

East Jordan Care and Share fills baskets

Members of the East Jordan Care and Share program filled lots of food baskets prior to Christmas this year for those unable to provide a Christmas this season. The volunteers of the group, along with other volunteer programs, were congratulated by the Department of Social Services in a news article that can be found on page two.



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BC school board to decide on bond issue vote

Boyer City School Board members will be meeting in a special work session this Thursday to decide what wording would be used for a new bonding proposal they are placing in front of the voters this coming spring.

The proposal would allow the school system to construct an addition to the east side of the present high school to house the sixth through eighth grades.

The present middle school would become an upper elementary school for grades four and five and would be renovated to accommodate those students.

Additional renovations would be made to the present elementary building to provide additional classrooms for what would become a kindergarten through third grade school.

Other improvements would be made to athletic facilities and

playgrounds as well.

All of the proposed work as well as the building of a new auditorium was rejected by voters last September when a \$12.4 millage request was turned down.

The new proposal would cost more Superintendent Bob Nakoneczny told board members, because of additional construction costs since the last proposal.

Board members are trying again as they are facing a school housing dilemma, caused by increasing enrollments in the lower grades of the school system.

Nakoneczny estimated that next year the school system is estimating another 106 kindergartners will be starting school. He had the same estimate this past fall but ended up with 130.

The school system has seen increasing enrollments for the past five years which caused the district to move the fifth grade into the middle school.

The district then held on while the fourth, third, second and first grades filled the present elementary school.

The fear of the district is that next year, there will be no room to house students.

The board will be facing the decision as to ask the voters again to authorize the district to expand

the same as the last election, or to split out and make a separate issue of the additional classrooms and the additional athletic, extra-curricular and playground space.

Another concern is whether or not the district wants to save the old gym at the middle school. If the electorate authorizes it to be

renovated, school officials said the cost would be more than tearing it down and rebuilding a new gym because of the asbestos still in the plaster of some of the walls. And if anything were to be done, the school would have to make the facility handicap accessible.

The board recently decided that

conceptual plans of the schools would be completed so that voters would have a chance to see what changes would be made if the proposed bond issue is authorized.

The meeting Thursday night is open to the public and will be at the high school Media Center at 6 p.m.

New fee schedule for county Register of Deeds

As of January 1, 1991, recording documents with the County Register of Deeds will cost \$4 more due to legislation enacted in December. A typical recording fee will now be \$9 for a one page document.

The recording fees were increased to keep pace with the Registers' cost of providing the service and to establish a statewide remonumentation of survey corners in all counties.

Remonumentation is an organized effort to preserve original government corner locations and mark them with permanent monuments. The original government corner

markers were established between 1815 and 1855 at all corners of township sections and quarter sections as reference points for locating and describing every parcel of land in every Michigan county.

Over the years most government corner markers have been damaged, obliterated, or removed. By re-establishing the original government corners, counties will help to ensure accurate property descriptions.

Documents filed with the County Register's Office with insufficient funds, will be returned. Contact your Register's office for specific fee information.

County quietly approves budget

Charlevoix County officials gave their approval to a \$4.4 million budget last Wednesday, a budget with a 3.7 percent increase over the previous 1990 budget.

The issue was approved with little interest from the public and includes money for a full time sheriff's deputy on Beaver Island. The \$10,000 the deputy will cost will come out of the board of commissioners' line item and from the contingency funds the county has had.

Department increases this coming year include the judicial division, public safety, capital outlay, human services and general government. Another increase is in the commissioner's area.

Insurance and bonds, retirement, social security, contingency, county fair and other items decreased by about \$87,000, along with operating transfers.

Eliminated from this coming year's budget was the Youth Services program, which provided activities for youth in soccer and archery. Also eliminated was director Mike Davis' position as head and also as a grant writer.

Income for the budget will come from property taxes, \$28 million; state grants, \$677,000; charges for services, \$628,000; licenses and permits, \$157,000; and interest and rentals, \$139,000.

Even though the ice was formed a protective barrier, the new experimental floating breakwall showed the signs of what could happen if the floats failed. The ice and water built up on the windward side and caused the floating wave breakers to tip over from the weight of the ice. With the lake freezing over, officials are now

waiting for the spring break-up of the ice to see if the experiment works. This is the first winter for the breakwall which was installed last spring. If the breakwall holds for two more winters, the city will be paying for the wall along with the Department of Natural Resources.

New school bus laws in effect this week

When school resumes in January, new school bus stop laws will provide a different "light look" for motorists at many bus stops, AAA Michigan and the Michigan State Police report.

Amendments to Michigan's school bus stop law, signed Dec. 20 by outgoing Gov. James J. Blanchard, spell out guidelines for motorists to follow depending on the buses' flashing lights system.

"How a driver responds when approaching or following a school bus depends on what lights are on and if the bus is moving or stop-

ped," said Robert V. Cullen, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager.

Motorists should be familiar with the following situations:

- On busses with overhead red and yellow lights - This new lighting system is being phased in on all Michigan school buses. If overhead yellow lights are flashing, drivers should be prepared to stop, because flashing red lights are about to be activated. When overhead red lights are flashing, approaching and following motorists must come to a

complete stop not closer than 20 feet from the stopped school bus. Drivers must not proceed until the signals are turned off.

- On busses with overhead red lights only - These buses with the standard overhead red light system will eventually be phased out. If the overhead red lights are flashing and the bus is moving, motorists should prepare to stop. When red lights are flashing and the bus is stopped, motorists must stop no closer than 20 feet from the bus. Drivers must not proceed until the signals are turned off.

EJ Fire Chief turns over badge to assistant after 14 years

Fourteen year veteran as Chief of the East Jordan Fire Department, Dick Barnett, turned over his badge as Fire Chief to Don Saganek last week as Barnett stepped down from the chief's position to allow for some "new blood."

Barnett will stay with the volunteer force for a few more years though, as the two make the transition a smooth one.

Saganek has been with the department for the past 16 years,

and has been the Assistant Fire Chief for the past four. Barnett has been a member of the volunteer force for the past 27 years.

Both men work at the East Jordan Iron Works where they have known each other for the past 15 years.

Barnett said he wanted to give Saganek the benefit of some advice before he retires from the fire department in a couple of years. Saganek said he is grateful for the opportunity to learn from Barnett

and will be asking for help from Barnett at times during the remaining two years.

Both men said they were grateful that their employer, the East Jordan Iron Works, allows them to take time off from work when there is a fire run, but also compensates them while they are away fighting a fire.

The company also does that for all of the firemen who work at the plant, about 10 other firemen of the 20 man department.

News Briefs

Although the lake has almost frozen over, the ice still isn't ready to accept people walking on it for ice fishing or strong enough for ice shanties. Ice fishermen have been ready for fishing for the past month, watching the lake to see if and when it was going to freeze over. Some are even thinking of bringing their shanty to the lake shore, and waiting for the ice to get stronger.

Boyer City Public Schools will be holding another teacher inservice session on Wednesday, January 9, 1991. Because of the inservice, the middle school students will be dismissed at 11 a.m., the elementary and high schools will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. There will be no afternoon kindergarten classes and the morning kindergartners will be dismissed with the older students.

Although there were signs that the recession would be hurting northern Michigan, it wasn't apparent over the holidays as the ski resorts recorded record numbers of skiers. There is an increase in the amount of snowmobile traffic within the county also. Drivers of automobiles are urged to drive with caution, always.

The East Jordan Cooperative nursery school still has openings for the second semester for children 3 to 5 years old. The school is located at 207 Williams Street. For more information, call 536-7194 or 536-2392.

Opinions

Have they looked at all options?

With the Boyne City School Board trying to urge voters into approving a millage issue that would allow for schools to be renovated, constructed and changed, we wonder if the school officials have looked at every option.

Or are they just programmed to only allow the recommendations of a few interested parents to become the rule of the city?

We wonder if the board ever considered just the building of a new elementary school, and then moving the fifth and sixth grade back to those schools.

To us, that would free up rooms needed at the middle school and could lessen the number of students at the one elementary school. It may even save the district a few million in renovations that are being asked as you can build an elementary school less expensively than other types.

Or if they have figured the cost of operation of a new middle school? If one is built, connected to the high school, will there be the same principal and administrative staff as the school presently has? Or will they need another principal type, secretaries and such for the new school?

If they do, then perhaps we should consider just building an elementary school in some other part of the district. The costs of administration would be about the same.

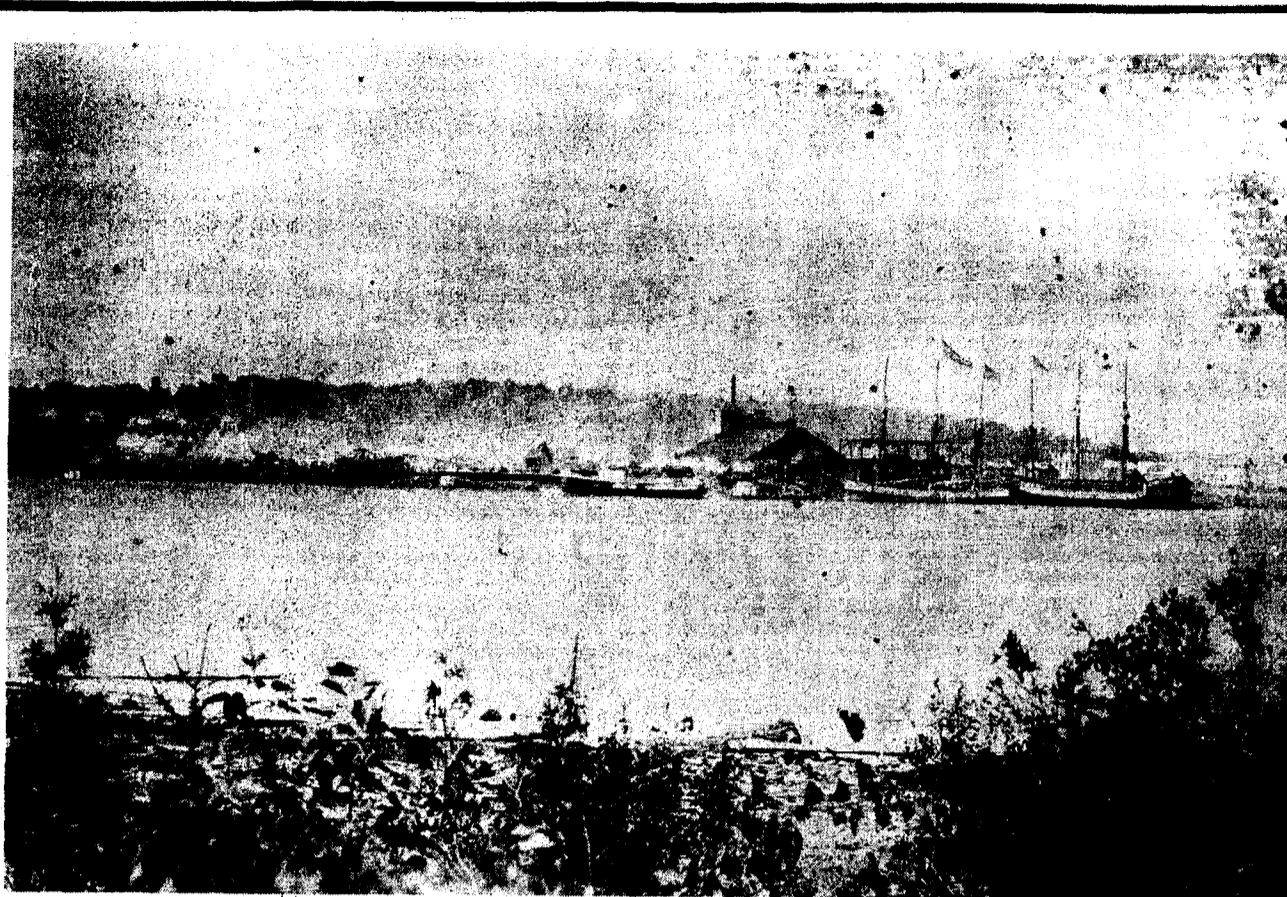
There are so many unanswered questions that have not been brought out by the school officials, that we are leery of any proposal. We think the school should let the people know of all the suggestions that were considered, and the reasons as to why they were not part of the proposed solution.

If the public was informed of all of the thoughts that went into the decision to propose bonding us taxpayers for the next umpteen years, then we should know what the reasons are for supporting the issue.

It is our feeling that the board has lots to do yet to convince the voters of the need.

And they should be doing it.

Remembrances



One summer, many years ago, many schooners and other lake boats visited East Jordan to get filled with lumber from the mills of the city. The boats used to tie up in the area now occupied by the Sportsman's Park. This was prior to the city filling in where the

old bridge was located to make the roadway across the river and replacing the swinging bridge that allowed the boats to go up the river to the docks.

Letters

Says editorial wrong

Editor:

In response to your opinions, "Another Grand Jury" first I was offended by your statements, however, after very little thought it was obvious that you wrote this article without a thorough investigation. Had you taken the time and effort to sit down with Sheriff Lasater and had him brief you on the two cases you raised questions about, you would not have written an article criticizing the Charlevoix County Sheriff and his department but written an article praising him for the amount of professional work done to date.

I will attempt to be brief in an effort to answer each issue you raised. In response to your statement of better police work and done more quickly; first, in the Mrs. Salisz case this was not reported to our department for one full week after she was gone. And, when she was reported missing, it was by her employer and not by her family. In the Heather Kleiber case, Heather

was missing two days prior to her being reported missing.

You made a statement that the investigation should have been handled by a "trained investigator. How can you make such a statement without knowing what education and training the Sheriff's department personnel have, I, for one, could fill this page listing the schools that I have attended, and I am only one officer. But I should not be surprised since you have neglected to check with the Sheriff in regards to our training.

In response to the cost of a retired judge, it is true that the county would pay for his service, however, all of the other support personnel would be supplied by the county at no additional cost.

You raised the question of a promised "income" from seizures. Did you bother to just pick the phone up and ask the prosecuting attorney? If you had, you would know that some of the funds have already been deposited in the county coffers. Some of the property is presently being held

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Jottings

WITH JIM SILBAR

As this is the time of the year when everybody is making resolutions or reviewing the past year, I just want to get through the holidays.

Tuesday, Christmas season ended when the cat climbed the Christmas tree and upset it onto the hard floor, breaking many bulbs, and spilling water all over the place.

According to one member of the family, she had a dream where she saw that event happen just a few short nights ago. That premonition must have come true as the tree went to the floor with all of the old, neat, breakable glass bulbs.

Myself, I am ready to get rid of a cat, even though it snuggles up to me and wants to be scratched while I am trying to read or do something else.

Even though I don't feed the animal very often, it still likes me.

It probably won't now, as I sent it out the door to live for a few extra hours in the cold.

I am almost ready to buy that book that was the rage several years ago, the one that suggests several hundred things to do with a cat.

But I will probably just have to mark this up to the same list that children make when they are growing up. Something you have to grin and bear with for the rest of your life as you look to the future.

I just hope that it was the last of the bad string of luck I have been having for the past year or so.

I have finally decided what I want to do in my next life, I want to be a purchasing agent for a large company.

I think I want that position because I like buying things, I like spending money.

My wife says only I could go to a grocery store to pick up a couple of things we really need and spend more money than necessary buying all of the items that look good on the shelves. Oh, sure, I really didn't need that bag of potato chips, or those candy bars, but they were just begging me to buy them. Or that set of wood carving chisels I remember buying years ago. I don't think I have ever used them. And I know that I could never find them if I had to locate them for a million dollar price.

No, I think I would enjoy spending someone else's money for a change, buying all the things that I wish I could have purchased for myself.

I would enjoy meeting with all of the purveyors trying to sell me something for the plant. I think I

would have to do a lot of research in order to make the right purchase.

To me, I think that would be fun. At least more fun than taking

out the garbage or stacking the wood.

In fact, it could be more fun than a whole lot of things that have to be done around the house.

It would really be a gas to have to buy some piece of equipment costing a jillion bucks, instead of something like new Christmas bulbs for the tree the cat tipped over.

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And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of February, A.D. 1991, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at six and five eighths percent (6-5/8%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All of that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Boyne City in the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 45 of WILLIAM H. WHITE AND CO.'s addition to the Village of Boyne, now City of Boyne, according to the recorded plat thereof. Tax Item 1551-250-045-00.

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

Dated: December 19, 1990

ASSOCIATES NATIONAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION
JACK F. GARDNER
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
Suite 206-24800 Northwestern Hwy.
Southfield, MI 48075
313 352-7020

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Vernon J. Stark and Dolores J. Stark, his wife, of 112 South Maple Street, East Jordan, Michigan, Mortgage, to the Small Business Administration, An Agency of the United States Government, 515 McNamara Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226, Mortgage, dated the 7th day of June, 1976, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 9th day of June, 1976, in Liber 145 of Charlevoix County Records, on pages 961-964, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and 09/100 Dollars (\$119,569.69).

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of January, 1991, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main lobby entrance to the County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with the interest thereon at six and five eighths percent (6-5/8%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of East Jordan in the County of Charlevoix, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Westernmost corner of Lot 7 of Block B of the Plat of the Village of South Arm (now incorporated in City of East Jordan) according to the Plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Lot 7 a distance of 150 feet to the Westernmost corner of Lot 4 of said Block B, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 34 degrees 15' East 195.45 feet, mor or less, to the shore of Lake Charlevoix; thence Southeasterly along said shore to the Southeasterly line of Lot 3 of said Block B, if extended; thence South 34 degrees 15' West along the Southeasterly line of said lot, 195.45 feet, more or less, to the Southernmost corner of said Lot 3; thence Northwesterly along the Southwesterly line of said Block to the Point of Beginning; and being Lots 3 and 4 of Block B of the said Plat of the Village of South Arm (now City of East Jordan). (15-063-628-002-00)

Dated: December 26, 1990

NBD Bank, N.A., Mortgagee

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ALSO Lot 2 of Block B of the Village of South Arm (now City of East Jordan). (15-063-628-003-00)

During the six months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed.

Dated: December 11, 1990

Small Business Administration,
An Agency of the United States Government

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dec. 19, 26 jan. 2, 9, 16

MORTGAGE SALE- Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas P. Fiel and Susan A. Fiel, his wife, to NBD Bank, N.A. (f/k/a First National Bank and Trust Company, Petoskey, Michigan), Mortgage, dated October 12, 1984 and recorded on October 19, 1984, in Liber 175, on page 797, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND 30 CENTS (\$10,630.30), including interest at 13.00% 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 the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. o'clock, on February 8, 1991.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 1 of CALBERT'S ADDITION to the Village of South Boyne, according to the recorded plat thereof, EXCEPT the South 54 feet thereof, also described as: the North 78 feet of Lot 1 of Calbert's Addition to South Boyne (now City of Boyne City) according to the recorded plat thereof. Also, the North 78 feet of Lot 2, Calbert's Addition to South Boyne (now City of Boyne City).

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: December 26, 1990

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What's Happening

N.M.S.A.S.
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 1991, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Baraga Meeting Room of the Offices of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. in Gaylord. For agenda and details please call 517-732-1791.

DAVIS REP
Congressman Davis' District Representative Betty Mankowski will be visiting your area in the near future. Anyone wishing to meet with Ms. Mankowski is invited to do so without an appointment. She will be available to discuss any problems you may be having with the federal or state government. She will be in Charlevoix County on: Tuesday,

January 8 at the Boyne Falls Township Hall, from 10-11 a.m.; East Jordan Senior Center, Main Street, from 11:30-1 p.m.; Charlevoix County Building, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; and Boyne City Hall, from 3-4 p.m. For further information call 517-732-3151 on Wednesday's or toll free anytime in Michigan at 1-800-682-8982.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR
The Evangeline Chapter No. 95 O.E.S. of Boyne City will be dark in January and February. The next regular meeting will be March 25 at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED
The activities room at the Grandvue Medical Care Facility is in need of the following supplies: craft booklets, empty wooden thread spools, old paint by number sets, embroidery floss, quilt pieces, solid color cotton blend material, old cloth rags for rug making.

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Reg Sharkey's Northern Journal

Annual Christmas bird count takes Reg out into the cold

For 91 years the annual Christmas Bird Count has taken place; and like the US Mail Service neither hell nor high water can keep dedicated birders from pursuing this event under the auspices of the National Audubon Society. This count is held anytime in the month of December.

So it was that I hit the cold deck from a warm nest before daylight Saturday the 22nd to join 13 other birders to scan the countryside in a 7½ mile radius from the Little Traverse Conservancy headquarters on Powell Rd. for feathered flyers.

This was my 35th go at it, not having missed one since my charter membership in the local Society in 1966.

According to the National Wildlife Federation the first Christmas Bird Count in 1900, 27 birders braved the elements yet found 5,000 birds, and like those early birders the Petoskey birders accounted for a total of avians this year.

According to species and number stats this is one of the low counts since the inception of the Christmas count.

Weather was perhaps the greatest factor in the low count. Although temperatures weren't extremely low the high winds seemed to cancel avian flight. Birds were sitting tight except for the ever bouyant gulls who seem to revel in riding the turbulent air currents.

According to the latest edition of the National Wildlife, birders through the years have spotted 1,000 species at 1,550 locations in the US, Canada, the West Indies and Central and South America.

And those spotters range in age from 9 to 90.

Of course in warmer climes the Christmas bird count has the most participants, and in the Yukon where often one lone birder on a snowmobile will scour the countryside for one avian, with two being a challenging record.

What earthly good are those Christmas bird counts you ask?

Without a doubt they indicate how we are using or abusing our environment.

Certain species, such as the black duck, documents a 35 year decline in numbers, which seems to indicate a destruction of winter wetland feeding grounds; and as noted in our count only 19 black ducks were spotted amid the 307 mallards. So the very wetlands that waterfowl are dependent on are the same wetlands that have a bearing on our own well-being.

What makes the bird count an extra special event for dedicated birders? Identifying a rare or out of normal range avian. As noted in the tally I was with the group scanning Little Traverse Bay for aquatic avians; and it payed off with a great black-billed gull, whose normal range is mainly the coasts of North Atlantic states.

So call bird counters a bunch of bird-brained loonies, freezing their behinds in these northern climes, but, indirectly, they are contributing a service that gives us a handle on how we are using or abusing the environment. And scientists now consider those Christmas Bird County in their environmental studies and forecasts.

So how did the December Christmas Bird Count go for the 13

Petoskey Regional Audubon Society birders that included a DNR Conservation Officer; a water quality technician; a biologist; a medical technician; a veterinarian; a retired DNR Park Ranger and housewives?

Common loon 1, horned grebe 2, mute swan 8, Canada goose 25, black duck 19, mallard 307, greater scaup 1, lesser scaup 50, oldsquaw 1, common goldeneye 47, bufflehead 1, hooded merganser 2, common merganser 18, red-breasted merganser 1, ruddy duck 1, rough-legged hawk 2, accipiter, sp. 1, ruffed grouse 1, ring-billed gull 71, herring gull 119, greater black-backed gull 1, gull sp. 17, rock dove 28, mourning dove 42, downy woodpecker 12, hairy woodpecker 6, blue jay 9 (where oh where have the jay birds gone?), crow 76, raven 37 (increasing), black-capped chickadee 168, red-breasted nuthatch 3, white-breasted nuthatch 12, brown creeper 1, golden-crowned kinglet 7, cedar waxwing 77, northern shrike 2, starling 92, cardinal 7, dark-eyed junco 1, snow bunting 56, rusty black-bird 1, pine grosbeak 7, pine siskin 1, goldfinch 36, evening grosbeak 18, house sparrow 7, and seen during count week: 1 Bohemian waxwing and one Bonaparte's gull, which should total 45 species comprising 1,403 individuals.

The 13 counters spent 32 hours in the field, walked 5½ miles and drove 341 miles to birding locations.

So there you have it; and if you've never been a birder, try it you might like it.

With the courts

MAGISTRATE

The following cases were recently handled in the offices of the Charlevoix County Magistrate:

Richard Lee Bellmer, 18, Petoskey, failing to report an accident. \$115 fine and costs.

Todd Michael Gasco, 18, Boyne City, minor in possession of open container of intoxicant. \$70 fine and costs.

Rolland Goff, II, 20, Vanderbilt, taking fish illegally. \$75 fine and costs.

William Richard Brooks, 40, East Jordan, speeding. \$60 fine and costs.

Patrick Stephen McLaren, 31, East Jordan, taking fish illegally. \$80 fine and costs.

Richard Guy Fales, Jr., 19, Ellsworth, taking fish illegally. \$125 fine and costs.

Aaron Patrick Fields, 17, Charlevoix, speeding. \$60 fine and costs.

Christopher Christensen, 19, Boyne City, speeding. \$70 fine and costs.

Lawrence Scott Goethals, 24, Los Angeles, speeding. \$65 fine and costs.

Kevin L. Roussey, 27, Hoagland, Indiana, speeding. \$60 fine and costs.

George Henry Gardner, Jr., 27, Petoskey, speeding. \$101 fine and costs.

John Austin Sheets, III, 19, Charlevoix, speeding. \$60 fine and costs.

Bernadetta Moore, 56, Boyne City, speeding. \$60 fine and costs.

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix District Court by Judge Harvey C. Varnum.

Carl Pruitt, Jr., 53, Elmira, operating motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. \$390 fine and costs, 180 days' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, 18 months' probation,

and 30 days in county jail with credit for 30 days served.

Nona L. Jenkins, 22, Bloomfield Hills, reckless driving. \$205 fine and costs.

Roy C. Nichols, 42, Traverse City, reckless driving. \$205 fine and costs.

John Lee Merrill, 20, Central Lake, larceny under \$100. Five days in county jail and \$50 restitution to injured party.

John H. Lowery, 33, Walloon Lake, using indecent language. \$205 fine and costs.

Victor Nitti, 46, Wayne, malicious use of telephone to threaten. Six months' probation, court referral program, and 30 days in county jail with credit for 15 days served; 15 days held in abeyance.

Paul E. Shomin, 42, Mt. Pleasant, operating motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. \$430 fine and costs, 180 days' suspension of driver's license without restricted license, 18 months' probation, \$100 restitution for court-appointed attorney, and 10 days in county jail with credit for two days served; eight days held in abeyance.

Phillip M. Camilleri, 40, Charlevoix, operating motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. \$530 fine and costs, 18 months' suspension of driver's license without restricted license, 18 months' probation, court referral program, \$100 restitution for court-appointed attorney, and 10 days in county jail with credit for one day served.

Michael R. Sero, 39, Boyne City, unlawful blood alcohol level. \$530 fine and costs, six months' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, one year's probation, court referral program, and 10 days in jail with credit for one day served.

Cynthia R. Pearson, 31, East Jordan, operating motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. \$430 fine and costs, 180 days' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, nine months' probation, court referral program, and 10 days in county jail with credit for one day served; seven days held in abeyance.

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Matthew B. Cunningham, 20, Charlevoix, impaired driving. \$830 fine and costs, 90 days' suspension of driver's license with restricted license, one year's probation, court referral program, and three days in county jail with credit for one day served.

William Ray Lewis, 19, Boyne Falls, accosting minor for immoral purposes. Six months in County jail and \$700 restitution for court-appointed attorney.

Casey J. Fortune, 29, Boyne City, assault and battery. \$105 fine and costs.

Eric M. Dionne, 22, East Jordan, contributing to child's delinquency and use of marijuana. \$305 fine and costs and 11 days in county jail with credit for two days served or 12 days on county work program.

Marshall L. Simpson, 30, Charlevoix, three counts of operating motor vehicle while license is suspended. \$715 fine and costs and nine days in county jail.

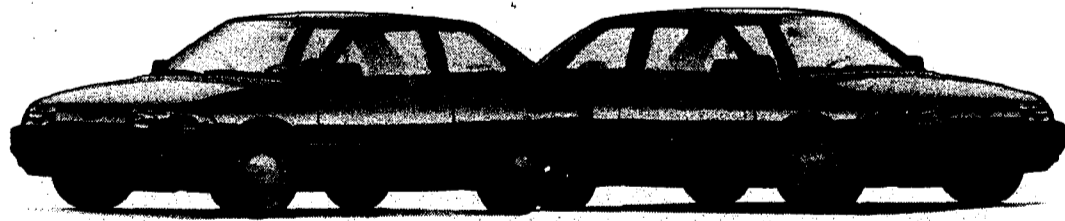
Darcie L. Moore, 28, Charlevoix, driving while license is suspended. \$205 fine and costs.

Cholesterol screening at EJ Clinic

The monthly cholesterol testing clinic at the East Jordan Family Health Center will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 1991 from 1-2 p.m. in the Community Room on the lower level. There is a special fee of \$5 for tests at this time. Since only a limited number of patients can be seen, please make an appointment. Call 536-2206.

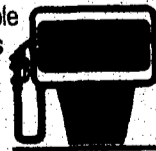
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