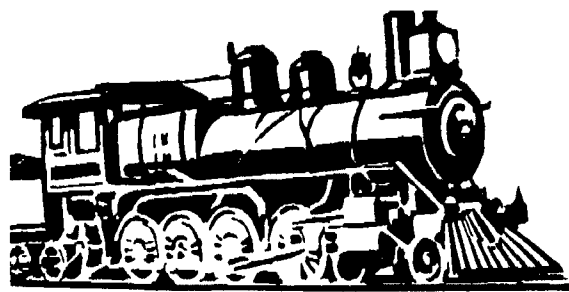


Weather

Area residents went to bed Saturday with winter storm warnings dominating the media. But Sunday saw only a fraction of the 4 to 8-inch drifting snow forecast in earlier reports. Some elements – plunging temperatures and bitter winds – did follow predictions. Overall, the week saw daytime temperatures hover

around 30; nighttime temperatures drop to the teens, and 3 inches added to total snow accumulation, making 21 inches so far this year. **LAST YEAR** – Snowfall continued to lag behind 1992's mid-December total of 63.8 inches, with just 15 inches recorded.



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Reappointments to local review board cause furor

BY KEITH MATHENY
Contributing Writer

Why would citizens complain about a local government board lowering property assessments – which means lower tax bills?

In the case of Jordan Township, many residents believe they are paying the price for their board of review going too far. Angry residents also feel the township board went too far when they gave new two-year terms to two of three members of the review board Nov. 28 over audience protests.

Some had called for a complete turnover on the review board, after their questionable decisions this year culminated in the State Tax Commission applying a factor to all agricultural property in the township.

"I'd say at least 85 percent of us want a new board," resident Kay Duff said.

"I feel like our voices aren't being heard," said Jim Blaha, who lives on East Old State Road in the township.

The vote to renominate Lawrence Nemecek and Sue Falco to the review board ended in a 2-2 tie, with clerk Leona Stanek and trustee Lucy Lercel for reappointment, treasurer Laura Stanek and trustee Darwin Morris opposed. Township supervisor Joseph Haney, Sr. cast the deciding vote in favor of the incumbents. Vern Cooper was also appointed to take the place of

"I've been associated with boards of review for over 20 years. This is the first time I've ever heard of any board lowering their own taxes."

Jordan Township assessor
John McDonald

Doug Drake on the review board.

Much of the residents' ire stems from the state imposing a factor to assessments. The board lowered assessments on agricultural property to the extent where "a non-uniform distribution of the tax burden" existed, according to a letter to the township board from David Reiser, local supervisor of the State Tax Commission's property tax division.

Falco, who was in the audience at the meeting, defended her actions.

"I don't think the board of review sat there to lower everyone's assessments just for the sake of lowering them," she said. "There were things that weren't changed. We didn't go along with everyone who came in the door."

A review of cases which appeared before the board, however, shows only one of 50 residents who came before the review board did not receive a decreased assessment (see box).

■ Supervisor praises review board

Haney praised the review board members for attempting to lower tax burdens.

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A "hound-dog" Christmas

Elvis lives in the form of these gyrating fourth-graders as they practice their part for the upcoming Christmas program. See Caleb Olstrum (left), Kurt Ploe, and Matt Weisler, along with the rest of their classmates, show off their best imitation of the King at the Dec. 20 presentation in the high school gym.

How assessments are changed

The county equalization department conducts an analysis each year to determine changes in assessments on both residential and commercial property.

With residential property, the process is fairly simple. An equalization department official examines home sales within the township for the year, then compares the sale prices to last year's assessed values and makes changes if large discrepancies exist.

Because agricultural property is so infrequently sold, the analysis is different. The equalization department selects at random agricultural properties within a township. The properties are then appraised, and the appraisal is compared to the

previous years' assessments.

■ Factoring in the factor

It is important to note that a property's assessed value and its state equalized value (SEV) are *not necessarily* the same. The SEV is the assessed value multiplied by a state-imposed factor – which, optimally, is one. In that case there is no change between the two values. For example, a parcel assessed at \$50,000 would have an SEV of \$50,000 ($50,000 \times 1 = 50,000$).

The state expects all assessments to be within 50 percent of the appraised value (with about one percentage point leeway, plus or minus). If assessments are significantly below 50 percent, the state increases the factor above one.

That is what has occurred in Jordan Township. The state has applied a factor of 1.0461 on all agricultural property, because their assessments were only 47.8 percent of the value determined by an appraiser.

■ What it means to tax bills

While exact numbers will vary per agricultural

parcel, depending on particular SEVs and what school district the parcel is in, it is possible to show a near-average increase per tax bill because of the factor.

There are 100 agricultural properties in Jordan Township. The total SEV on those properties (after the board of review lowered many) was \$1.98735 million. Therefore the average assessed value per parcel was about \$19,874.

If the factor is at one, then \$19,874 would also be the SEV of the average agricultural lot. At a home-stead millage of 15 mills, that would mean a tax bill of \$298.11.

Because the state imposed the higher factor of 1.0461, the average SEV went up \$845 to \$20,719. At 15 mills, that makes the tax bill \$310.79 – an average \$12.68 increase on every agricultural parcel.

Jordan Township trustee Darwin Morris pointed out that the factor most adversely affects property

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comment

Readers write

Thanks for helping band

The East Jordan Band Parents wish to thank everyone for their wonderful support of our band students!

We would like to send a special thanks to the following organizations: the East Jordan Iron Works for their generous support of the five students who went to Blue Lake last summer; the American Legion for their generous donation of \$500; and Dura Mechanical Corp. for their recent donation.

For our Christmas raffle at the Dec.

14 Christmas concert, One Water Street of Boyne City donated a \$30 gift certificate; the Jordan Valley Greenhouse donated a lovely silk flower arrangement; Mr. and Mrs. Red Lent donated hand crafted lamps and dolls; and Barbara Brooks donated a hand-decorated cake to be given as prizes. Our thanks to all.

Wishing all a joyous holiday season

The E.J. Band Parents

Senior center workers from past and present recognized

Senior center celebrates (Nov. 23) should have noted memories of senior citizens such as Inez Parker, Leatha Whitlow, and Milt Veverka who still do come daily; and remembered people such as Albert Olumond, George Rebec, Joe Nemeec, Joe and Bea Kotrba whose hard work helped reopen the center after the fire in 1978.

You should have noted guests such as Sue Brill with eight years of service; Neva Dunson, 12 years service; Virginia Jacobson, with five years service; and Gene Beer our first bus driver.

They were all present.

The meals are under the guidance of Northwest Senior Resources Sandra McSweeney; headed by Debra Peck with 13 years service, with the aid of Molly Young and Kris Kraemer, who were all present.

Sunday meals held once a month were started by Sue Brill, Debra Peck, and Neva Dunson in August 1989 and continue today.

Debra Peck, Head cook
Charlevoix County
Senior Centers

Give the gift of life this holiday season

An adequate supply of safe blood is vital to the well-being of millions of people nationwide - making the difference every day between life and death for victims of serious injury and illness. This statement holds particular relevancy as we enter the winter months and another holiday season, a time when blood donations are especially low. Many people are busy with various activities during this time of year and don't make the time to give the best gift of all - the gift of life - by becoming a blood donor.

Think about it. Each year, countless lives are saved through the miracle of blood transfusions. As the largest blood

banking system in the United States, with the responsibility for approximately one-half of the nation's blood supply, the American Red Cross has played a key role in assuring the safety of blood for over 50 years.

The Wolverine Blood Region, which has been serving the community for over 26 years, collects approximately 55,000 units of blood per year to meet the demands of 32 hospitals within a 27-county area. Approximately 300 units of blood is needed per day to ensure that people suffering from leukemia, hemophilia, cancer and heart patients, newborns, trauma and accident victims, and those who are victims

of violent crimes, will have blood to save their lives. And that needed blood can only come from volunteer blood donors who give so freely of their time to help save the lives of someone they may not even know.

Did you know that one unit (pint) of blood can save the lives of up to four people? The development of a multiple bag system makes component therapy possible. The unit of blood is separated into several components including red blood cells, plasma (the liquid portion), platelets (the clotting factor), cryoprecipitate (antihemophilic factor VIII) and other derivatives. Therefore, with component therapy, patients are treated with the specific component they lack and many lives can be saved

from one blood donation.

With all the medical technology at our disposal, we must not lose sight of the humanity in all of this. An adequate blood supply is available due to the single act of a blood donor. There is never enough blood, because the blood supply is a system of donors and patients, linked together by the generosity of volunteer blood donors.

This holiday season, take the time to become a blood donor. It's safe - it's simple - it's time for all of us to work a miracle and become blood donors. It's a gift that will be felt for a lifetime.

Frederick C. Wilson
Acting Principal Officer
Wolverine Region

Grandma's prayer at Christmas

Lord I ask not for diamonds
I ask not for gold,
But at Christmas you can ask for anything
I'm told.
Now I love all my children
And my grandchildren you can guess
And my greatest prayer of all
Is get off that cigarette.
It took their Grandfather
As surely as a gun
He kicked the habit too late,
The Killer weed had won.
So I say my prayer
For loved ones and friends
And you will have a smoke-free life
And you will hear my prayer, amen.

By Clarabelle Shepard Weiler

Vail Shepard
lived at
Chestonia
years ago. His
grandmother ran
the store there.
He was a heavy
cigarette smoker -
it took his life.

Clarabelle
Wieler
Zephyrhills, Fla.
Christmas 1993



wan City memories



Little drummer boy

Photo from the collection of Bill Huckle

This antique charmer is timeless in his appeal. Although his name and date have been lost in the passing of years, he demonstrates what every parent knows - a drum brings a smile of delight to any small child!

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EJPD weekly report

■ November 30

A 1986 Jeep pickup owned by Ronald Ford was reported stolen from the East Jordan Co-op Service Station.

Three subjects, including two juveniles, were later apprehended in Cadillac in connection with the theft. The juveniles were released into the custody of their parents, while another suspect is being held in the Wexford County Jail under pending charges.

The case remains open and under investigation.

■ December 2

A 1989 Ford pickup owned by Steve Bernier was reportedly struck by an unknown vehicle while parked in Dave's Service parking lot.

No injuries were reported from a collision that occurred when Ethel Wilson of South Maple Street backed her 1993 Oldsmobile from her driveway into the path of Mary Felix, driving her 1994 Dodge north on South Maple. Both women were wearing safety belts.



Sharing the joy

East Jordan Elementary first-grader Cory Walter (left) and his third-grade "buddy" Chad Derenzy, along with their classmates, spent a recent Friday afternoon preparing for a service project "to help the children share Christmas joy," according to teacher Carolyn Downton. Downton's class, along with third-graders from Mary Sivula's class, created candles and tiny trees to share with their friends at the East Jordan Senior Center, Lakeview Apartments, and Grandvue Medical Care Facility this week.

student news



Students earn awards

Alma College has recognized the academic achievements of its returning students for the fall of 1994 with scholarship awards totaling more than \$4 million. More than 60 percent of approximately 860 upper-classmen will receive these merit-based scholarships, recognizing outstanding academic achievement.

Receiving recognition from the East Jordan area were Jennifer Cook (Trustee Honors) and Enos Bacon III (Tartan Award). In total, Alma College gives \$7.2 million in merit-based and need-based awards to its student body of about 1,300.

Scholarships awarded include:

- Trustee Honors Scholarships, awarded to students who demonstrate superior academic achievement and national test scores.

- Tartan Awards, given to students ranking in the top 20 percent of their high school class or meeting other academic criteria.

MSU lists fall grads

Michigan State University lists 2,122 degree candidates for fall 1994.

There are 1,447 candidates for bachelor's degrees, 440 for master's degrees and 216 for doctoral degrees. Four students are candidates for the educational specialist degree, 10 are candidates for doctor of medicine and five for doctor of musical arts.

Among them is East Jordan's Krista Ann Sumner who will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Psychology.

Advanced degree commencement will be at 7 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 9, at Breslin Student Events Center. KunMo Chung, president of the Institute for Advanced Engineering in Seoul, Korea, will speak.

Undergraduate commencement will be at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Breslin Student Events Center. Peter A. Seligmann, chairperson and CEO of Conservation International, will speak at both undergraduate ceremonies.

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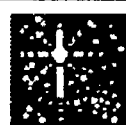


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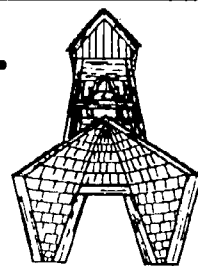
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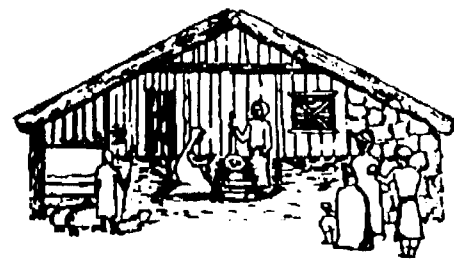
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Library kicks-off Frostival contest

The Jordan Valley District Library is currently holding a Winter Frostival Contest. The contest began on Dec. 12, and will end on Tues., March 21, 1995 (the first day of spring).

This winter reading program was initiated for adults and children to encourage reading during the winter season and to use their local library.

All patrons who read and return a book from this library are entitled to enter their name in the contest. Each person will only be eligible for one prize. Prizes

will be displayed in the library throughout the contest. Here's your chance to beat the winter blues!

Area businesses contributing prizes include: Little Caesar's, Glen's, Burger King, McDonald's of East Jordan, East Jordan Iron Works, The Competitive Edge, Michigan Snowmobiler, Carey's Corner Market IGA, FMB Bank, Lakewood Homes, Inc., East Jordan Journal, E.J. Shoppe, Jordan Valley Pharmacy, and the Jordan Valley District Library.

Library holiday hours

The Jordan Valley District Library will maintain regular hours through most of the holiday season. However, the library will be closed Sat., Dec. 24; Mon., Dec. 26; Sat., Dec. 31; and Mon., Jan. 2.

Beginning in January, the library will change Thursday hours to 7:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. to accommodate early risers, lap swimmers, community meetings and students. The present schedule for other days will be unaffected by the change.

sideroads

We hope you enjoyed the collection of kindergarten recipes in our Thanksgiving issue. We want to extend special thanks to East Jordan Elementary teacher **Diane Frykberg** and her assistants, who did a lot of the work - here's hoping they enjoyed collecting those recipes as much as we did reading them!

Driving up north, we all know we must often stop for deer on the road, especially after twilight hours. A recent twist on that theme happened when *Journal* editor **Deb Sayers Hobbs** was forced to stop momentarily for huge spotted deer - or was that cattle? Members of the domestic-type herd were wandering free on Ellsworth Road until their owners came running out to round them up!

Our People up north columnists say they aren't hearing much from out there, so we thought we'd take a moment to plug their work. Both **Kathy** and **Alice** would love to hear a report on your activities, so don't leave them high and dry - let them know what's going on!

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Keep holidays
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To help you in your search for the perfect gift for your child, the National Safe Kids Campaign offers the following guide for selecting the most suitable toys:

Infants: Wood or plastic blocks, stuffed animals without button noses or eyes, cradle gyms, rattles, mobiles and squeeze toys.

1-2 yrs: Cloth, plastic or cardboard books, sturdy dolls with no small removable parts, large, soft balls, push and pull toys, stacking toys, lightweight toys.

2-5 yrs: Wood or plastic building blocks, crayons or finger paints, small wagon or outdoor toys, such as a sandbox, slide or swing.

5-9 yrs: Crafts, card games, bicycles, jump ropes or roller skates, sports equipment, electric trains, puppets.

10-14 yrs: Computers, microscopes, table and board games, outdoor sports equipment.

Programs changed

The East Jordan Elementary School K-2 Christmas program, scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 15, has been changed to Mon., Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. at the high school gym.

The youngsters will present *Christmas is Near*, including a variety of traditional and non-traditional songs.

Santa's Holiday Hoe-down and More will be presented by grades 3-5 students Tues., Dec. 20, 7 p.m., at the high school gym.

Snowmobilers meet

The Charlevoix County Snowmobile Council holds monthly meetings every first Monday at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club on Mount Bliss Road.

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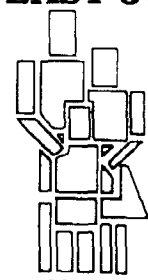
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The Pagemaster

By David Kirschner and Ernie Contreras

This is a wonderful book for children. The setting takes place in a library and promotes the magic of reading. The authors are David Kirschner, Chairman and CEO of Hanna-Barbera Productions and Ernie Contreras, who was a writer and story editor for many shows, including *The Smurfs*.

The novel revolves around Richard Tyler, a 10-year-old boy, the world's safest kid. Fearful of life in general, he's in desperate need of childhood - and a little adventure. When his father sends him to the hardware store, his greatest fear becomes reality when a freak storm leaves him stranded, scrambling for cover at the public library.

The librarian welcomes Richard and gives him a library card, but he only wants to get home. He spots a mural of characters from classics looming overhead. Paint starts dripping from the mural and creeping down the walls, turning Richard into an illustration and the library into a world of fantasy.

Awaiting him is the Pagemaster, wearing an amazing cloak made out of book pages, ready to send Richard through lands he's never dreamed of. The Pagemaster, who is the "keeper of books and guardian of the written word" has one bit of advice, "When in doubt, look to the books!" The library is portrayed as a place where imagination runs wild.

The Pagemaster is available in the young adult section at the Jordan Valley District Library. *The Pagemaster* will be coming as a film to the theater soon.

By Dawn Pringle, Library director

New purchases at the Jordan Valley District Library

■ Adult fiction

Brother Cadfael's Penance - Ellis Peters
The Twilight of Courage - Bodie Thoene
The Reindeer Hunters - Joan Wolf
Star Trek Generations - J.M. Dillard

■ Adult non-fiction

Votescam: The Stealing of America - James & Kenneth Collier

The Encyclopedia of Acrylic Techniques
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Veteran bridge players lead teams

Veteran players Linda Poole and Pat Ruhlman lead the other 15 teams in the East Jordan Bridge Tournament at the end of three months of play with 20,300 points. Second place holders Jean Pardee and Barb Worgess have 17,380; and third place Deanna Hurwitz and Phoebe Watson have 16,720.

The rest of the top ten include Martha Matthews and Cug Riley, 15,500; Evelyn Gidley and Marge Smith,

13,790; Muriel Ahlborn and Jan Bultrud, 13,310; Martha Annear and Shirley Butcher, 12,800; Gayle Gotts and Jean Peters, 12,100; Esther Porter and Gladys Sattler, 11,560; and Ruth Gee and Marie Shepard, 11,380.

With five more months to play, standings could change considerably.

The tournament is an open group which annually donates most of its earnings from dues to local non-profit organizations.

Hope Tyrrell, Secretary-treasurer

people up north

By Kathy Dipzinski 536-0282
 and Alice Morris 536-0017

☛ We had a small get-together, to celebrate Grandma (Loreta) Dipzinski's 87th birthday on 12-4-94. Happy Birthday, Grandma!

☛ I'd like to take this time to thank Willie's Up North for the wonderful trip to the St. Ignace Casino, Dec. 4. After breakfast at Willie's Up North, we took the Willie's bus driven by Goodie, who made the trip up and back so much fun, with his Santa hat and even the red carpet treatment. Willie and Debbie also made the trip enjoyable from the jokes to waiting on all of us. Although I have to keep my day job this time, who knows about next time. Thanks!

EJHS News

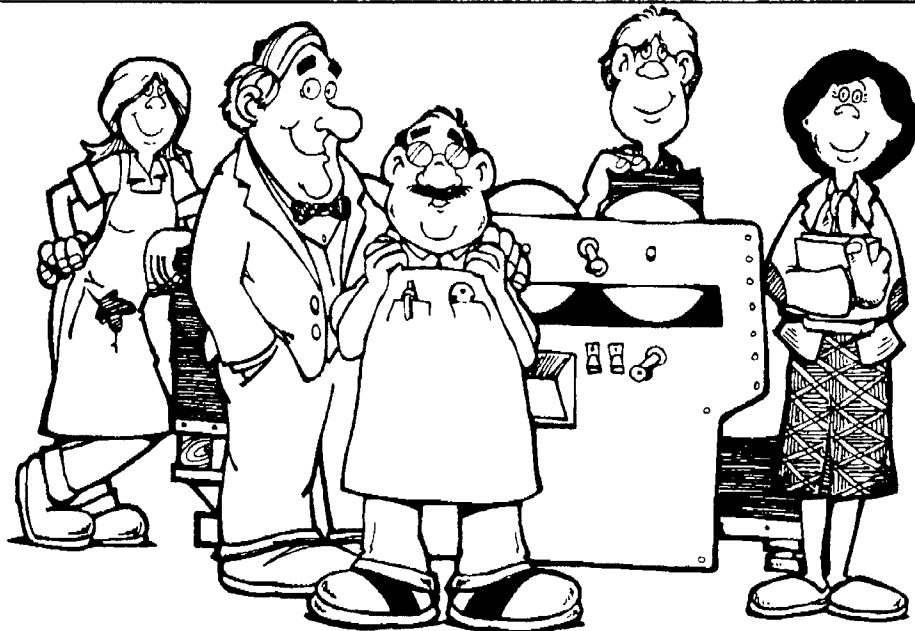
By Ryan Slack 536-0282

☛ School will not be held on the following days: Fri., Dec. 23 through Mon., Jan. 2, for Christmas and New Years Day vacation.

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Julie Argetsinger and Micky McGuire

Couple to wed

Gerry and Maxine Argetsinger of East Jordan announce the engagement of their daughter Julie to Herbert "Micky" McGuire, IV.

Micky is the son of Jean McGuire of New Baltimore and Herbert McGuire, III of St. Louis, MO.

The bride elect is a graduate of East Jordan High School and Baker College of Business. Her fiancé is a graduate of Anchor Bay High School and TDS Driving School.

Julie and Micky are planning a March 18 ceremony to be held at the Evangelical Lutheran Church with a reception at the East Jordan Civic Center.

Six-month deployment summarized

Marine Lance Cpl. David J. Agnew, son of Nancy C. Boehm of East Jordan, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit while assigned to the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group.

Agnew was one of 4,000 Marines and Sailors who completed the 30,000-mile voyage which included duty off Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Adriatic Sea, and being on stand-by off the eastern tip of Africa. After traveling from the Mediterranean Sea through the Suez Canal and Red Sea into the Indian Ocean, Agnew spent more than a month off the coast of Somalia, where the Navy-Marine Corps team stood ready to protect and relocate American citizens if necessary. The North Carolina-based 26th MEU was embarked in USS Guam, USS

Tortuga, USS Austin and USS Harlan County.

Agnew began the deployment by participating in the 50th anniversary of D-Day with visits to England and France. During the D-Day commemoration, the 26th MEU helped support the visit of President Bill Clinton and numerous other government and military officials as well as thousands of World War II veterans.

Spending 120 days at sea during the six-month deployment and participating in both real world operations and amphibious landing exercises with other nations, Agnew also visited Greece, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Spain and Turkey.

The 1991 graduate of Charlevoix High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1991.



Keep fresh-cut trees attractive

Want a fresh tree for Christmas? Be prepared to bend a few needles.

Bending an evergreen's needles is one way to check for freshness, says Mel

Koelling, Extension forestry specialist at Michigan State University. If the needles on an already cut tree spring back to their original shape, the tree is fresh. If needles snap or stay bent out of shape, the tree is probably dry.

Another way to check for a fresh tree is to bump the base of the tree on the ground. A shower of green needles around your feet means the tree is dry.

When you get your cut tree home, remove a 1/2 inch slice off the base of the trunk and immediately place the

tree in a tree stand with a container for water.

Making a fresh cut across the bottom removes old sap and dirt that are blocking the tree's ability to take up water. Evergreens kept indoors will lose a lot of water through their foliage. If they can't take up water to replace it, they dry out quickly and soon pose a fire hazard.

Placing your tree in the coolest possible place, away from radiators, hot air registers, hot lights, south-facing windows and appliances that give off heat will help slow the drying process and keep it fresh longer.

It is nearly impossible to ignite a fresh tree, Koelling notes, but a dry evergreen will flash into flame in an instant. Buying a fresh tree and keeping it fresh is critical to preventing a holiday tragedy.

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Richard A. Morrison, Pastor, Church School 10 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m.

EAST JORDAN BAPTIST CHURCH

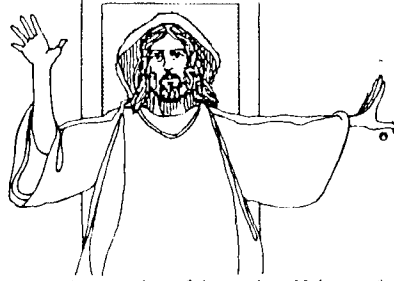
407 Water St., corner of Water & McKenzie, Rev. Mike Allen, pastor - Rev. Delbert Nixon, co-pastor, Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m., Evening service 6 p.m., Wed. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7 p.m.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

A Herald of Jesus' Birth

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass."

— Zechariah 9: 9



Perhaps no other prophet of the ancient Hebrews foresaw so accurately the coming of Jesus. His description of the Prince of Peace is echoed anew in the texts of the New Testament concerning the humble birth of the Son of God and His ultimate victory over the sins of mankind and the doubts of the unbelievers. Zechariah's was the wish for the hoped-for Messiah, the Redeemer. We can no more deny the truth of the oracle's vision than we can the truth of Jesus' ministry and the rejoicing we all feel as we approach that day on which we honor His birth. We do not have to wait as did Zechariah. The Messiah is with us now and always.

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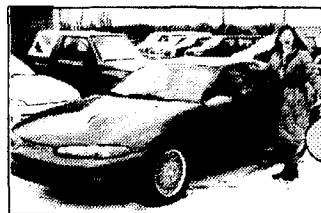
This presentation of the stable setting where Christ was born, donated by Lynne Carson, is part of the Jordan River Arts Council Fourth Annual Christmas Show, continuing through Fri., Dec. 17. The rotating theme of the exhibit this year features nativity scenes donated by local artists and art lovers.

Travel advisory network activated

Motorists traveling throughout Michigan this winter will again be as close as their car radios to receive the latest driving conditions. Beginning Nov. 7, the Michigan State Police Travel Advisory Network was activated. The network is a 24-hour road condition reporting service made available to Michigan broadcasters.

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EJ Red Devils start out red hot

BY S.F. PUCKETT
Sports Writer

East Jordan began its 1994-95 basketball season Dec. 6 by hosting and toasting the Onaway Cardinals, then hitting the road Friday to ramble over McBain.

Tuesday started slow, the Devils going down 6-0 right out of the scoring box. A quick recovery was guaranteed as a scrappy, tenacious defense chewed on the Cardinals of Onaway and spat a halftime lead, 40-31.

The defense did the trick for seven of the eight third-quarter minutes, allowing the Cardinals three late points to avoid a shutout. East Jordan cruised home with the win, 67-45.

Andrew Otis sighted in on the bucket for 17 points. Mike Newkirk had the radar ranged for 13, while Steve Wiltfong was on target with 10 for the Red Devils.

The JV Red Devils pulled out a thrilling 63-59 win, powered to victory by Andy Stefanie's 15 and ably assisted by Park Bluhm and his 12.

Friday was the road to revenge, as East Jordan went into the home of the team that stopped them in the regional finals last season: the McBain Ramblers.

McBain struck early for leads of 10-3 and 21-10, only to run into the Devils pressure. Six minutes later, half-time found the game tied at 31-31.

"We wore them down in the third quarter," explained coach Del Ingalls, his team popping up by eight at the quarter's end, extending that to 14 in the fourth. McBain made a last run to cut the lead to six with five minutes to go, but the pass-picking defense assured the Devils of a 16-point gap with two minutes left, winning, 71-64.

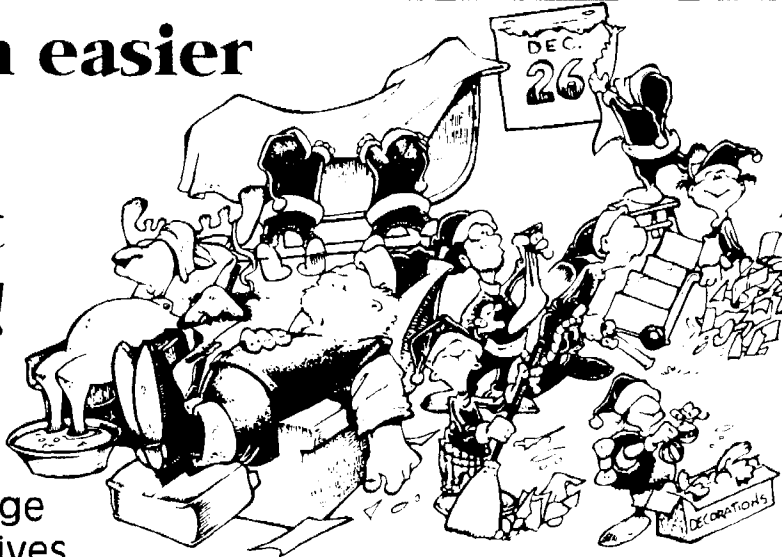
The Devils forced 23 steals. "It was a big win for us, coming at their place," added coach Ingalls.

Andrew Otis topped the charts again, with 17 points, eight assists and nine steals, missing the triple-double by sitting out the last four minutes. Taro Middaugh had 16

points, five steals and three assists. Mike Newkirk netted 15, five steals, three assists, and Steve Wiltfong stayed in the ink with 11 points, six rebounds.

The JV Red Devils weren't so lucky, falling 73-43 despite 18 from Park Bluhm and 11 from Dan Fick.

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what's cooking?

Christmas is a time for cherished memories, many of which are created in the kitchen.

Think back and remember those days of sitting at the kitchen counter waiting for Mom to take the next batch of Christmas cookies out of the oven. As soon as they were cooled enough to handle, you got the first taste. The smells and tastes of Christmas can be just as special as the sights and sounds.

Our local barber, Bruce Woodcock, keeps his Christmas memories alive by baking his mother's wonderful date cookies each year and sharing them with friends. If you aren't one of the lucky ones to have tasted Mrs.



Marie Woodcock

Woodcock's cookies before, Bruce is generously sharing the recipe with us. We hope new memories will be created in your kitchen this year.

Mrs. Woodcock's Date-filled Cookies

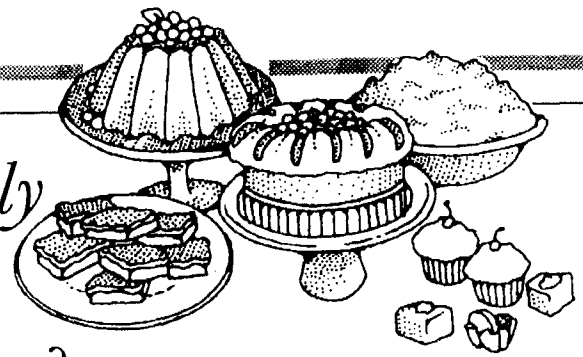
Cream 1 cup brown sugar with 1 1/3 cups shortening. Add 2 eggs, 1 or 2 tbsp. vanilla, a pinch of salt, 2/3 cup milk, about 6 cups of flour and 4 level tbsp. baking powder.

Roll thin and cut into rounds using a floured glass or cookie cutter. Place 1 tbsp. of date filling on cookie. Place another cookie round on top and press edges with the tines of a fork to seal.

Bake at 400° 10 to 12 minutes. Yields 3 dozen.

To make date filling, cut up a box of dates and place in a saucepan. Add 1/2 cup sugar and enough water to cover. Cook slowly until soft.

Is the family after you for gift ideas?



How about some new cookbooks? A cookbook is one of those gifts that keeps on giving as your family enjoys the wonderful meals you create using your gift.

We have some favorites in our collection that we hope you put on your list, including any of the Frugal Gourmet books. They are filled with entertaining stories and the recipes are easy to follow.

Every cook should have a Betty Crocker Cookbook for those times you need a reference book on cooking temperatures and times, or just a recipe for simple old-fashioned cherry pie.

There are two books we can't live without, and yes we did receive them as Christmas presents. They are written by the Junior League of Denver: *Creme de Colorado* and *Colorado Cache*. The recipes are fantastic - you have already seen several in this column. Any of these books can be purchased at your favorite book store, or ask them to order for you. There is still time. Happy cooking!

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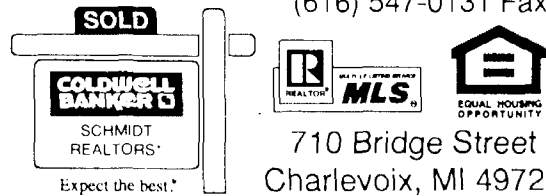
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL

The East Jordan City Council met in Regular Session, Tuesday, December 6, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. Minutes were approved and authorization was given to pay \$109,271.60 in bills as presented.

Further Council Action: passed a Resolution of Accounting order relative to Cable TV rates; received written plans from the DDA which will be addressed at the December 20, 1994 Council meeting; approved partial payment of \$25,217.38 to D'Angelo & Son for work on the 1994 sidewalk project; and appointed Tom Teske to a vacancy on the DDA Board.

A copy of the official minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours. Kathy O'Rear, CMC City Clerk

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jordan memories

From Looking around Jordan Township by Mrs. Vern Bundy (Rosalind Westcott) East Jordan News-Herald, Dec. 6, 1956

This story begins for us in 1884, when Lauchlin McClean, who lived on the crossroads east of East Jordan, was at long last able to welcome his relatives who had traveled all the long miles from Glasgow, Scotland to join him in this new country.

East Jordan at this time was embroiled in a bitter fight with Boyne City over the question of who should have the county seat, a battle that East Jordan lost the next summer, giving Boyne the honor; this honor they held for 13 years.

But if East Jordan was a lively little town with a fair population for that time, Antrim County, especially that part joining Charlevoix on the south could still be considered new territory, for although the homesteaders the William Jaquays had settled in the county 17 years before and a few had followed, settling in the valley region, they had to be pretty hardy souls, for there was still a good deal of big timber and the roads (so called) were more like cow trails, winding in and out among the trees so that when someone driving oxen and wagon attempted the steeper hills, they had to contend with an impending possibility of a tongue over tailgate misadventure.

This then was the country as John Craig, lately a railroad office employee of Glasgow, and his family, saw it when they arrived at the end of their journey.

They had started months before and luck had been with them, for the long Atlantic crossing had been made in only 11 days.

When John with his wife, Catherine McClean, and their five sons landed at Mt. Forest, Canada, winter was at hand and weather conditions were such that they decided to wait for spring before going farther, for the trip was much faster and easier in those days if made by water.

Early spring found them afloat again, sailing through the treacherous waters of the Great Lakes. Changing boats at Charlevoix they took to the inland water route and finally arrived in East Jordan.

After some time spent with Catherine Craig's brother, Lauchlin McClean, they decided to settle in Antrim County; and the final selection was a well situated place in Jordan Valley, on the section line with a small creek on it and good rich soil.

After clearing a small plot of land, Mr. Craig erected a small log house which was to shelter them for several years. Those years were not easy ones - farming is never easy, and to attempt to support a family of seven on a farm that was mostly virgin timber kept them working from daylight to dark every day.

By the early 1900's John Craig had doubled his acreage by adding another plot he had obtained through negotiation with a neighbor and had now 60 acres under cultivation and had his farm well stocked with sheep, cattle, hogs and horses; the latter being a specialty with him, for horses were at a premium at that time.

It was about time too that he homesteaded another 40-acre strip of swamp land, and from this strip he took logs for lumber to build a new and larger home. It was from here too that the eldest son Jack obtained lumber to build on his place, the farm he had bought joining his father's and on which he settled with his wife, Mabel Richard, whom he married in 1901.

These years were happy ones, but their happiness was not unmingled with sorrow for their second son, Angus, who was 23 years of age, in the prime of his life and the height of expectation, was fatally injured in a runaway accident; and a few years later James the fourth son also lost his life in a hunting accident. These were hard blows but somehow they held up with a true Scottish perseverance.

After a long and full life Catherine Craig passed away in 1915, and John followed only three years later, leaving three sons, Jack, Charlie and George.

Charlie and George stayed on the farm keeping up the house and tending the fields until 1942 when Charlie passed away, leaving George on the farm alone.

Jack who was living with his wife Mabel on the next farm, raised a fine family of three boys and three girls and when their children were raised and nearly all married they retired from the farm and moved into East Jordan where Jack enjoyed a few years of comparative leisure, especially enjoying getting with some other old-timers sharing a few good yarns.

After Mabel's death in 1942, Jack lived with his children until he joined her in 1953.

There is now only the youngest son George left to tell the tale of the first early years in America, but if you can get him to talk he could tell you many things about the old roads, old farms, and old neighbors - John Chatterton, Bill Webster, David Ranney and John Severance are a few real people to him and his stories include some of the teachers of those times too including Mary Rogers and Frank Porter.

George finally sold the home place but it will still be known as the old "Craig Place" to many people for many years.

Though tragedy found its mark in many of the Craig name, through Jack the name will be perpetuated for many years; his eldest son, James (deceased) who married Ruby Boyer (also deceased) has three boys as well as three daughters, and Jack Jr., married to Vermette

Faust, also had a son and a daughter. Besides these his daughter Elizabeth, Mrs. Clarence Morford, has children.

Gregory is now living in Saginaw with his wife Lucille Boyer, while Ruby who is now Mrs. B. Cihak and Flora who is widow as well as brother Jack are living in East Jordan and are a well-known part of the economical and social structure of the town.

This was the way they came to be here, yes, it started way back in 1884 with a spark of adventure in a Scottish heart and the raw courage start over.

death notice

Stella Kasiewicz

Stella Kasiewicz, 93, of Parma, Ohio, died Nov. 26, 1994, at Parma Community Hospital. She formerly lived in Ironton.

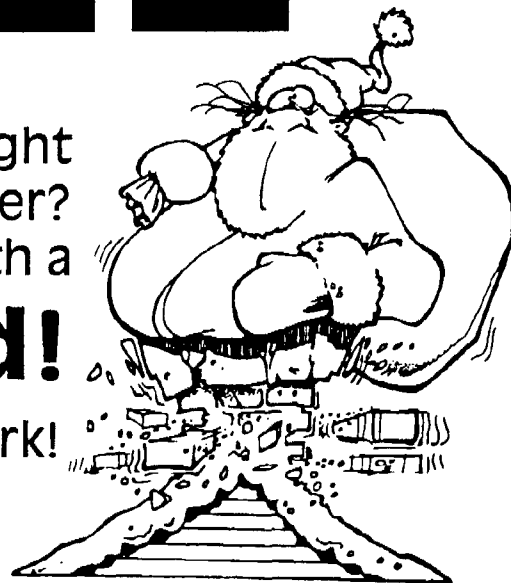
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Reappointments to review board cause furor

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"We finally get a board of review that's done something and everybody's complaining," Haney said. "If the board of review isn't allowed to do anything, what's the point in having one?"

"They correct mistakes — they do not reassess," township assessor John McDonald responded from the audience.

Though not familiar with the Jordan Township case specifically, a high-ranking official in the Michigan Tax Commission subsequently concurred with McDonald about review boards in general.

Roland Andersen, executive secretary of the Michigan Tax Commission and an administrator with the state Treasury Department's property tax division, said boards of review should have the same objectives as assessors and the MTC:

- property uniformity — making adjustments as necessary so that similar properties are assessed similarly.

- Making sure that assessments total 50 percent of the cash value of the land.

"If a board feels that taxes are too high, and it's their God-given duty to lower them, that is not right," he said.

Members lower their own rates

McDonald and other residents appeared particularly concerned that Falco, Drake and Nemecek all lowered assessments on their own property. Though each member abstained from voting on their individual assessment, the assessor and others consider that only a formality.

"I've been associated with boards of review for 20 years. This is the first time I've ever heard of any board lowering their own taxes," McDonald said.

"To have a large parcel of land, and go stand in the corner while your fellow members lower your taxes — I just don't think that's right," Blaha said.

Falco said review board members have the right to dispute their assessments like everyone else.

"If we feel ours deserves to be changed, what are we supposed to do?"

she asked.

McDonald said the state's decision to add a factor was proof that his assessments were accurate. Large tax bills have more to do with the size of the agricultural parcels than the assessment rate, he said.

"The agricultural classification hasn't increased anywhere near the rate of inflation," he said.

Reappointment a new practice?

Audience member Skip Osborne said he served on the board of review up until 1992, when the present board of Falco, Drake and Nemecek was appointed.

"When I said I was willing to serve another term, you told me no," he said to the township board. "You said it's a good idea to change boards every two years. Why are you going against that now?"

"I don't think they did anything intentionally wrong, and I would like to see them back on," Lercel said.

Tax tribunal to decide on some cuts

The MTC has filed complaints on 24 of the lowered assessments with another state agency, the Michigan Tax Tribunal, which adjudicates assessment appeals.

Assessment cuts cited in the MTC complaints to the tribunal include:

- a parcel owned by township supervisor Haney.
- land owned by Falco.
- two parcels owned by Nemecek.
- three parcels owned by Leona Stanek.

Norm Shinkle, chairman of the tax tribunal, said no date has been set for a hearing. More than 10,000 appeals were filed this year, he said.

"My guess is they won't be coming up for a few months," he said. However, he added, the cases may be expedited.

"We might give them special treatment because of the unique situation here," he said.

The tribunal could rule to reimpose the higher assessments on some or all of

the properties. Interest and penalties could also be added, Shinkle said.

"The state tax commission could request costs," he said. "If we ruled against the property owners, interest would be charged for sure."

Assessor: could have been worse

Though the state factor puts a financial strain on agricultural owners throughout the township, McDonald said things could have been much worse.

"The state tax tribunal considered

seizing the assessment rolls and ordering a reassessment," he said. "That would have cost the township \$20,000."

"We just missed having a factor applied to residential property, too. If that board does the same thing for another term or two, it will happen."

The township made a mistake in not installing an all-new review board, the assessor said.

"New people would do a better job," he said. "They couldn't do any worse."

A whole lot of lowering going on

Of the 50 people who appeared before or wrote to the Jordan Township Board of Review in 1994 requesting lower assessments, only one was turned down. Assessor John McDonald said the individual who was refused mistakenly thought assessments were supposed to be one-third of prop-

erty value instead of one half.

The three board of review members all had their own assessments lowered, as did three township board members, who voted to renominate two of the three review board members to new terms Nov. 28. They are:

Lawrence Nemecek, chairman, review board (renominated)
Assessments lowered: **\$15,600** (two parcels)

Sue Falco, review board member (renominated)
Assessments lowered: **\$9,500** (three parcels)

Doug Drake, review board member (term ends this year)
Assessment lowered: **\$1,200**

Leona Stanek, township clerk
Assessments lowered: **\$10,000** (two parcels)

Lucy Lercel, township trustee
Assessment lowered: **\$4,200**

Joe Haney, Sr., township supervisor
(cast tie-breaking vote to reappoint Falco and Nemecek)
Assessment lowered: **\$5,100**

How assessments are changed

continued from front

owners who did not go before the review board and get their assessment lowered.

"By lowering theirs, they raised assessments for people who didn't go to their meetings," he said.

Morris did not support putting Nemecek and Falco back to the review board.

"When you get into the problems we have this year, there's something wrong with our system," he said.

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