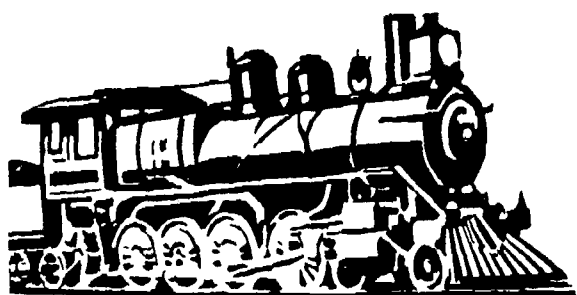


Weather

A week of cold temperatures and steady snow saw a total of 26 inches accumulate in the week from Feb. 6-13., bringing year-to-date totals to 105 inches. Some schools closed and many events were canceled as high winds complicated travel with blowing and drifting snow. Weekday highs in the low 20s are expected to climb by the end of the week,

possibly reaching the upper 30s. Some snow is predicted every day. LAST YEAR: A warming trend was predicted, with rain and temperatures as high as 40 degrees. The snowfall total by Feb. 14, 1994, was 149.5 inches.



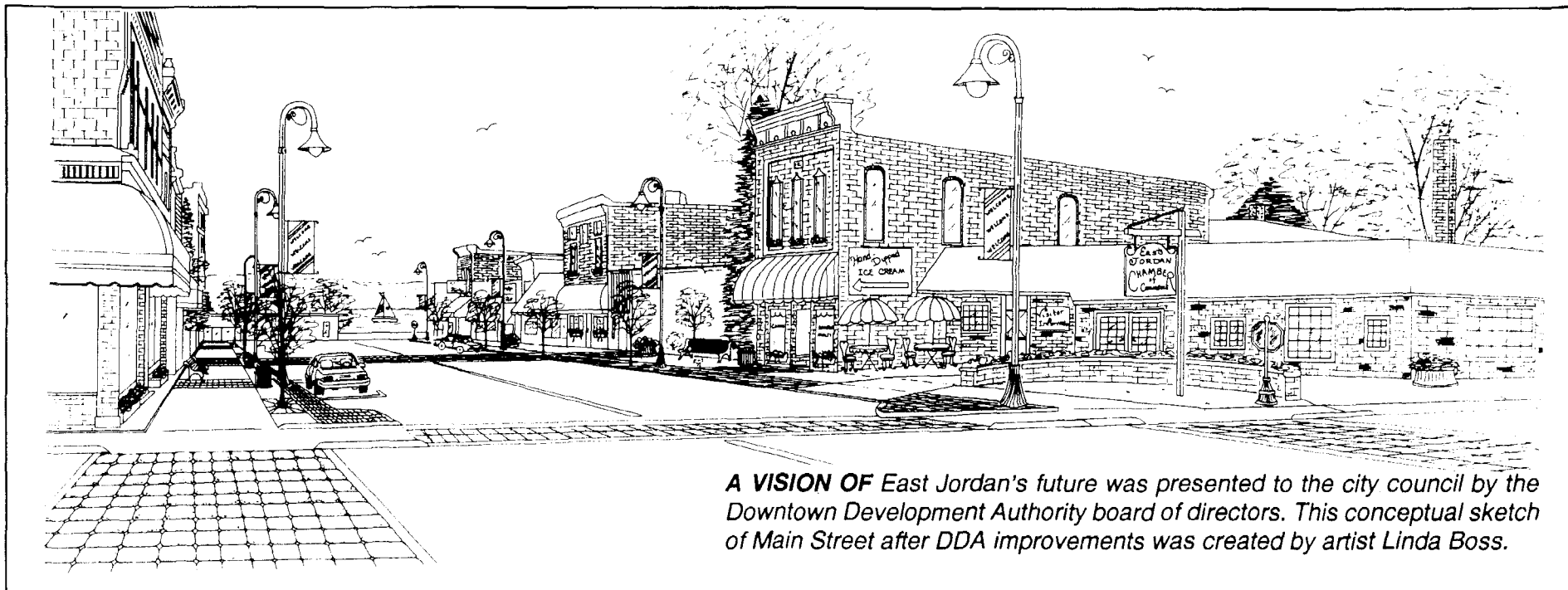
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A VISION OF East Jordan's future was presented to the city council by the Downtown Development Authority board of directors. This conceptual sketch of Main Street after DDA improvements was created by artist Linda Boss.

DDA presentation draws mixed response

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Journal Editor

After more than a year of research, brainstorming, bi-monthly meetings and discussion, the East Jordan Downtown Development Authority board of directors presented the city council with a plan for the future of commercial East Jordan.

The DDA action plan was presented to council Feb. 7 as a required step toward establishing a funding source, in accor-

dance with the Michigan statute governing DDAs. Richard Joseph, 1994 chairman of the DDA board, explained that members tried to present a broad-based plan, not specifics.

"We expect much discussion and revision in the plan," he told council and a large audience attending the meeting at the Civic Center. Joseph noted an infrastructure survey and an updated survey of DDA property SEVs still need to be completed. In the meantime the board hopes to pursue financ-

ing for the project.

The action plan is divided into three parts - streetscape, waterfront and the M-66/M-32 corridors. Guidelines for improvement are provided for each of the areas.

Some improvements are defined as first priority because of outside forces. For example, the county will be repaving Main Street some time in the next two years, so the DDA wants to have a design layout in place and infrastructure repairs completed

prior to the work.

"It doesn't make sense to build fancy sidewalks and then dig them up for new sewer lines," said Joseph. The DDA also hopes to accomplish the burial of all utility lines along main thoroughfares before other work.

Another early priority of the board is to hire a consultant who can help develop more specific recommendations.

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A charter for the future

The proposed city charter includes many changes, some minimal and some radical. Following are some details of those changes.

The present system:

- ◊ Mayor elected annually at large; has one vote on council; serves as representative of the city
- ◊ Three wards elect two council members each for 2-year terms
- ◊ Seven-member council (including the mayor) administers all departments; oversees policies and ordinances
- ◊ Each city resident has two representatives on council

The proposed system:

- ◊ Mayor elected annually from within council membership by council members at the first organizational meeting after general elections; has one vote on council; has no authority to sign binding contracts; serves as representative of the city
- ◊ All city voters elect seven council members for 4-year terms
- ◊ Seven member council oversees policies, ordinances and city manager
- ◊ City manager administers all departments; executes policy directions of council; keeps council advised
- ◊ Each city resident has seven representatives on council

The transition:

- ◊ The present mayoral term ends January, 1996, with November, 1995 election of mayor eliminated. Instead a fourth council member will be elected.
- ◊ The three council members elected in November, 1993 face re-election in November, 1995. The present terms end Jan. 1, 1996.
- ◊ The three council members elected in November, 1994 face re-election in November, 1996. The present terms end Jan. 1, 1997.
- ◊ The three council members elected in November, 1996 will have a one time only 5-year term, and face re-election in November, 2001.

Proposed city charter presented to council

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
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In April, 1993, the East Jordan City Council adopted a resolution to seek a new charter for the city. In November that same year

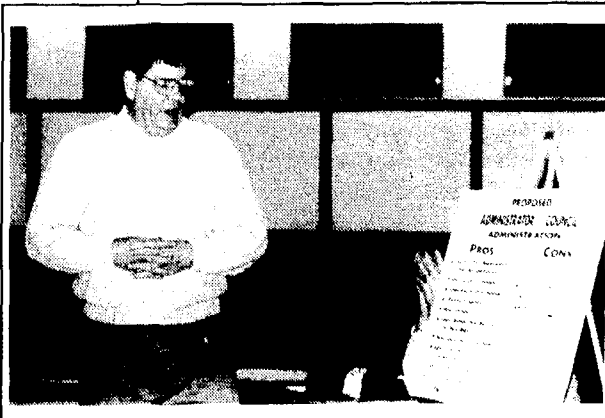
council learned the time was right, as voters approved the idea and elected a nine-member charter commission to do the job.

The commission, led by chairman Tom Sheridan, delved into the task, meeting weekly through most of the 16 months since then. Through study of the present charter and related literature, research of other city charters, and advice from the Michigan Municipal League as well as a legal consultant, the group developed the document they will ask voters to approve on Mon., April 24.

In a presentation to council Feb. 7, Sheridan and other commission members outlined the major changes the document will incorporate. The proposed city manager form of government will eliminate what the commission views as a major flaw of the present system - the lack of clear-cut lines of authority.

"The proposed government will take the council form of administration," said Sheridan. He said that many business organizations, as well as modern city governments are based on the same model. In

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CHARTER COMMISSION chairman Tom Sheridan presents components of the proposed city charter at a meeting of the East Jordan City Council, Feb. 7.

Proposed city charter presented to council

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Michigan, only two other communities still have governments similar to East Jordan's present structure.

"The city administrator will be the 'problem filter'" said Sheridan. "And council will have time for policy-making."

While the proposed charter broadly stipulates the responsibilities of the administrator position, the council will have flexibility in the supervision of the administrator and will make all decisions defining contractual arrangements.

Although Sheridan admitted that some people may perceive the manager-style government to be more expensive, long-range savings because of more efficient operation of the city, as well as grant-writing expertise may actually save costs.

Action plans are already in place if the election is successful. A schedule has been devised for rotating council seats during the transition (see box on front). City clerk Kathy O'Rear said nominating petitions for four council seats will be available the day after the charter election, if it succeeds.

A one time five-year council term was built in because the commission felt the city would be best served with a relatively consistent council during transition years.

"The council will be required to re-write large amounts of ordinances (to come into compliance with the new charter)," explained Sheridan. "We want to give them time." The charter commission will lead work sessions with the council to explain the details of the new system.

The new charter features a fail-safe mea-

sure that will relieve future city governments from the problems of working with an out-dated document - the requirement for a 10-year review process. Every decade, beginning in 2006, the council will be obligated to appoint a charter review committee.

If the charter fails, Sheridan said the commission will try again. A three-year commitment of members to the commission does not end until 1997.

But Sheridan obviously hopes the charter will pass. He emphasized commission members are open to all comments and feedback and are available to speak to groups and organizations to answer questions or concerns.

Copies of the proposed charter are now available at City Hall. The entire document will be published in the *East Jordan Journal* in the weeks preceding a public hearing, to be scheduled as soon as the document is approved by the governor's office.

Charter commission members are Sheridan, Dorothy Archer, Ray Fisher, Joe Hammond, Dennis Jason, Jeanette Norton, Harry Pearsall, Connie Roberts, and Jack Vincent.

A public information meeting on the new charter is planned for Mon., Feb. 20, at 7 p.m., in the community room of the Jordan Valley District Library.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this opportunity to meet with commission members and learn about the proposed charter. Refreshments will be served and RSVP's are appreciated by Fri., Feb. 17, at 536-7351.

Baiting big topic at DNR hunting forums

The Department of Natural Resources is conducting six statewide citizen input meetings on various issues related to deer hunting in Michigan.

Meetings will be held in northern Michigan at two locations:

■ Cheboygan: National Guard Armory, 610 Cuyler Street, Tues., Feb. 28.

■ Acme: Grand Traverse Resort, Blossom Room, US-31 North, Wed., March 1.

"We especially want to hear from Michigan sportsmen and women on whether they think hunting deer over bait should continue as it exists today, whether some restrictions or limitations should be imposed, or whether the practice should be eliminated," said DNR Director Roland Harmes.

The forums won't be limited to the baiting issue, however, Harmes emphasized. "Citizens may discuss any aspects of deer hunting," he said.

All meetings will run from 3-5 p.m., and 6-10 p.m. Those attending the forums will be asked to fill out a card expressing their opinion on whether baiting should be left as is, limited or eliminated. Anyone wishing



to verbally express their opinions can do so for between three and five minutes, depending on the number of people desiring to speak.

Comments can also be made in writing to: Michigan DNR, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909.

No decision will be made on the baiting issue until all public meetings have concluded. Should any changes be made in current regulations, the effective date would be no sooner than the 1996 deer hunting season.

"Those of us who enjoy deer hunting need to listen to each other and, together, determine appropriate actions to address some controversial issues facing us," said Harmes. "That's what these meetings are all about."

Thieves caught with victim's help

Two Boyne City men were arrested by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department after stealing a 1990 Yamaha Phaser snowmobile from the yard of an East Jordan resident.

David Lee Smith, the owner of the snowmobile, heard noises outside his window at approximately 1 a.m., Feb. 1, then heard his

machine start up. He watched the perpetrators drive away, then got on another snowmobile and followed them about seven miles until they ran into some trees. Sheriff officers then tracked the suspects on foot to a Pleasant Valley residence in Boyne City where they were apprehended.

The sheriff's department was assisted by the Boyne City Police Department.

Letter policy

Letters to the editor on upcoming elections will be considered for publication until 4 p.m., three Fridays prior to the actual election day. In the case of the upcoming school bond election, the deadline is **Fri., March 3.**

In the case of the city charter election, the deadline is **Fri., April 7.**

This newspaper reserves the right to edit or reject any letter to meet space requirements, for clarity, or to avoid obscenity, libel, or invasion of privacy.

All letters must include the handwritten signature of the writer, address and daytime phone number.

Community foundation invites grant requests

Schools, local municipalities, and non-profit organizations seeking financial support for programs are invited to submit a request to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. During the next two months, the foundation and its Youth Advisory Committee will review funding applications, making grants to the tune of several thousand dollars later this spring.

Deadline for grant requests to the Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee is March 31. The youth group, made up of teens from each of the high schools in Charlevoix County, will fund programs and projects aimed specifically at helping young people.

Special consideration is given to proposals that address those issues identified as "high priority" by the teen group's peer survey: Alcohol and drug abuse, drunk driving, child abuse, teen pregnancy, juvenile crime, environmental concerns, and the need for more recreational activities. Applicants should be nonprofit groups, educational institutions, or municipal programs that serve children and teens in Charlevoix County.

The foundation will also accept funding requests for a broader range of community

projects through April 30. To be considered for general funds, a proposed project should promote and support education, community development, health, the arts and culture, social service programs, or civic improvement.

Foundation representatives are happy to provide advice and direction to those organizations wishing to apply for funds. Grant seekers are asked to call the office of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at 616-536-2440 for information or to obtain a grant application.

The Community foundation was started in 1992 by a group of civic leaders from throughout the county. The charitable organization receives donations, manages them in a permanent endowment, and uses investment income to meet a variety of local needs. In the past 18 months, the foundation has granted nearly \$100,000 to fund special programs and scholarships in the area.

More information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and its grantmaking activities is available by calling the office, or writing c/o P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Evaluation of DNR sought

State Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township) has released a form on which the public can evaluate the performance of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "This form was developed to help improve the services the DNR offers to the public. The idea is to identify what the DNR is doing right so it can be continued, and to identify what is not working so it can be corrected," Bennett said.

The senator developed the form after having several discussions with people on their experiences with the DNR.

"By having factual information, with dates and names of people, this data can be

used to solve common problems in the system," he said. "And just as important, the information can be used to identify positive aspects of the DNR so these practices can be continued and perhaps expanded."

Although he will serve as the point person on compiling information from the form, Bennett intends to distribute requests for independent action to the constituent's appropriate senator.

For a copy of the form, write to Senator Loren Bennett, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536.

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Prosecutor's office gets grant for inter-agency connection

Richard W. May, Charlevoix County Prosecutor, announced the county prosecutor's office has been awarded a federal grant to develop an integrated criminal justice system for Charlevoix County. The total cost for the project is \$28,100, of which the federal government will pay \$21,075, with county and local agencies paying \$6,925.

Currently, for any arrest

in Charlevoix County five different agencies must review, process and input the same data from the police incident report to sentencing.

In Charlevoix County the sheriff's department, prosecutor, and courts are all located in different buildings and locations. The police agencies are located throughout the county. Each agency uses different com-

puters or software. The paper transportation of information and multiple entry of data into each agency's computer results in delay and inefficient use of public employees.

Grant monies will be used to purchase the necessary hardware components and software to provide the necessary connection and interfaces to link all criminal justice agencies in

Charlevoix County including police agencies, state police, sheriff's department, prosecutor, district court, circuit court, and probation departments.

A common criminal justice database will be created which will provide the information needed by each respective agency 24 hours a day. Information will be shared from the local police agency's original incident

report through the cases, sentencing, and finally transferring the sentencing information to the state L.I.E.N. system.

The benefits to Charlevoix County criminal justice agencies include:

- Improved staff productivity by providing single date entry by the agency originating the information.
- Reduce the delays and number of inaccuracies by

reducing the number of times the information has to be repeated.

- Reduce time to create and transfer paper records between police, prosecutor's office, and the courts.

- Increase accuracy and timeliness of criminal history information submitted to the State Police L.I.E.N. computer.

- Make dates that the court has scheduled cases immediately available to the prosecutor and police agencies.

- Create an E-Mail system to send messages electronically between all criminal justice agencies.

- Faster processing of criminal cases.

Ice shanty break-in

An East Jordan man reported Feb. 5 his ice shanty on Ellsworth Lake had been broken into sometime after Feb. 3. The man told the Antrim County Sheriff Department the lock had been pried off the door and a propane tank, rods and reels, a lantern, and a radio were taken. The items were valued at about \$295.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to call the Antrim County Sheriff Department at (616)533-8627.

EJPD weekly report

February 2

Two subjects were arrested by the East Jordan Police Department for their involvement in a breaking and entering.

One adult and one juvenile are accused of unlawfully entering the Anderson residence on Main Street, which was unoccupied at the time. The suspects' names are being withheld pending arraignment in the 90th District Court.

February 3

Two cars were damaged at the intersection of Third and Mill streets when a 1988 Ford driven by Jennifer Pinney was struck from behind by a 1988 Chevy pickup driven by Michael Bos.

Pinney was stopped at the intersection when Bos, driving west on Mill Street, slid and struck her vehicle because of the icy road conditions.

February 5

A Boyne City man was hospitalized because of injuries received while making a U-turn on South Lake Street near Water Street.

Tracey Segraves was traveling south on Lake when he turned his 1990 Ford in front of a 1983 Pontiac driven by Steven Ingersoll, who was traveling north. Ingersoll was unable to stop in time to avoid striking the Segraves vehicle.

Segraves was transported by East Jordan Ambulance to Charlevoix Area Hospital, treated and released Feb. 7.

February 7

A 1977 GMC pickup driven by Mark Stevens was damaged when Stevens left the roadway near Mill and Third streets, hit a snow bank and collided with a utility pole. Weather conditions were a factor in the accident.

Bus vandalism may become felony under new legislation

Individuals creating a safety hazard by damaging or destroying a school bus would face felony penalties under legislation approved Feb. 7 by the Michigan House.

"Such vandalism endangers lives and cannot be tolerated," said state Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, sponsor of the bill. "Tampering can cause tragedies and leave school districts with costly repairs and interruptions in service."

Under House Bill 4155, anyone convicted could face a maximum of five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

The legislation is supported by Michigan law enforcement officials. "Endangering the life of a child is a despicable act, and this bill would appropriately create felony status for such a crime," said Rick L. Boyd, executive director of the Michigan Sheriffs Association.

David R. Sabin, assistant prosecuting attorney for Crawford County, urged Lowe to introduce the bill after an incident at Grayling High School in November, 1993. Two Grayling

High students were convicted in January, 1994, of damaging the brake lines and flattening the tires of 10 vehicles in the Crawford-AuSable Schools bus garage. The episode closed classes for a day and resulted in more than \$2,500 in damages. Sabin said the young men were expelled from school and ordered to perform 250 hours of community service while on circuit court probation.

"The legislation provides the public, through its law enforcement agencies, a much more realistic response to the problem," Sabin said. "Certainly the potential catastrophe of a vandalized school bus warrants the same type of sanctions as that of a crime being committed with a firearm."

Lowe, a member of the House Judiciary and Civil Rights Committee, agrees with Sabin that the law should be changed to reflect the possible harm of such action.

"I hope this legislation will raise awareness and result in more appropriate penalties. While there were

no fatalities in the Grayling case, it serves as a warning," he said.

"It's crucial that we deter others from this deplorable conduct. Considering the consequences of bus tampering, we must send a message that such behavior is unacceptable and violators will be dealt with harshly."

The bill goes to the Senate for further consideration.

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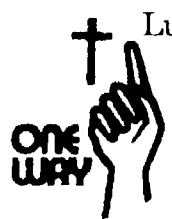
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Garden club to meet

The East Jordan Garden Club will meet on Mon., Feb. 20 for a Valentine get-together with games, dessert and a silent auction.

The group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the community room of the Jordan Valley District Library.

Welcome to Fiddler's Jamboree

Bring your fiddle or other non-electrified musical instruments and join in the Michigan Fiddler's Association annual East Jordan Jamboree, all day Sat., March 4.

This year's event will be at the Jordan Valley Express on M-66, a new and much larger space with 10,000 feet of dance floor.

If you don't play, just come and dance. If you don't dance, just come to watch and listen! The Jamboree is scheduled for from 1-5 p.m., while the old-fashioned square dancing will begin at 7 p.m. Callers are welcome.

Organizer Gary Stutzman said that some 50-60 fiddlers of all ages are expected to play at both the afternoon show and the evening dance. Students of East Jordan violin teacher Krista Knight will be featured at 3 p.m.

Refreshments and food will be available on site. Donations are accepted at the door. For more information, contact Gary Stutzman at (616)547-1311 or the Jordan Valley Express.

Winter activities at Grass River

This week at Antrim County's Grass River Natural Area, visitors will find fresh snow for cross country skiing or snowshoeing, abundant animal tracks, and hardy winter birds. The nature trails loop through upland and lowland forests, and pass along the banks of the Grass River, affording great views of the swans, golden eyes, loons, and eagles that winter along the open water.

On Sat., Feb. 25, GRNA volunteer presenter Linda Gallagher will share her expertise and experiences feeding and studying wild turkeys. The 10 a.m. class is open to the public for \$5/\$8 (GRNA member/non-member) and will provide insight to turkey reintroduction, flocking behavior and the feeding program of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The Grass River Natural Area is open every day from dawn to dusk and is located four miles north of Alden on C-618. Call (616) 533-8314 for reservations, event schedules or membership information.

Dairy farmers may apply for refund program

Dairy farmers in 1994 who did not exceed their 1993 milk marketing levels may be due a refund of the reduction in their milk sales proceeds.

Requests for funds must be made in county Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSAs) offices across Michigan before March 15, 1995.

The reduced purchase prices for milk were initiated in the 1990 Food Security Act, and were intended to reduce the overall supply of milk in the marketplace.

Producers who do reduce their sales of milk in any calendar year, as compared to the previous year are due a refund of the difference between the lower sales price and what they actually could have received.

For more details on this and other CFSAs programs, contact your local CFSAs County Office.

Farm policy options to be discussed

Michigan led all states in the Great Lakes region in farmland loss from 1954 to 1992. During that time 6.4 million acres have been lost. At present about 10 acres of farmland are being converted to non-ag uses every hour in Michigan.

The Grand Traverse region was singled out as a special area of emphasis in the recently-released Farmland and Agriculture Development Task Force report to Governor Engler. The report noted that Antrim and Benzie counties experienced a 17-and 20-percent reduction respectively in cropland from 1982 to 1992 is among the biggest percentage losses in the state.

The task force report was released in December, and notes several policy recommendations and options for the public to slow the trend of ag land conversion.

"These recommendations were guided by two cornerstone principles - protecting private property rights and protecting agricultural land," noted Senator Bill Schuette, Task Force Chairman.

Governor Engler noted that there is a need to take aggressive action to protect the state's agricultural land base and its \$37 billion annual contribution to the state's economy.

Among the recommendations:

- Voluntarily establish Agricultural Security Areas at the township level, and provide incentives for landowners to keep their land in production, while also strengthening Michigan's Right-to-Farm Act.

- Base property taxation on farmland on its agricultural use, rather than development use or potential for development.

- Amend the Subdivision Control Act, to prevent the creation of small acreage lots that waste productive farmland.

These and other suggestions are the subject of a meeting scheduled for Fri., Feb. 17, at Oleson Center, Northwestern Michigan College, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Task force coordinator, Dr. David Skjaerlund, principle author of the report, will present the task force findings and recommendations.

Other speakers are Senator George A. McManus, Jr., and Don Nugent, Benzie County fruit grower, processor, and member of the task force. Tim Dolehanty, President of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials and Leelanau County Planner, will present information from the MSPO's Trend Future project.

Rod Cortright, MSU Extension, will present a regional perspective regarding farmland conversion.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. Additional information may be obtained at local MSU Extension offices or by calling (616) 533-8818.

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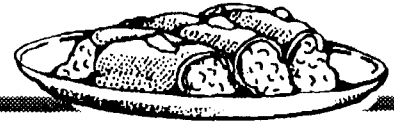
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what's cooking?



We happen to know there are a lot of men who really enjoy cooking, so we will feature a few recipes with you fellows in mind. (Ladies, if you can't get a man to make this for you, don't hesitate to give it a try yourself!)

This week's recipe was placed in our own "Cookbook Hall of Fame" after the first try. It is a great choice for a lazy day brunch when you have a little extra time. After the first bite you will probably agree that beer is the drink of choice with

Tulsa Eggs

- 1 1/2 lb. pork steak, trimmed - 1 tsp. vegetable oil
- 1 medium potato, peeled and cubed
- 1 medium onion, chopped - 1 clove garlic, minced

- 1/2 medium-size green pepper, cut into strips
- 1 (10 oz.) can tomatoes with green chilies, chopped
- 1 beef-flavored bouillon cube
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin - 1/4 tsp. red pepper
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper - 1/4 tsp. salt
- 4 eggs - 1/2 c. (2 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese
- 4 crisp corn tortillas - Parsley
- Sliced tomatoes (optional - but suggested)

Cut pork steak into 1/2-inch cubes. Heat oil in a large skillet; saute pork over medium heat about 1 minute. Add potatoes, onion, garlic and green pepper; cook 3 to 4 minutes. Add tomatoes, bouillon, cumin, red pepper, black

pepper and salt; stir well.

Cover and cook over low heat 30 minutes or until potatoes are tender, stirring occasionally.

Make four indentations with a big spoon in cooked mixture; break an egg into each. Bake, uncovered at 350° for 10 to 12 minutes, depending on how you like your eggs cooked.

Remove from oven and sprinkle Cheddar cheese over mixture, (we actually like to use a combo of Cheddar and Mozzarella. Cover and let stand 5 minutes.

Heat tortillas according to package directions. Spoon egg mixture over hot tortillas. Garnish with parsley. Serve with sliced tomatoes if desired. Yield: 4 servings.

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Derenzy - Brockman united in marriage

Willa Francine Derenzy and Jerry Richard Brockman were united in marriage on July 16, 1994 at the Missionary Church in East Jordan by Dave Scott, pastor of the Pleasant Valley Free Methodist Church.

The parents of the bride are William and Evelyn Derenzy, of Central Lake. The grandparents of the bride are Clifford and Margaret Derenzy of East Jordan.

The parents of the groom are William and Patricia Brockman of Petaluma, Cal. Other family members attending from California: Jim Brockman, brother of the groom; Jennifer Girdler, sister of the groom; and Jessica Brockman-Girdler, niece of the groom.

Bridal attendants were: Chris Childress, best man and friend of the groom; groomsmen Todd Derenzy, brother of the bride; and Cain Derenzy, brother of the bride.

The bride wore a beautiful antique-looking, candlelight-colored dress. The bridal bouquet was made with carnation roses and freesia. The bridesmaids wore tea-length magenta dresses. The flower girl wore a tea



Willa and Jerry Brockman

length, candlelight-colored dress.

The newlyweds traveled to Jamaica for their honeymoon and now make their home in Grandville.

book nook

The Body Farm

By Patricia Cornwell

The writer of this book is a pathologist, as is her main character Dr. Kay Scarpetta. The story begins with a missing 11-year-old girl named Emily.

There are some points in the abduction of Emily, her death, and the condition of her body which seem to indicate the involvement of a known "serial killer". Scarpetta is joined by the FBI and a policeman friend in searching out the solution. The FBI is given a more friendly description than generally found in the media today.

A mysterious mark on Emily's body is thoroughly investigated by Scarpetta and eventually leads to the rather horrifying solution to the crime.

Cornwell has previously written three other mysteries featuring Scarpetta. This book goes more into the private life of the heroine and makes her seem more real. I have read all four of the novels and found them interesting. I look forward to Cornwell's next volume.

If you don't like vivid descriptions of autopsies and dead bodies, don't read these books. However, the scenes are extremely necessary to the stories.

The Body Farm has been on the best seller list and can be found in the new book section at the Jordan Valley District Library. Other Cornwell books found in the fiction section: *Postmortem* (1990); *All That Remains* (1992); and *Cruel and Unusual* (1993).

Bob Herbon
Library patron

Quoteables

After I'm dead I'd rather have people ask why I have no monument than why I have one. Cato the Elder (234-149 B.C.)

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— Matthew 13



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Berthe and Jacob Wagbo

Striving for connections — Wagbo Peace Center



THE THREE Wagbo sisters pose in front of the farmhouse many years ago, with the Jordan River Valley behind them. They are (from left): Martha, Olga, and Anne.

PROPRIETORS of the Wagbo Peace Center, Rick and Tracy Meisterheim have ambitious goals for the Wagbo family farm on M-66, south of East Jordan.

Norwegians planted seeds for the future

A century and a decade ago, stories of the huge tracts of lands ready for lumbering attracted young men to this area for jobs. The men came from many countries and often sought to settle where they could find people of their homeland near by.

Thus, when one Norwegian pioneer — Henry Waagbo, decided to homestead near East Jordan in about 1883, other Norwegians soon followed and a community was born. By 1905 the settlement supported the Evangelical Lutheran church in East Jordan with services in the Norwegian tongue.

Henry ventured here from Northport, the center of another Norwegian community. After a series of family tragedies, Henry's nephew Jacob followed to live on the original Waagbo homestead (the acreage was near the termination of the present Norwegian Rd.) while he cleared trees off land he had purchased nearby.

In the fall of 1906, Jacob and his Norwegian wife Berthe moved into a log house on their own property, just inside Echo Township. In 1912, the couple moved into a new frame house near the highway.

In 1933, the house burned. The couple, by then with three daughters, moved a house they had built in town from its place on Erie Street to the foundation of the burned building. That house, occupied again after a few years of silence, is now the foundation of the Wagbo Peace Center.

Big change for '95 farm programs

Farm programs have a new requirement this year. Farmers may not earn crop program benefits without crop insurance.

Beginning with this year's crops, farmers must purchase at least the minimal, or lowest, level of crop insurance to be eligible for benefits from programs run by the former ASCS, or Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The new law also changed the name ASCS to CFSA, which stands for Consolidated Farm Service Agency. ASCS merged with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation also, which means that you can buy minimum crop insurance, or catastrophic crop insurance, from the new CFSA or from a private insurance agency, who can also provide additional coverage that is higher than the minimum.

Insurable crops in Charlevoix County include: Corn, Wheat, Barley, and Oats. The sales closing date for crop insurance is March 15. Call the applicable county office for more information.

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BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Journal Editor

Anne, Martha and Olga Marie Wagbo were the well-educated, career-oriented daughters of one of East Jordan's Norwegian pioneers, Jacob Wagbo. They never married, and two went off to live in cities like Chicago and Grand Rapids for most of their lives, while Anne, the eldest, stayed in East Jordan, helping with the family farm and caring for her aging parents.

The three sisters were very close despite the distances that separated them. They corresponded regularly and made decisions concerning the management of the property only after consulting each other.

After Anne's death, Olga and Martha held on to the farm, 212 acres bordering M-66, including parts of Hagsback Hill, and the original Norwegian homesteader Henry Waagbo's (Jacob's uncle) property. They lived there off and on, and added improvements to their old family home.

In 1989, after Olga's death, Martha arranged in her will to leave the farm and acreage in trust to the Institute for Global Education in Grand Rapids, an organization to which they both had been long-time members. It was the sisters' wish that their home be used as a place for education and calm reflection on issues of peace, justice, non-violent conflict resolution and responsible care of the environment.

Thus Wagbo Peace Center was born, and the IGE began the search for administrators for the program.

To Tracy and Rick Meisterheim, it seems as though all their previous experiences led them to become the proprietors of just this sort of establishment. As members of the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom, they definitely had the right attitude.

But how many couples could encompass the necessary qualities and skills to: operate an organic farm through the principals of sustainable agriculture; build and repair structures; practice responsible forestry; manage a sugar bush; conduct job skill training; develop cross-cultural programs for third world development; teach the skills of peaceful interaction; teach outdoor appreciation and sensitivity to the environment.

It is an imposing job description, but Tracy, with her degrees and experiences in recreational administration and psychology, and Rick, with his



mixed background in outdoor education, forestry, carpentry, music and farming fit the bill.

Tracy explained that she and Rick had been trying to build the same type of program on their own, most recently in the Wolverine area. But they had no home base to build on, and no reliable source of funding.

They were recommended to the IGE by friends in the Little Traverse League. A year ago in October they moved into the old house and rolled up their sleeves.

"Our immediate need was to get the sugar shed built," said Rick. With the Wagbo estate in trust, only the interest was available to the Meisterheims, providing their only source of income.

With a mature sugar bush in place, maple syrup was the quickest, most obvious means to an income.

"It provided enough income for us to stay in the house," said Tracy. They tapped 1,200 trees last year, and syrup sales helped them upgrade to 2,000 taps for this coming spring. They also established a pumping system that collects the sap and pipes it to the sugar shed, making the job much less labor intensive.

As proprietors, the Meisterheims took on the responsibility to make the

farm self-sustaining. They worked extensively at preparing a portion of the estate for future farming and pasture. Drainage and access roads were repaired. The barn, built early in the century, also needed major restoration. Now it once again houses working draft horses as it did back then.

The house, too, needed work, including insulation and repairs.

The couple, energetic and motivated as they are, could not have accomplished so much alone. Yet, Tracy said, they hardly had to ask for help. Many groups, hearing about the work at the center, have volunteered work bee days, helping the Meisterheims with a great deal of the physical improvement of the estate.

But physical work is not all the couple have accomplished. They were approached by the Antrim County Probate Court soon after they arrived to provide foster care for some troubled youths.

"We opened the door," said Rick, "And the need has come to us."

They work with small groups as well as individuals from court referrals and from Mioheyyun Center in Mancelona, in both farming apprenticeships and outdoor experiences.

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bowling scores

GENINI LAKES		Most pins over average	
Jordan Valley Ladies 1-31-95		M Wilson 78	B Diller 69
Evelyn's Tax 90.5	59.	Gemini Couples	
UAW 1503 89.5	60.5	2-4-95	
Thomas Well 81	69	Alley Oops 10	6
Route 66 72	78	Unicorns 10	6
Ins. Shop 71.5	78.5	Misfits III 10	6
Lumberjack 45.5	104.5	EJ Jokers 8	8
Individual high scores		Log Splitters 7	9
P Bowerman 191		Pin Busters 3	13
D Graham 480	184	D Meichert 200	560
D Iverson 471	170	Odd Couples	
P Graham 171		2-5-95	
K Thomas 170		Road Runners 24.5	15.5
Team high scores		Knock Outs 24	16
Evelyn's Tax 1056	2947	Diamond Str. 21.5	18.5
Thomas Well 1015	2891	B & G 21	19
Splits converted		Strike Force 20	20
J Elben 3-7-10		MIAS 9	31
K Stark 3-10		Weekly high scores	
E Prause 3-10		G Burt 207	536
I Doughery 5-6		B Ford 206	516
T Ross 4-5		E Germain 204	514
P Bowerman 2-7 & 3-10		Foundry A.M.	
EJ Ladies League		2-6-95	
2-1-95		Misfits 92	58
Unlim. Prod. 116.5	63.5	Hooters 87	63
Kent Ferns Tax 98	82	North Grink 81.5	68.5
Jim-n-I 96	84	Foundry Rats 78.5	71.5
Dura Mech. 90.5	89.5	New Guys 75	75
J & J Auto 81	99	Cannon Ballers 36	114
Gemini Lanes 53	127	Weekly high scores	
Weekly high scores		B Midgett 214	595
R Fisher 551		B German 534	
Early Birds League		B Manuszak 510	
2-2-95		N Howard 506	
Behling Con. 111		Foundry P.M. - 2-6-95	
Kent Snow 91	59	Spoilers 126	54
Gemini Lanes 74	76	Double Trouble 91	89
Er's Weld. 66	84	Generics 84	96
Misfits 60	90	Mullers 83	97
Korthase Ins 48	102	Basics 81.5	98.5
Young and Old - 2-2-95		Hard Core 74.5	105.5
Pinheads 44		Weekly high scores	
Bushwackers 43	17	A Cosier 217	568
Double Troub. 41	19	S Leaman 208	555
Reid & Kitson 35	25	P Bennett 215	553
Pennington 35	25	A Gasco 206	536
Side Swipers 31	29	D Boseley 525	
Strikers 29	31	M Spence 511	
Night Mares 28	32	Coffee Cup League	
Dragons 26	34	2-7-95	
Killer Bees 26	34	Over Rainbow 20	8
Me an' Mom 19	41	Round Table 18.5	9.5
Weekly high scores		Petrie Con. 14	14
T Hammond 547		FMB Northwest. 11	17
K Stephens 517		Coolman Exc. 11	17
M Reed 505		Charlevoix Prop 9.5	18.5
Most pins over average		EJ Seniors - 2-8-95	
M Derenzy 28		Live Wires 13	7
B Reed 68		Jim's Dandies 12	8
Red Devil League - 2-4-95		Hayden's Hang. 10	10
Strike Force 37	19	Lazy Five 10	10
Untouchables 36	20	Hungry Five 9	11
3 Woman, Man 28	28	Bob's Gang 6	14
Xs and Os 26	30	Weekly high scores	
Pinheads 17	39	C Hyrman 543	
Team #2 17	39	Jim Bennett 530	
Most pins over average		D Hayden 501	
S Sweet 67		Happy Hour League	
B Reed 62		2-8-95	
JV Youth League 2-4-95		Northland Septic 147.5	62.5
Team #4 29	15	Darlene's Res 136.5	73.5
Team #6 26	18	Family Tree 108.5	101.5
Team #4 24	20	SJC Sales 90.5	119.5
Tootie Pops 22	22	Round Table 87	123
Lucky Seven 16	28	Carey's Mkt 60	150
Just Us Girls 15	29	Weekly high scores	

B Cihak 207	546
EJ Ladies League	
2-8-95	
Unlimited Prod 134.5	75.5
Jim-n-I 122	88
Aunt Fern's Tax 117	93
Dura Mech. 94.5	115.5
J&J Auto 92	118
Gemini Lanes 65	145
Early Birds League	
2-9-95	
Behling Cons. 137	43
Kent Snow 111	69
Gemini Lanes 78	102
Korthase Ins. 74	106
Er's Welding 70	110
Misfits 70	110
Weekly high scores	
P Hoogerhyde 203	578
S Mayhew 206	523
Young and Old	
2-9-95	
Pinheads 45	19
Bushwackers 44	20
Double Trouble 43	21
Reid & Kitson 38	26
Pennington 38	26
Side Swipers 35	29
Night Mares 29	35
Strikers 29	35
Killer Bees 28	36
Dragons 26	38
Me an' Mom 22	42
Weekly high scores	
K Stephens 533	
M Reed 529	
R Kitson 517	
Most pins over average	
a Derenzy 64	
B Reed 78	

Devils fifth at volleyball meet

BY S.F. PUCKETT
Sports Writer

East Jordan Red Devil volleyball took fifth in the

Lake Michigan Conference tournament held in Kalkaska Feb. 11.

East Jordan and Boyne City tied in pool play with

identical records, Boyne City advancing on a tie-breaker. East Jordan won 15-6, and lost 8-15. Both teams lost to eventual champion Elk Rapids.

Kristina Ruhling, Amanda Pepin and the rest of the Red Devils performed well. East Jordan visits old Ski Valley foes Gaylord St. Mary's and Pellston this week.

Chain of Lakes fishing report

> Ice fishermen not reporting as much as in previous weeks
> Ice conditions improving rapidly due to the extreme cold weather
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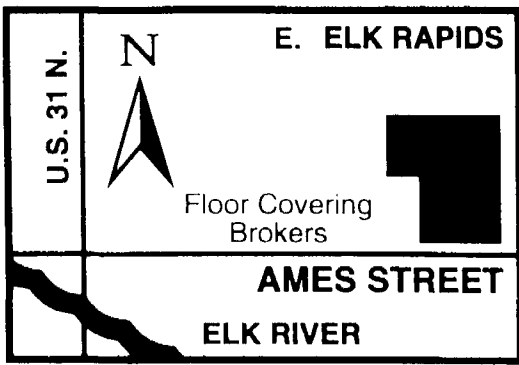
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death notices

Mary Lewis

Mary Kay Lewis, 60, of East Jordan, died Feb. 3, 1995, at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey.

A memorial service was held Feb. 8, at the Paullin Funeral Home in East Jordan. Burial was planned at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Leon Nowak

Leon A. Nowak, 74, died Feb. 7, 1995, at his home in Ellsworth.

Arrangements were handled by Paullin Funeral Home of East Jordan.

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Striving for connections at Wagbo

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With their many other activities, the Meisterheims have still taken time to get to know the Wagbo sisters through their letters, photos and memoirs. They have found the history of these hard-working women fascinating, and have often noticed a real connection between the sisters and the work they themselves have undertaken.

"We'll make a decision," said Tracy, "Then we'll find somewhere in their paperwork that same decision made by them."

Timber management was one such connection. In examining the acreage, forester Rick selected an area in the 110 acres of hardwoods where he felt trees could be safely and responsibly harvested. He marked the trees on about 14 acres, many of them as old as 90 years.

Later he discovered in some letters that the sisters harvested the very same area in 1957. Such far-seeing management of the timber was unusual at the time, and provided an area of top-quality timber in 1994.

The Meisterheims have so many ideas and so many far-reaching goals that it may seem difficult to believe this quiet couple will have the means to succeed. But a survey of their accomplishments in just the year since the center was established will convince even the most skeptical visitor this couple can accomplish what ever they set out to do.

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DDA presentation draws mixed response

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The DDA board anticipates the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing Authority to fund expenses. The board considers a TIFA the best of several options for financing the DDA (see box).

"We've formed what we think is a pretty darn good DDA plan," said Joseph.

Combating negative perceptions

That plan has not come easily. Membership on the board of directors has changed a number of times since the DDA was established by city ordinance in December, 1993. On several occasions through the year, the board has not had a full complement of nine members.

Concerns about the district boundaries have surfaced many times and may still cause problems if not revised. Several residential property owners within the boundaries object to inclusion. Charlevoix County has voiced objections to the division of individual properties by the boundary lines.

Joseph, an attorney, has said that in his research he found no statute prohibiting the boundaries as they exist, although legality is a question some DDA opponents have put forth.

"In accommodation of

equalization, we may revise the boundaries," said Joseph at a DDA meeting in November. "But not because the boundaries are illegal."

City council member Brian Sweet, who says he supports the DDA in concept, has been outspoken on the boundary issue. He feels the boundaries should have been researched more thoroughly before the council authorized the DDA in 1993.

Sweet would like to see the boundaries revised to exclude East Jordan Schools and include the complete East Jordan Iron Works property (only the office building is part of the district.) He also opposes including residential parcels.

Any addition to the present boundaries requires written notification of all property owners within the district, as well as a public hearing. Eliminating parcels from the district also requires a public hearing.

Board members think the recent change in city superintendent will make a difference in their effectiveness. Frustration with the lack of response from the previous superintendent has added to difficulties in developing the action plan.

Some of the negative public perception the DDA board faces surfaced at the council presentation. Sev-

eral business owners in the audience expressed concerns about the effect the district will have on their interests.

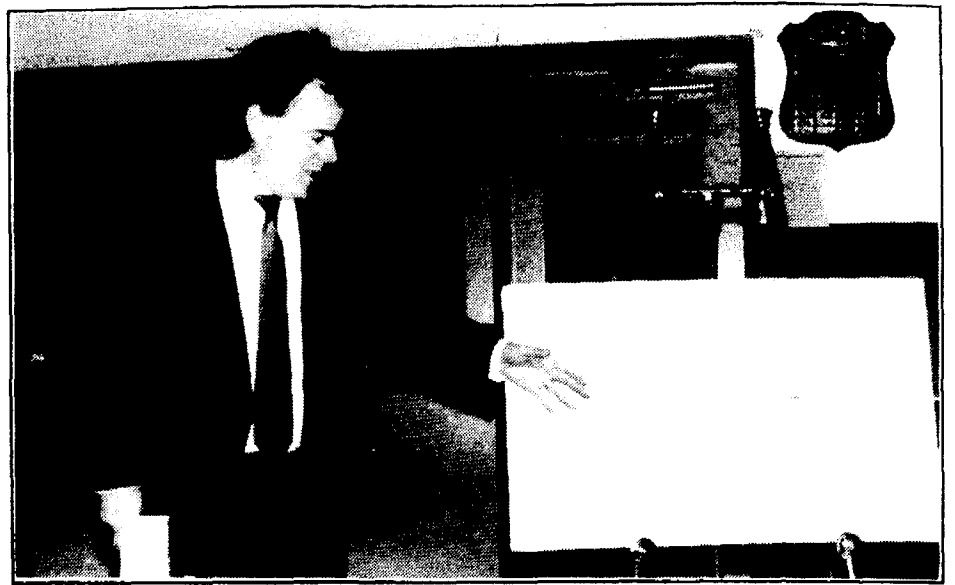
"I just want to know when I can stop what is extremely detrimental to my business," said Pam Draves, owner of Jordan Cleaning Center. Joseph invited her to attend DDA meetings to further discuss her concerns.

Council member Ruth Gee told board members they should stress that the action plan is tentative.

"I think it scares some people," Gee said. She said the DDA plan, as well as a similar East Jordan Chamber of Commerce plan, seems to be overwhelming to many business owners and residents, who fear the cost and scope of the plans.

"The plan should be characterized as a dream wish list," Joseph replied. He noted the DDA intends to work with all other civic and municipal groups to prevent duplicity of effort.

Chamber executive director Mary Faculak commented from the audience that surveys of the community have directed many of



DDA BOARD past chairman Richard Joseph introduces a full color rendering representing improvements to East Jordan's commercial district.

the choices outlined in the plan.

"This is not just a DDA dream list, but a community dream list," said Faculak. "The chamber is working closely with businesses and the DDA to help make it happen."

"We should also recognize that not all these improvements will be funded by a TIFA," said Teske, citing infrastructure projects would mainly be budgeted

by the city and county.

Joseph noted that council approval and a public hearing on the action plan are required before the DDA makes further progress. Even after the plan is accepted, the council controls all individual projects through the budgeting process.

"We're not out to pull a fast one," Joseph told the audience. "We want your input and have sought it all

along. We're not meeting in secret, but to make positive improvements to the community. This is a creative, broad-minded process with a vision of the future."

The DDA board invites visitors to attend its meetings at City Hall, every first and third Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. Comments, questions and concerns are welcome.

Financing the DDA

According to state statute the DDA has four possible funding sources:

- Issue and sell bonds
- Impose a 2-mill levy (allowed for operational expenses only)
- Grants from various sources
- Impose a Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA)

The DDA board will apply for grants, but is partial to the TIFA option as the quickest and least painful source of funds. A TIFA district would capture for DDA use any tax increase on property assessments from one year to the next.

Richard Joseph, 1994 board chair, explained that municipalities must approve a TIFA because the tax increase is taken from their coffers. If a property was assessed to pay \$10,000 in 1994, then assessed to pay \$15,000 in 1995, \$5,000 is the increase captured by the TIFA. The taxing bodies (school district, city, county) continue to receive their designated millage, but not the SEV increase.

The DDA can also opt out of collecting, or refund any unneeded funds collected by the TIFA.

"The increase in your taxes is going to occur any way," said city council member Dan McKinnon. "A TIFA redirects your taxes to a specific fund."

Members of the board noted that capturing funds that go to the city and county in any case is part of the beauty of TIFA.

"This is part of the city, after all," said this year's board chair Sharon Jackson.

Board member Tom Teske observed that both Charlevoix and Boyne City DDAs are operating on a TIFA.

"At this point, your (county) taxes are being captured by Boyne City and Charlevoix, but not East Jordan," he said.

Joseph said the DDA needs council approval of the plan to request the TIFA. If council approves, the board will need to move quickly to capture the funds this year. The request must be made and a public hearing held before March assessments are completed.



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