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Snowmobiles, water, rates under discussion

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
Journal Editor

With an early snow season, complaints about snowmobilers within the city have already begun as well. A discussion on enforcing the designated trail and other snowmobile issues took place at the Nov. 21 meeting of the East Jordan City Commission.

Specifically, commissioner Dan McKinnon reported a problem on Milton Street, where residents were complaining about snowmobiles running across their yards.

Attempts have been made to establish a direct trail through the city, and most of the trail is now marked, according to city police chief Jerry Alward. But he said the police force can only enforce trail use sporadically.

"We get lucky once in a while and catch one," said Alward. He said with his small staff, if he commits an officer to patrol on snowmobile, that is one less officer patrolling on the street. It is obviously difficult for officers in cars to patrol the trails, and vice versa for officers on snowmobiles.

Adhering to the trails is just one problem. Alward noted that speed through town and use of sidewalks illegally are other negative actions of some snowmobilers.

"I don't see the problem stopping,"

said Alward. "This is a snowmobile town." He noted that most business owners would be upset if snowmobilers were not welcomed in East Jordan.

Alward said the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department did some snowmobile patrolling last year and he is hoping for that to continue.

"It's not that we don't do anything," said Alward. "We wrote two tickets in the last week. But we can't catch them all."

Commissioner Mike Dionne said he believed the situation would improve.

"It's just the beginning of the season causing the problems. We always have this until everyone settles in."

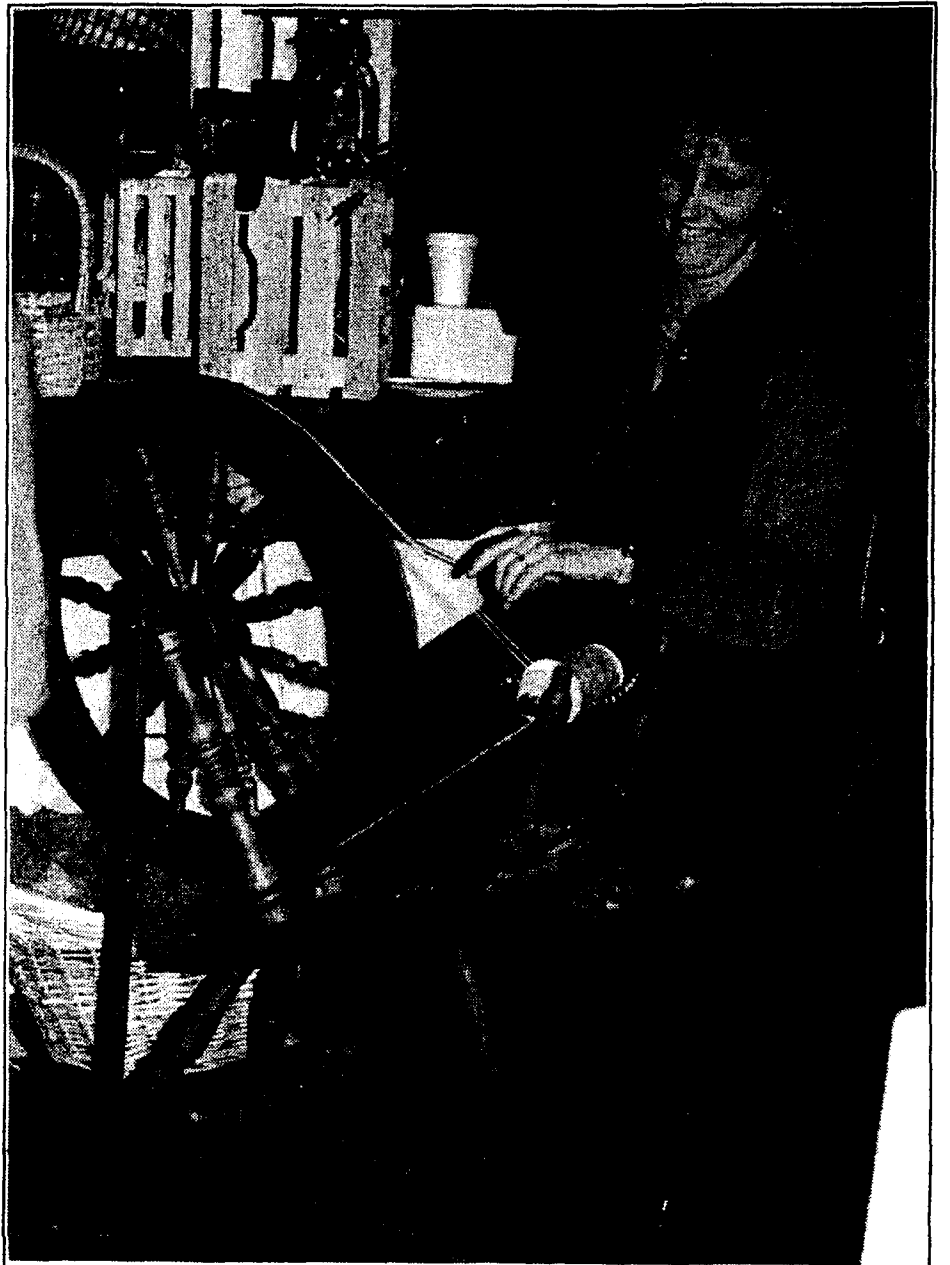
Trail maps through the city, which include city riding rules, are available at City Hall, the East Jordan Police Department, and the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce.

Safe water, safe budget

City administrator Carolyn Sutter had some good news to report to the commission. The city has been under a Damocles Sword dangled by the State Department of Public Health. The DPH said unacceptable levels of copper were found in two out of 25 testing points within the city water system in August.

Sutter said at that time if the level was

continued on back



Spinning a yarn

Crafter Debbie McDermott of Stonehedge Farm in East Jordan demonstrates her spinning skills during the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair in November. The annual event, sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council, attracted artists and shoppers from across the region, despite uncooperative weather.

Jason receives state award for work in education

BY DEB SAYGERS HOBBS
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Well-known East Jordan community activist Mary Jason was recently recognized at the state level for her service to the education of young people.

Jason, president of the East Jordan School Board, was named the recipient of the Michigan Association of School Boards President's Award for that service. She was honored Oct. 27, by Virginia Liepprandt of the Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port School District, who is serving as this year's president of the MASB.

As Liepprandt explained in her presenter's speech, the recipient of the annual award exemplifies service to their local community, "in many civic and religious organizations, in addition to their service on local and intermediate school boards."

Jason certainly fits that description. Along with her local service, she is a member of the Char-Em Intermediate School District board; holds a seat on



Mary Jason

the MASB and was past president (1986); and was named chairman of the board of Charlevoix Area Hospital just over a year ago after serving on that board since 1990, among her other community activities.

Liepprandt called Jason an advocate

of students at all levels of public education, and praised her common sense approach.

"She always has time to help persons in need, and never asks credit for many innovative programs and ideas," said Liepprandt.

East Jordan District superintendent Chip Hansen said Jason deserved the recognition.

"Mary's involvement at the state level is a big advantage for our schools," said Hansen. "We're often able to get important information more quickly."

Hansen called Jason's involvement at all levels unique.

"She is able to blend her experiences ... giving her a broader perspective on a lot of educational issues," he noted.

Jason was thrilled with the award, and "very pleased," she said. But awards are not what compels her to serve.

"I continue to think," she said, "To make a difference in the quality of education for our young people, the school board is the place to start."

She said she finds the local level most rewarding because it is the most personal.

"We know the community members, the children and the staff personally, and can see the immediate results of our decisions."

Jason called the influence of the intermediate and state level school boards "more philosophical."

"But there are still definite ramifications on the local level," she said. "A common thread of working for improvement goes through the work of the boards at all levels."

Teamwork is another aspect of board membership Jason enjoys.

"I've been lucky to serve with so many good people."

As a former fifth-grade teacher and mother of four children, Jason comes by an interest in education naturally. She has been a member of the East Jordan School Board since 1976, and joined the MASB as a board member in 1981.



Photo from the collection of Bill Huckle

READERS WRITE

Clarification of Indian Education issues

I AM GRATEFUL for this chance to clarify a few points in the Nov. 22 article about East Jordan's American Indian Education Program:

- Title IX, American Indian Education, does have very specific enrollment requirements, rather than through student identification only. Our students must be members of an American Indian tribe, band or other organized group of American Indians, or descendants in the first or second degree.

- When the article mentions negative aspects of modern Indian life, I would like to point out that these problems of poverty, alcoholism, and lack of education are a

challenge for all students, not just American Indian students.

- In closing, rather than give me credit for the accomplishments of this program, the credit is due to the thriving, vital cultures that we see today, which are here because of the versatility and strength of all those who teach that each of us must plan ahead for the generations of children to come.

Elders have always known that building a future for the young people is everyone's work.

*Lee Boisvert, Coordinator
American Indian Education
East Jordan High School*

Program provides respite care

THANK YOU FOR running the article about the Northern Michigan Alzheimer's Demonstration Project Advisory Group in your Nov. 22 issue.

We wanted your readers to know a little more about our local program. This project is administered by the Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Board in Petoskey that serves Emmet, Cheboygan, Otsego and Charlevoix counties.

Our own Charlevoix County In-Home Respite Program, through the Commission on Aging, has just entered its fourth year of service. Offering regular weekly time away for caregivers, respite is seen as a preven-

tion from the stresses of daily care. Information and referral, education and support are also available.

Currently, the Charlevoix County In-Home Respite Program is serving 12 families in all areas of the county, providing 49 hours of respite per week.

We are very proud of our professional, well-trained workers who care for our families and their loved ones. For further information or educational support, call Marge at 582-7301.

*Chris Curtin RN, C
Advisory Group Member and
Respite Assessment Nurse*

Community ideas invited at forum

Members of the East Jordan Chamber of Commerce 1996 Freedom Festival committee will hold a community forum, **Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.**, at the Jordan Valley District Library.

The public is welcome to attend and

offer ideas for activities for the annual event during the first weekend of July.

The committee is also seeking input on ways to improve the festival, or ideas for additions the public would enjoy.



Swan City memories

A glimpse of the past along M-32 approaching the Bohemian settlement, this photo was taken in the last 1940s, before the road was paved.

Send Santa letters now!

Kids! It's time to get those letters off to Santa - and the *East Jordan Journal* can help make sure the jolly old elf pays special attention to yours.

Here's what you do - write down you favorite Christmas wishes, and be sure to include your name, age and town. Tuck them into an envelope addressed like this:

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East Jordan, MI 49727

We'll print all the letters (and we'll try to print your drawings or photos, too!) we get by Dec. 14 in our special Christmas issue Dec. 20, and then we'll send them on to Santa in plenty of time!



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death notices

Natalie Waltman Bowen, 84, of Huntsville, Ala., and formerly of Chestonia Township, died Nov. 14, 1995. A local memorial service is planned for next spring.

Frank Kubicek, 88, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Jordan Township, died Nov. 22, 1995, at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey. A graveside service will be held at a later date, with burial in Trojane Cemetery, Jordan Township.

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Festival of Bells highlights area's holiday line-up

Get ready to ring in the holidays with exciting December activities culminating in the annual East Jordan Chamber of Commerce Festival of the Bells.

The annual event features a number of community activities, and gives the kids two opportunities to discuss their Christmas list with their favorite jolly old elf - Santa Claus!

Don't forget to mark your calendar with the following activities:

* The Jordan River Arts Council annual Christmas exhibit continues through Sun., Dec. 17. This year's display features the traditional St. Nicholas character, and Santa's Art Shoppe, where shoppers may discover that special gift. Exhibit hours are daily from noon to 4 p.m., at the arts council, 301 Main St.

* The East Jordan Garden Club will hold a greens market and bake sale, Fri., Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the downtown branch of FMB Northwestern Bank. Wreaths, Christmas table arrangements, crafts and baked goods will be available.

The Garden Club uses funds from this annual project for beautification in the area, and protection of the natural environment, including wildflowers, trees and birds.

* The East Jordan Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas Tree Sale outside the downtown FMB Northwestern Bank for three days, Dec. 8-10.

Sale times are: Fri., Dec. 8, from 2 to 6 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sun., Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

* Judging of residential decorations in the annual decoration competition sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and FMB Northwestern Bank, will take place Sat., Dec. 9.

* The Peace Coffee House is open at the Jordan River Arts Council, Sat., Dec. 9, from 8 to 11 p.m. Enjoy entertainment by local musicians and poets in a quiet and casual, smoke and alcohol-free atmosphere. Refreshments will be available.

* On Sun. Dec. 10, at 2 p.m., the Jordan Valley Community Band and East Jordan High School Jazz Ensemble will perform their sixth annual Christmas Concert. The concert is at the East Jordan High School auditorium, and is sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council.

* The annual Festival of the Bells begins with the judging of business decorations, Mon., Dec. 11. The East Jordan Senior Center will be open evenings throughout

the week, from 5 to 7 p.m., for viewing the Christmas Wonderland animated characters display. Refreshments will be available.

Shop locally - many East Jordan merchants will hold extended hours through the shopping season.

* The East Jordan Elementary School PTO will sponsor the annual Dinner with Santa, Tues., Dec. 12, at the elementary school from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. A delicious dinner and lots of entertaining activities for kids continue through the evening, along with a visit with Santa.

Dinner is \$3 per adult and \$2 per student, or there is a family price of \$10. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Proceeds from this fund-raiser help support the Reading is Fundamental program at East Jordan Elementary School.

* Community Night, Thurs., Dec. 14, will include the Santa Parade and an opportunity for children to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Senior Center, beginning at 5 p.m. The East Jordan Lionesses sponsor this annual event.

A few doors down at J&J Bakery and Deli, visitors can sample soups from several local restaurants in the first annual Soup Cook-off. For \$1, diners can try each soup and vote on their favorite, any time between 5 and 8 p.m.

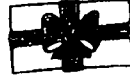
Seasonal songs will be heard throughout the evening as the employees of FMB Northwestern Bank carol businesses along Main Street, and delightful singing will be heard from the Senior Center when the "Merry Musicals" and the East Jordan Middle School Choir, both under the direction of Margaret Thomson, raise their voices to the season.

* The First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St., will present a live nativity from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Sun., Dec. 17, at the church. Come see this inspiring program.

* Hear the charming voices of little children as kindergarten through second-graders present their annual Christmas Concert, Mon., Dec. 18, 7 p.m., at the Jordan Valley Express. This new venue will provide plenty of room in a comfortable atmosphere for the many parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles who come to enjoy the program.

* The second presentation by East Jordan Elementary School students will showcase the talents of third, fourth, and fifth-graders, Tues., Dec. 19, 7 p.m., also at the Jordan Valley Express.

A FLURRY OF ACTIVITIES, including visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, will delight young and not-so-young alike as East Jordan celebrates the holidays.



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It's for these people that a group of local individuals are teaming up to show support for the less fortunate of our community and surrounding area.

Through the combined effort and support of local churches, businesses, schools and civic organizations, coupled with the courteous support of individuals, the East Jordan Care and Share has become the leader in supplying food and clothing to thousands of families every year.

The amount of food given averaged 26,718 meals a year

since 1990. A total of well over 200,000 meals have been dispersed since the East Jordan Care and Share opened the doors in 1982.

This year the East Jordan Care and Share program put turkeys and trimmings on 249 family tables. Thirty-three volunteers worked together a total of 165 hours to accomplish this task in one day.

Besides Thanksgiving, Care and Share has been setting the tables for many families at Christmas time.

On Dec. 21, volunteers will once again come together. The excitement that fills the halls of the East Jordan Family Health Center during this time will lift you up with the Christmas spirit, and leave you wanting to give warm smiles and a helping hand.

The help doesn't stop there. Over 200 coats were donated in 1995 to support the Coats for Kids program. Care and Share also gave support to those families that suffered loss in the flooding that occurred during this past summer.

Without the everyday support and donations given by our community churches, the East Jordan Care and Share would not exist. A grant from F.E.M.A. is given to the pantry, but it is the willingness of people helping people that allows Care and Share to provide for people as they do today. East Jordan Care and Share appreciates each and every volunteer, and organization that has given the support that is so enormously needed.

Donations are always welcome. East Jordan Care and Share hours are: Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon; and Thursdays 9 a.m. to noon. In case of emergency call Margaret Thompson at (616) 536-7375. *By Solon W. Barnes III*

mark your calendar

Join the Cookie Walk

Hundreds of fabulous homemade Christmas cookies will be available at the sixth annual Christmas Cookie Walk held by Nativity Episcopal Church in Boyne City, Sat., Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you haven't got the time to bake your own seasonal treats, this is your opportunity to stock up on some "divine" cookies.

For more information, contact Joan Strawbridge at 582-3344.

Snowmobile safety class

The Central Lake VFW and Auxiliary, along with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Antrim County Sheriff Department, will sponsor a snowmobile safety class Sat., Dec. 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the VFW Hall on M-88 in Central Lake.

This is a free class, and lunch will be available. In the event that there is no snow, the date of the class will be Sat., Jan 6. For more information, contact Fred Watros at 544-6455.

DSS office to close one day

The Charlevoix County Department of Social Services office in Charlevoix will be closed to normal business on Fri. Dec., 8. Telephone and voicemail systems will also be disrupted that day.

During this disruption of services, emergency Adult or Children's Protective Services referrals should be telephoned to the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department, (616)547-4461. The 24-hour Protective Services Hotline can be used as a back-up. The number is (616)347-1700.

The DSS office will be open for business as usual at 8 a.m., Mon., Dec. 11, at its new location, directly adjacent to the existing office.

Girls basketball registration

The Jordan Valley Girls AAU Basketball registration for the upcoming 1995-96 winter season will be held Sun., Dec. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m., at East Jordan Middle School.

Registration is open to all area girls, ages 12-17, who have at least one year of high school basketball eligibility remaining.

For further information, contact Dan Pepin, at 547-4963.

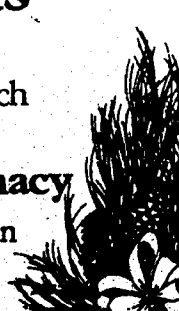
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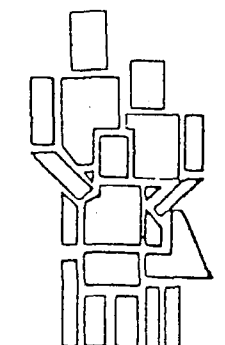
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Copycat (R) 7 & 9, Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4
Toy Story (G) 7 & 9, Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4
Goldeneye (PG 13) 7 & 9:20, Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:15

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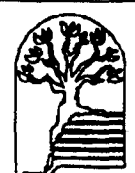
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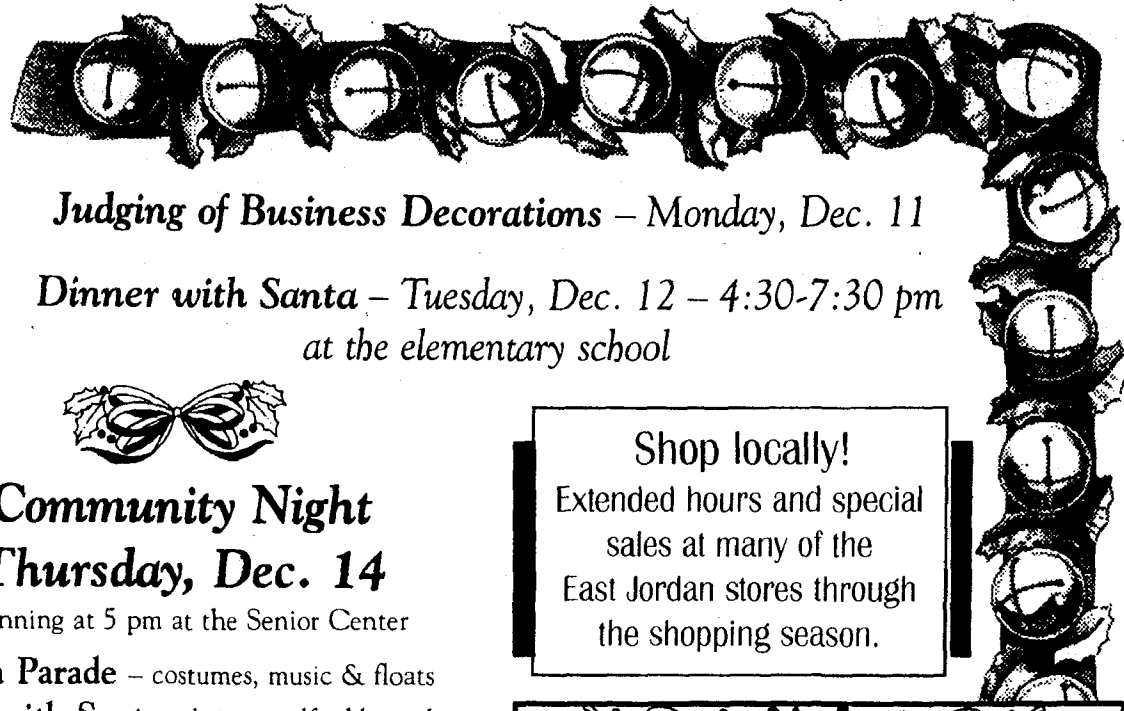
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Judging of Business Decorations – Monday, Dec. 11

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at the elementary school



Community Night Thursday, Dec. 14

Beginning at 5 pm at the Senior Center

Santa Parade – costumes, music & floats
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memories

Dec. 23, 1937

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 Playing Dec. 26-27: *The Barrier*, with Leo Carrillo, Jean Parker, Robert Barrat, Andy Clyde, Sara Haden, and Otto Kruger.

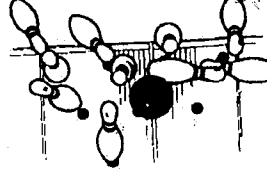
Dec. 30, 1937

■ Santa must have had the Temple Theater on his list in big letters this year, for this popular playhouse is now equipped with a beautiful new stage curtain. The new curtain is of blue velour with gold braid trimming accenting its richness.

■ "The Show Place of the North," the Temple Theater in East Jordan will hold a New Year's Eve Midnight Frolic, Fri., Dec. 31, at 11:30 p.m. Activities will include a Gala Amateur Show, surprise feature picture, favors, hats, balloons, and noise-makers - everything to make a real whoopee! Bring your party. All seats are 35¢.

■ William Slough, station agent for the Pere Marquette railway at Ellsworth for 35 years, died at Charlevoix Hospital, Dec. 10.

■ The Pleasant Valley School Christmas program was held Thursday evening, Dec. 23.



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bowling scores

**GEMINI LANES
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Tuesday, November 21, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, Mayor Peck presiding with all members of the City Commission present. Minutes were approved and authorization was given to pay \$63,676.20 in bills as presented.

Further Commission Action: tabled a franchise request from Nordic Electric, L.L.C.; received proposed amendments to the City's water and sewer ordinances; and adopted a resolution to establish updated planning and zoning fees.

A copy of the official minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review during normal office hours.

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Snowmobiles, water, rates under discussion

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still unacceptable in December re-testing, the state would force the city to take action.

"They gave us four options, all of which are costly," Sutter told the commission in September.

Since then, Sutter has been investigating possibilities for dealing with the problem without state intervention. One action taken was to hire a private firm to do the testing.

"We got acceptable tests back today," Sutter told the commissioners Nov. 21.

She said she doesn't know yet what went wrong with the state tests.

"We think the sites were not properly selected by our water operator and the state investigator," said Sutter. "There also may have been some improper supervision."

The new tests bought some time for the city, Sutter said. She noted the Department of Health has not identified any harm from low quantities of copper in the water.

"For the time being we're safe."

Ordinance amendments will raise prices

Permit and city utility prices will be going up in the near future, as the city commission reviews recommendations from the city staff.

In reviewing the present rate system, city clerk Kathy O'Rear noted there have been

no increases since 1988.

"Our current fees are not even close to paying expenses," said O'Rear. "So taxpayers are paying for the zoning privileges of individuals."

O'Rear said in researching other area rates, the city is well below most of its neighbors or comparably-sized communities.

She introduced an ordinance amendment which will effect both the zoning rates and sewer and water installation rates. One of the changes will require that expansion of both water and sewer systems be at the sole expense of those benefiting from the extension, no longer subsidized by the city.

The ordinance also establishes options for funding of extensions, and emphasizes a flat rate charge prior to any changes. In addition, it requires an annual review of utility rates.

Concerning zoning procedures, the ordinance amendment will essentially raise prices, or add fees where presently there are none. For example, there is no charge for requesting a special meeting of the zoning review board. The amendment will require a \$150 fee for that privilege in the future.

The price of a general zoning permit will increase from \$10 to \$25, and a special use permit will double in price to \$200.

The amendments will be considered at the Dec. 5 meeting of the city commission.

Missing EJ woman appears

A South Arm Township woman, missing since Nov. 18, appeared Nov. 29, about 9 p.m., at a police station in lower Michigan. She advised department officials she left East Jordan of her own free will.

"She said she was alive and well," reported East Jordan Police Chief Jerry Alward.

Aimee Melissa Bell, 25, was listed by the East Jordan Police Department as a missing person Nov. 19, about 24 hours after her

disappearance from the vicinity of Glen's Market in East Jordan. Although the case was still under investigation, by last week Alward was speculating that the disappearance was voluntary.

When the downstate department informed EJPD that Bell, the mother of four children, had appeared there, the woman was taken off the missing list. Alward said the case remains open and under review by the department.

EJ ready to defend crown

BY RICH CLARK
Journal Sportswriter

The East Jordan High School boys varsity basketball team is ready - ready to retain the tradition established in the last two years.

It won't be easy - they have only one returning starter from last year, senior guard Andrew Otis. The team lost to graduation several very talented players, including Steve Wiltfong, who is now a walk-in player at Lake Superior State College.

However, third-year coach Del Ingalls is very happy with this year's troops.

"The overall skill and versatility this year is great," said Ingalls. "We have all the pieces - guards, size, 3-point shooting, and an all-around well-balanced team."

Otis leads the team and could very well be the "best player in northern Michigan," according to his coach. He will be helped out by guard/small forward Josiah Middaugh, who hit a lot of big shots last season.

Other guards include senior Steve Burks, juniors Ryan Antaya and Ken Young, and sophomore Park Bluhm.

Ingalls feels the talented Bluhm may work into the rotation.

Inside at the forward spots, the talent and size is still very good. Senior Brendon Ingalls, and juniors Tim Malpass and Andy Stefanic can all play ball. Another talented sophomore, Scott Haley, will have a shot at a starting spot.

In the middle, size and height at the center position is not small. There you will find 6-foot, 5-inch, 280-pound senior Josh Spears. Weighing in at 175 pounds, 6-foot, 5-inch senior Ed Hettig will add support. Filling out the center position will often be Tim Malpass - he plays both forward and center very well.

With this team, Coach Ingalls feels, "The potential is better than last year. They will come on at the end of the year, just in time for the playoffs."

Hopefully that will be the right combination, since Ingalls predicts that the conference is better than last year.

"East Jordan, Boyne City and Elk Rapids should be the dominant teams, with Harbor Springs as the dark horse," noted Ingalls. "People may think we're not as good as last year, but we have very high expectations for ourselves."

May the tradition continue.

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Adult basketball league starts

BY RICH CLARK
Sports Writer

The first night of the Men's Over-35 Basketball League provided some excitement for loyal fans Nov. 22.

In the first game, Ed's Used Cars came up big over The Insurance Shop with a 89-56 win. Leading scorers for Ed's were Versal Spence with 32 points, Rich Roberts who canned 30 points and Ed Roberts who added 16. For The Insurance Shop, Brian Sweet led the way with 15 points and Bill Shaw added 14.

The second game was the nail-biter, going into overtime. During OT, Tom Reid of Tom's Diesel got the ball outside, pulled up to three-point land and drained it from downtown to put the nail in the coffin with 10 seconds left, giving Tom's the 66-60 victory over

Boyne City Auto.

"I couldn't hit anything," said Reid. "Everything I put up was either a brick or an airball, including free-throws. So when I got open on the three, nobody guarded me because they thought I couldn't make the shot!"

The leading scorers for Tom's were Al Olson with 23 points, Kim Korthose adding 14 and Bob Snyder 11. For Boyne City Auto, Bill Miller nailed 21 points, Ron Warnos 14 and Mike Mayes 12.

If you are over 35 years old and like basketball, spots are still available. A full team is also still needed, so round up your friends and get out there on the court.

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League teams earn awards

BY RICH CLARK
Journal Sportswriter

For the second straight week Boyne City Auto lost in a close game in the East Jordan 35 and Older men's basketball league, Nov. 29. They fell 59-63 to the Insurance Shop in the first game. DARE defeated Ed's Used Cars, 78-66 in the nightcap.

Point leaders for the Insurance Shop were Steve Hines with 26. Bill Shaw added 14 points and Brian Sweet came up with 12. Leading the charge for Boyne City Auto was Bill Miller with 17. Ron Watros and Bill Kuhn chipped in with 14 points each.

Leading scorer for the

second game for DARE was Randy Kruzel with 22. Ken Gahn netted 15 points, Ken Doty came in with 13, and Scott Gibbs put up 12. For Ed's it was Chip Hansen who led all scorers in the game with

26. Kevin Keane hit for 12 points, and Rick Roberts pitched in with 11.

Dec. 6, 1995 match-ups are: Game 1 - Tom's Diesel vs. Ed's Used Cars; Game 2 - DARE vs. The Insurance Shop.

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