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crafts for sale. On Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4, from noon-2 p.m., female authors will sign and sell copies of their books. Women musicians will play throughout the weekend.

The first event of its kind in northern Lower Michigan, "From Women's Hands" connects art, community and service of the arts to a cause.

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Publication wins top award
TRAVERSE CITY — Nobody was more surprised than the journalism students at East Junior High when their school newspaper

claimed the top honor at this year's Michigan Interscholastic Press Association contest.

Told in Black and Gold, or TBG as the students prefer, was recognized as a Spartan Newspaper, the association's highest award for school papers. For the eighth- and ninth-graders who do the writing, editing, photography and page design for the paper to be singled out over high school papers throughout the state is a tremendous achievement, according to their journalism teacher.

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Freeze kills expectations
TRAVERSE CITY — Area

winemakers may be crying in their beer about a year from now after a killer freeze last month destroyed many of the buds on their grape vines.

But there's better news for area cherry farmers.

The region's tart cherry crop still looks good, barring any more hard freezes or severe winds, said Gary Thornton, a fruit specialist with Michigan State University. The sweet cherry crop, however, will be smaller than usual. Last year nearly all of the tart cherry crop in the region was destroyed by bad weather.

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County to consider sites

TRAVERSE CITY — Grand Traverse County commissioners will consider other locations to move district court because a tight construction budget has stalled plans for a courthouse expansion.

Previous plans for a three-story, \$8.9 million addition to the Washington Street courthouse have been shelved, after commissioners decided that renovations to the county jail and a 50- to 75-bed jail expansion was a higher priority because of continued jail overcrowding.

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Report examines numbers
TRAVERSE CITY — Current development pat-

terns in Michigan contribute to sprawl, struggling schools, crumbling infrastructure, traffic congestion and income disparity, according to a new study of seven cities, including the Traverse City area.

"Michigan Metropatterns," was conducted by Ameregis, a Minnesota-based organization that examines metropolitan areas nationwide. The report examined population, tax base and public school trends in Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Saginaw and Traverse City. It was commissioned by a group of Michigan foundations and nonprofits.

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APRIL 16**Girls place at nationals**

TRAVERSE CITY — Four local middle school girls finished in the top 10 at the United States Girls Wrestling Association national championships on March 29-30.

Maggie Peterson of Elk Rapids placed second in the 80-pound division. From Traverse City, Karina Chouinard was seventh at 105 pounds while Kayla Cox and Erin Laffin tied for ninth in the 110-pound division.

Each girl placing in the top 10 has been invited to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. to train with the upcoming women's Olympic team.

APRIL 17**Summers is Trout King**

KALKASKA — Robert "Bob" Summers, of Traverse City, will be crowned Trout King at the 65th annual Kalkaska National Trout Festival.

Summers' life-long passion for fishing started 47 years ago when he walked into the Paul H. Young Co. in Detroit, which landed him his first job at age 16, learning the craft of fine bamboo rod making.

Eighteen years later,

Summers ventured out on his own, carrying out his own ideas of building fine token cane fly rods, and thus the R. W. Summers Co. was born.

However, it's much more than his business of catering to the wants of the fly angler that landed him his newest title as Trout King. It's also his passion of the outdoors, especially fishing, which can be seen through his countless hours and efforts in such national and local, clubs and organizations as Trout Unlimited, and the Boardman River Project.

APRIL 18**TC West girls triumph**

MUSKEGON — The Traverse City West girls won three of the four relays and won the most relay of all, the overall title at the Rocket Relays, on Thursday.

The Titans finished with 142 points. Host Muskegon Reeths-Puffer was second with 92.

Kalyn McPherson, Nikki Gordon, Anne Plummer and Mishelle Scott won the 800 relay (1:53) while McPherson, Scott, Whitney Tann and Britta Trepp took the 1600 (4:27.2). Betsy Cornwell, Erika Korn-dorfer, Natalie Dall'Olmo and Trepp took the 3200 in 10:21.9.

Trepp added a victory in the high jump (4'8") while Heather

Zenner set a school record by taking second in the long jump (15'11¼")

Kelly Scheuerman was second in the discus (84'7") and shot put (29'10") while Carrie Park was runner-up in the 1600 (5:44.3) and 3200 (12:38.8). Also second were McPherson in the 200 (27.9), Trepp in the 400 (1:04.6) and Dall'Olmo in the 800 (2:37.8).

In the boys meet, Chris Stowe swept the hurdles events — winning the 110 in 14.8 and the 300 in 40-flat — as TC West took second.

APRIL 18**Liberty kick off program**

TRAVERSE CITY — What do you get when you take a school with a varsity soccer program and thin numbers and add it to another school with a wildly popular club team?

Meet the Traverse City Liberty, the product of a TC Christian team that graduated 12 seniors from last year's team and TC St. Francis, the host school of the new cooperative that fielded a club team in 2002.

The Liberty, even considering the combined enrollments of the two schools, will play in Division IV and play an independent schedule until the new Lake Michigan

Conference forms in 2004.

APRIL 19**West second in opener**

LAKE ANN — Considering the chilly weather conditions, a top-five finish was a nice, warm feeling.

Five area varsity girls golf teams opened their seasons on Friday at the Titan Invitational at Mistwood.

Grand Ledge won the 14-team tournament with a 358. Tourney host TC West was second with a 379, 20 shots ahead of third-place Jenison.

APRIL 20**Trojans beat Suttons Bay**

TRAVERSE CITY — Discouraged by poor weather that continues to wreak havoc with spring sports schedule, Traverse City Central and Suttons Bay didn't waste an opportunity to play soccer Saturday.

The Trojans defeated the Norse 3-1 in a game that was agreed upon only the day before.

"We just created this game yesterday," said Central head coach Andy Valdmanis after the Trojans defeated Suttons Bay 3-1 at the Coast Guard Complex. "It's been such a tough spring. I called (Norse coach) Mike Kelly and asked

him if he wanted to play a scrimmage or something, and we decided to make it a real game.

Suttons Bay (1-3) took a 1-0 lead when Margot McGlothlin scored with 17:07 left in the first half.

Central (2-2) answered with a goal by Tiffany Homant 12 minutes later. Alexi Kelly and Alex Raphael assisted.

Ashley Willson got the go-ahead goal midway through the second half. ReAnn Gorton's late goal made it 3-1. Homant assisted Willson, while Willson assisted Gorton.

APRIL 22**Boy, 10, is King of the hill**

CENTRAL LAKE — Mike King has been crowned as the top NASTAR skier in his age group.

Again.

The Central Lake 10-year-old pulled off a rare feat last month when he won the 9-10 Expert Division in the National Championships at Park City, Utah, for the second year in a row.

Because NASTAR (NASTAR STANDARD RACE) uses a handicap system, the difference between racers is minimal. So winning two straight national titles takes skill and luck.

And King had both.