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At a glance

Jury duty scam
Sheriff George T. Lasater advises that there is a telephone scam going around where someone poses as an employee of the local court. The caller says the victim failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant has been issued for the caller's arrest. The victim will often rightly claim they never received notification of jury duty. The scammer then asks the victim for confidential information for verification purposes. Victims are asked for their social security number, birth date and sometimes even credit card numbers - everything the scammer needs to steal their identity. Sheriff Lasater would like to remind citizens to never give out any personal information over the phone.

Public forum
The Charlevoix County Chapter of the Michigan Township Association will be hosting a public forum for Charlevoix County candidates to discuss their candidacies with voters. The forum will be held on Monday, July 28, at 6 p.m. at the Veterans Park Pavilion on Lake Street in Boyne City. Hot dogs and beverages will be available for purchase. Contact MTA Chairman, Mike Webster for further information at 231-535-2820.

Mark your calendars
At 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, at the Boyne District Library Community Room - street level Main and Park streets, Boyne City, the Citizen-Journal presents an evening with the candidates for Charlevoix County Sheriff and county commission seats for District 4 and District 5. Please plan to attend for an opportunity to ask questions of those who wish to represent you in Charlevoix County.

WEATHER

Wednesday, July 23
Hi: 78 Lo: 55
Condition: Isolated T-Storms

Thursday, July 24
Hi: 80 Lo: 58
Condition: Cloudy

Friday, July 25
Hi: 81 Lo: 61
Condition: Isolated T-Storms

Saturday, July 26
Hi: 77 Lo: 57
Condition: Scattered T-Storms

Sunday, July 27
Hi: 74 Lo: 55
Condition: Partly Cloudy

Monday, July 28
Hi: 77 Lo: 59
Condition: Partly Cloudy

Tuesday, July 29
Hi: 79 Lo: 59
Condition: Sunny

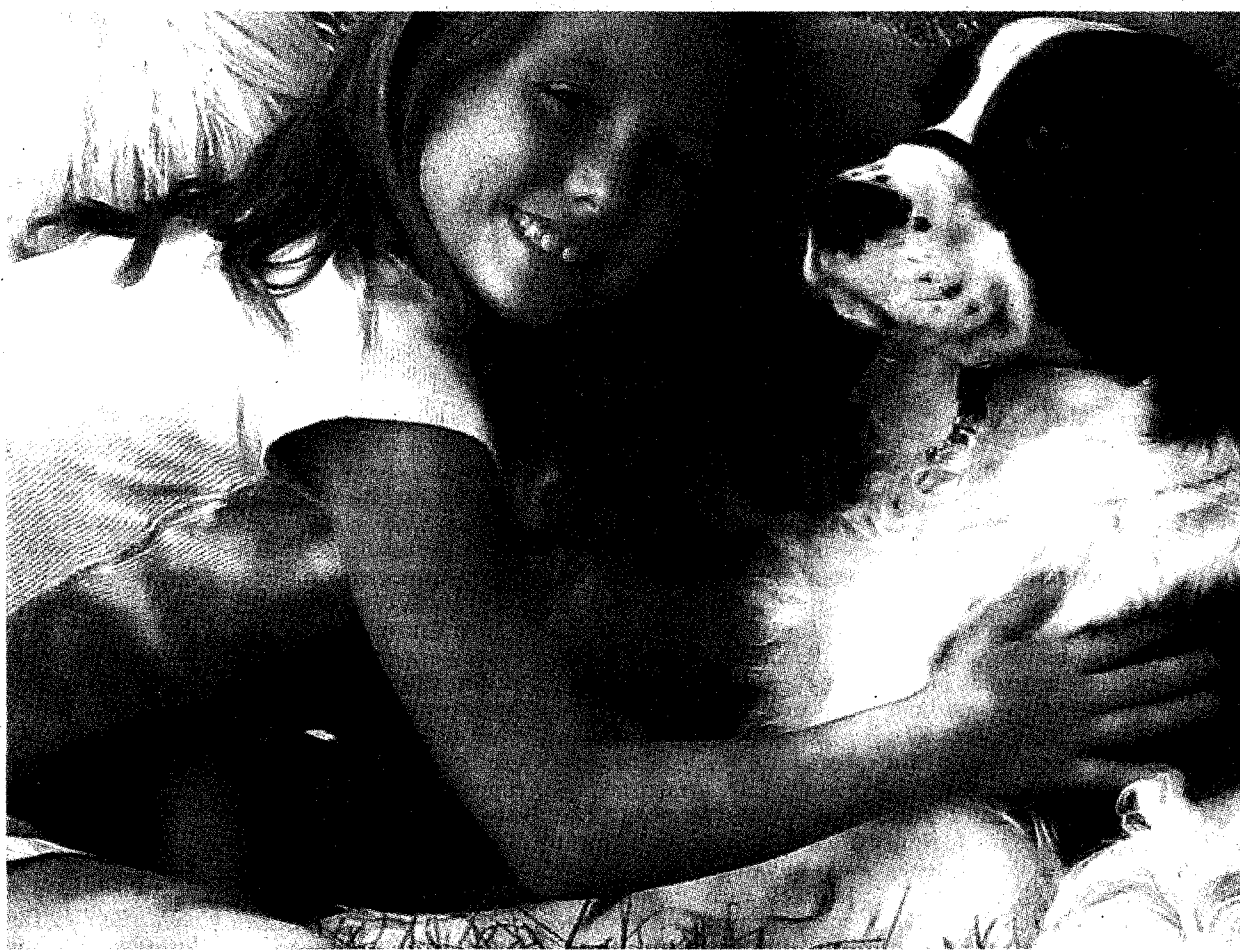
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Friends Fur-ever



Autumn Healey, 9, of Boyne City and the Healey family dog, Mali, show mutual admiration. The family participated in the Charlevoix County Humane Society's annual PoochFest fundraiser held on Saturday, July 19, in Boyne City's Veterans Memorial Park.

Moms & Tots open new center

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

CHARLEVOIX — Working in conjunction with the Good Samaritans, the Charlevoix High School Building Trades Team completed a new Moms & Tots center after beginning the project last fall. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, at 10 a.m., and after the brief service attendees are invited to see the new building located next to Charlevoix High School on Marion Center Road. The building will eventually be moved to a new foundation in Ellsworth.

"Normally the Charlevoix high school kids build a building but they don't know who it's for. It's auctioned off at the end of the year," Carole Broadwick, director of one of the Good Samaritan ministries said. "This year they had someone that was contracted and we made the plan for how we wanted it to be and then

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Women riders boost city economy

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — The National Women on Wheels event was a boost to area businesses when 300 motorcyclists visited East Jordan on July 9. The women riders complimented the city for the reception they received, administrator David White told city commissioners at a July 15 meeting. Mayor Dan Bennett returned on July 15 to preside over the city commission meetings. He was receiving medical treatment and he thanked the community

members for their concern. The city marina dredging began later than planned because of the late spring, harbor master Tom Cannon said. About 30 percent still needs to be dredged. The project was scheduled from March 27 - May 25, but that was changed from April 18-May 25, because of the weather. "If we had not dredged this year only eight slips would be open, but because we dredged it opened up 50 slips," Cannon said. The city discovered electrical problems when dredging began. The wiring had deteriorated and had to be rewired with all of the electrical pedestals for each slip needing replacement. The new pedestals will be installed after the boating season. The state waterways commission will pay 50 percent of the electrical upgrade, Cannon said. On city budget matters, commissioner Paul Timmons would like the board of commissioners to look at the salaries of the city's department heads. He also stated that before overtime is approved for city workers, overtime requests should come before the commissioners. Further discussion will be held at a future meeting.

Theft of political signs on the rise

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY — As the election nears, Sheriff George T. Lasater of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office said political signs are being taken at an alarming rate. Lasater reported that supporters of presidential candidate Barack Obama called his office regarding the theft of Obama signs on

July 8. Lasater said taking a political candidate's sign is a criminal offense of larceny and also very disturbing to the candidate supporters. "The first sign was the Obama signs being either maliciously destroyed or just being stolen," Lasater said. "This one was mainly on Highway C-56. We are trying to be proactive and if we find someone doing that we will charge them." According to Lasater this



Paul Nicholls (l) and Leslie Neilson pose with sons Jagger and Keller in front of their store, bali living imports.

From Bali to Boyne City

By JEFF BERGREN
EDITOR

BOYNE CITY — Why two import stores from Bali in Boyne City? According to co-owner Leslie M. Neilson of bali living imports and now bali living gallery, that is the question she is asked the most when discussing her stores. "The answer is simple. These are two of my favorite places in the world. My family and I travel to Bali once a year and hand select all of the items for both of our stores," Neilson said. "We love the island of Bali, its people and the wonderful creations they make. We are always in awe of the creativity the Balinese people possess and the use of so many natural fibers in almost everything they make." Neilson will unveil her newest store, bali living gallery, at the Grand Opening on Saturday, July 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Both of the stores are located right across the street from each other at 119 and 120 Water Street. She said the goal with bali living imports and bali living gallery is to bring some of the peace and spirituality she feels when visiting Bali to the people of Boyne to share in the connection she has. Both Neilson and her husband Paul Nicholls also celebrated their eighth year of living in Boyne City on July 21. "Bali is consistently voted one of the top ten most beautiful places in the world and the intense spirituality of the Balinese people radiates from every corner of the small island," Neilson commented. "Shortly after returning from

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East Jordan competes for recreation funds

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EAST JORDAN — Even the brightest of sunny days would not make the campground office at East Jordan Tourist Park cheerful. The dark walls and floor and the cramped quarters need more than a coat of paint or minor renovation. But, then, the building dates back to the 1940s and has not seen improvements. That will change if the city is awarded a recreation grant from the state of Michigan. "We hope to hear from the DNR Recreational Trust fund by fall or winter," said parks director Tom Cannon.



The East Jordan Tourist Park campground is slated for improvements if grants and contributions come through for the city. Recreation director Tom Cannon (right) hopes to hear from the state about grant approval by late this year. With him is camp office attendant Bonnie Thoman. Replacement of the camp office building is one of the planned improvements.

The Citizen-Journal presents:
Meet the Candidates Night

An opportunity for voters to ask questions of the candidates and discuss issues that face the citizens and taxpayers of Charlevoix County.

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, 2008
Boyne District Library
Community Room - street level
Main and Park streets, Boyne City

Candidates participating are:
County Sheriff candidates Don Schneider and Don Sproul
County Commission candidates Joel Evans (incumbent) and Victor Patrick, District 4 (includes the city of East Jordan and South Arm Township).
County Commission candidates Bob Drebenstedt (incumbent), Dennis Jason and Jerry Meggison, District 5 (includes the townships of Eveline, Marion and Wilson (north of the BC-EJ Road).

Everyone is welcome to attend
Citizen-Journal moderators are Jeff Bergren, Editor of the Citizen-Journal newspaper, and B. J. Hetler, Reporter.

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Although the city is competing for funds with recreation areas throughout the state, Cannon said the campground location on Lake Charlevoix and the public beach at the site will hold some significance when the state determines which communities receive funding.

"The grounds are also connected to the tennis and basketball courts and the baseball field and that helps our situation," said Cannon.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trust Fund requires a 50-to-70 percent match in funds so the city is looking for local grants as well.

The \$250,000 project will include demolition of the office and the restrooms and construction of new buildings with handicapped provisions. The office will have a larger reception area and the design of the restrooms is more spacious.

"To keep fixing and maintaining the two buildings would cost more than new," said Cannon.

The 100-site Tourist Park campgrounds on the northwest side of East Jordan had a delayed start with campers this year because of the late onset of summer, but occupancy has been above normal since the community's Freedom Festival, said Cannon.

The sites cost \$30 per night with all utilities included. Currently, 70 of the 100 sites are occupied and visitors are staying longer than in previous years. The price of gas and the economy in general has been a factor in the length of time that people stay, said Cannon.

"People aren't traveling around as much."

The Tourist Park small craft marina dredging is nearing completion. The marina holds 30-foot or smaller boats and is open to campers and the public in general.



Charlevoix High School Building Trades Team in front of the new center building.

Center

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they built it. It was good for them and also good for us. We pay just for the materials, not the labor."

The goal of the new building is to provide a permanent home for the Moms & Tots Center. The older building is not adequate in terms of size to meet the facility needs of its clients for the foreseeable future.

The Good Samaritan Family Services is a Christian Michigan nonprofit social service corporation operating two ministries. One is the Pantry and Resale Shop, which provides food, clothing, heating fuel and other necessities to needy families in Charlevoix and Antrim Counties since 1990. The pantry is operated by a director, Mary Pe-

terson, and 80 volunteers.

The other is the Moms & Tots Center providing services to young pregnant women and young mothers through the early years of motherhood. Broadwick operates the center with the help of 25 volunteers.

"These ministries appeal to different segments of the area communities, but both have strong support. The center is funded entirely on a grass roots basis. The Pantry earns about a third of its income with the resale shop and the rest from donations," Bill Broadwick, a Member on the Board of Directors said. "The volunteers for both ministries come from area communities and develop a deep commitment and ownership of their ministry. Without our volunteers and grass

roots support there would be little ministry provided."

Towards the end of the school year, the new building fell victim to acts of vandalism but the Charlevoix community stepped up to rectify the situation. According to Carole Broadwick, citizens helped repair the facility before the year was over.

In 1999, Good Samaritan became a Michigan corporation and established a Board of Directors. The Pantry now provides food and clothing to nearly 500 families each month with one director and 73 volunteers. With the high number of single pregnant women and single mothers coming to the Pantry, the Moms & Tots Center was established in 2001 to meet the specific needs of women. Over the

past seven years of operation the number of active clients has grown to 360.

Some statistics in 2007 include 1,020 client visits, 23 pregnancy tests, 18,000 diaper giveaways, 66 babies born and three weddings.

"We help a new pregnant client do a self-assessment to develop a road map for the next year. She will know what agencies she needs to visit, what equipment and supplies she will need and when she will need them," Bill Broadwick said. "She will learn how we can help. She is encouraged to come once a month or more often if needed. We encourage building a friendly relationship with our staff."

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Bali

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my first trip to Bali I found this irresistible need to go back. It took me three years to get back to Bali, but once I stepped off the plane an overwhelming sense of peace came over me and I knew I was home.

"I had no intention of moving to Bali permanently, but I knew that I would need to begin making yearly pilgrimages and so began my dreams of importing."

Neilson has an uncle that lives in Bali and she got interested in the importing business through her visits. She also has a B.S. degree in Microbiology and Public Health from Michigan State University and worked in a laboratory as a scientist at MBI International near Lansing for over 12 years.

She met her husband two weeks before her first buying trip in March of 1998 and they discussed her passion for importing. They now have two sons, Jagger and Keller. Nicholls has spent the majority of his career working in sales and followed Neilson on her second buying trip in November of 1998 when he witnessed first hand the potential of going directly to the buyer for the merchandise.

"So began our first store, Bali & Beyond, featuring distinctive gifts and uncommon accessories. Less than two weeks after our wedding, we opened our doors in Boyne City," Neilson added. "We spent our honeymoon setting up the store."

The store has moved

several times since the couple started the business as they continue to grow. After a buying trip in 2004 when Neilson again visited her uncle in Bali, she was intrigued with growing the business in another direction.

"My uncle asked me what it was I really dreamed of buying and selling in my store. He could sense I was losing my enthusiasm for the local handicrafts and was curious as to why I always visited the upscale furniture and accessory stores, but never bought anything," Neilson said. "My answer was that I wanted to buy and sell furniture and home accessories, but my store is too small. He got me to see it wasn't my store that was too small, but rather my thinking."

It was then Neilson reinvented herself during the buying trip and upon her return moved Bali & Beyond to its original location and opened up Bali living imports featuring "extraordinary furnishings for exceptional living." Neilson also is co-owner of Baubles & Beads in Boyne City with her cousin Lori Cheadle. They are planning a grand opening of that store sometime in August.

Neilson's goal for her business is simple. "I hope people find their way to my stores and leave feeling like they have been enriched by their surrounding, as I do after I have visited Bali."

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COUNTY RECORDS

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for the County of Charlevoix:

Dustin Roy Mosley, 19, Boyne City. Domestic violence and assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for four days, 89 days held in abeyance; one year on probation.

Anthony Louis Davis, 49, Indian River. No operator's license on person. Sentenced to pay \$150 in fines and costs.

Dominic Alexander Guigar-Clark, 17, Charlevoix. Violated restricted license. Sentenced to pay \$300 in fines and costs.

Laura Louise Vaughn, 22, Novi. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$780 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 36 days in jail with credit

for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work; six months on probation.

Brian Douglas Livingston, 36, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,055 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 46 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work; nine months on probation.

Jeremy Dean Vertz, 34, Alanson. Assault and battery. Sentenced to pay \$100 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 43 days in jail with credit for three days, 35 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work; six months on probation.

Timothy Joe Herrington, 49, Styker, Ohio. Driving while impaired. Sentenced to pay \$1,130 in fines and costs. Sentenced to 93 days in jail

with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 30 days on electronic monitor, 42 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work; one year on probation.

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

Bragg About, 02100 Wheeler Road, Boyne City, by Elizabeth Bragg.

Fish on Sportswear, P.O. Box 444, Charlevoix, by Michael Kent Seymour Jr. and Shari M. Jones.

Northern REO Data Entry, 617 State St., East Jordan, by Amy Roberts.

Molly Bricker Holistic Massage Therapy, 4661 Korhase Road, Boyne City, by Molly A. Bricker.

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Holland Area Chamber of Commerce, 221 Water St., Boyne City, by Michelle Cortright.

Northern Michigan Emergency, 05795 U.S. 131 South, Boyne Falls, by Brandon Giem.

Just Jen, 715 Sunset St., East Jordan, by Jennifer Cousineau.

Pine House Drapery, 00130 S. Advance Road, by Nancy B. Letts.

Ferucci Construction, 07610 Charlevoix View Drive, Charlevoix, by David Ferucci.

L. F. Painting, 1709 1/2 Standish Ave., Petoskey, by Eulalio Flores.

Fiber Network Solutions, 2841 Hall Road, Boyne City, by Evonne Wilson.

Above All, 5895 Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by Brent R. Cadarette and Katie L. Cadarette.

Marriage Licenses
The following people have recently filed for

marriage licenses with the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office:

Jay Michael Potter, 50, East Jordan and Mariska Theresa Kramer, 47, East Jordan.

Jayson Duane Ouderkirk, 19, Charlevoix and Moriah Lynn Whisler, 19, Charlevoix.

Charles William Williams, 73, East Jordan and Jennifer Rose Green-O'Hara, 48, East Jordan.

Arden Arthur Vallad Jr., 40, Boyne Falls and Jessica Leigh Smith, 27, Boyne Falls.

Timothy James Berry, 38, Charlevoix and Michelle Marie Schlosser, 37, Charlevoix.

Scott Michael Jakobowski, 35, East Jordan and Jennifer Marie Smith, 30, East Jordan.

Thomas Michael Slovick, 37, Los Angeles, CA and Amber Eula Phillips, 32, Los Angeles, CA.

Kerry Franklin Moore, 46, Walloon Lake and Suzanne Lynn Thompson, 31, Boyne City.

Thomas Jeffrey Sweet, 54, Boyne Falls and Colleen Susan Detlaff, 41, Boyne Falls.

Timothy Michael Luke, 22, Boyne Falls and Jessica Lynn Keiser, 21, Boyne Falls.

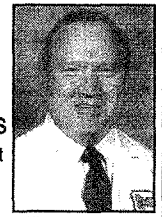
Steven Leslie Hines, 52, East Jordan and Michelle Marie Potter, 42, Charlevoix.

David Dale Buckner, 31, Charlevoix and Lori Lucile Magee, 47, Charlevoix.

Jason Thomas Clark, 24, East Jordan and Kari Lynn Kraemer, 23, East Jordan.

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist



Public Swimming Pools & Illness

The CDC is concerned about the increased number of outbreaks of recreational water illnesses (RWI's). RWI's are caused by swallowing, breathing or contact with germs in the water of swimming pools, lakes and spas etc. The most common cause of RWI's is a chlorine-resistant parasite, cryptosporidium, that is associated with public swimming places like pools and water parks. The CDC recommends, showering before swimming, washing hands after using the toilet or changing diapers, and washing children's bottoms thoroughly. Pool operators should consider using supplementary disinfection along with filtration and chlorination.

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Ron Crozier (left) and Dave Moyer, both of Boyne City, talk about the removal of the VFW plaque from the Boyne Area Veterans Memorial in preparation for the construction of a new memorial. The American Legion plaque has also been removed. Both plaques will be a part of the new memorial.



Photo by B. J. Hetler

Work begins on new memorial

By B. J. HETLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BOYNE CITY — A new memorial to honor veterans will be a source of pride for the city.

Volunteers began last week to dismantle the memorial that has been at its location in Veterans Memorial Park for about 30 years.

It has served the community well, but with many individuals and businesses giving of their time, efforts and materials, the new Boyne Area Veterans Memorial will have more features.

A star-shaped plaza facing Lake Street will hold the American flag in the center with Army, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Ma-

rines and Coast Guard service flags at points around it. The arch that currently faces the street remains.

The World War I and World War II cannons in the park are being restored from corrosion and rust and will be placed on either side of the star plaza.

The 40-foot wide and 120-foot long memorial will feature an

oblong area of lawn with benches and a walkway around it. Evergreen shrubs and flowers will decorate the walkway.

Memorials for World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm-Gulf War and Iraq, will be placed at points around the walkway.

An encasement that was a part of the war

memorial when it was located in Old City Park has disappeared. It's been missing since the late 1970s and despite efforts to locate the encasement, it has not been found, said Ron Crozier, a project committee member who is working on the new memorial. Crozier asks that anyone who may know its whereabouts to call him at

231-582-6413, or to call one of the other committee members.

The idea for the new memorial project came from Sheriff George T. Lasater's book about World War II veterans.

To contribute to the costs of the Boyne Area Veterans Memorial, contact Citizens Bank in Boyne City, or one of the committee members.

BCPD REPORT

Boyne City Police Department Weekly Report
June 27 - July 17

Obstructing Justice	5
Assault	2
Fraud-Bad Checks	2
Fraud	2
Damage to Property	6
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Larceny	4
Intimidation/Stalking	2
Fireworks Complaints	2
Trespass	3
Alarms-False	2
Traffic Violations	21
Minor In Possession	3
Disorderly Conduct	6
Health & Safety	5
Operating While Intoxicated	3
Suspicious Situations	24
911 Hangup	1
Noise Complaints	1
General Assistance	18
Public Peace	2
Assist Other Agency	2
Lost/Found Property	7
Civil Dispute	10
Vehicle Unlock	7
Traffic Accident	5
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CCSO REPORT

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Activity
July 11 - 17

Malicious Destruction Of Property	5
Traffic Stop	84
Verbal Warning	42
Citations Issued	18
Assist Motorist	14
Hit and Run	1
Private Property Property Damage Accident	1
Property Damage Accident	5
Personal Injury Accident	1
Car Deer Accident	5
Assist Other Agency	13
Civil Complaint	3
911 Hang up Check	5
Larceny	6
Paper Service	28
Keys Locked in Vehicle	9
Fireworks Complaint	2
Suspicious Vehicle	13
Breaking and Entering	3
Warrant Service Attempt	9
Panic/Intrusion Alarm	7
Noise Complaint	5
Road Hazard	6
Conservation Violation	1
Driving Violation	12
Threats	5
Disturbance	2
Domestic Situation	3
Trespass	1
Annoying/Harassing	4
Boating Violation	7
Marine Patrol	17
Found Property	3
Violation of Controlled Substance	1
Child Abuse/Neglect	1
Lost/Stolen Property	2
Mental Subject	2
Minor in Possession	2
Keep the Peace	3
Bad Checks	1
Health & Safety	4
Intoxicated Subject	4

Aten Place

Fonn Mor will perform at Aten Place on Saturday, July 26, at 7:30 p.m. This is the first time the band will have played the barn, but not their first time in Northern Michigan. 2008 Blissfest attendees are still talking about their exciting performance on the main stage Saturday afternoon. This is a

chance to see the band again, or for the first time, in the small intimate venue offered at the Aten Place Concert Barn.

With a strong instrumental and percussive base, Fonn Mor performs well-crafted original and traditional songs and rollicking jigs and reels that provide an entertaining ex-

perience for all audiences to enjoy. The band successfully blends traditional Celtic folk with a variety of other cross-cultural and rock influences. Fonn Mor's energetic melodies from fiddle, accordion, and flute are backed by explosive Afro-Celtic percussion and driving guitars to create a whole new

sound with elements of old Ireland and Scotland. Their entertaining and entrancing live shows have helped them build a strong and ever increasing following.

Aten Place is located 1/2 mile south of Cherry Hill Road on Old Mackinaw Trail in Boyne Falls. The venue is a ninety-year-old oak

frame barn with seating for 180, overlooking the Boyne River valley, in the shadow of Boyne Mountain. All tickets are \$10 at the door. Tickets go on sale at 5 p.m. the day of the concert, with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. Aten Place is a non-profit endeavor, and no food or beverage is sold on the premises. Many

patrons bring snacks and desserts to share at intermission. There is also a new covered picnic pavilion for those who wish to come early and enjoy the grounds and peaceful setting.

For more information on this summer's schedule go to www.atenplace.com or call Bill or Maxine Aten at 231-549-2076.

Fresh Paint!

Crooked Tree Arts Center and Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club are presenting Fresh Paint! on Sunday, Aug. 10. Fresh Paint! is a fundraising party in support of the arts education programs offered by the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Guests will spend the evening exploring the newly renovated Birchwood Farms Golf and

Country Club while enjoying a gourmet dinner and cocktails. Dancers, artists and musicians from Crooked Tree Arts Center will provide entertainment during the event, which begins at 6 p.m.

Tom Sarowski, Renovation Chairman, said "As proud members of the community of Little Traverse Bay, Birchwood Farms Golf &

Country Club is very pleased to team with the Crooked Tree Arts Center to benefit so many of our young people." Club General Manager John Foster added, "The clubhouse renovation is phenomenal and the response has greatly exceeded even our wildest hopes."

"We look forward to this fundraising event and we encourage

people to attend that perhaps have not visited Birchwood," added Sarowski.

Crooked Tree Arts Center's activities for area youth, including dance, music instruction, art and strings camp, and school tours, provide an introduction to the arts for students that might not otherwise have such an opportunity. "The proceeds from this event

will directly benefit our youth activities and scholarships" remarked Liz Ahrens, Executive Director, Crooked Tree Arts Center. When asked about the name of the event, Ahrens commented "Well, we wanted to emphasize both the arts and the renovation, so we decided Fresh Paint! accomplished both." The honorary chairs for this event are Harbor

Springs residents Nancy and Tom Sarowski, Joy and Rick Ford and Ronnie and Jeff Higgs.

Tickets are available and start at \$125 per person. Sponsorships begin at \$500 and include golf and program listings. For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 231-347-4337 or www.crooked-tree.org.



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THE CITIZEN-JOURNAL OPINION

EDITORIAL

Alcohol and drug related deaths on the decline

A 2007 Drunk Driving Audit showed a 10-year low in alcohol and/or drug related deaths. The audit, performed by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, revealed declines across the state in alcohol and/or drug related crashes and deaths, injury crashes and impaired driving arrests.

Is this a sign of even better times to come? According to the audit, fatalities have dropped 13 percent from 440 in 2006 to 382 in 2007 and alcohol and/or drug related traffic fatalities were at the lowest in over 10 years. While the numbers are encouraging, any death related to drunk driving is unacceptable. Hopefully the number of programs and general knowledge of driving a vehicle while impaired is helping the number of fatalities to decline, but more work still needs to be done.

The number of injury crashes involving alcohol and/or drugs also declined last year, dropping to 4.5 percent from 5,455 in 2006 to 5,207 in 2007. The Drunk Driving Audit, which is an annual report issued by the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center, said in a press release that the audit includes arrest activity by law enforcement agencies for each county as well as crash, injury and fatality information by county. It is a collaborative effort among the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of State and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

One thing we can take from the report is the decline continues to dip over a 10-year period. It is a collaborative effort, not only on the part of police, but the community in general that this senseless act is not only irresponsible but affects so many people when a fatality occurs. Perhaps with the emphasis law enforcement agencies put on keeping drunk drivers off the road and the continued effort on the part of citizens to be responsible when drinking is finally starting to work.

While it would be naive to ever think this problem will go away, a small but satisfying look at the report shows dips in deaths and arrests but the police also warn they will not let up in their efforts to keep the roads safe.

The fact does remain that crashes involving drinking or drugs make up 35 percent of all fatal crashes and Colonel Peter C. Munoz, director of the Michigan State Police said strict enforcement will continue to be a focus for law enforcement.

In 2007, 49,867 alcohol and drug related driving arrests were made, a drop of nearly 3,500 from 2006. Of those arrests, 47,267 resulted in convictions of operating while intoxicated or impaired driving. This should be enough to scare drunk drivers off the road.

The audit is available online at www.michigan.gov/msp. It takes a bit of navigating but once you find the report the numbers are very informative. Michigan has and will continue their efforts to keep citizens safe and the more information available for people to use the better the knowledge and information on drunk driving.



"DARK KNIGHT?... NO, I THINK IT HAS MORE TO DO WITH LONG DAYS."

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A nation of whiners

Recently, amid the sturm and drang of the pending presidential election, John McCain's top economic advisor, Phil Gramm, figuratively shook a fleshy finger into the television cameras and gave us all what for. Offering an astonishing assessment of the current financial climate, Gramm admonished the citizens of this country as petulant party-poopers. He said that we are becoming a nation of whiners.

"You've heard of mental depression," he quipped. "This is a mental recession."

I don't know Mr. Gramm personally, but I must presume from his rhetoric that he hasn't lately had the breathtaking experience of gassing up his Hyundai or visiting a grocery store. I'm sure that the people who execute these niggling little chores for him don't bother him with the details. He only knows that his vehicle will get him where he wants to go and that dinner is delish. One can safely assume that his portfolio is performing satisfactorily and that his estate is in good order.

MORE OR LESS

By Christine Gwidt



But the fact remains that he is obviously miffed. He's had enough of this toe scuffing and lip quivering and he is not amused. If we don't straighten up and fly right, he may turn this car right around and take us home. Or, more likely, drop us at the nearest freeway ramp onto our pointy little heads.

However, beneath the gruff shellacking there seemed to be a nervous glimmer - The kind of forced bravado employed to shoo away a rabid dog. Perhaps Mr. Gramm was channeling the character of military industrialist Andrew Undershaft in George Bernard Shaw's play, "Major Barbara." I half expected him to segue into that character's soliloquy that begins, "Poverty is the worst of crimes. The poor poison us morally and physically. They kill the happiness of society. They force us to do away with our own liberties and organize unnatural cruelties for fear they should rise against us and drag us down into their abyss. Only a fool fears crime. We all fear poverty."

If this was indeed the subtext of Gramm's denunciation, it was a doozy. It's always interesting when a public figure suddenly missteps and bursts into flames. And most of us can empathize with the gaff.

Personally, I still cringe at the memory of a chance encounter with an old high school classmate. I couldn't remember her name, but I did recall the mole in the center of her neck that was as large as a thumbprint. As I struggled to recollect her name, I was horrified to

find my hand rising up unbidden, to place an index finger on her throat while I smiled and gurgled, "Ohhhhhh, hi!"

I'd have given anything to drop dead at her feet. And I can't help but wonder if, minutes prior to his appearance, Mr. Gramm may have been pacing backstage muttering, "Don't call them whiners. Don't call them whiners."

Empathy and entertainment value aside, I still take umbrage with ex-Senator Gramm's scolding. I think that what he is hearing from his lofty perch may not be whining. Muffled by a great distance and insulated by privilege, I think he may have misinterpreted what is actually a much louder sound.

A chained dog that has wrapped his tether around a tree will whine. But anyone who has endured nearly a decade of diminishing hope and escalating idiocy - crowned by the demise of the polar ice cap - will not be content with whining. Bearing impotent witness to the myopic blundering and possibly irreparable damage welded in the name of a country that they love and watching their lives unravel like a cheap afghan, these people will eventually scream bloody murder.

I think that this may be the sound that is annoying him.

Christine Gwidt welcomes reader's comments. Email her at moreorlesschristine@gmail.com.

YOUR VOICE

Vote

To the editor:

I am writing to encourage people to get out and vote on Aug. 5. There is a renewal for the senior millage on this ballot that I am in total support of. The key is that it is a "renewal" not an increase. Hats off to the Char-

levoix County Commission on Aging for holding the line while providing more services to the Senior Communities. Our growing senior population has a variety of needs and all of these have a "cost" attached. I am a regular visitor and recipient of some of

these services that are available at the Boyne Area Senior Center, like meals, the medical programs, the entertainment, the staff that is always willing to help, the trips and of course our wonderful Senior Center that is really a home away from home. We are truly

blessed to have all of this at our fingertips.

Vote Aug. 5 and vote yes for the renewal of the senior millage.

Bernice J. Edwards
Boyne City

Renewal

To the editor:

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is asking for a renewal of the senior millage at its current rate of 4/10 mil on Aug. 5. Our current budget is \$1,438,934. This consists of \$765,481 millage monies, \$114,075 is state/federal grants, \$343,178 is from our fund balance. The remaining balance of \$216,200 is donations from individuals and programs income.

To be eligible for our programs, you need only be 60-years-old. We do not ask for financial eligibility or charge a fee, and no longer require your social security number. Donations for services are encouraged but not required. Currently there are no waiting lists for services.

We have approximately 6,000 senior residents in Charlevoix County (60 and over) or 21 percent of total population. There are 2,174 individuals, who are over 75. 632 of those are over 85. The growth of services has multiplied since 2000 prior to the millage. We have listened to the voices of our clients and caregivers to meet the growing needs of this population. Our focus has been on improving the quality of services delivered with increased training and supervision of staff.

We pride ourselves in the quality services we provide and have expanded core services. We have added many more programs to our service delivery. With the expansion of programs our

need for staff has increased 33 percent in just the past year, converting many positions from part time to full time. We have qualified cook staff for congregate senior meals and home delivery, Certified Nurses Aides for Personal Care, Respite and Adult Day Staff, and homemakers to provide in home cleaning for the elderly. These include five staff on Beaver Island. We have 4 RN's, an activity coordinator and senior center staffing including maintenance personnel. We have 4.5 full time office/administrative staff including myself, an office manager, one database coordinator, and receptionist.

With the aging of the baby boomer popula-

tion, we are anticipating growth and plan to provide fitness programs, and activities to benefit the younger seniors while maintaining core services.

Our strategic plan includes development of additional volunteer programs, chore services, increased outreach and education services for health and wellness programs. We are striving to be the best quality Commission on Aging for our Northern Michigan residents and will need your continued support on Aug. 5. Please vote yes for renewing the current senior millage.

Susan R. Bergmann RN, BSN
Director

See more letters on pages 5 and 6



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YOUR VOICE

Priorities

To the editor:
My name is Mike Wheat. I have been a Police Officer in Charlevoix County for 34 years. I have served as a Deputy Sheriff for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office for the last 28 years. I am currently serving in the position of Detective Lieutenant conducting and supervising long-term and major case investigations. I have spent the majority of my career while in Law Enforcement with a special interest in investigations.
I have the best job in the world, because under the current administration of Sheriff George Lasater and Undersheriff Donald Schneider, the Charlevoix Sheriff's Office has the philosophy that no one that comes to our doors asking for help is told there is nothing we can do for you. In the Charlevoix Sheriff Office you never get in trouble for doing too much for someone in need, you only get in trouble if you

don't do enough to help someone.
Sheriff Lasater and Undersheriff Schneider believe that if someone comes to the Sheriff's Office in need of help, even if it is not a criminal matter, this office will do all that they can to help the person. This is a concept I personally have always believed in.
During my career at the Sheriff's Office I have been encouraged and supported by Sheriff Lasater and Undersheriff Schneider in many unique and major investigations, some of which came to the Charlevoix Sheriff's Office when the victims were turned away by other police agencies.
As most citizens of Charlevoix County know by now, Don Schneider is running for the office of Sheriff. He has named Chuck Vondra, who is presently serving as a Detective Sergeant at the Sheriff's Office as his choice for undersheriff if he, (Don Schneider), is elected.

I have known and worked closely with Don Schneider since he was hired into the Sheriff's Office in 1981. I have known and worked closely with Chuck Vondra since 1995. Having served Charlevoix County working with both of these men I know that serving the needs of our citizens and their willingness to give 110 percent toward helping those with "their back against the wall" is very much a priority in their own careers.
The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is presently faced with a unique situation. We have over the past few years retired a large percentage of our Deputy Sheriffs. We now have a large group of very well-qualified young deputies shaping their own careers at the Sheriff's Office. I feel that it is imperative that the citizens put Don Schneider and Chuck Vondra into the leadership roles at the Sheriff's Office to encourage in these young officers a good

balance of professionalism, great work ethics and superior moral attributes. The officers need an understanding of the importance of serving the citizens of this county and everyone in need in anyway that they can.
Having spent thousands of man-hours working along side of Undersheriff Don Schneider and Det/Sgt. Chuck Vondra at the Charlevoix Sheriff's Office, I know that they are both men whose word is good and they are both men who can be trusted. I know they are dedicated in their own careers to serving others.
I strongly recommend and endorse William Donald Schneider as Sheriff of Charlevoix County in order to maintain the service to the citizens of Charlevoix County that they should expect and in fact do deserve from the Sheriff's Office.
*Det/Lt. Michael Wheat
Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department*

CHURCH EVENTS

Dixieland worship and concert series
The First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey begins the 25th year of their annual Dixieland worship and concert services on Thursdays in July and August at 7 p.m. each Thursday night through Aug. 28.
The evening begins with an ecumenical-type service led by Dr. Robert Lueck, followed by music by the Epsilon Jass Band, primarily New Orleans Dixieland style prior to 1931, and the Petoskey Second Liners in their colorful costumes. Their masks and umbrellas are made especially for them in New Orleans and they like to have people in the congregation join them as they are struttin' in the aisles.
People are encouraged to dress casually. The church is air-conditioned.
A collection will be taken which the deacons donate to charities in the area.

Horton Bay United Methodist Church
Sunday School classes will be held at 9:15 a.m. for all ages. Worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m., with children's church available during the service. After the service there will be a time of fellowship. Everyone is invited to the Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

Church of the Nativity
Guest celebrant for the 9 a.m. Eucharist service at Episcopal Church of the Nativity will be Reverend Brad Will from Traverse City. After this Holy Communion service, please join the parish in a coffee hour held in the 'cool' basement.
Church of the Nativity is located at 209 Main Street, Boyne City. To obtain information about the church, please call 231-582-5045, leaving your name and telephone number. A member of the church will return your phone call.

Lakeshore Community Church
Lakeshore Community Church is located at 624 State St. in Boyne City. It is a charismatic congregation and a 'Resurrection Life' Affiliate.
Services are Sunday morning at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Children's church is available for ages 2 through 12. For more information, you can call Pastor Dave Crumbaugh at 231-582-7440.
Lakeshore Community Free Clinic is a ministry of Lakeshore Community Church and is open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone who does not have insurance, or is underinsured is

welcome to utilize this service. Dr. Richard Mansfield and Kathy Helsley, along with many volunteers from the community, continue to help make this possible. The clinic is run strictly on donations. If you are interested in donating to the Free Clinic, send your donation to PO Box 933, Boyne City, MI, 49712, or call 231-582-6828 Tuesday through Friday.

First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan worships at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. A time of refreshment and friendship is held at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Vacation Bible School is July 13-17. The church building is accessible and is located at 207 Williams St. in East Jordan (corner of Third and Williams). 231-536-2941.

Church of the Nazarene
We invite you to visit our weekly Sunday morning services. The service time is Sunday at 11 a.m. Children's church is provided for children ages 4-12. For more information call the office, 231-582-9611, from 10 a.m. to noon, or the pastor, 231-582-2635, or visit our website at www.boyncitynaz.org.
The church is located at 225 W. Morgan Street, on the corner of West and Morgan.

Walloon Lake Community Church
Friday, July 25, the Young at Heart will have a potluck at 6 p.m. For more information, please call Warren at 231-582-9983.
Sunday, July 27, Word and Worship start at 9 and 10:45 a.m. Infant and toddler nursery is available. Junior and senior high youth will attend Worship and Word at 9 a.m. and then meet at the youth center from 10:30 to noon. Senior high youth meet on Sunday evening, please contact Pastor Jason for more information at 231-535-2288.
On Wednesday, July 30, there will be a Family Fun Night starting at 6:30 p.m.
For more information, please contact the church office at 231-535-2288 or visit the web-

site at www.walloonchurch.com. Sermons are available online.

Boyne City, Boyne Falls United Methodist Church
Services in Boyne Falls are at 9:15 a.m. at 3057 Mill Street. Children's programming is held during the service. In Boyne City, worship is at 11 a.m. at 324 S. Park St., with Sunday School during the service.

First Presbyterian
"Psalm 33 New Song Summer" continues at First Presbyterian Church, 401 South Park Street, Boyne City, with two "come as you are" services each Sunday at 9 and 10:30 a.m. This Sunday, July 20, both services will be lead by the youth group with a focus on the recent mission trip to Jamaica.
"Psalm 33 New Song Summer" features guest artists, eclectic styles of music, learning new songs, and a focus on God's call to love and justice for all. All are invited to Bible Study, 9 a.m. Tuesdays, in the Hill House and to Prayer and Fellowship (bring a lunch), noon Wednesdays, in Faulman Hall. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month, at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Christ Lutheran Church
Sunday services start at 8 a.m. for early service,

and late service starts at 10:30 a.m., with a Bible school for all ages at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Bible study is held in the parish hall every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., if you would like to learn about Genesis, Bible studies may answer questions you have thought about for a long time. We have other study groups as well.
"Friendship Trek" is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School July 20 through 24, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. Volunteers are needed.
For more information, call 231-582-9301 or email to christlutheranboyne@gmail.com. Check us out on the web, www.christlutheranboyne.org.

Community of Christ
Sunday Services begin with Church School at 9:45 a.m. and Worship Services at 10:50 a.m. Wednesday Evening Gatherings at 7 p.m.
This Sunday's theme, "Nothing separates us from God's love," will be presented by Elder Joseph LaBrecque. A coffee and snack fellowship will follow and all are invited to attend.
This summer's Vacation Bible School Theme is "Jerusalem Marketplace" and will be held Aug. 25-29, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information on our activities and upcoming retreats, visit: www.BoyneCityCofChrist.com.
We look forward to seeing you soon, at 777 Vogel Street, Boyne City.

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YOUR VOICE

Fortunate

To the editor:
Vote yes for the renewal of the senior millage Aug. 5.

As a member of our "Senior Community" I feel fortunate to be able to utilize some of the many services that are provided to us through the Charlevoix County

Commission on Aging. Personally I spend many enjoyable hours at the Boyne Area Senior Center and find myself looking forward to their daily luncheons, the music, the staff who is always there to assist, the trips, the opportunities to visit the other

centers and communities from time to time. All of this comes to us at a cost, and with the rising costs of food, gas and utilities I am happy to have a say in "saying yes to a renewal not increase for the senior millage." Vote on Aug. 5.

*Gloria J. Anderson
Boyne City*

Qualities

To the editor:

Professionalism, honesty, loyalty, respect, enthusiasm and innovation are what we are looking for in our local sheriff. You don't have to look any further. William Donald Schneider not only has these qualities he lives by them day by day. Donald Schneider is a very caring and giving person of his time and talents as well. Donald Schneider is in many community organizations. He just doesn't belong to say he is a member. He always plays a leadership role as you can see. Bethany Lutheran Church past

president and elder, nominating committee and currently usher. Kiwanis International, Street Legends Classic Car Club - current vice chair and past president and secretary. I can attest to Donald Schneider's commitment to everything he is involved in because I have had the opportunity to work with Don Schneider in many of these organizations. I have seen first hand his interaction with people from all walks of life and he treats everyone with professionalism and respect. William Donald Schneider's experience

is outstanding. He has been in our County Sheriff's Department for 26 years, and 11 years as undersheriff. He has received three medals of Valor. He served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard for 20 years. He was a special agent and received many awards when he held his position in intelligence duty. Therefore with William Donald Schneider's qualifications and experience there should be no doubt in your mind who you should vote for on Aug. 5, William Donald Schneider.

*Luann Keinath
Charlevoix*

Services

To the editor:

I am writing in support of the renewal for the senior millage. I am a regular visitor to the Boyne Area Senior Center and appreciate the variety of activities that are provided for us to take advantage of. The staff at the Boyne Area Senior Center is very ac-

commodating and more than willing to make sure our needs are met. Whether it is our daily meals, medical assistance, in-home help, foot care, answering questions on how to handle certain issues, the transit rides, the mini trips or simply a place to go to keep cool in the heat we

are fortunate to have these services.

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging provides numerous services to assist our seniors. By voting yes to renew the millage they will be able to continue these services.

*Evelyn Dodds
Boyne City*

Party

To the editor:
Eugene and Ruby Belford, children and family would like to sincerely thank every-

one who attended their 90th birthday party on July 5, at the Eagle's Lodge in Boyne City. Seeing everyone is

what made the day a lasting memory. Thanks for all the lovely cards, gifts and letters.

Claudette Elder

Endorsement of Donald Sproul for Charlevoix County Sheriff

To the editor:
My name is Jeff Gettel. I am the assistant police chief at the Boyne City Police Department. I am also the D.A.R.E. instructor as many of you are already aware. I have been a police officer since 1980.

In 1983, I came to know Don Sproul at the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department. I have worked with and

around Don Sproul, and the other candidate for the Sheriff's Office, from 1983 to present day. In my opinion the best person for the Sheriff's Office is Donald Sproul. Sproul has more education, training and experience in all areas of law enforcement. Sproul is fair, consistent, and fiscally responsible. Sproul has demonstrated to me

that he has the knowledge, skill and ability to be the best choice for our next Sheriff. Sproul is a huge supporter of the D.A.R.E. program and has assured me that this will continue if elected, and strengthened. There is a lot more to the D.A.R.E. program than simply 5th grade. There are 7th and 9th grade programs that are not being pursued,

and should be. Currently I am the only officer in this area that is certified to teach all the D.A.R.E. lessons at all grade levels. Don Sproul knows how to use his personnel effectively and can accomplish this if elected. Sproul is not a member of the "Good Ole' Boys" clubs, which will serve all of us in Charlevoix County much more ef-

fectively and fairly than we have been served in the past. You can view Sproul's website at www.votesproul.com.

Please, I urge you to give your support to Donald Sproul by casting your vote for Sproul this Aug. 5.

Sincerely,
*Jeff Gettel,
D.A.R.E. Instructor,
Ass't Chief, and parent
East Jordan*

Charlevoix County security - vote Don Schneider

To the editor:

Although not currently a resident of Charlevoix County until I retired four years ago, I was an employee of the County of Charlevoix for the previous 25 years and can hon-

estly say that during those years, one of the most competent employees ever to come to work for the county was Don Schneider. Don is not only qualified for the job of Charlevoix County Sheriff, but is also a

very fair, honest and kind man who cares for the citizens of Charlevoix County.

Don was always ready, willing and able to handle whatever came his way and upon my observation, performed com-

petently under whatever pressure was put before him. To have him ready, willing and extremely able to take over as Sheriff Lasater leaves this position is extremely fortunate for the citizens of Charlevoix

County.

A vote for Schneider is certainly a vote for continuity of the quality of service the citizens deserve in Charlevoix County.

*Toni F. (DeVries)
Drenth
Mattawan, Mich.*

Vote yes on senior millage renewal

To the editor:

The services provided to Charlevoix County area seniors are too numerous to mention. Our senior centers are the most visible and they truly are a home away from home for many of us. The meals

(not only the meals available at our centers daily but the thousands of meals delivered every year to many homebound seniors) the socializing, the physical activity, the educational aspects on various topics, the

health care provided by a professional staff, in home care with a variety of assistance in many areas. The Commission on Aging is now offering Adult Day services for families with members dealing with Alzheimer's. It is over-

whelming what is available for us to take advantage of. All of this comes to us at a cost and we feel fortunate that the renewal request is just that, a renewal, no more no less. Vote yes on the renewal on Aug. 5.

*Boyne Area Seniors
Bernice J Edwards,
Meta Zink, Donna
Hamilton, Gloria Buck-
master, Harmon
Grubbs, Mary Towne,
Joe and Nancy Buck,
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Chappell, Ron Powers
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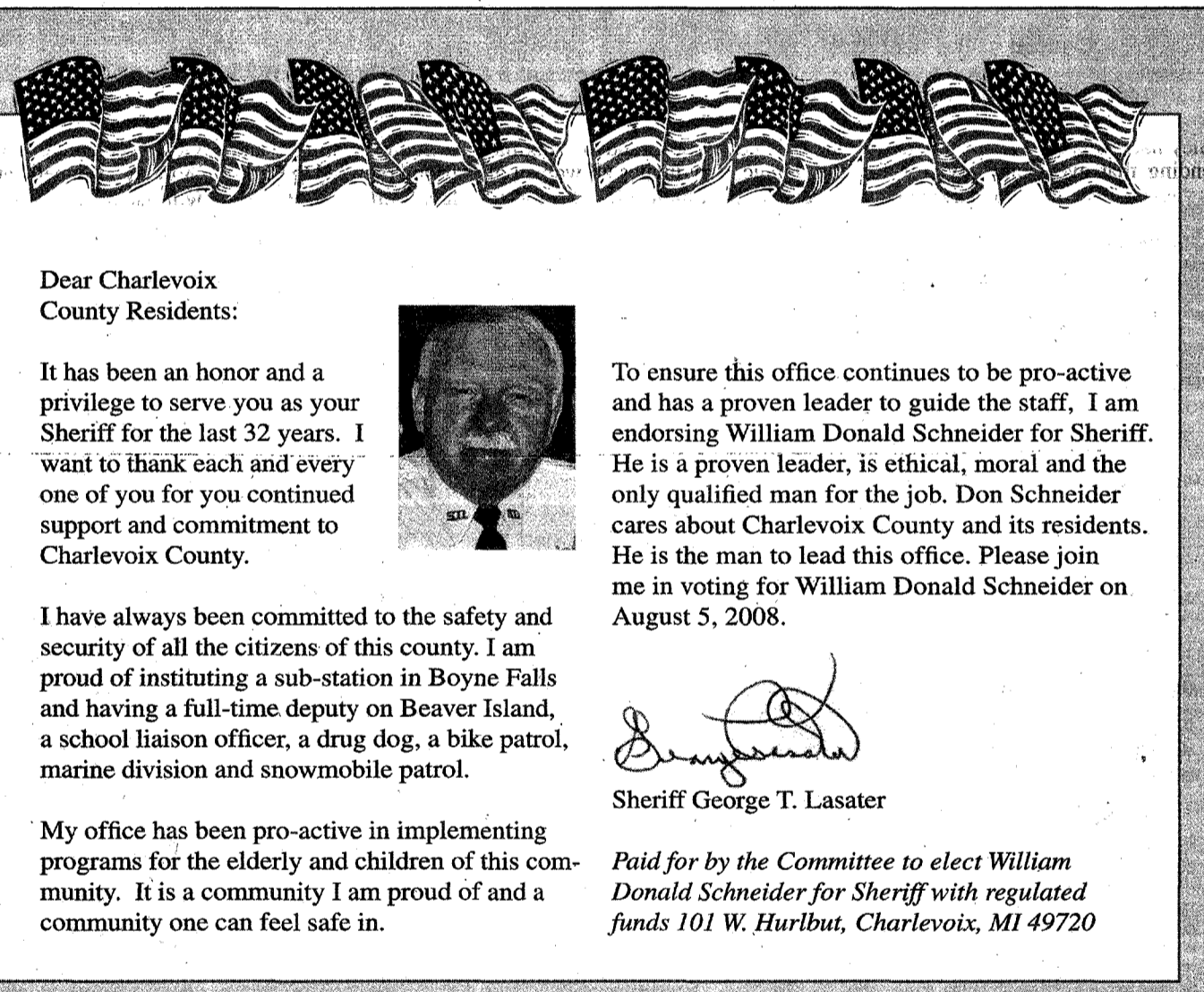
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Dear Charlevoix County Residents:

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as your Sheriff for the last 32 years. I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and commitment to Charlevoix County.

I have always been committed to the safety and security of all the citizens of this county. I am proud of instituting a sub-station in Boyne Falls and having a full-time deputy on Beaver Island, a school liaison officer, a drug dog, a bike patrol, marine division and snowmobile patrol.

My office has been pro-active in implementing programs for the elderly and children of this community. It is a community I am proud of and a community one can feel safe in.

To ensure this office continues to be pro-active and has a proven leader to guide the staff, I am endorsing William Donald Schneider for Sheriff. He is a proven leader, is ethical, moral and the only qualified man for the job. Don Schneider cares about Charlevoix County and its residents. He is the man to lead this office. Please join me in voting for William Donald Schneider on August 5, 2008.

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HAPPENINGS

Library holds used book sale

Jordan Valley District Library's annual Used Book Sale is Aug. 1 - 31 in East Jordan. Hundreds of hardbacks, paperbacks, VHS and books on cassette will be available for bargain prices. These titles include western, mystery, romance, science fiction, adult, young adult, and children's fiction and non-fiction. Some of the books are volumes that have been discarded by the library and others are donations. Hardbacks are \$.50 and paperbacks are \$.25. All proceeds benefit the library. The book sale will be in the Community Room during library hours: Mon 9-7, Tue 9-5, Wed 9-7, Thu 9-5, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-1, Sun 1-5. Contact the library at 231-536-7131 or visit the website jvdl.info.

Summer Read at Boyne library

Summer Read is in full swing at the Boyne District Library. For a complete schedule of Summer Read activities check out our website at www.boynelibrary.org. For questions or to register call Stacey Harms at the Boyne District Library at 231-582-7861.

This year's summer reading program "Catch The Reading Bug" will be on Tuesdays from July 8 through Aug. 12. Highlights will include the following outstanding performers:

Aug. 12 - Acting Up Theater - Theater troop that delights and inspires. All performances will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and do not require pre-registration.

Adult education program

The Traverse Bay Area Intermediate

School District Adult Education Program is now enrolling adults at the Michigan Works! Learning Labs who would like to finish their high school diploma, prepare for the GED, improve basic job skills or learn basic computer and keyboarding skills. Instruction is free of charge. Labs are located in Cadillac, Kalkaska, East Jordan, Petoskey, Traverse City and Manistee. For information about the lab nearest you call 1-800-442-1074.

Community Band concerts

The Jordan Valley Community Band will present concerts in the park in East Jordan on Thursday nights in July at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24, the theme will be "Around the World."

Attention entrepreneurs

Thinking about starting your own business? This two hour "How to Start a New Business" orientation session presented by Wendy Wieland, NLEA/SBTDC Business Consultant, will acquaint you with the process and the tools needed to help you begin developing your new business. The session will take place Wednesday, July 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the NLEA office in Boyne City.

Library Fun Fair

The third annual Friends & Family Fun Fair at the Boyne District Library will be Friday, July 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. Events include a bake sale, used book sale, games and prizes. At 7:30 p.m., the "Up North Fashion Show" begins, with local celebrities and models - a

most unique experience. At 8 p.m. the drawing for the winner of the blue floral quilt raffle will take place.

Join us on our beautiful library grounds for the annual evening of fun and entertainment sponsored by The Friends of the Boyne District Library. All proceeds benefit "One Book, One Community - Boyne Reads."

Dancin' in the Streets returns

It's that time of year again for Dancin' in the Streets - Boyne's best dance party. Join us July 25 and Aug. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., and boogie to the sounds of Boyne's own Sun Dogs. Put on your dancing shoes and come on down to South Lake and Main to be part of the fun.

Brought to you by the South Lake Area Merchants.

Garage sale benefit

KorthaseFlinn Insurance & Financial Services will be holding their second annual garage sale Saturday, July 26, with all proceeds going to the Charlevoix County Relay for Life. The sale will be held at the KorthaseFlinn's Boyne City location parking lot, 1150 Boyne Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a large selection of items to choose from, including clothes, books, videos, toys, household items, and much more.

The 2008 Charlevoix County Relay for Life will be held on Aug. 16 and 17 at Boyne Mountain this year. As a proud corporate team sponsor, KorthaseFlinn will be accepting donations for the Relay on the day of the sale and

will be matching all sale monies that are taken in.

For more information regarding the Charlevoix County Relay for Life feel free to contact KorthaseFlinn's Team Captain, Leader Lindsey Malpass-Skop at 231-582 6512.

3 on 3 shootout

The Polish Festival 3 on 3 Shootout will be Friday, Aug. 1, at the Boyne Falls School on M-75 South.

Early registration, by July 29, requires a \$60 entry fee. Late registration, on Aug. 1 from 8 to 8:30 a.m., will cost \$75.

Check-in for early registrars is 8:30 a.m., with the bracketing and rules meeting at 8:45. Games start at 9 a.m.

There are boys and girls divisions for 3rd and 4th grade, 5th and 6th grade, Jr. High 7th and 8th grade, J.V. 9th and 10th grade, Varsity 11th and 12th grade, and Jr. College, age 18 to 20 (use 2008 - 2009 grade)

Medals will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place. All players receive a T-shirt.

For any questions call Ted Beyer, 231-549-2211; home 231-582-1092; email tedbeyer@boynefalls.org. For online applications, go to www.boynefalls.org.

Coin and stamp show

Northwestern Michigan Coin and Stamp Club is holding its annual Coin, Stamp and Postcard Show on Sunday, Aug. 3, at the Odawa Hotel on US 131 South in Petoskey.

Bourse and show run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with an auction at 4 p.m.

The United States Postal Service will be on site with a special cancellation. There will be doorprizes, and free stamps or coins for kids. The show is open to the public and admission is free.

New-rider bicycle group

Bicycle safety, ride etiquette and experience riding on the road and the Little Traverse Wheelway are the focus on a new-rider group sponsored by the North Country Bicycle Club and led by Donna Moll. We will ride for a short distance of 8 to 12 miles on flat terrain at a slow pace and have a snack stop. If this fits your interest and abilities, come along and join in the fun of learning cycling with proper instruction.

Ride Schedules are posted at the Chamber of Commerce, Bike Fix Cycling Center and North Country Cycle Sport for both this starter group and for more advanced rides on Tuesday and Thursday. For more information call Donna at 231-582-7242.

Backyard wildlife

The Friends of the Jordan presents "Backyard Wildlife" almost every Thursday through the summer. Shirley Vollbach will bring some of the critters who live in the farms and fields around us and let children learn about these animals through stories, facts and hands-on contact. She is a naturalist who has done wildlife rescue and operated a nature center in Tennessee for years. Join her on the porch of the Watershed Center at 11 a.m. to see who she brings with her.

NEIGHBORS

The Boyne City High School class of 1958 celebrated their 50th reunion beginning with a golf scramble at Springbrook Hills in Walloon Lake on Friday, July 11. They had three teams for the event and the winning teams (a tie) both came in with a score of 68. Later the same day everyone was invited to a dinner at the Sportsman's Bar in Boyne.



By Nancy Northup

They had 30 people attending that event and it gave everyone a chance to visit before the dinner on Saturday. Then most of them "Strolled the Streets of Boyne" for the rest of the evening. The banquet dinner was held on Saturday, July 12, in the Vienna Room A at Boyne Mountain. There were 52 classmates and spouses attending. The mystery guest, who came incognito with a longhaired wig, was Peter Graham, DDS, from the Grand Rapids area. Pete was a graduate of Harbor Springs and gave a very enjoyable talk about the football games, etc. "way back when." A silent and a live auction was a great success, with donations from the classmates as items to be auctioned off. The proceeds were used to help defray costs of the picnic on Sunday. Even though the weather

turned colder and windy for the picnic, everyone enjoyed themselves. There were two classmates who came from California, Steve Williams and Judy Duncan White. Also from out of state were Doug and Danya (Bryan) Liverance, John and Judy (Houck) Tanner, Bill and Sandi (Rose) Hart, and Bill and JoAnn Mohr, all from Florida, Jack Manglos from Missouri, Leathanne (Erickson) Anderson from South Carolina, Jim and Cam Camburn from Las Vegas, NV, Russell and Margaret (Howe) Kilbourn from Texas, Bill and Clarice Jenkins from Wisconsin. The rest were all from various parts of Michigan, including the local Boyne City classmates.

The Annual Grandvue Auxiliary - Salad potluck luncheon was

held on July 10 with 10 members, 14 staff and two residents attending. Mary Stahl, Activities Director, set up the auditorium into a festive dining room with table decorations, balloons and a food table which included dishes from Grandvue and members. Nan McPherson provided background piano music with a grand finale of group singing. The Grandvue Auxiliary invites all women of Charlevoix County to attend any monthly meeting, as a guest or to become a member. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., with programs of "what happens and how" in the operation of Grandvue, combined with a short business meeting and their purpose in being of service to Grandvue and its residents.

Paula and Wayne Avery, from Kansas City, Mo., were here visiting with Bill, Jeanette and Deanna Avery, for a long weekend over the Fourth of July. Both participated in the Fourth of July Marathon Run and visited friends and family in area.

Remie Zucchiatti of Casco, Mich., spent last week with grandpar-

ents Joni and Vasco. She loved Boyne Thunder weekend and Stroll the Streets. Remie and cousin Kelsi Churchill attended the Magic Show at Aten Place. Grandma Joni sends a big thank you to Bill and Maxine Aten for providing time for the children in their summer programming. The barn was overflowing with smiling kids.

Scott Sutliff and friend returned to Berkeley, Calif., on Saturday after spending the Fourth of July holiday with his family and friends.

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family, neighbors and friends of Fern Shaler, 90, of Boyne City, who passed away at her home this past week.

Kevin and Beverly Shiotelis, along with their family, spent the Fourth of July week with their parents, George and Judy Shiotelis.

Wonderful but belated happy 25th wedding anniversary wishes go out to Pastor Paul Wise

Dr. McMillian's Mental Health Corner



Overweight Youth & Role of the Family In a study conducted by the University of Minnesota (2007) family factors were considered influential when addressing youth obesity. The study surveyed 1300 youth and measured the family variables, connectedness, mealtime environment, and weight comments. It was found that mealtime environment and weight comments played a role in youth obesity. Youth connected mealtime environment with wellbeing meaning that mealtime offered a time of low distress and healthier eating. Weight teasing comments by parents were associated with psychosocial problems. The weight teasing comments included dieting encouragement bringing about negative eating patterns in obese youth. It is helpful for parents to pay attention to comments that might seem harmless. Do not encourage dieting. Often a dieting parent attempts to bring a youth along. Try to set out mealtime as relaxing. Too often youth witness mealtime as a "pain" for parents... mealtime is just not that easy for families. Dr. McMillian 582-0553

and wife Susie for their special day of July 19. The Rev. Wise is the pastor of Boyne City's Trinity Fellowship Church.

Garner Davies of Detroit spent the long holiday weekend with his great-aunt Ruth Sheets at Deer Meadows. Enjoying the city's celebrations, Garner was here to help his father, Kenneth Davies, celebrate his birthday. Kenneth and wife Jackie have rented the Pearl Street home

of Marie and the late Tom Sheets for the summer.

The Band, "Westfall," has received serious play on radio's satellite station, Sirrus. Their song, "Go Away," is rated in the top seven out of 500 in the nation. Proud close ties in Boyne City include one parent, a couple of grandparents, and aunts and uncles who urge others to check this great band out. "Westfall" also performs frequently at

Streeter's in Traverse City and was slated to be playing there again on Friday night.

Carol (Reinhardt) Heffington of Grand Rapids spent the weekend of July 11 with Morrie and Sue Hobbs. Carol and Morrie were both members of the Boyne City class of 1958 who were holding their 50th reunion that weekend. They participated in all that was offered, golf and dinner at the Sportsman on Friday; the big gathering

of friends and classmates at Boyne Mountain on Saturday night; a picnic in Veteran's Park and visits to the museum (thanks to Shirley Howie volunteering to open for them) on Sunday.

Items of interest for the Neighbors Column, including TDTH corner, may be called into Nancy's home phone, 231-582-9174, or send e-mail to neighbors@gtlakes.com before the Friday noon deadline.

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BC SENIOR CENTER

Welcome to the Boyne Area Senior Center this week. Remember, if it is warm outside, we are air-conditioned. Enjoy lunch this week with our friends or make a new friend at the center. Lunch is served each day at noon.

Wednesday, July 23, cheese meatballs, squash, European-blend vegetables and mandarin oranges will be served. Line dancing will start the day at 10 a.m.

Thursday, July 24, the day will begin at 11 a.m. with a discussion of the upcoming millage for senior services. Polish sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes and ice cream sundaes are the planned menu. Bingo will follow lunch.

Friday, July 25, turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots, pumpkin cake and cranberry relish will be served. Karaoke will begin at 11 a.m.

Monday, July 28, garlic chicken, mixed veggies, parsley potatoes and a brownie will be served. Bingo will follow lunch.

Tuesday, July 29, is homemade soup, a full salad bar and sandwich day. The computer class starts at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

Wednesday, July 29, liver and onions will be served. The line dancers will start the day at 10 a.m.

The suggested donation for lunch at the senior center is \$2 for those age 60 and over, or \$4 for those under 60. For more information regarding the senior center call 231-582-6682. The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging contact number is 231-237-0103. If you live out of the calling area the toll free number is 1-866-428-5185.

EJ SENIOR CENTER

The East Jordan Senior Center serves lunch each weekday at noon. Come enjoy lunch this week in the newly remodeled center in air-conditioned comfort.

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Workers with more education earn more money

In June TBAISD's six labs and Career Tech Center were proud to hold GED and High School Completion graduation ceremonies at Milliken Auditorium at the Dennon Museum for over 100 students. Of those 100, 11 (just over 10%) were from the East Jordan Lab. Right now begins a new school year for the Learning Lab. You can begin your education program anytime and take as long as you need to complete your studies. There is no time limit and no limit to how much you can learn. Students previously enrolled are urged to return to finish and new students are encouraged to register to

become part of the successful graduating body for June 2008. By registering now, or re-registering if you attended the lab previously, students can be eligible to have the lab pay for the cost of the actual GED tests. Since testing can run over \$100, this incentive is a valuable resource for students to take advantage of. The U.S. Census Bureau reported that the average wage workers with no high school diploma or GED earn is around \$19,000 per year vs. a high school graduate making an average of \$26,000. With only some college or an Associate's Degree, the average annual wage jumps to \$31-

38,000, and with a Bachelor's Degree around \$46-52,000. Based on this astounding economic information, it becomes important to recognize area resources that can help you earn more money. The Michigan Works! East Jordan Learning Lab, housed in the lower level of the Jordan Valley District Library, offers individualized, self-paced instruction for GED preparation, High School Completion Classes and Basic and Workplace Literacy for adults. Instruction is free of charge and the lab is staffed with two certified teachers, Patti Hodge and Jerry Hawes. Working in conjunction with the

Traverse Bay Intermediate School District, and managed by Michigan Works!, the lab is able to offer both day and evening hours for the convenience of everyone. Details on registration, enrollment, assessments and how the lab can assist you are available by simply calling or stopping by the lab. The lab opens Monday through Thursday at 8 a.m. and teachers are available to answer your questions. Give Patti or Jerry a call at 231-536-7898 or stop into the Jordan Valley District Library and go downstairs to see the lab and get more information. Remember, workers with more education earn more money.

STUDENT NEWS

CMU announces honor students
MOUNT PLEASANT - Central Michigan University's

spring semester honors list includes Alicia Ann Danforth and Samantha M. Dunwoody of Boyne City, Trevor A. Matelski of Boyne

Falls, and Katelyn C. Lobert and Beth A. Stallard of East Jordan. To qualify for the honors list, students

must earn a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher grade point averages. The spring semester ended in May.

SERVICE NEWS

Army Pvt. Nicholas G. Buckus 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 Tanya Gibson of East Jordan and Brian Howard of Petoskey. Buckus is a 2002 graduate of East Jordan

High School. **Army National Guard Pvt. Kenneth J. Kirkpatrick** has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core

values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics. Kirkpatrick is the son of Judy Kirkpatrick of Elmira and Kevin Kirkpatrick of East Jordan.

OBITUARY

Ellis Kurtz

Ellis Kurtz, formerly of Bexley, Ohio, died on July 16, 2008, at age 94 at her home at Walloon Lake. Born in Platteville, Wisc., in 1914, the beloved daughter of Bessie Churchill and William Blymyer Morris grew up in Berkeley, Calif. As a child she became part of the Terman Study for Gifted Children at Stanford University. She moved to Columbus in 1927 and graduated from Upper Arlington High School in 1931. She was the first person to graduate from Ohio State University with a merchandizing major in the College of Art. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma

and Phi Beta Kappa. After placing in the Vogue Magazine Prix de Paris, she moved to New York City to work for Vogue. She was married there at the Little Church Around the Corner to James Forestal Kurtz of Columbus on June 12, 1937. They were married for 64 years until his death in 2001. Ellis was involved in many volunteer organizations in Columbus, including Pilot Dogs, The Buckeye Ranch, Junior League, Twig 13 and Pleasure Guild of Nationwide Children's Hospital, Colonial Dames, Childhood League, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Beaux Arts of the Columbus

Museum of Art. She was a member of the Mari Ritter Garden Club, The Columbus Country Club and the Walloon Lake Country Club. She and her husband were founding members of YOHAAT (Ye Old Heel and Toe) Dancing Club. She enjoyed attendance at the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and Ballet Met Concerts. She was active at First Community Church, Brookwood Presbyterian Church, where she served as an Elder, and St. Alban's Episcopal Church. She will be remembered with great fondness and love for her positive attitude, kind nature, strong faith in

the Lord, interest in the arts, nature, and education, and her devotion to family and friends. She is survived by her daughters, Ellis (Lee) Gery, Carolyn Kurtz, Marilyn (Phil) Parker; her grandchildren, Shawn (David) Trippe, Jim (Lori) Gery, and Matthew Parker; her great-grandchildren, Will and Lilah Gery, Virginia Kurtz Ebinger and Elizabeth Gill Kurtz; special

nieces and nephews and her loyal dog Missy. A memorial service in celebration of her long, wonderful life will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Bexley, Ohio, at 11 a.m. on Sept. 13. Following the service, the family will greet guests. Ellis' family would like to thank her wonderful caregivers of Home Instead Senior

Care for their devotion and many kindnesses. Her life was enriched by their attention and sense of fun. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Columbus Museum of Art Tribute Fund, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, One Hiland Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770 or to an organization of your choice.

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Historical society

The next meeting of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will be on Monday, July 28, at 7 p.m., at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton Street, Charlevoix, 231-547-2651.

Rachel Wright, Charlevoix County History Preservation Society Board Member, will present a program on the "Park Avenue Prowl." She and others involved in the project will explain how the preservation project started and give history on some of the buildings along the Prowl. This is an exciting project that has revitalized the businesses along Park Avenue and also added new historical information to the area.

Rachel gives the following information on her website: "In Charlevoix, we talk about 'side street businesses,' the downtown businesses not on Bridge Street. Sometimes people don't know we're here. But the upside is that we are fortunate to escape the noise, dust, huge crowds, and general confusion of Bridge Street."

Park Avenue, the first street south of the bridge, has a long and distinguished history. Before 1906 it was called Main Street, in anticipation of it becoming the main business street in town, away from the muddy waterfront activities that took place on Bridge Street. Then Boulder Park was developed, and our street acquired both a new name and a new character.

It is still, in many ways, the center of old Charlevoix. The oldest standing buildings in town are there. Many of the Earl Young houses are there. And the path to Michigan Beach, and the light-house, are there. If you take a look at an aerial map, you'll see that Park Avenue links Round Lake to Lake Michigan — a walk down Park is a walk from lake to lake.

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society promotes understanding and appreciation of the heritage of the people of Charlevoix County through collaboration with the townships thereof and the public by searching out, collecting, preserving, and interpreting artifacts of historical and cultural significance. Anyone interested in preserving the history of Charlevoix County is invited to join the Society.

This program is open to the public and guests are encouraged to attend. For further information contact Carol Goodenough at 231-582-7042.

GOLF DIRECTORY

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PRESS ROW



By Greg Gielczyk

A delicate balance

Even though it's only July, summer camps have already been held and some early work put in as teams lay the foundation for the start of official practice.

Football starts much earlier in the pros, with the Washington Redskins opening their training camp Saturday, July 19.

Pre-season magazines already line the shelves at the local newsstands, filled with previews and predictions.

Everyone is already getting excited about football, and it's barely the middle of July.

But football season is just around the corner.

It'll be here sooner than we think.

Yes, there's still time to relax and enjoy some time on the beach.

This is summer, after all. Kids need to be allowed to just be kids, and not always thinking about sports and schoolwork.

Still, a team can't afford to fall behind the times.

And the times today dictate that there are summer camps and seven-on-seven drills to prepare high school football teams for the coming season.

Vince Lombardi, the late great Hall of Fame football coach of the Green Bay Packers, is often quoted as saying "Winning isn't everything. It's the ONLY thing."

He also expected his players to be in shape for the start of training camp.

That meant the players were expected to be working out on their own in the off-season, especially conditioning.

But professional players are paid, and handsomely. High school football is clearly different.

You're dealing with teenagers, many of whom have summer jobs so they can help their families as well as pay for cars and gas.

Few of them can afford to spend the money to attend individual camps where they can hone their games.

And none should be expected to spend their entire summer practicing football, whether on their own or in groups.

They need time to be young, and enjoy it.

Coaches are also wary of potential burnout from scheduling too many summer scrimmages.

It's a delicate balance that is hard to manage.

Where some teams will play no more than 12 or 14 games this summer, and consider that stretching it, others -- like Manistee -- have already played 59.

Fifty-nine games! In the summer.

Sure, the games don't count, and coaches claim they're not concerned with winning.

But any time you schedule 59 games in the summer, it usually means winning is the point.

It typically indicates that the team didn't do as well as the coach anticipated the previous season, and he's taking steps to remedy the situation by working his team hard in the summer.

No wonder the Michigan High School Athletic Association has stepped in and instituted a so-called "dead period" when the coaches aren't permitted to have any contact with their players.

Maybe it's too late to bring the monster under control.

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Ratcheting it up
Boyne City to attend team camp at Northern Michigan University

By GREG GIELCZYK
SPORTS WRITER

BOYNE CITY — Getting kids thinking about football before they take off for the summer was the premise behind having a skills camp right after school let out in June.

The focus is on the younger kids who'll be playing Pop Warner Football in August the first couple of days.

One day is with the older kids, hopefully including a few incoming freshmen, which is primarily a defensive camp.

Coach Dave Hills was delighted with the turnout for both camps, but especially the skills camp for the little kids.

He said that there were around 85 kids at the skills camp each day, and about 62 at the older kids camp.

"It's basically just to get them thinking football as the summer starts," Hills said in a phone interview Sunday afternoon.

"We want to get them working on basic skills. A lot of football is basic repetition, so the more repetition a kid gets at doing certain skills, the more proficient they get at those skills."

"That's all it's basically trying to accomplish ... have some fun, get kids out in a football setting."

Hills will take the varsity to a team camp at Northern Michigan University this weekend.

Anyone is welcome to attend the camp, but it is geared toward the Ramblers' style of offense.

Boyne City was a senior-dominated team last year when it qualified for the state playoffs for the seventh straight year.

Despite heavy graduation losses, the Ramblers still expect to be strong again with a boat load of returning veterans to step in and fill those vacancies.

"We're replacing quite a few kids," Hills said. "That's always the case. But, we have quite a few kids with experience, and we have some kids that are going to have to fill some holes."

"That's the nature of (high school) football."

Which makes off-season work, especially in the weight room, vitally important.

Boyne City has had that kind of commitment over the years, which is why it's been so successful.

"I know we have a good core of kids who have been working tremendously hard in the off-season," Hills said.

"Our weight program helps, and a lot of the kids make the effort to get into our weight lifting class, and to the weight room this summer."



File photo by Vic Ruggles

Rambler senior quarterback Kelsey Nohel hands off to Trevor Kruzel in last October's playoff game against Calumet. Kruzel will be a senior this year.

"Those are all things that help."

Can the Ramblers continue their incredible run of playoff appearances this fall?

Hills thinks it's possible. "You establish a certain level of expectation," Hills said. "We do enough with our entire program."

"Our younger kids are practicing on the same field as us, right after practices. The Pop Warner kids are around our older level coaches, and older kids."

"So, hopefully the way the things have been done, they get a sense of how we operate, and what the expectations are, and they adopt those things."

"Hopefully, along the way they get an understanding of what it takes, and give themselves a chance to succeed."

Playing in the Lake Michigan Conference doesn't make the Ramblers' challenge any easier.

Winning the necessary six games for automatic playoff qualification is going to be harder with the emergence of Elk Rapids as a viable league contender.

Then there's Grayling and Charlevoix, as well as perennial league champion Traverse City St. Francis which has a new coach this fall.

"We've seen a lot of turnover

with coaches, but with that you've seen different programs that are beginning to get consistently strong," Hills said.

"It's a tight league now. It's a league that you don't have a luxury of having a lock on three or four wins any more."

"Everyone is going to give you a challenge, and everybody is tough, and everybody is working hard."

"So, you have to have kids who have an understanding of that and aware that when they step on the field with a conference opponent, it's going to be tough."

But the Ramblers are also hopeful that they've built enough of a tradition to have confidence in themselves enough to overcome those obstacles.

Boyne City holds a pep rally last fall before its seventh consecutive appearance in the state football playoffs. Coach Dave Hills and the Ramblers will face a tough conference schedule in their bid to make the playoffs for an eighth straight year.

File photo by Vic Ruggles



Bicycle ride planned

The Top of Michigan Trails Council announces a group bicycle ride from Wolverine to Topinabee and return on the newly dedicated Gaylord to Mackinaw City Trail Sunday, July 27.

Riders should meet at the old depot near the Sturgeon River in Wolverine before 2 p.m. The route is a segment of the North Central State Trail (Gaylord to Mackinaw City) that tracks through forests, pasture lands, and scenic wetlands of the Sturgeon River and its tributaries. Riders can

complete the entire round trip or turn around anywhere on the trail and bike back to Wolverine. Another option is to finish riding at Topinabee and take a shuttle back to Wolverine to retrieve their cars. The shuttle is provided for pre-registrants only. Riders may also choose to spot a car where they intend to turn around. TOMTC will provide a SAG vehicle to support the riders.

This route is sixteen miles one way and is expected to take most riders

one-and-a-half to two hours (double for round trip). Because the trail has been recently resurfaced with high quality crushed limestone, it should accommodate all bicycles although some riders might be more comfortable with a mountain or hybrid bike.

Discount dinner coupons from the Whistle Stop Restaurant near the trail in Wolverine will be available. Also available while they last are orange vests inscribed with "One Less Car."

To register in advance

call (231) 348-8280 or send e-mail to friend@trails council.org.

TOMTC events are low-key, non-competitive bike rides over non-motorized trails and lightly traveled local roads. Most are 15 to 25 miles long and take 1 1/2 to three hours to complete except where noted. All events will be held rain or shine. TOMTC will be at the staging area for all who care to ride. Use of helmets is required. Discount lunch coupons from partnering restaurants will be available on most rides.

Waiting to exhale

Editor's Note: This is the fourth installment of staff writer Chris Tredway's column about his sport and recreation adventures through northern Michigan.

The Continental Divide loomed insurmountably overhead, snow-covered peaks enveloped by marble clouds. Gusts of cold, discouraging wind raced down from the eastern slope, a granite monstrosity of scree fields, jagged spires and wicked outcrops.

Standing on two tired legs with a short supply of food and water, I shouldered my backpack with a grunt, remembering all the reluctant mountaineers that had gone before me into the raging world of rock and ice where limits are shattered and courage discovered.

Cinching the straps tight around my shoulders and waist, I took one last look at the obstacle in front of me, turned around and headed back to the parking lot.

This scene kept coming to mind as I planned my next great northern Michigan adventure, running down the list of options I have yet to experience in the world of sports. Snorkeling along the shore of Lake Michigan from Elk Rapids to Traverse City seemed like an interesting challenge, and worth writing about. I also considered a different take on the sport of paintballing, where bottle rockets are used and timing is everything (insert disclaimer here).

The acrobatic sport of ultimate Frisbee came to

RHYME OR REASON



By Chris Tredway

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WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

Monday, July 14

Game 1: Studio One vs. East Jordan Iron Works. EJIW won 13-12.

From EJIW was Becky Wilson with a double and 2 singles. Stefani Morris with a double, single and 3 RBIs. Tracy McKay with a double, single and a home run. Alicia Simmonds with a single, double, and 4 RBIs.

From Studio One was Karen Watkins with 3 singles. Jaime Johnson with 2 singles. Lindsey Helsey with a double, triple, and 4 RBIs. Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick had a double. Nikki McMicheal had 2

singles.

Game 2: Lexamar vs. Marty's. Marty's won 22-3, mercy in the 4th.

From Marty's was Rachael Bennett with a in-the-park home run, single, and 5 RBIs. Kristin Haley with 2 singles. Kim Brooks with 2 singles. Lori Olson had 3 singles, and Alex Snowden had 2 singles.

Thursday, July 10

Game 1: Main Street Hair Cottage vs. Hellebuyck. Main St won 10-0, mercy in the 5th.

Heather Rubin had a triple for Main St.

Game 2: Lesters vs Ralph Laposkey Builders. Lesters won 16-3, mercy in the 6th.

From Lesters was Amilia Nicolson with 2 singles. Kelly Woodard had 2 singles and a double. Amanda Bargus hit 3 singles. Trena Fiel hit a triple, an in-the-park home run and had 4 RBIs. Charina Norton had 2 singles and an in-the-park home run. Ashley Mauchmar had 2 singles.

For Ralph Laposkey, Robyn Bruce had a double and a single.

Press Row

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But summer camps, no matter the sport, are important. Every team does something in the summer to prepare for the coming season. Football and girls volleyball are less than a month away. So what is a coach to do?

Rhyme

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mind as well, but I was working on the evening when teams in Traverse City let loose on the field. I briefly weighed my chances of surviving a practice with the Traverse City Blues rugby club but realized my health insurance would not cover missing ears and broken ribs.

Traveling home late one night, disheartened in my search for sport, I decided to go for a run and then swim across Intermediate Lake to cool off. Reaching the end of the dock in full stride and diving out over the water, I shattered the glassy surface and swam out as far as I could go on one breath. Intending to swim across the lake and back, I settled for floating on my back beneath a clear night sky and was quickly overcome by the familiar feeling of being infinitely small. More than another workout or risky epic adventure, I needed to rest.

A pair of loons had been calling from across the lake since my splash had disturbed the silence and I began to relax in quiet water.

It was not courageous, dangerous or adrenaline packed, but it was exactly what I had been missing.

There truly is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven. This includes resting, which should be respected just as much as weaving one's way up a 14,000 foot summit.

A vital part of sports includes the downtime where joints, muscles and the mind are given a chance to reload. And if sports are indeed a metaphor for life, then we must remember to pursue the task of doing nothing at the proper time with as much fervor as we chase after money.

As the stars lit up the surface of Intermediate Lake and the loons cried out in the background, my breathing slowed and I remembered something I had read in the book of Matthew, where Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Pitfalls loom for Dantonio at MSU

By PAT CAPUTO
OF THE OAKLAND PRESS

When the discussion is about Michigan State football, the automatic tendency is to immediately bring up Michigan.

It's never about the Spartans themselves. It's always about how they compare to their big brother in Ann Arbor.

If anything, second-year MSU coach Mark Dantonio has embraced this, calling out the Wolverines at every turn.

Real progress for the Spartans won't come until Dantonio doesn't have to do that anymore.

It means beating Michigan on the field, which MSU came perilously close to doing last fall before succumbing in typical Sparty fashion. And getting their share of blue chip players on the recruiting trail, which Dantonio, after a couple pedestrian classes to begin his tenure, is starting to do.

So far, so good. The Spartans were 7-6 last season — Dantonio's first — and reached a bowl game when it appeared improbable, especially after a series of frustrating close losses.

Dantonio's 2009 recruiting class, led by running back Edwin Baker from Oak Park and receiver Bennie Fowler from Birmingham Detroit Country Day, is drawing raves. There is buzz it has the potential to be among the Top 10 in the nation come signing day.

So when the Big Ten gathers for its annual media festivities this week in Chicago, the Michigan State contingent figures to be in a particularly good mood.

Nobody has great expectations for the Spartans this season (they are being picked for the middle or bottom third of the Big Ten), but Dantonio has the football program on the right path.

Just because recruiting has gone so well lately, and Dantonio has made such a

good impression, the Spartans can't afford, however, to be lulled into thinking this season has little meaning.

While it appears as if Dantonio has bought the most precious commodity possible in coaching — time — it is only an illusion.

He is just one 5-7 or 4-8 season away from being another John L. Smith, who had a winning record and went to a bowl game his first year, too, remember?

The danger facing Dantonio this season isn't unlike that Nick Saban encountered his second year, after leading MSU to a bowl game and upsetting Michigan during his first.

Saban's initial MSU team wasn't particularly talented overall, but it did have senior leadership and top-end talent in quarterback Tony Banks, receiver Muhsin Muhammad and running back Scott Greene, all of whom played in the NFL. When they departed, the Spartans were missing

that element the next season.

Last season's version of the Spartans relied heavily on the playmaking of receiver Devin Thomas, a second-round choice of the Washington Redskins, and tight end Kellen Davis, a fifth-round pick by the Chicago Bears. Whatever success State had defensively, revolved around the pass rush ends Jonal Saint-Dic and Ervin Baldwin, another draft choice of the Bears, provided. And as good a running back as Javon Ringer is — and there isn't a better playmaker returning in the Big Ten — he was that much more effective of a back because of the inside pounding of Jehuu Caulcrick, another departure.

Dantonio's approach is no-nonsense. The Spartans spread the field sometimes, but their base formation is a two-back set with a fullback leading through the hole. As much as Dantonio stresses physical toughness, there

were times when the Spartans' defense was manhandled last season. They were simply too small in the middle of the line, which should change this season. Their secondary remains vulnerable, though.

Quarterback Brian Hoyer has eye-catching statistics, but didn't come through at the end of games last season, with the lone exception being the dramatic victory over Penn State that vaulted MSU into its bowl game.

The Spartans aren't that good yet. They have holes and question marks. Lots of them. And the element of surprise won't be there. Everybody now knows what Dantonio brings to the table. The schedule isn't particularly kind, either.

A road trip to California for a night game to open the season seems ominous despite Cal's late-season collapse in 2007, and its considerable losses in terms of player personnel. The Big Ten portion of the season ends with Ohio State, Mich-

igan, Wisconsin, Purdue and Penn State. Other than Florida Atlantic and Eastern Michigan, there isn't a team on MSU's schedule that isn't capable of beating the Spartans.

Excitement about recruiting classes lasts only so long. The inevitability of the season-opening kickoff looms for MSU.

Nobody wants to hear about how the Spartans may take a step back now in order to move two steps forward in the future.

Dantonio is assigned the task of taking on a more difficult schedule with what appears to be a lesser team than he fielded last season.

It makes his second season at MSU even more treacherous than the first.

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The verdicts are in

By JIM HAWKINS
OF THE OAKLAND PRESS

BALTIMORE — Mike Ilitch wanted to win this year in the worst way — which is a fairly accurate assessment of the manner in which his high-priced pets performed during the first seven games and, indeed, throughout most of the first two months of the season.

Now the Tigers are paying the price for their early-season nonchalance and, in some cases, malfeasance.

Mathematically, of course, the Tigers are still very much alive — in part, because nobody outside of the south side of Chicago believes the White Sox are truly that good.

But, somehow, the Chicago keep winning.

Which, in turn, has caused the Tigers to sometimes feel like they are spinning their wheels.

"If the White Sox keep winning, all you can do is tip your cap to them," Jim Leyland admitted. "All we can do is keep playing. We can't worry about what the White Sox are doing."

The Tigers are winning, too. At least the sense of urgency, so conspicuous by its absence earlier this season,

seems to be back.

Mike Ilitch's \$139 million investment is finally paying dividends.

But is it too late? Did the Tigers dig themselves too deep a grave?

Did Ilitch spend all of that money in vain?

Between the unfulfilling end to the 2007 season and the start of the 2008 campaign, which commenced with such unprecedented hope, the Tigers committed to spending nearly \$220 million in additional dollars and parted with nine players in a concerted effort to make Ilitch's dream of a World Series trophy come true.

Was it worth it? Or merely another waste of money?

Oct. 9, 2007 — The Tigers waste no time in exercising the one-year option on Ilitch favorite Pudge Rodriguez's contract.

Cost: \$13 million.

Verdict: They had no choice.

At the time, the Tigers couldn't see themselves acquiring anybody better on the free agent or trade market. They were right.

And, as expected, Rodriguez is playing like a man determined to demonstrate

that, at age 36, he deserves another multi-year, multi-million dollar contract — from somebody.

However, even Pudge seems reconciled to the fact that he won't get it here.

Oct. 29, 2007 — The Tigers trade for Edgar Renteria.

Cost: Pitcher Jair Jurrjens, outfielder Gorkys Hernandez, plus \$7 million.

Verdict: A big mistake.

The soon-to-be 33-year-old Renteria, who batted .358 after the All-Star break last season in Atlanta, appears to have gotten old in a huge hurry. To make the deal even more regrettable, Jurrjens is 9-4 with a 3.00 ERA on behalf of the Braves.

The fact that the Braves are responsible for \$2 million of Renteria's \$9 million salary this year and the Red Sox will have to pay his \$3 million buyout if the Tigers, as expected, elect not to bring him back next year, doesn't ease the pain.

Of course, hindsight is always 20-20. Who knew, back in October, that Jeremy Bonderman would develop a season-ending blood clot or that Dontrelle Willis would turn out to be a total dud? At the time, Jurrjens was merely one of

the contenders for the fifth spot in the starting rotation.

Nov. 12, 2007 — The Tigers re-sign Todd Jones.

Cost: \$7 million.

Verdict: Worth every penny.

The Tigers wanted to bring Jones back for one more year even before that infamous box filled with 2006 World Series souvenirs fell on Joel Zumaya's right shoulder. When that happened, signing Jones became an even bigger priority.

Fortunately, Todd's first choice, the Atlanta Braves, weren't interested in his services. With Zumaya and Fernando Rodney only now returning to form, where would the Tigers be without Jones' 18 saves and his four wins?

Jones' days in Detroit are probably numbered but his franchise record for saves, currently at 235, may stand forever.

Nov. 12, 2007 — The Tigers trade for Jacques Jones.

Cost: \$3 million plus Omar Infante.

Verdict: A waste of time and money.

Even though Infante didn't figure into the Tigers' plans this year, Jones turned

out to be finished. Fortunately, the Cubs were on the hook for \$2 million of his salary so the Tigers only got stuck for \$3 million — pennies in today's paychecks.

However, how many more home runs might Marcus Thames have hit so far this year if he had gotten the early playing time that the Tigers squandered on Jones?

Nov. 30, 2007 — The Tigers re-sign Kenny Rogers.

Cost: \$8 million.

Verdict: Definitely a worthwhile gamble.

The way Rogers is pitching, it is hard to believe he seriously considered calling it a career at the conclusion of last season. Almost as hard as it is to believe that, at age 43, he is 7-6.

Will the Tigers tempt fate and try to coax one more year out of the oldest pitcher in franchise history? Why not? Even with Bonderman coming back next year, they may need him.

Dec. 5, 2007 — The Tigers trade for Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis.

Eventual Cost: \$181.3 million plus promising prospects Andrew Miller, Cameron Maybin, Mike Rabelo, Eulogio De La

Cruz, Burke Badenhop and Dallas Trahern.

Verdict: A split decision, but the good easily outweighs the bad (no pun intended).

OK, Willis is in minor league limbo. And that three-year, \$29 million contract the Tigers gave him could go down in history as the biggest blunder of the Dave Dombrowski era.

Even so, despite some early grumbling about Cabrera's size and his lack of mobility, Miguel is going to be a force to be reckoned with in the Tigers' lineup for many years to come.

The Tigers bought a big bopper — not a ballerina. Whether Willis ever wins a game for the Tigers or not, Cabrera validates the deal.

Final score: Tigers come out on top, 4-2. The offseason may not actually have been as spectacular as most people assumed four months ago, but they are much better off because of it.

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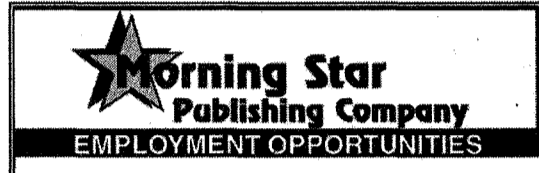
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ATTN PURCHASERS:
 This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey Kermath and Diane Kermath, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to CitiMortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated December 2, 2005, and recorded on December 15, 2005 in Liber 722 on Page 443, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven And 24/100 Dollars (\$318,857.24), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 22, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 78, Block K of Plat of South Boyne (now City of Boyne City), according to the Recorded Plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 23, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ralph D Lemieur, and Bonnie L Lemieur, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 26, 2004, and recorded on July 9, 2004 in Liber 625 on Page 014, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Four And 64/100 Dollars (\$86,204.64), including interest at 5.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mort-

gage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 8, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 10 and 11, Block 4, Nettleton's Addition to the Village of South Arm, Now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 9, 2008
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 This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patricia A. Lounsbury and Kevin J. Lounsbury, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated January 14, 2005, and recorded on January 21, 2005 in Liber 663 on Page 812, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine And 94/100 Dollars (\$242,839.94), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 15, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 lying Southeasterly of Pleasant Valley Road, Section 15, Township 32 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 16, 2008
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ATTN PURCHASERS:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Frances E. Marsh and James D. Marsh, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Citifinancial Mortgage Company, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 3, 2006, and recorded on February 10, 2006 in Liber 730 on Page 481, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Three And 80/100 Dollars (\$294,443.80), including interest at 8.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 1, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 13, Loeb Creek Estates No. 2, according to the plat recorded in the Register of Deeds Office, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Township of Marion, Charlevoix County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 2, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael T. McGeorge, a single man, to Homestead Mortgage Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 24, 1998 and recorded March 31, 1998 in Liber 334, Page 550, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One and 82/100 Dollars (\$57,481.82) including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on AUGUST 15, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the intersection of the East and West quarter line with the West eighth line of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence running West 440 feet to intersection of Elm Street and Mill Street so called in the incorporated City of East Jordan; thence running South along the center line of Elm Street so called 673 feet; thence running East 33 feet to place of beginning, the same being the Northwest corner of Lot Number 28 of the

unrecorded plat of BOWENS Third Addition to the City of East Jordan, Michigan; thence running East 120 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence West 120 feet; thence North 100 feet to place of beginning. Also, a part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West, described as follows: commencing at a point 160 feet North of the intersection of the East line of Elm Street with the North line of State Street; thence East 120 feet; thence South 270 feet; thence Northwesterly parallel with the North line of State Street 100 feet; thence North 160 feet; thence Northwesterly parallel with the North line of State Street 60 feet to the place of beginning; being known as Lots 28 and 29 of Block B of unrecorded BOWENS Third Addition to the Village of East Jordan. Also, a part of the Northwest corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West described as follows: commencing at a point 160 feet North of the intersection of the East line of Elm Street with the North line of State Street; thence in a Southeasterly direction parallel with the North line of State Street 60 feet; thence South 160 feet; thence in a Northwesterly direction parallel with the North line of State Street 60 feet; thence North 160 feet to place of beginning; being known as Lot 30 of Block B of the unrecorded plat of BOWENS Third Addition to the City of East Jordan. Also being described as: commencing at a point on the East line of Elm Street 260 feet North of the intersection of the East line of Elm Street with the Northerly line of State Street; East 120 feet; thence South 370 feet; thence Northwesterly parallel with the Northerly line of State Street 160 feet; thence North 260 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 24, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: July 16, 2008
 Orlans Associates, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 248-502-1400
 File No. 280.5403

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ATTN PURCHASERS:
 This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James W. Ploe, A Single Person and Stacy M. Legato, A Single Person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 3, 2004, and recorded on September 16, 2004 in Liber 636 on Page 745, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two And 95/100 Dollars (\$97,762.95), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 15, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Block 20, Nicholl's Second Addition to the Village of South Lake, Now City of East Jordan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 43, Charlevoix County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 16, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tyson Potter, A Single Person and Brittny Hanson, A Single Person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2004, and recorded on November 2, 2004 in Liber

292, Page 617, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Subdivision Plan Number 30, with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

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 This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James W. Ploe, A Single Person and Stacy M. Legato, A Single Person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 3, 2004, and recorded on September 16, 2004 in Liber 636 on Page 745, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Two And 95/100 Dollars (\$97,762.95), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 15, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Block 20, Nicholl's Second Addition to the Village of South Lake, Now City of East Jordan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 43, Charlevoix County Records

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven P. Voice and Rebecca Voice, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 19, 2004, and recorded on March 29, 2004, in Liber 604, on Page 829, and assigned by said mortgage to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Twelve Dollars and Five Cents (\$99,012.05), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 15, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning on the South line of Section 36, Town 32 North, Range 6 West, 1650.80 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section; Thence West along said section line 330.16 feet; Thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes East 1321.00 feet; Thence East 329.78 feet; Thence South 0 degrees 43 minutes West 1321.00 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 36

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 16, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by ANDREA M. SMITH and LUKE W. SMITH, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated March 19, 2004, and recorded on March 29, 2004, in Liber 604, on Page 829, and assigned by said mortgage to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Twelve Dollars and Five Cents (\$99,012.05), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 8, 2008

Said premises are located in Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as: TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 2, 2008
 THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK
 Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
 23100 Providence Drive,
 Suite 450
 Southfield, MI 48075

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KERRY J. SMITH f/k/a KELLY JO DRAPEAU, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 9, 2007, and recorded on July 20, 2007, in Liber 811, on Page 723, and assigned by said mortgage to US BANK, NA, as assigned, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$155,427.19), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 22, 2008.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KELLY JO SMITH f/k/a KELLY JO DRAPEAU, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 9, 2007, and recorded on July 20, 2007, in Liber 811, on Page 723, and assigned by said mortgage to US BANK, NA, as assigned, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$155,427.19), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 22, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Wilson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning on the South line of Section 36, Town 32 North, Range 6 West, 1650.80 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section; Thence West along said section line 330.16 feet; Thence North 0 degrees 44 minutes East 1321.00 feet; Thence East 329.78 feet; Thence South 0 degrees 43 minutes West 1321.00 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 36

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 16, 2008
 For more information, please call:
 FC D 248.593.1309
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
 File #212092F01

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale
 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS:
 This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven P. Voice and Rebecca Voice, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2004, and recorded on March 1, 2004 in Liber 600 on Page 453, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Three And 27/100 Dollars (\$269,553.27), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 1, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel C-1: Commencing on the East line of State Street 143 feet to Place of Beginning, being a Part of Government Lot 3, Section 23, Township 32 North, Range 7 West. Subject to Easements, Restrictions and Reservations in Record, if any

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 2, 2008
 THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK
 Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
 23100 Providence Drive,
 Suite 450
 Southfield, MI 48075

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

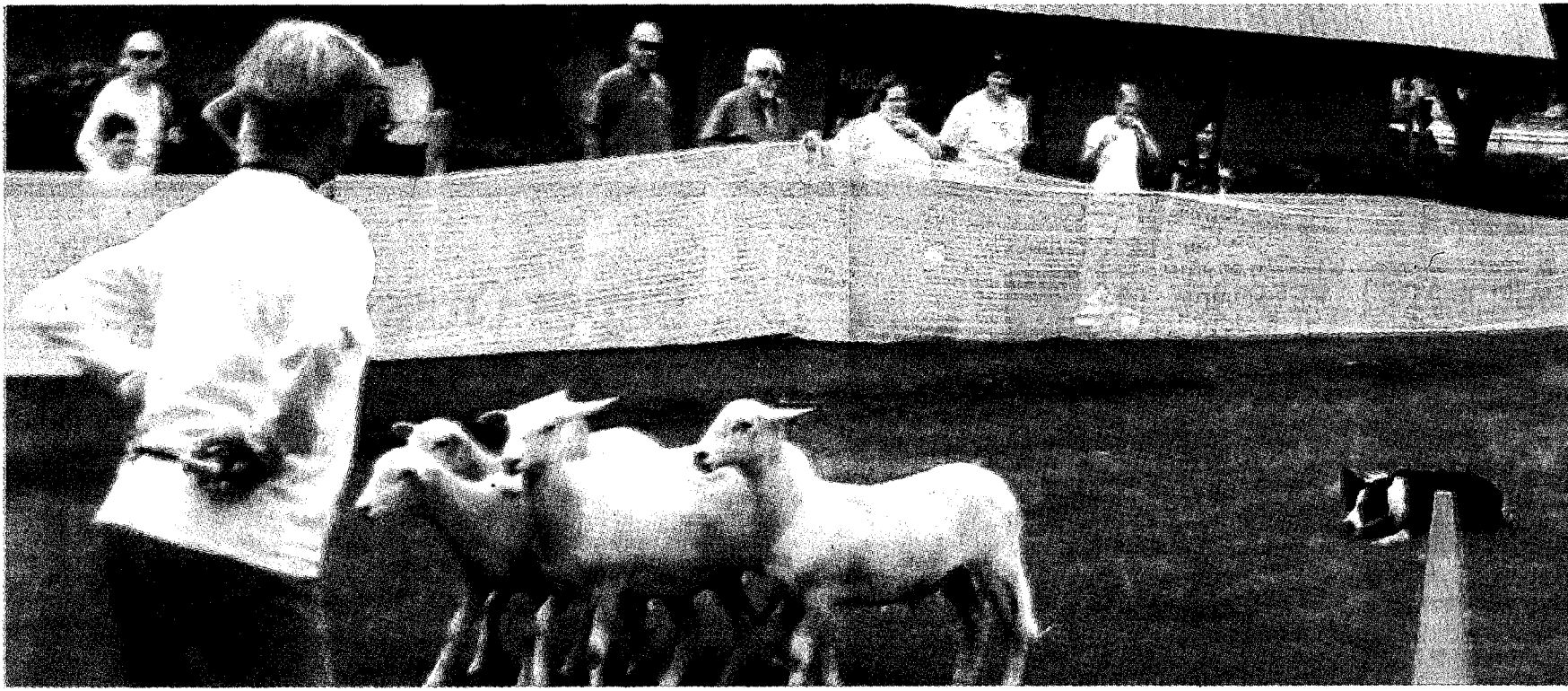
MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Victor Willis Wiser, Married, Julie Wiser, Married, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 23, 2003, and recorded on September 8, 2003 in Liber 569 on Page 717, in Charlevoix county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Six And 96/100 Dollars (\$51,606.96), including interest at 4.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Charlevoix County, at 11:00 AM, on August 1, 2008.

Said Section 32; thence South to the point of beginning, being a part of Government Lot 3, Section 32, Town 33 North, Range 6 West.

Parcel C-2: commencing at the East 1/4 post of Section 32, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, thence West along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section having a given bearing of North 89 degrees 01 minutes West a distance of 354.6 feet to the place of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 01 minutes West 1/4 line of said Section a distance of 90.0 feet to a point, thence South 01 degrees 14 minutes West a distance of 50.0 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes East a distance of 90.0 feet to a point; thence North 01 degrees 14 minutes East a distance of 50.0 feet to the place of beginning; being part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.



PoochFest

On the left, an interested and curious dog looks on as a volunteer prepares a sheepherding demo at Poochfest on Saturday, July 19.

Photo by Jeannine Stetz



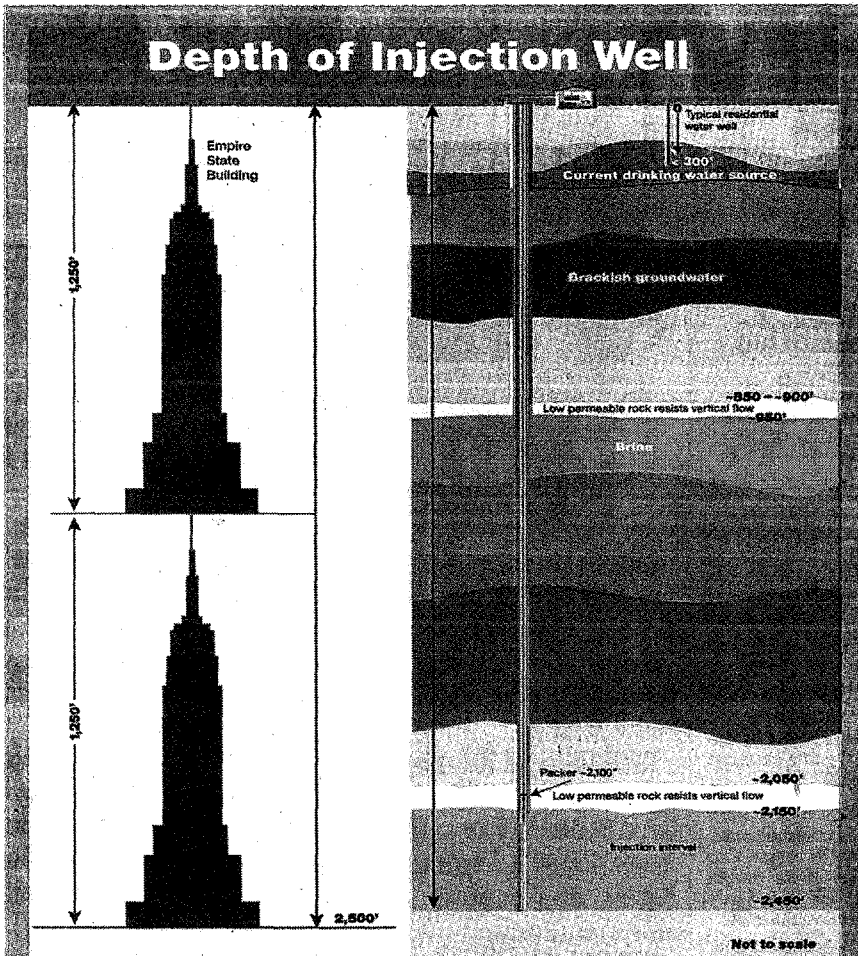
Photo by B.J. Heller

Above, a member of the Ultimate Air Dogs charges off the dock in Boyne City to get the ball. On a hot summer day the water added a bonus to fetching. On the right, winners of the biggest and smallest dog competition were "Mylo," for the smallest dog, owned by Michael Vanvoikenburg of Boyne City and "Max" for the largest dog, owned by Suzanne Muma of Charlevoix.



Cleaning our shore. Protecting our bay.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT



WELL FACTS:

- The well will go down more than 2,100 feet – that's almost 1/2 mile below the surface.
- The disposal zone contains a brine unsuitable for drinking or irrigation use.
- The disposal zone does not connect to any fresh water aquifers or surface water. The well application did not identify any surface water, environmental sensitive areas, floodplains, wetlands, natural rivers, or threatened or endangered species within a 1/4 mile radius of the proposed location.
- There are two impermeable layers of rock between the disposal zone and the local aquifer.
- The drinking water aquifer in the area ends at about 300 feet.

By now, you've likely heard about the Little Traverse Bay Environmental Project. The site now known as Bay Harbor and its neighboring public parks was once home to a limestone quarry and cement plant that operated for almost 80 years.

Beginning in 1993, the Bay Harbor Company, of which CMS Land Company was a principal owner, started work to redevelop the brownfield site and help protect the bay from the effects of the cement dust left behind.

Today, final efforts in the clean-up project continue. Earlier this year, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved permits for CMS Land to install a deep injection well in Antrim County to dispose of the treated water from the project. Trucking the water to the well is not an ideal long-term solution and CMS Land intends to use the well for only as long as needed. CMS Land continues to work with the EPA and the MDEQ to identify a local disposal option for the water.

We know the well and the project overall have raised questions. Below are answers to the questions we hear most often.

Q: Will the well be safe?

A: Yes. After conducting an exhaustive review that lasted more than a year, both the EPA and DEQ concluded the proposed well can operate safely and that the well won't harm drinking water sources in the area or the Jordan River. In addition:

- The well will have numerous surface and below-ground safety features, and extensive monitoring and reporting requirements.
- The well will go down more than 2,100 feet below the surface. The area aquifer that supplies drinking and irrigation water ends at about 300 feet.
- The geologic zone that will receive the treated water is proven for such uses, and there are two impermeable layers of rock between that zone and the local aquifer.
- Additionally, the test drilling of the well must demonstrate that it can operate safely before the well can be put into operation.

Deep injection wells have been widely used in the United States for more than 50 years and have an excellent safety record. You can find out more about these wells by visiting www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/wells_class1.html

Q: Why was Antrim County selected as the site of this disposal well?

A: Antrim County was selected because of its proven geology. Scientific research and well records were used to identify a location where the geology has been proven to be suitable for such a well. More than 100 oil and gas wells and three other disposal wells already are operating within two miles of the CMS Land well site. That demonstrates the area's geology is suitable for such use. In fact, Antrim County is already home to nearly 50 active brine disposal wells and there also have been more than a dozen new injection well permits issued in Antrim County since early 2006. In contrast, there are no such wells in Emmet County.



For more information, go to www.protectingourbay.com