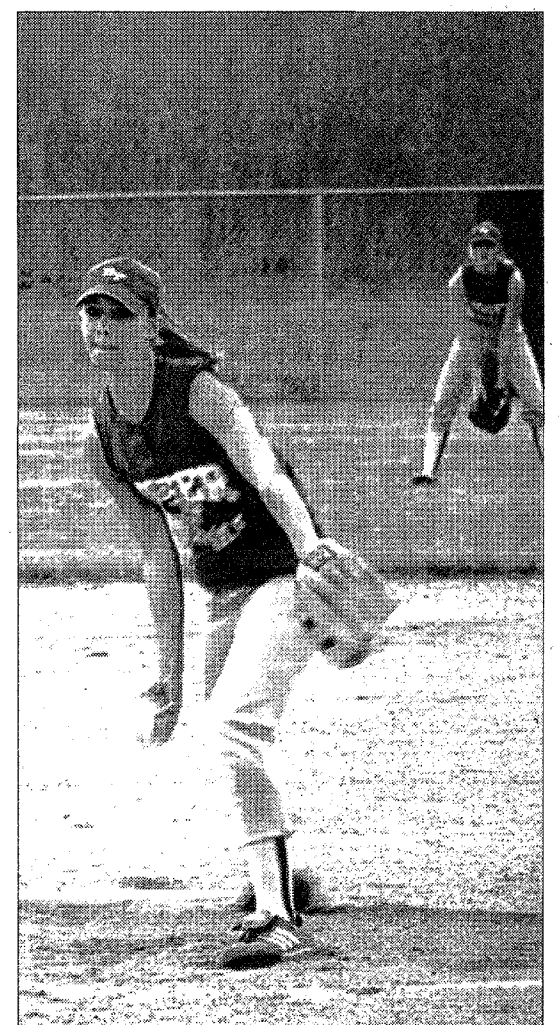


Back l-r Asst coach Scott Ellis, Tyler Reynolds, John Carson, Ryan Matelski, Josh Grubaugh, Devin Simon, Andy Reynolds, coach Chris Fiel, front Hunter Brisson, Jared Mathers, Chad Deming, David Gross, Pat Hood, Lance Rypkowski, Justin Aytes, Justin Grubaugh

BOYNE FALLS SOFTBALL



Back l-r Rianne Coale, Kassie McClellan, Aurielle Thompson, Roslyn Fiel, Sharmal Wheaton, Taylor Puroll, coach Al Gasco, front, Terra Wasylewski, Melissa Suttle, Kayla Hausler, Katie Fraser, Beca Featherly



Boyne Falls pitcher Roslyn Fiel

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BOYNE CITY BASEBALL

Key Returners: Tyler Price, Robbie Jensen, John Miller, Ken Bedford, Chuck Courtright.

Additions: Coach Chris Weston enters his first season as Elk Rapids baseball coach. He was an assistant coach at Petoskey High School and manager of the American Legion summer program. At that program, he coached previous Boyne City players.

Hitting: "We are going to be, I don't have a lot of power and not looking for it. I have a lot of people that can put the ball in play. We are going to put the ball in play continuously and that will dictate our game."

Starting pitching: "We are developing a pitching staff that will be second. I got three guys that blow it buy you, and I got two guys that throw nothing but strikes. I won't have anyone pitch over 50 innings a year. They will be on a strict pitch count, when it comes to the end of the year, I will have fresh pitchers."

Relief pitching: "The two guys you don't want to get into the box against."

Infield: "I have six interchangeable infielders and three different guys behind the plate,



Outfield: "Because we've only been outside practicing for a week, I can say it's a work in

progress. Probably going to bring up youth, for the outfield. But with our pitching, I don't expect

Speed: "Overall team speed is pretty good. This will be one of our strengths."

Forecast: "It's not a one-year wonder, but as we progress, I wouldn't want us on the sched-

ule in June. We are behind like everyone else at this stage, but we are getting better fundamentally."

BOYNE CITY SOFTBALL



Back l-r, Assistant Coach Ken Woodward, Heidi Olsen, Trisha Tomkins, Stephanie Woodward, Holly Stanek, Jessica Knysz, Allison Aown, assistant coach Al Aown, coach Sandy Clausen, front, Cheyenne Shumaker, Shelby Mittig, Jessie Grice, Alicia Pearce.

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BOYNE CITY GIRLS TRACK

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — More than half of the 22 girls coach Andy Place has on the Boyne City High School girls' track team are new to the sport, so it's going to be a learning experience for the Ramblers.

The biggest challenge in pre-season practice has been trying to match events to particular athletic abilities, but as coach Place tells the girls ... with 17 different events at a track meet, there's got to be something for everyone.

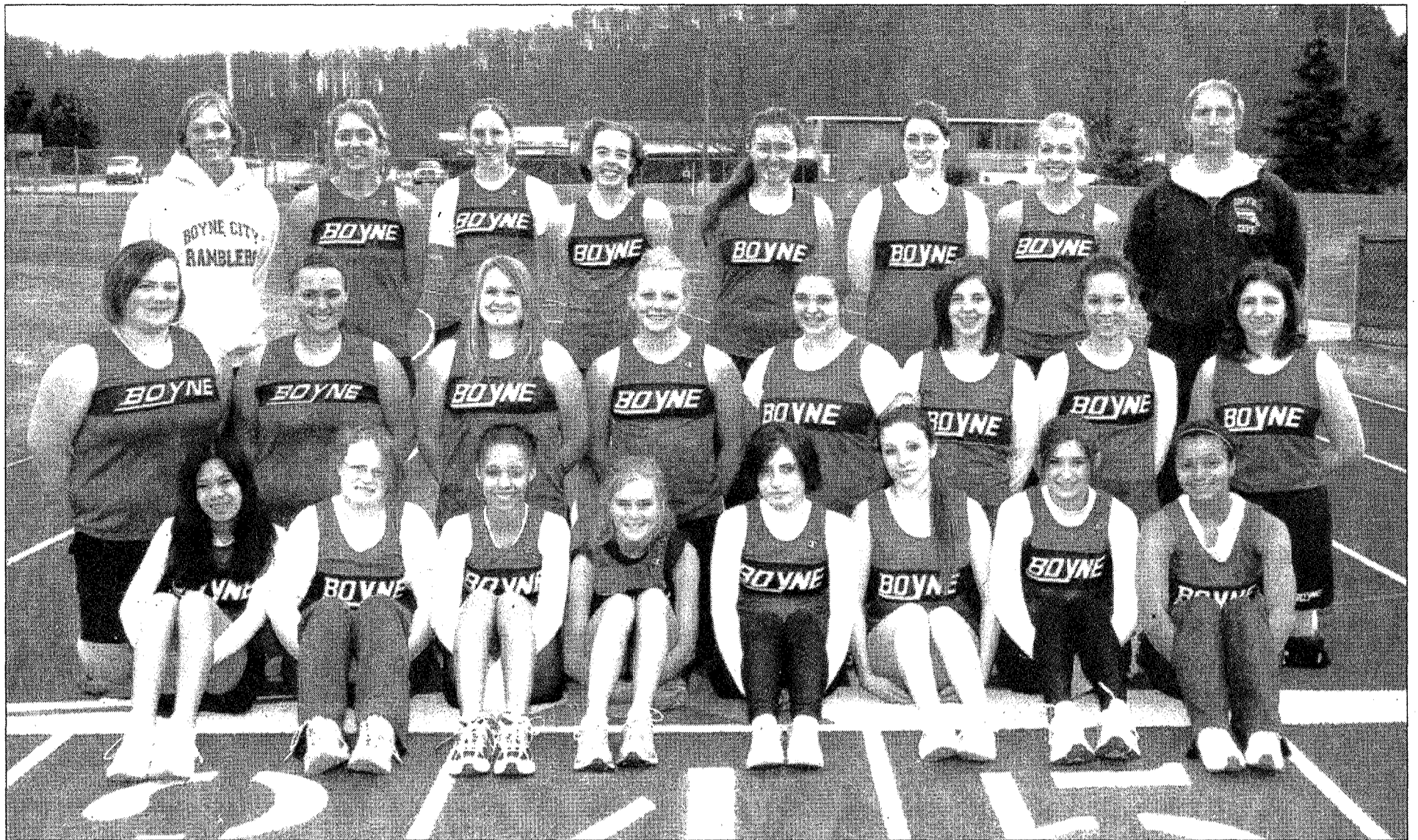
So it won't be a case of the Ramblers being unable to put people in each event.

What will be the determining factor in how many points the Ramblers pick up is how well those particular athletes do in their events.

Although some coaches think of the word "potential" as being something of a curse, in the Ramblers' case this year it's a true blessing.

It's all potential talent, from what coach Place has observed so far. He just doesn't know what the girls are capable of doing. But, he should have a better idea after the first couple of meets.

Caitlyn Wonski returns as the defending regional champion in the pole vault for the Ramblers, and finished 10th in the state as a



junior.

"We're looking for big things from her this year," coach Place said. "She's another year older, and another year stronger. She should do very well."

Another girl who went to the state meet last year was Natasha Bell, qualifying in the 100-meter dash at the regional after winning the Lake Michigan Conference title.

Bell also owns the school record in the

200-meter dash, and she was only a freshman last year. She's also long jumping this year, and looks stronger this spring.

Jessica Nichols, a senior, is one of the top hurdlers in the area. Coach Place expects her to place consistently in the top-three or four in every meet.

"She is another one who looks stronger this year, and that will hopefully translate into improved times," coach

Place said.

Lindsey Mansfield is a returning senior in the distance events (1600 and 3200 meters), who ran on the cross country team for four straight years.

Unfortunately, the league has many great distance runners and Mansfield will be challenged greatly to crack the top three or four. But, she runs well and is very dedicated, according to coach Place.

Perry Fish is another

senior leader coming back from last year's team. She's a thrower who came out for the first time as a junior, and could do well if she improves her technique.

"The other seniors I have are all new to me this year," said coach Place. "It's funny to get upperclassmen to come out in their last year, or their last two years."

"But, you know what? I love 'em. It's nice that they want to do

this, and we're trying to find events for everybody. We'll see how the season unfolds as we go.

"I've already said that our conference is tough in distance, but it's tough in a lot of things."

East Jordan has been really strong the last couple of years, and should be vying for league honors again this season. Charlevoix has a volume of athletes on the team, and competes for the top spot largely because of its sheer

weight of numbers.

Traverse City St. Francis, the defending four-time regional champion, has a lot of athletes out, including several who have been with the team three or four years.

"St. Francis with a lot of kids on the team scares me," coach Place said. "The Gladiators are just plain good. Elk Rapids did well at the state cross country meet, and as long as the Elks are healthy, they're go-

ing to do well in the distance events."

The LMC is one of the top track leagues in the area, and all of the teams are battling each other every meet.

"I'm excited about the season," coach Place said. "The key is to be peaking at the end of the year. We're not so worried about wins and losses early in the season."

Picking up medal finishes at the regional is the goal.

BOYNE CITY BOYS TRACK

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Coach Tom Nagurka has the best of both worlds this Spring.

The Boyne City High School boys' track coach not only has enough veterans on the team (nine) to feel comfortable about the leadership roles, but also an excellent balance between upperclassmen (11) and underclassmen (13) not to fret about next year.

What coach could ask for more?

Heading up the list of returning athletes is senior Taylor Voice, who placed fourth in the pole vault at the Division 3 state track championships in Comstock Park last June with a leap of 13 feet, 6 inches.

It sprung Voice to the top of the school's record board in the event, smashing a mark that had stood for 28 years that was formerly held by Kirk West with a leap of 12 feet, 11 3/4 inches.

Taylor will also be competing in the hurdle events and the sprint relays.

Heading up a group of nine distance runners for the Ramblers are juniors Kelsey Nohel and Kevin Knight, as well as sophomore Jesse Place and returnee Josh McGeorge.

Joining them will be Zach Bush, Zach Matthews, Robert Garcia, Jack Huffard and Wil Savory. All of



them are new to the team this year.

"Some of these new gentlemen have been very impressive thus far, and there has been some good competition," Nagurka said. "It will be great to have some flexibility with so many athletes available for distance events."

"It will take time to see who fits in in the in-

dividual events, and who will round out the 3200-meter relay. This group has done a lot of great work so far, and has developed a good sense of team."

Leading the middle distance events will be junior Stephen Redmer, who ran very well as a freshman in the 800-meter run before trying a stint on the baseball

team last season.

"It's great to see him back," said Nagurka. "He will be joined by Ethan Mapes, and we will probably pull some of the distance guys down to add to this group."

Ryan Spence, a sophomore, will be joined by newcomers Caleb Fair, Vern Grams, Lucas Hoaglund, Chris

Coale, Chris Lewis and Stephen Robinson in the sprinting events.

Voice, Redmer and Mapes will help to round out the sprints, especially when the mixing and matching of relay teams comes around.

Jose Hernandez, a junior, is returning to lead the throwing crew in the shot put and dis-

cus. But there are also rookies Eric Calo, Tim Canfield, Robinson, Lewis, Coale and Corey Simon.

"These guys have put in a lot of time into training, and it'll be interesting to see what they can do," Nagurka said.

Mapes and Place will also be competing in the pole vault with Voice this year.

"Voice has his sights set high after his great junior year, so it's going to be fun to watch him further develop as one of the premiere vaulters in the state," said Nagurka.

"High jump and long jump are still areas that are question marks, and we'll see who steps up to fill those gaps. It's always

interesting to watch a team unfold, and see where the strengths and weaknesses develop. Every year is a different story.

"We're looking for a lot of great things to happen this season from these young men, and they're pointing in the right direction. They've already put in a lot of hard work."

BOYNE CITY GIRLS SOCCER



BOYNE CITY BOYS TENNIS

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Numbers have always been a problem for the Boyne City boys' tennis team.

The last two years, there's only been the bare minimum of 12 players.

Forget about depth, and the luxury of being able to fill in for a sick or injured player.

One match, coach Mike Mehas had an hour and a half to teach a player how to hit the ball before he took the court for his competition.

This year is different, however, with coach Mehas working with 26 players.

He just wishes more of them were experienced tennis players.

Only eight are returning veterans. The good news is, only three of those are seniors — Oliver Ryan, Drue Wright and Jason Fountain. Four others are juniors — Phillip Conklin, Trent Pallagi, Beau Krooneyk and Nick Simeri. Chase Petroelje is only a sophomore.

Unfortunately, the remaining group of 18 players are all new to the sport.

"They're all pretty much beginners," coach Mehas said. "The good news is I have a lot more people. The last two years, I had barely 12 people.

"It was a scramble sometimes to field a team. But, this year I have plenty of bodies. It's just a matter of getting them to be good tennis players.

"Some of the new guys are a little more athletic than some have been in the past. Most of them basically never played tennis before. A lot of the new players are seniors."

Krooneyk and Conklin are the two most talented players, according to coach



Mehas, and will be looked upon to provide leadership as well as score points.

Coach Mehas also has high hopes for Pallagi and Petroelje, if they can show continued improvement this season.

But it's Krooneyk coach Mehas expects to be the rock upon which he builds the team.

This is Krooneyk's third year playing at the

number one singles flight, where he is constantly battling against stiff competition in the Lake Michigan Conference, as well as at regionals.

"All of the returning people will play," coach Mehas said. "But, the next four ..."

His voice trailed off, and then he added, "We only got outside two days [before spring

break], and I really have only one day before our first meet to plug people in."

Challenge matches will determine the rest of the lineup.

Boyne City has three matches the first week of the season, if the weather permits, and coach Mehas anticipates making several changes from one match to the next.

It'll take at least two weeks for him to solidify the lineup.

The team worked out in the gymnasium for four weeks before finally getting outside to practice for four days.

Six practices outside on the courts is not a lot to prepare for the season.

"It's a little frightening," coach Mehas said with a nervous chuckle.

"I'll have a lot of seniors, which on paper says a lot ... having that maturity.

"But, they're all a lot of beginners. Some of the new kids are pretty athletic, so I think they'll probably be fine."

With everyone more or less on the same level athletically, coach Mehas probably will let the players chose their

doubles partners to start the season.

Ryan and Conklin, though, will probably be starting the season at the number one doubles spot.

"It's more of a compatibility issue than a talent issue [with the doubles teams]," the coach said. "At least I have the bodies now, and won't come up short on some of the dual matches.

"After two weeks, I'm pretty sure I'll know who's where [in the lineup]."

Coach Mehas figures it'll be the usual suspects up at the top of the Lake Michigan Conference race in Harbor Springs, Charlevoix and Traverse City St. Francis.

The rest of the league teams are of equal talent and experience.

EAST JORDAN BASEBALL



Coach: Pete Inman, 1st year varsity.
 Assistant: Al Stallard.
 Key returners: Tom Pentecost, Jeff Keyser, Matt Pater, Alex Bajko.
 Hitting: "Gap to gap hitting is our game, not a lot of power but good average. I expect a good on-base percentage. Had a standard lineup

last year, pretty much a prototype in each aspect of the lineup. Graduated Dallas Daugherty. A lot of manufacturing runs, moving guys over."
 Starting pitching: "Six deep at starter. No superstars on the roster, but one through six, they are as strong as anybody. My sixth guy

would be at least the No. 2 pitcher, most years here. Pitching away from contact a lot. When they put the ball in play, we are strong."
 Relief pitching: "Not sure how it's going to shake out. It will depend on where people find their niches. I am going to have probably three

starting pitchers that are going to be rotated and the others will come through for non-league games."
 Infield: "Strong there. That's all there is to it. Jeff Keyser up the middle, Scott Hansen at short. As strong as East Jordan has had in many years in the middle in-

field. Catching, Alex Bajko is a senior and played behind Josh Cooper last year, he waited his turn and is ready."
 Outfield: "Anchored in center by David Marr. The other two outfield spots are dependant on David, he's our star out there. It's his show and

we need two guys for support."
 Speed: "Team speed is just average, but they make up for that in baseball knowledge and technique. As far as timing with the stopwatch, it's nothing impressive. It's about moving guys over and advancing runners."

Key dates: "It's a tough league, and every league game is important to us."
 Outlook: "We plan on contending for the league title. I believe we were runner-up last year and won it two years ago. The program is strong right now and I see us riding that wave. We

were able to bring up solid players from junior varsity. We have a lot of guys that like the game and they have that high baseball I.Q. I don't see us having a problem scoring runs. Our pitching and defense will be our makeup and I feel really good."

EAST JORDAN SOFTBALL



Back row: Coach Skrocki, Hannah Streufert, Mary Gochae, Erika Bennett, Laura Roberts, Hannah Weisler Hailey Crick, Jessica Gibbard, coach Amanda Nicholson. Front row: Melyssa Skrocki, Krisinda Newberry, Alyssa Piechocki, Alyssa Belant, Traneeshia Nachazel, Kayla Moblo, Megan Keyser, Michelle Finley.

Good luck area teams

EAST JORDAN GIRLS TRACK

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN — A lack of depth is the chief concern for long time East Jordan girls track and field coach Dennis Snarey as the team seeks its fourth consecutive Lake Michigan Conference title.

Coach Snarey has only 16 girls on the squad for this spring, and while they have the talent to be competitive, it's going to be difficult finding enough points to repeat as league champions.

The team won the regional championship just two years ago.

But, if the Lady Red Devils fail to capture another league championship, it won't be because they didn't put in the work, or try hard.

Nine are returning letterwinners, and coach Snarey expects most, if not all of them to earn All-State recognition.

They are: sophomore Robyn Danforth [middle distance events], sophomore Meagan Germain [sprints], junior Liz Hasseld [hurdles], junior Sara Kupovits [sprints, shot put and discus], junior Alicia Oliver [distance events, pole vault], junior Ashley Skrocki [hurdles], junior Sara Testa [shot put, discus], junior Meghan Thomas [distance event], junior Tori Carr [shot put and discus] and junior Kristi Werner [distance events].

"We have a nice core of returning people," coach Snarey, who is entering his 25th season,



said. "We lost some to graduation. We are the defending conference champ, but I think we're going to have our hands full this year.

"And, I think we'll be competitive. There's some talent in the group. There are some state qualifiers in that group."

Coach Snarey expects Werner and Thomas to qualify for the state finals, and come home with All-State honors.

Expecting them to

win gold medals wouldn't be stretching it, either.

Given their small numbers this season, the Lady Red Devils will need to be wary of several league opponents.

Tops on that list is Charlevoix, which is a perennial league contender. Harbor Springs usually winds up among the top three or four in the standings, too.

Elk Rapids should be strong in the distance

events.

"We are certainly going to be trying to repeat," coach Snarey said. "I know it's going to be a difficult thing to do. We've won the conference three years in a row now, and so obviously the other teams would like to see us displaced.

"On the other hand, we don't want to see that happen."

Skrocki won the regional title in the 100-

meter high hurdles, and broke the school record in the event last year.

But, she's expected to get a tough challenge for league honors from Charlevoix's high hurdler.

"Charlevoix's girl is going to be pushing [Skrocki]," said coach Snarey. "They're going to be banging heads. That will be a real interesting competition."

Werner, who finished 10th in the state last fall in cross country, and

Thomas, 27th, were both All-State and give East Jordan strength in the distance events this spring.

Kaitlin Keane, a freshman, just missed out on qualifying for state in cross country and is expected to provide some depth for the Lady Devils in the distance events.

Expected to fill spots in the sprint events, as well as shot put and discus are: freshman

Damaris Blatt [sprint events], freshman Renee Evans [sprints], Keane [distance events], freshman Shaina Peters [field events and sprints], freshman Sara Robinson [sprints] and junior Treasure Timmons.

Where the Lady Red Devils could surprise is in the field events, where several girls who have never thrown the shot or discus before have shown promise in

pre-season practice.

Despite their small squad, the Lady Red Devils aren't conceding anything to anyone in the conference.

They're going to try to repeat as league champion, if they can.

"It's a very hard-working team," coach Snarey said. "If we don't make it [win the league], it won't be because we didn't work hard. It's just going to be because we got beat that day."

EAST JORDAN BOYS TRACK

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

EAST JORDAN — Exactly half of the 26 boys on the East Jordan track and field team are returning letterwinners from a year ago.

Key among them is sophomore Michael Cardwell, who specializes in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, where the coaching staff believes he has the best chance to qualify for the state finals.

Although he's going to concentrate on the 300 hurdles, head coach Chris Nelson would also like to see him continue to develop in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Junior Anthony Castle, another veteran coming back, runs the 100 and 200-meter dashes, while helping out in the sprint relays.

"Right now, he's probably the fastest kid on the team for our sprinting events," said coach Nelson.

Dustin Hill, another junior with two previous seasons under his belt, will compete in the distance events [1600 and 3200 meters]. Bruce King and Nick Zell also come back to run in the distance events.

Michael Hines is a sophomore who'll probably be a key component for the sprint relays, as well as run in the open 200 and 400-meter dashes.

Jordan Richards, another sophomore re-



turner, is one of the faster kids on the team and will run in the open 100 and 200 sprints.

In the field events, sophomore Marshall Page comes back to throw the discus and shot put. He might also be an alternate on one of the relay teams because he's also a decent sprinter.

The rest of the squad is composed of mostly first-year seniors, and many of them are throwers.

Eric Brun, the only freshman on the team this year, is throwing right now, but could de-

velop into a decent 200-meter dash man, and could be used on one of the relays.

His speciality, though, will undoubtedly be the pole vault. As an eighth grader last year, Brun cleared 9 feet.

Being the tallest kid on the team, Brun may also do some hurdle events, as well as some high jumping.

"It's still early to really see where he can help us," coach Nelson said. "We'll just sort of tap the resources to see what he's capable of. I'm really glad he's out

[for track]. He has the potential to be a really good point-getter for us, and be a really good athlete."

Carter McFall, a star middle linebacker on the football team last fall, originally came out just to be a thrower after some cajoling by coach Nelson, but posted the third fastest time in the 100 and 200.

And he's never run track before.

"I can see him doing the shot and discus, plus maybe a couple of relays for us," coach Nelson said. "He's a pleasant surprise to have

even out for a sport [this year]."

Ben Bolser is another first-time competitor in the throwing events, and should be a point contributor.

Interestingly enough, all of the foreign exchange students are out for boys track this year.

"We're trying to figure out where they'll fit in," said coach Nelson. "A couple of them are trying throwing events, a couple of them are doing sprints."

Those competitors are Yuki Inoguchi [sprints], Kun Hee Jeong [shot and discus], Arshak Papazyan [shot and dis-

cus] and Marcelo Pastana.

Coach Nelson is concerned about having only one freshman on the squad.

"We kind of made a little marketing campaign to try to attract more freshmen," he said. "We're not really sure why our freshmen class is so low [this year]."

"A lot of times what happens is you get kids that are in track in eighth grade end up playing baseball in high school. But, only two of the kids [who ran middle school track] are

even out for a sport [this year]."

In his first season as head coach of the boys team following three years as the throwing coach, Nelson sees the Lake Michigan Conference being balanced.

So it's difficult to predict where anyone will finish in the league standings.

"We just want to get the boys to a point where the girls have been for many years," coach Nelson said. "The girls have been very successful in track, with conference championships, and winning

a regional championship a couple of years ago.

"But, we have a lot of good boy athletes right now, and a lot more that are coming up. I think that we can compete with the other teams in the conference, in all the events.

"I think we've been able to compete in certain events in the past, but I think that we're going to get to a point ... and it probably won't happen right away this year ... where you'll see East Jordan climbing those ranks from a boys standpoint."

EAST JORDAN GIRLS SOCCER



2006 record: 2-15.
 Coach: Pete Elliott, 6th year.
 Key returners: Melanie Hillaker, BobAnn Fick, Katherine Rowley, Whitney Kraemer.
 EAST JORDAN - Pete Elliott says he has a good group of returners to the East Jordan girls soccer team this season, the players just need time to adapt to each other.

He says this year's squad will be led by Melanie Hillaker, BobAnn Fick, Katherine Rowley and Whitney Kraemer.
 "We have several good returning players," he said. "But also many good athletes in their first year who are contributing and will continue to grow in their knowledge and ability."

So far this season, freshman goalkeeper Maribeth Poindexter has been put to the test, with multiple games over 20 saves already this season. She is joined by Lacie Knebl, Briana Sladick and Paige Fuller as players that continue to improve.
 Elliott says his team needs more time to acclimate themselves to each other's play.

"We need to continue to develop as both players and team," Elliott said. "Our largest weakness at this point, is that we don't play as a team as much as we need to. We have a tendency to react to the game, rather than seeking to control it. I believe we will continue to grow as a team."

Good luck area teams!

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Case No. 06-354-21-CH

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

JUDICIAL SALE IN PURSUANCE and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Other Relief (the "Judgment") of the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan made and entered on the 2nd day of March, A.D., 2007, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Stearns Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff, and Charlevoix Land Company LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, David J. Haywood, an individual and Dorian N. Lange, an individual, are the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main lobby entrance to the Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), on Friday, May 18, 2007 at 11:00 am, on the said day, the following described property:

All of that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at a Charlevoix County marker at the center corner

common to Sections 18 & 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Township 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76°04'44" East 126.14 feet to the centerline of Highway US 31; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 574.87 feet to Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 230.00 feet; thence South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southeastly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 219.64 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 355.07 feet

to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 02°00'25" East 100.59 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 55°58'21" West 176.66 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 34°01'39" West 524.55 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said section line; thence continuing North 34°01'39" West 134.45 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence continuing North 34°01'39" West 75.00 feet to the Point of Beginning being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West and part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Parcel Identification Nos.: 15 007 119 006 30 15 007 118 004 50

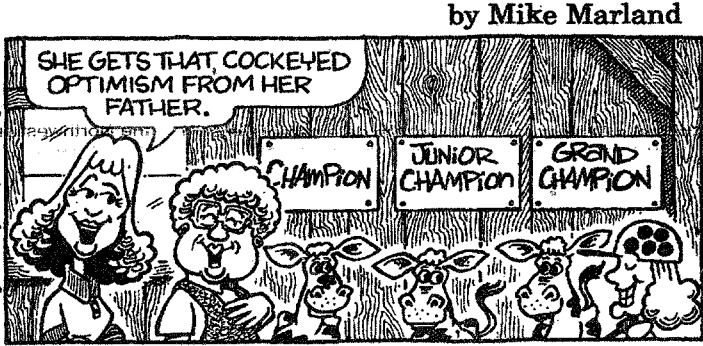
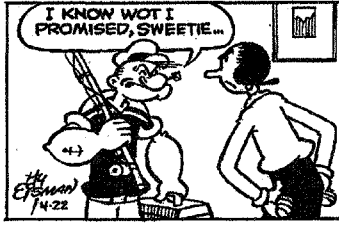
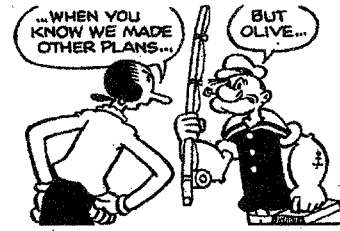
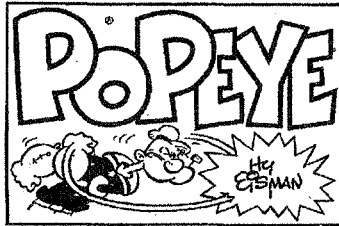
Commonly Known As: 11800 US 31 North, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Judgment that I shall include in the sale certain personal property owned by Charlevoix Land Company, LLC (referred to hereinafter as the "Collateral") and further described as follows: All inventory, equipment, accounts (including but not limited to all health-care-insurance receivables), chattel paper, instruments (including but not limited to all promissory notes), letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, documents, deposit accounts, investment

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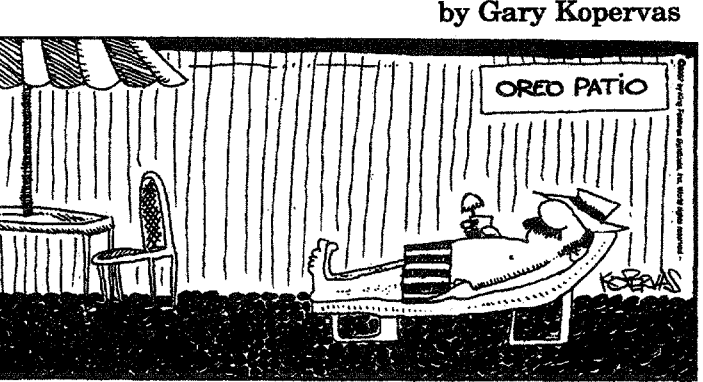
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pursuant to MCL §440.9501(4). Dated: April 4, 2007 W. Donald Schneider, Sheriff for Charlevoix County Drafted by Attorneys for Plaintiff, Stearns Bank, N.A.: ZIMMERMAN KUHN DARLING BOYD QUANDT & PHELPS, PLC By: Michael J. Long (P49469) 412 South Union Street Traverse City, MI 49684 (231) 947-7900 (4-4)(5-16)

COMICS & CONUNDRUMS



by Mike Marland



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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

Next time you're doing a little home-improvement work, you might want to keep in mind the sad fate of Hans Pender, a do-it-yourselfer from Salzburg, Austria. While doing a bit of work on his home, he became entangled in a 60-foot length of heavy wallpaper. He tried to free himself, but, according to a police detective called to the scene, "The more he struggled, the tighter the paper wrapped him up." The poor man suffocated to death.

matologist? Probably not; in all likelihood, you haven't even heard of the word. FYI: Thaumatology is the study of miracles.

In William Shakespeare's day, it was evidently considered poor form to send play-goers home sad. It was common practice at that time for actors to perform a comic song and dance at the end of a tragic play so that the audience would go home in a cheerful mood.

At some point you've probably seen Steven Spielberg's 1982 movie "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial." But I bet you didn't know that the film's original title was "A Boy's Life."

Vladimir Nabokov, Russian-American author of such works as "Lolita" and "The Real Life of

"Lolita" and "The Real Life of Sebastian Knight," was, evidently, not a fan of psychoanalysis. When queried about the subject, he's reported to have replied, "Why should I tolerate a perfect stranger at the bedside of my mind?"

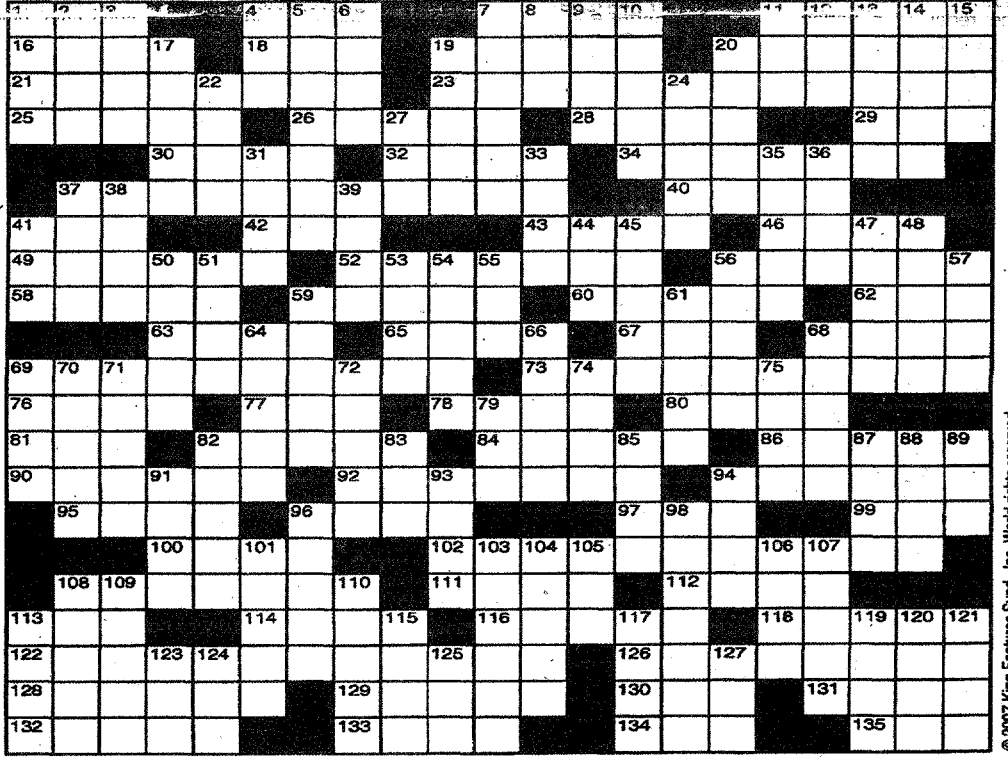
It's been reported that when Frank Sinatra was dying, his daughter, Nancy, stayed home to watch the final episode of "Seinfeld" instead of going to the hospital to visit her famous father.

Thought for the Day: "If you must hold yourself up to your children, hold yourself up as an object lesson and not as an example." — George Bernard Shaw

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Super Crossword BY GEORGE!

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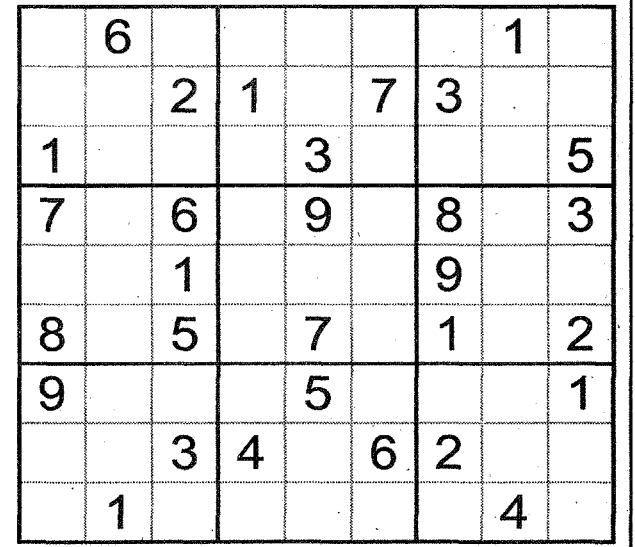


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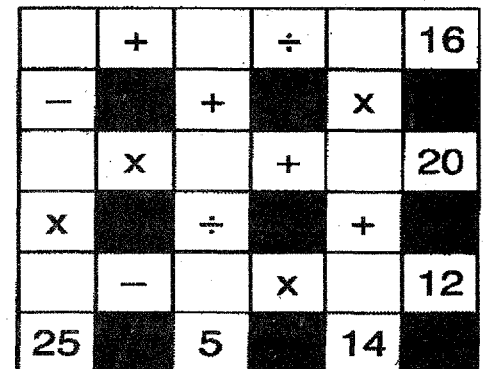
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EASY # 13

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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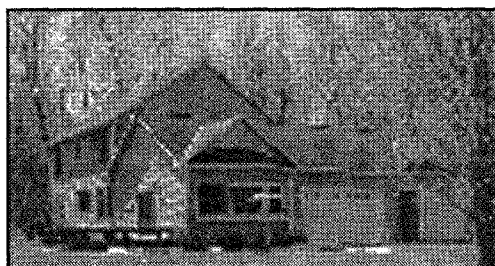
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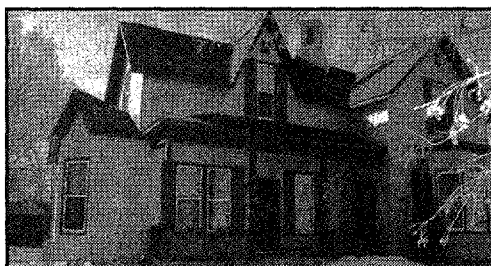
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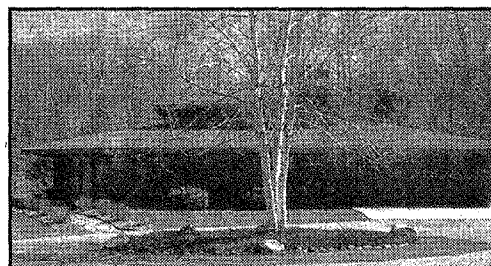
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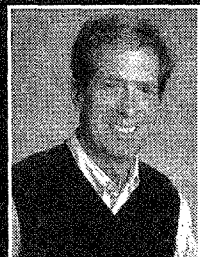
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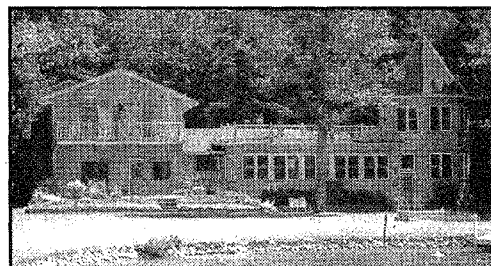
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Well-maintained and newly renovated home on 5 acres in the middle of cherry country. Artist's home is replete with bold colors and unique painting schemes including murals in the child's bedrooms. Bring your kids to see this one! Creative use of wood and design throughout and a nice pole barn with insulated exercise room. **\$159,000 #412073**



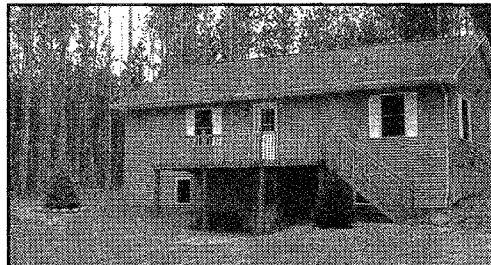
One of Boyne City's neat old Victorian homes from the turn of the last century. Exterior has been remodeled and many of the major updates - furnace, roof, etc. have been made. Home has a very nice separate apartment, or could be a bed and breakfast. Interior is ready for the Victorian purist to restore it to original splendor. **\$349,000 #412177**



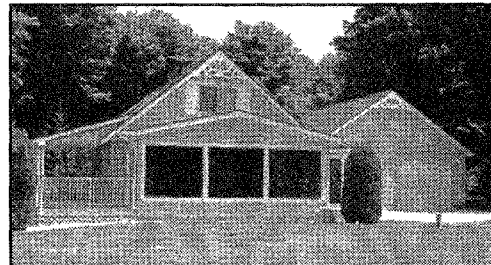
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