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Christmas visions, Christmas dreams



Charming young singers - Holly Dustin (left), Lesley Lundy, and Katie Diller - from Carolyn Downton's first grade and Mary Sivula's third grade class at East Jordan Elementary School share the joy of the season with an audience at the Senior Center, Dec. 15. Reflections of the many happy faces of this special season can be seen throughout the 1995 Christmas issue of the Journal.

Photo by Deb Saygers Hobbs



ARTS AND CRAFTS may be fine for her siblings, but this little one knows what she wants – the glitter!



LOOKING SWEETER than a candy cane, Elizabeth Hofweber, age 2, happily takes her seat on Santa's knee.



➤ To the annual Dinner With Santa, the East Jordan Elementary School benefit for Reading is Fundamental (RIF). Many East Jordan families enjoyed dinner, crafts for children, and a visit with their favorite jolly old elf!



Readers write

Year's final meeting a success

WITH THE SNOW-COVERED fields and hills of the Jordan Valley as a backdrop, the last of the 1995 Business After Hours series concluded Nov. 29 at the Big Meadow Excitement Center award-winning showroom.

I wish to extend a very special thank-you to co-sponsors Michigan Snowmobiler Magazine and Big Meadow Excitement Center. Over 40 East Jordan Chamber members and guests enjoyed a delectable hors d'oeuvres presentation by J&J Bakery, Deli and Catering while networking with community and out-of-town members. Upcoming events and business announcements were also part of the evening menu.

The highlight of the event was the recognition and presentation of the Chamber Ambassador Club members. The following ambassadors were recognized: Dick Wolf, Marie Beach, Anna Messink, Bev Loewe, Doug Smith, Karen Thonerfelt, Anna Clever, Jan Bultrud and Muriel Ahlborn. The Ambassador Club, now in its fourth year, was applauded for its major contribution to the success of the overall chamber program of work.

A reminder that the Annual Meeting and Auction has been scheduled for Thurs., Jan. 11, 1996, at the Jordan Valley Express.

Mary Faculak
East Jordan Chamber of Commerce

A Christmas wish

Once again it's almost time for Grandma's Christmas, and I want to say a lot of my friends and family have given up smoking, and I am grateful. At the age of 83, I wonder how many years I can send this wish – with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all:

Grandma's Christmas Wish

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 a prayer for loved ones and friends
That you will have a smoke free life and you'll hear my prayer, Amen.

P.S. I enjoy the East Jordan paper very much.
Mrs. Clarabelle Shepard Weiler
Zephyrhills, Fla.

➤ **SERVICE WITH A SMILE** is the philosophy for elementary staff members Lori MacEachern (left) and Laura Reid, even if they did pull kitchen duty!



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ejpd weekly report

■ **December 7**

A 1993 Plymouth driven by Kimberly Pinney was parked in the Glen's Plaza lot when it was sideswiped by an unknown vehicle.

■ **December 8**

At approximately 3:50 p.m., a two-vehicle property accident occurred when Deborah Rapin, traveling west on Ash Street near Bowen in an Eagle Talon, was struck by a Ford Ranger driven by Wayne Verellen as he backed from a driveway.

■ **December 9**

Keith Harchis was traveling east on State Street near Maple when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a mailbox. The inci-

dent occurred about 12:21 a.m.

Another one-vehicle property damage accident took place at about 9:50 p.m., when Fredrick Cords, Jr., traveling north on Echo Street near Erie, lost control of his 1966 Chevrolet S-10 pickup and struck a snow bank and metal posts. Cords was wearing a seatbelt and reported no injuries.

■ **December 12**

Roger Schmedeknecht of Muskegon was traveling east on Water Street near John Street in his 1995 Dodge when Martin Ernst pulled out from a driveway in his 1976 Jeep pickup and struck Schmedeknecht's vehicle.



Christmas "decorations"

Young Robert Baker (left) is decorated by the artistic and magic pen of Misty Calloway. The two were participants in the Festival of the Bells Community Night, and enjoyed holiday treats and a visit with Santa.

Bridge tournament news

At the end of December two familiar top scorers lead the East Jordan Bridge tournament—Evelyn Gidley and Jean Pardee—with a total score of 16,180 points. However, the second place team of Jean Muha and Katie Sowers trail them by a scant 50 points.

Shirley Etcher and Gayle Gotts are in third place with 14,950. Fourth place is held by a four-person team: Esther Porter, Mary Glenna

Malpass, Ruth Gee and Mary Jason, with 13,490 points.

The remaining top 10 teams are, in order from fifth place: Edna Nielsen and Gladys Sattler, 13,130; Barbara Peterson and Betty Rison, 12,630; Martha Annear and Ruth Bell, 12,020; Betty Boswell and Shirley Butcher, 11,180; Linda Poole and Barbara Worgess, 11,330; and Toni Jeffery and Linda Snyder,

10,360.

Rankings may change, however, because each team has one bye, and only one of the top 10 has had a bye so far.

At the end of the tournament year the top three teams will receive a prize. The rest of the dues collected will be donated to local non-profit organizations. Such groups should start considering projects for which they would like to receive funding.

By Hope Tyrrell
Secretary-treasurer

Did you know?



Reindeer make a clicking noise when they walk. The sound is thought to come from tendons in the hooves slipping and stretching. This sound is the "...click, click, click..." heard in *Up on the Housetop*.

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mark your calendar

Forum postponed

The Jordan Valley Freedom Festival community forum scheduled for Dec. 7 was postponed. The forum has been rescheduled for Thurs., Jan. 25, 7 p.m., at Lakeview Manor.

Basket distribution set

Christmas baskets will be distributed to those in need Thurs., Dec. 21, from noon to 4 p.m., at the East Jordan Care and Share, in the lower level of the East Jordan Health Center. Donations are always welcome and needed.

For more information, contact Margaret Thompson, 536-7375.

Gaylord sled dog races

Experience the thrills of sled dog racing Jan. 6-7, at the Gaylord Classic. Watch mushers from across the United States and Canada vie for a \$4,000 purse. Four, six, and 10-dog teams will be featured. All classes race both days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spectators can take advantage of fantastic viewing of the revamped courses at no charge. The races will take place at the Otsego County Airport, southwest of Gaylord.

Child care available

Parents in need of child care can call the Northwest Michigan 4C Council to receive a listing of state-approved child care providers near their own home or work area.

Contact the council at (616)941-7767, or call toll-free (800)968-4228.

The Northwest Michigan 4C Council is a not-for-profit agency which provides referrals at no cost throughout 12 area counties. The service is funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Social Services.

Get it in!

To allow our employees time to enjoy the holidays, early deadlines are in place for the next two issues of this newspaper.

■ Dec. 27 edition: Coming events and announcements: Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. Display ads, letters and all other news items: Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. Classified ads: Dec. 22 at 5 p.m.

■ Jan. 3 edition: Coming events and announcements: Dec. 27 at 5 p.m. Display ads, letters and all other news items: Dec. 28 at 5 p.m. Classified ads: Dec. 29 at 5 p.m.

All Up North Publications offices will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, and reopen the following day.

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Jumanji-PG-Fri. 7 & 9, Sat. 2, 4, 7 & 9, Sun. 2, Mon. 7 & 9, Tue. - Thurs. 2, 4, 7 & 9, Starring Robin Williams & Bonnie Hunt
Tom and Huck-PG-Fri. 7:10 & 9, Sat. 2, 4, 7:10 & 9, Sun. 2, Mon. 7:10 & 9, Tue. - Thurs. 2, 4, 7:10 & 9
Starring Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Brad Renfro

Travel advisories "on the air"

Motorists traveling throughout Michigan this winter will again be as close as their car radios to receive the latest driving conditions. The Michigan State Police Travel Advisory Network has been activated, offering 24-hour road condition reporting service to Michigan broadcasters.

The department will utilize road condition reports from State Police posts throughout the state and then make that information available through the network to local radio and television stations.

"We want the public to receive road condition information in the same manner as they do school closings - through the media," states Michigan State Police Director Col. Michael D. Robinson. "In the past, when winter weather hit, Michigan State Police posts were inundated with calls concerning driving conditions.

"In many cases, this would tie up existing lines, not allowing emergency calls to come in. By having the public listen to their local radio and television stations, they can receive the same information as though they had called directly to the post," continued Colonel Robinson.

Since the network began in 1991, calls to State Police posts have been greatly reduced, freeing up more troopers and post personnel for other law enforcement assignments during inclement weather.

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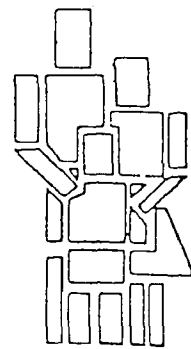
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police reports

Argument leads to assault

A warrant is being sought in relation to a Dec. 7 assault at a Mount Bliss Road residence.

A 35-year-old East Jordan woman got into an argument with complainant Arnold Art involving the removal of her furniture from a rental home where she used to reside. The argument eventually became a shoving match.

A warrant for the woman was requested from the Antrim County Prosecutor's Office, Dec. 11.

Two injured in accident

Blowing snow contributed to a Dec. 7 accident on M-66 just north of Old State Road.

At about 9:30 a.m., northbound driver Mary Mason, 30, of Mancelona, stopped to make a left turn into a driveway. Thomas Councilor, 57, of Mancelona, was following Mason but did not see her turn signal.

He began to pass Mason as she began her turn and the two vehicles collided. Mason and a passenger, 9-month-old Kaleb Pardee, were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital, where they were treated for injuries and released.

Devils slice Lancers

BY RICH CLARK, Journal Sportswriter

The East Jordan Red Devils boys varsity basketball team defeated a depleted Ellsworth Lancers squad Dec. 12 by a score of 84-43.

Ellsworth had only five players suited up for the game, but played the whole game very hard and very well.

East Jordan led all the way. The score was 43-19 at the half and 59-27 after three quarters.

Leading the charge for East Jordan was Andrew Otis with 20 points and five assists. Scott Haley pitched in with 13 points and 10 rebounds, Jim Malpass had 10 points and eight rebounds.

The East Jordan JV also won over Ellsworth. Salvatore Caballero almost had a triple-double with 16 points, 10 boards and nine assists. He also had four steals. Matt Mogan added 14 points and Mike Mazzella 12.

Little impact expected from leak

A Dec. 3 test of gas line equipment at a drilling site on M-32 just south of Pesek Road in Jordan Township resulted in a minor spill of water containing trace contaminants, officials said.

The lift lines at a non-functional gas well on the Meads site were being tested by running fresh water through them. At about 7

p.m., a valve malfunctioned near the well head and water spilled onto the ground.

Mark Cromell of the Department of Environmental Quality said the spilled water smelled as if it contained minute amounts of petroleum products.

"I don't believe it's yet been determined what contaminated the fresh water,"

he said. The contamination could have even come from the container the fresh water was stored in, and the drilling company, Oil Field Investors Ltd., is investigating, he added.

Less than 20 gallons escaped, and Cromell said there is little possibility of environmental damage.

County emergency man-

agement coordinator Bill Drollinger said initial reports from the site exaggerated the amount of water lost.

He said by noon Dec. 4, the drilling company had already brought in an independent group that had tested for severity of contamination and excavated surrounding soil.

Men's teams claim wins

BY RICH CLARK
Journal Sportswriter

In the Mens 35 and Older basketball league D.A.R.E. outscored Boyne City Auto 105-62 in the first game. In the second game the Insurance Shop came out ahead of Tom's Diesel in a close one, 65-57.

Leading scorers for D.A.R.E. were Randy Krusel with 27 points, Tim Hardy with 21, Ken Doty 19 and Maury Tonkin 17. For Boyne City Auto, Glen McLane had 27 and Randy McLane added 11.

Game two wasn't decided until the final gun.

Leading scorers for Tom's Diesel were Bob Nemecek with 14 and Jeff Brodine with 12.

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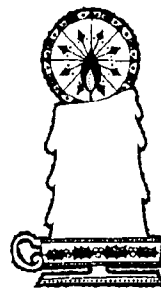
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We greet our relatives and friends,
While lights or candles deck the hall;
Illumination that portends
A gala time for one and all.
Yet even while we celebrate
This time of great festivity,
Let's keep the purpose of this date,
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— Gloria Nowak

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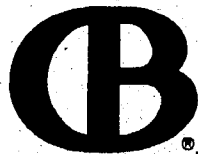
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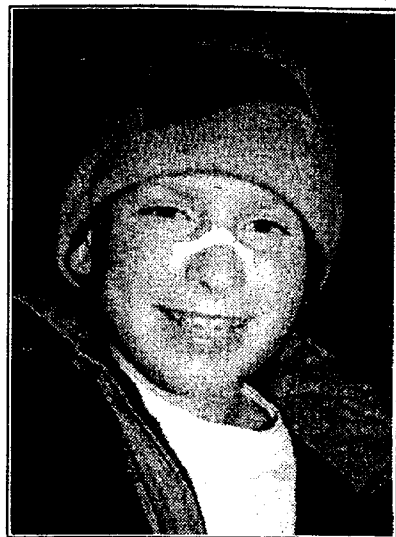
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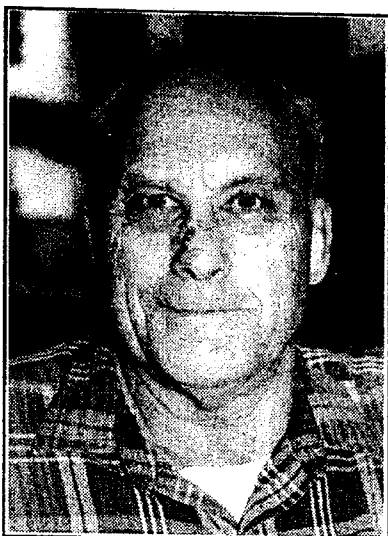
street talk

Do you have a favorite Christmas memory? We asked residents celebrating the community holiday to share some of those special times ...



It depends on what I got for Christmas if it was a favorite memory or not!

Sean Gee



I never had a bad Christmas, but the best Christmas in my childhood was when I received a model of a Lockheed Serrus airplane just like Lindbergh flew. It was a beautiful thing! Since then the most fun has been watching the children and then the grandchildren.

Harry Watson



My favorite memory is that I never wanted the Christmas tree to be taken down. My mother would take it down after I went back to school. I cried every year when it came down!

Margaret Thomson



A special Christmas memory for me is always having our parents come for breakfast and watching the kids open presents.

Nancy Brooks

(left) Mine will be this year because of Kayly (7 months old and sound asleep!)

Dawn Zimmer

Did you know?

Reindeer have been kept by people as domestic animals since prehistoric times. They are used for milk, meat, fur, and leather as well as for pulling and carrying loads. Antler and bone have been used for making tools.

The hooves are very broad. This keeps the animal from sinking in the snow and helps them dig through the snow for food. Tundra reindeer live mainly on moss and lichens and can eat many plants that are poisonous to other animals.



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Jordan memories

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

The life and times of a rural mail carrier

In 1924, for reasons of health, Mr. Archie Howe and family moved from their farm home in East Jordan. At that time, he took over the rural mail route Number 5, and for 35 years he has had the opportunity of observing and taking part in a good many of the trends of our changing times.

Mail route 5 had only been established since 1907 when Archie took over. He was the fourth in a line of carriers who faced the unique and difficult conditions of rural service.

In 1921, route 5 consisted of 12 and 1/2 miles (later increased) of road remarkable for its degree of "badness." The road went up hill and down, sometimes gravel, sometimes deep sand, with U-turns and switch-backs. There were stretches of swamp and corduroy road bottom that made for a bumpy ride.

His faithful team of horses, Dick and Bud, were more friends than servants to Archie, especially in the winter, when storms and bad weather could keep him on the road from dawn to late afternoon.

Imagine the difficulty Archie faced when, with his sleigh full to capacity, he started out with Dick and Bud to cover his route of 25 miles of country roads. The horses would leave a trail of froth and blood when they scraped their legs breaking through ice-encrusted snow.

One especially bad storm stands out in Archie's memory - the storm of Feb. 21, 1922.

It caught him at Charlevoix, and he had some difficulty getting back home. The mail couldn't be delivered for 10 days, because no train was able to get through.

When it finally got through, the mail was piled like an avalanche. For 24 hours, the post office staff was shut in sorting and organizing the out-going mails. It took them two weeks to get all the mail delivered.

Horse-drawn mail delivery was not all hardships. There were many times when the leisurely trip along country roads was a pleasure. Born on a farm himself, Archie enjoyed surveying the crops and changes in seasons.

Sometimes amusing things happened - at least they were amusing in retrospect. Like one day up in the Vance district when Mr. Vance's dairy bull got loose and was standing in the middle of the road disputing the right-of-way. The horses became spooked, and Archie had all he could do just to hold them.

Mr. Vance's dog saved the day by coming out and chasing the angry bull back where he belonged.

There are several people with a special place in Archie's memories of those old days - like Tom Bartholomew, who often invited Archie in to get warm by the fire, offering hot coffee and lunch.

There was also John Carney, who being situated on a



ARCHIE HOWE OF JORDAN TOWNSHIP served as rural mail carrier for 35 years, and sent this clever greeting reminding his customers of the changes through the years. After 1930, Archie gave up struggling through the snow with his team of horses when he began using a forerunner of the modern snowmobile. But the expense of fuel (apparently the early snowmobile was a real gas-guzzler) forced Archie to give up the contraption after three winters. The replacement - a Model-A Ford.

Photo courtesy of Lester Hurlbert

particularly bad road, would often get out early in the morning and clear the roads for Archie.

Route 5 is motorized

In 1930 the snowmobile was getting a lot of publicity. Quite a few rural mail carriers who spent hours every day watching their teams fighting their way through the drifts decided they were at least worth a try. It certainly was a relief not to have to struggle with the icy harnesses early every morning, and the saving in time required to cover the winter roads and the extra comfort they provided was wonderful.

Archie really enjoyed his snowmobile and drove it for three winters, 1930-1932. He had one big objection though, and that was the expense. All that ease of travel could not be accomplished without gas and more gas. The snowmobile also needed a lot of care,

and treads had to be carefully inspected daily.

After three winters Archie gave up his snowmobile and purchased a Model-A Ford. The day of the horse-drawn deliveries were definitely over!

Many strange articles went riding with Archie during his 35 years of service - because part of his route was quite hard to get in and out of during the winter months, he often obliged the patrons by doing errands for them.

Sometimes he stopped long enough to give someone a hand - twice he helped farmers get one of their cows out of a ditch. Once he took time to climb to the top of a windmill and do a repair job. One day, he came along just in time to help two men whose car had rolled over and pinned them

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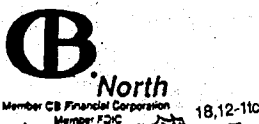
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Dear Santa,
My name is Santana. I'm 10 yrs. old. Here is my X-mas list: Radio or Birthday; cloths; earrings-neckless; pictures for walls (Flowers); blankets-pillows; spell checket; books-color-crayons; shoes-jacket.

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Andrew Wiser, East Jordan

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Dear Santa,
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April Wakeham

Dear Santa,
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From,
Eric Hansen

Dear Santa, Claus.
I want a soccerball in a Segis CD in a computer. How are your reindeers? How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? good-bye
Josh Cooper

Santa Clause, North Pole
Dear Santana,
My name is Codie. Heres my K-mas list: pinball, foot ball, locket, Power Rangers, flash lite, game.

Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas a guitar and a flute. How are you?
From Felicia Burks

Dear Sata claus.
I would like a Bat man suit and a toy gun, and a soccerball, How are your reindeer? Good bye.
From Rusty James Miller.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jess. Here is my X-mas list: CDs, jelwry, nic-nacs, comforter-pillows, color books-crayons, computer, more stuff for room, Pocohons stuff.

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Andrew Streufert

Dear Santa,
My mom is taking care of Most of my things But there is one thing I want from you it is 1,000 dogs!!!
Love, Alex Lorne

Death notice

Jean S. Cochrane, 55, of Ellsworth, died Dec. 7, 1995, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Funeral services were held Dec. 11, at the East Jordan Baptist Church, with burial in Ellsworth Cemetery.

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Jordan memories



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both beneath it; of course, then Archie took time to rush them both to a doctor!

Most days though were without unusual incidents, and he would go the whole route, observing the changing of the seasons and the movements of the wildlife.

In all those years Archie says he never saw a lynx, and no bear or deer until 15 or 20 years ago. All stories to the contrary notwithstanding, there was little that could be called big game in the lumbering era of Jordan Township.

Archie has had very little trouble on his route and no serious accidents. One that might have been serious was so funny he still gets a laugh out of it — that was the time he ran into the river by the Chestonia bridge. While his car was standing upright on its nose in the water, he watched one tire and his hat go floating down the river side by side. Then he climbed straight up over the back end of the car and jumped to dry land

without getting a foot wet!

There have been a lot of changes made on the roads since Archie started, both in improvements and locations. The route too has changed. Now known as Route 1, it no longer takes in the Vance District. Although his mileage has increased from 25.5 to 55.5, the improved roads and methods of transportation have cut his time on route down to four hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe live quietly in their comfortable home in East Jordan where Mrs. Howe takes part in community activities, and Archie raises a lawn that reminds one of walking on a Persian rug.

We realize Archie has served his patrons long and well — and that the time may soon come when he will retire. When he does, we will all be sorry. You see, we know it was a lucky day for the patrons of this route when they hired Archie, for on that day we acquired not just a carrier of the mail, but a friend!

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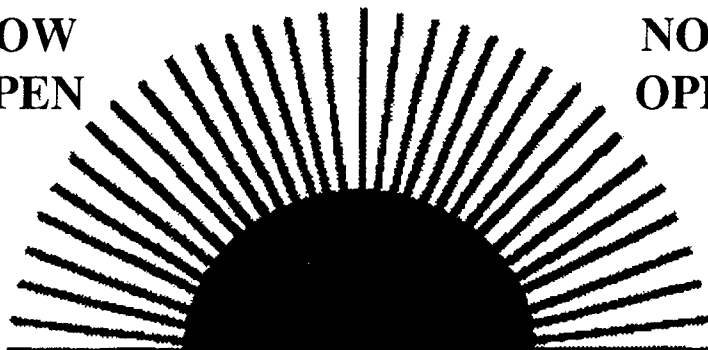
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East Jordan nips Kalkaska, stands 4-0 on season

BY RICH CLARK
Journal Sportswriter

East Jordan moved to 4-0 on the season, but first had to get by a tough Kalkaska Blazer squad Dec. 15.

In the first quarter both teams traded the lead. Both hit triples, hammered the boards for extra shots and played solid defense. After one quarter it was all tied up at 21 each.

In the second quarter East Jordan's press started to work its magic, as the Devils started to creep into the lead.

East Jordan started the third like it finished the second - by pressuring Kalkaska into bad passes and bad shots. They also got

a scare, as after a Kalkaska rebound they found Andrew Otis lying on the floor with a bad cut above his left eye. The Devils still led after three, 55-47.

East Jordan put the game away in the fourth quarter with still more relentless defense. The Devils also got a boost when Andrew Otis came back onto the floor. They went on a 12-6 run near the end to put the game away, 82-64.

"Both teams played hard, and we played as a team," said coach Del Ingalls. "Ed Mettig, Steve Burks and Brenden Ingalls all came off the bench and played very well."

Andrew Otis had another great all-around game. He led the team in points with 30, had

five assists, four steals and three rebounds. Josh Spears added 13 points and six rebounds. Jim Malpass chipped in with 11 points, six rebounds and three blocks.

Leading scorers for Kalkaska were Ryan Barkovich and Jeremy Babcock with 13 each. Bree Saunders added 11.

East Jordan lost the JV game 75-57. Denzel Wilson had 19 points, six rebounds, five steals and three assists.

Josh Luck added 15 points and eight boards.

The East Jordan freshman also played Friday night. They came up short to the Blazers by a score of 52-55. "We were in it right up to the end," commented coach Brad Jones. Matt Shaw led the Devils with

15 points and 15 boards. Also contributing was Tony Prevo with 14 points and three steals.

Varsity scoring by quarters

East Jordan	21	21	13	27=82
Kalkaska	21	10	16	17=64

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Members of the Middle School Chorus joined voices with East Jordan Senior Center Merry Musicals to share songs of the holidays during the Festival of the Bells Community Night. The young singers have met twice a week at 7:15 a.m. throughout the school year to practice with their volunteer director Margaret Thomson. The chorus membership has grown rapidly from just a few voices two years ago, and went on "tour" this holiday season, performing for the Jordan River Arts Council, Grandvue Medical Care Facility, FMB Northwestern Bank, Charlevoix Area Hospital Holly Daze, and several other groups and activities.

Santa's secret



Each year, during the holiday season, many parents take their children for a visit to Santa Claus, that patron saint of kindness, compassion and charity, in the hopes that a spell on his lap might calm the little beasts down by giving their order of magnitude. Sadly, the vision of children behaving properly is but a hallucination.

This is precisely the reason why old Max Shemp was in such an irascible mood. It was not that old Max disliked children; he simply had a certain animosity for their presence. Why he chose as his profession that of pseudo-Santa Claus was a bewilderment to all who knew him. But, as Max would say, "When you's in a fix, ya do what ya gotta."

Max's singular joy these days was his daily commute home on the el. On this ride, he collapsed into this seat and sighed deeply. Max presented a peculiar picture. He wore his bright crimson fur suit. Bells encircling the tops of the boots chimed gayly below a tattered black overcoat and a dingy black derby covering his bald head. He carried today's copy of the *Times* and a peaked scarlet cap with a bell on the tip.

Young Joey Hankins was a parcel boy, delivering a few packages by way of the el-train. His stop was approaching, and he strode down the aisle towards the door.

The little boy caught a glimpse of Max and stopped dead. He then thought better of his position, standing wide-mouthed in the aisle gaping at Santa Claus. He jumped behind a wall and poked his head around.

"Santa Claus - on the el?" thought the young boy. "In New York City? What's going on here?"

Joey thought about his encounter with Old St. Nick until late that night, when his physical needs finally overcame his excitement, and he fell asleep.

The next day, Joey feigned sickness so he could ride the el in the hopes of seeing Santa Claus again.

"This time," he vowed. "I'll ask 'im what he's doing."

As the train squealed and hissed its way to a stop, Joey began to feel considerably less brave. With butterflies careening about his stomach, he grasped the handrail and clambered into the car.

He traipsed down the aisle, attempting to stifle the creaking of the old planks which made up the floor.

Ohmigosh its HIM!!! cried out his brain, and the little boy dove behind a wall in the sort of spastic reaction one has when confronted with the attention of the man who decides once and for all whether you are naughty or nice.

Poor Max attributed the fleeting apparition to his deteriorating eyesight, and sighed deeply, recollecting those halcyon days when he didn't see ghosts gallivanting about, or when his clothes were devoid of holes, or ...

Beads of sweat rolled down Joey's face. He took off his hat to fan his face and noticed the gentle deceleration of the train. The moment it stopped, the frightened child was out the door and charging down the stairway to the street.

That night, a terrible thought manifested itself, rearing its ugly head from the deep recesses of his cerebral tissue. Up until now he'd given little attention, but all his friends said it was so, and maybe they were right ...

He boarded the el the next day confidently, carrying an armload of packages. He walked back, his mind in some exotic, far-off place, when a gruff voice interrupted his thoughts. He turned to face the voice's source.

"I knew there was someone there!" Max thought exuberantly. Out loud, he said. "Boy, why you been spyin' on me?" The little boy's mouth hung open, and he was gulping air like a fish out of water. "It's cuz of this, ain't it?" He gestured to his red fur garments.

Joey composed himself as he waited for the rest of Max's lecture. Meanwhile, Max's visage took on a kinder appearance. Thought he, "Looks a bit like little Tommy did - when he died ..."

"Listen, kid, I -"

"Ain't Santa? Heck, I knew that."

It was Max's turn to let his jaw hang slack, as little Joey Hankins walked away and left his childhood in the aisle of the el.

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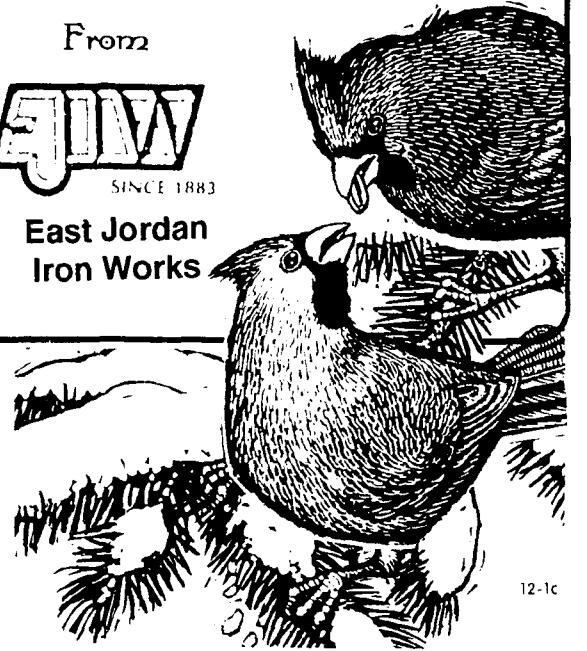
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