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Sutter fired by commissioners

BY IRENA GRANAAS
Journal Editor

The outcome of the July 31 special meeting was never really in doubt.

After listening to a barrage of allegations against suspended city administrator Carolyn Sutter, East Jordan City Commissioners voted 5-2 to terminate her employment with the city. Lyle Etcher and Ron Klooster cast the "no" votes, while

commissioners Greg Chappuies, Brian Sweet, Ruth Gee, Dan McKinnon and Mayor Russ Peck voted to fire Sutter.

Sutter had no comment after the meeting, referring all questions to her attorney, Marshall Grate of Grand Rapids, who confirmed Sutter will receive three months' severance pay.

The meeting, which was held in the Civic Center to accommodate the expected crowd, opened short-

ly past 7:30 p.m. when a special prosecuting attorney hired by the city, Peter Doren of Traverse City, spent over an hour detailing the 15 charges leveled against Sutter.

City attorney Scott Beatty noted before Doren spoke that the purpose of the open forum was to consider the options of Sutter's suspension, removal or reinstatement.

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MEMBERS OF THE city commission settle in at the Civic Center before the July 30 open hearing. From left are Brian Sweet, Ron Klooster, Mayor Russ Peck, Lyle Etcher, Greg Chappuies and Dan McKinnon.



Leadership change for hometown newspaper

Nearly four years after its first issue hit the streets of this city, the *East Jordan Journal* has a new owner.

Hugh Conklin, publisher of the *Boyer Citizen* since 1994, takes over the newspaper this week.

Effective Aug. 9, the sale was announced last week by John Tarrant, owner of Up North Publications, Inc.

Tarrant, who owns four other northwest Michigan weekly newspapers, started the *Journal* in October, 1992.

"I'm looking forward to maintaining a community newspaper for East Jordan," Conklin said. "We intend to provide good sports coverage and to cover all the events of East Jordan. But most importantly, we will concentrate our efforts on stories about the interesting people of the area."

"I'm looking forward to this opportunity, and with cooperation and support from our readers and the business community, we can make the paper successful."

During the transition, the E.J. Shoppe will still serve as the drop-off point for all stories and advertising.

Community foundation awards scholarships to local students

Nine 1996 graduates of East Jordan High School are being rewarded for their academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

The students have been selected to receive scholarships awarded through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Since it began in 1992, the Community Foundation has become home to a number of scholarship funds — several of them designated specifically for East Jordan students.

The funds are invested and, each year, part of the earned income is used to grant scholarships according to established guidelines and the intentions of those who set up the special endowments. This year's scholarship recipients and the amount of their awards are:

• **Melissa Alpeter and Josh Spears**, \$600 each from the Leatha Larsen Memorial Scholarship Fund



Erica Kroush

• **Erica Kroush**, \$1,000 Becky Bos Memorial Scholarship

• **Charissa Gulotta**, East Jordan Rotary Club Scholarship, \$3,000 William E. Malpass Memorial Scholarship

• **Josiah Middaugh**, East Jordan Rotary Club Scholarship, \$2,500 Howard P. Porter Memorial Scholarship



Josiah Middaugh

• **Katie Malpass**, East Jordan Rotary Club Scholarship, \$1,000 Bryce Vance Rotary Memorial Scholarship

• **Brendan Ingalls**, \$1,500 East Jordan Rotary Scholarship

• **Dawn Meads**, \$2,000 East Jordan Rotary Scholarship and \$500 Alice Garlock Memorial Scholarship for excellence in



Katie Malpass

mathematics

• **Steven Burks**, \$2,000 F. Bruce Malpass Memorial Scholarship (a new scholarship fund established in 1995 designated for an East Jordan graduate who plans to attend Lake Superior State University and major in a technology-related field).

Josh Spears and Josiah Middaugh plan to attend Central Michigan University; Dawn Meads, Brendan Ingalls, and Steve Burks will attend Lake Superior State University; Mellisa Alpeter will study at North Central Michigan College; Erica Kroush will go to Aquinas;



Dawn Meads

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Mellisa Alpeter



Josh Spears



Charissa Gulotta



Brendan Ingalls



Steven Burks

Suspended city administrator fired

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"The hearing is being held at the request of the administrator, pursuant to her rights under the charter," he said.

"I think what you hear tonight may shock you ... I apologize in advance for some of the language I'm going to use ...," said Doren before going into the charges. But the allegations read off by Doren sounded familiar to anyone who attended the June 13 meeting which resulted in Sutter's suspension.

They included inappropriate management style, misuse-squandering of city resources, creating low employee morale, arbitrary and capricious handling of city employees and improper restriction of the clerk in the performance of her duties. Doren provided details of Sutter's alleged improper acts.

In addition to numerous minor offenses Sutter is alleged to have committed, Doren mentioned several more serious charges, including obscene language and gestures used with city employees, threats against employees, tampering with commissioners' mail, and an alleged incident of sexual harassment.

Doren cited further incidents which allegedly showed Sutter's conflicting direction to city employees; lack of knowledge of zoning matters, mishandling of city resources and "inability to delegate authority."

"The information I've given you is just the tip of the iceberg ... What I've given you is just a sampling of some of the bad things - what's missing is the bad things we don't know about," Doren said to commissioners and audience members after presenting the numerous allegations.

Grate asked for and was granted a 10-minute recess. When the hearing re-convened, Grate stated his client had been subjected to "a fundamental break in due process" because he didn't receive a detailed copy of the allegations against her, as requested, until he arrived at the hearing.

"We have no illusion about this particular forum providing a fair and just hearing of these matters," he said.

Regarding an incident when Sutter was hospitalized and was accused of not properly delegating authority, Grate said, "I heard the prosecutor accuse my client of abrogating her responsibilities while absent for two days. I was told she was in intensive care at Charlevoix Area Hospital."

Grate continued, "I want to share these facts about my client: She has three college degrees ... Western Michigan University has thought so highly of her, they named her a distinguished alumnus, not a designation they hand out lightly."

He noted Sutter has two master's degrees, has authored papers and books on city finance, and as a single mother raised two children.

"We're not talking about a dysfunctional human being here," Grate said.

He did not respond specifically to most of the 15 charges.

"Putting aside all of the allegations, most of which we deny, it seems to me there was a watershed event which caused all this to come forward," said Grate, referring to the firing of city clerk Kathy O'Rear in June, two days before Sutter's suspension.

Commissioners rehired O'Rear at the July 16 meeting, and agreed to pay the clerk's legal expenses in exchange for O'Rear's dropping of a threatened lawsuit against the city.

Grate also commented on the charge that access for information to the city auditor be handled through Sutter was a restriction of the auditor's duties. He said the city charter charges the city administrator with that responsibility, and there's nothing odd about having communication go through Sutter.

Grate waived offers to question witnesses or for a continuance. He said his client did not have the level of legal protection in this type of forum as she would in a courtroom. Grate also repeated his complaint that details on the specific allegations, which he said were requested July 2, were not given to him until he arrived at the hearing.

"I'm not casting any aspersions, but to be frank, it put us at a huge disadvantage," he said.

"That ... was addressed by the opportunity to have a continuance," Beatty responded.

After the meeting was adjourned, Peck said the city's next move will be to seek out "a good, qualified city administrator" as soon as possible.

"I, too, am sad things had to come to this ... yet I feel that majority of it was done in the best interests of the city," he said.

Asked about the next move for Sutter, Grate responded, "This is obviously a very unpleasant experience for her ... She will attempt to seek out other employment, and I feel what's happened here is going to make that very difficult, particularly employment in any type of public administration."

Grate wouldn't say whether Sutter plans to sue, but said, "We will be reviewing all our legal options."

Our readers write

Commissioners criticized for crisis handling

I AM ANGRY and appalled at the recent actions taken by our city commission. As our elected officials, you have sworn an oath to safeguard the welfare and reputation of our city in the execution of your office under our charter.

In my judgment, the board has failed the citizens and business owners of our community. The point is not whether Ms. O'Rear should or should not have been terminated or whether Ms. Sutter should or should not continue in office. The point is the commission ignored the information it was presented concerning the deterioration of the executive administration and failed to respond in a pro-active manner to alleviate the problems before the situation escalated to the dilemma we now find ourselves having to deal with.

Your own investigation of the allegations against Ms. Sutter revealed the fact you were notified of the problems yet failed to act. Our city now finds itself liable for possible monetary damages due to publicized slanderous accusations made by commissioners and counsel, liable for possible punitive damages for actions taken in possible violation of our city charter, and liable for past, current and future attorney fees due to the commission's failure to carry out its responsibilities in a timely manner.

East Jordan's reputation as a growing, vibrant business-friendly community has been tarnished due to recent media attention. What message have you, as our governing officials, sent to potential investors in our community? Is East Jordan a good investment at the present time? Can our current business owners have confidence about a decent return on their investments given the lack of effective leadership and potential budgetary constraints caused by your recent actions?

I realize the past year has been a difficult one for the City of East Jordan. Any transition from one form of government structure to another is

fraught with potential calamity. However, this is no excuse for your failure to do your homework, be pro-active in setting executive policy, and preventing the escalation of this incident to its present proportions.

How many years are we going to have to deal with this incident and its negative media attention as it progresses through the court system? How much more bad press can our city handle without it having a negative impact on the level of new investment, property values and tax revenues?

Will the city be able to attract a talented candidate for city administrator? Will a new administrator feel confident in appointing a qualified management team of his or her own choosing without incurring the wrath of your commission?

The citizens of East Jordan don't have many alternatives; the business owners who are not residents have none. Should the citizens recall some of you, compounding the lack of progress created by this situation?

Should they allow you to continue in office and trust that you will execute your responsibilities properly and learn from your mistakes? Can you restore our confidence in you? Can you restore the confidence of potential investors in our community? Can you restore the morale of our citizens and business owners?

I don't know what the answers are. Recalling some of you or allowing your resignations would be letting you off the hook too easy in my opinion, yet I'm not sure some of you deserve to represent the city given your past actions.

I do feel some of you owe the City of East Jordan a public apology. Maybe that could be your first step toward restoring our confidence. I hope it's not too late.

Roger L. Huckle
East Jordan business owner,
Former DDA board member

Smith receives scholarship

The Western Shores Chapter of Professional Secretaries International (PSI) is proud to announce that Amy C. Smith has been awarded a \$500 scholarship toward her education.

Amy graduated from East Jordan High School in 1993. She earned an associate's degree in business with a major as an administrative assistant from Baker College of Muskegon in June

1995.

She is currently enrolled in the bachelor of business administration program, majoring in office administration, and her anticipated graduation date is March of 1997.

She is working part time as an administrative assistant at Management Recruiters of Muskegon while attending college full time.

Quotable

"We all have the strength to endure the misfortunes of others."


La Rochefoucauld
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Coming events

Jordan River Run slated

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, Inc. (FOJ) will be hosting the first Jordan River Run/Walk on Sat., Aug. 31 (the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend). There will be four events: a 10K run, a 5K run, a 5K walk, and a 1-mile fun run. It will be a day where running and walking enthusiasts or just casual nature observers can come together for a day of fun and relaxation in the scenic Jordan Valley. Volunteers are needed to help with putting the races on. (See below)

The events are designed to:

- promote physical fitness and self-challenging opportunities in a natural, scenic environment
- raise awareness of the natural surroundings of the Jordan River Watershed and its scenic beauty and uniqueness as a watershed ecosystem
- convey the need to preserve and protect the Jordan River and the watershed
- promote and raise awareness of the Friends of the Jordan, its goals as an organization, and opportunities for involvement.

The 5K run/walk will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with the start of the 10K to follow at 9 a.m. at the Alba Sportsmen's Club in Alba. The 1-mile fun run will begin after the other races are near completion. Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners of the 10K and 5K runs, and medals to the top three finishers in each age group. Medals will go to the top three finishers in the 5K walk (both male and female).

A \$12 entry fee is required for pre-registration before Aug. 24, \$15 thereafter, except for the 1 mile fun run where \$1 gets you in. T-shirts will be given to the first 200 registrants for the 10K and 5K events. All proceeds go to support the efforts and programs of Friends of the Jordan, a nonprofit organization whose overall mission is to preserve and protect the environmental and recreational quality of the Jordan River and its watershed.

For more information or to volunteer, contact John Hummer, FOJ Program Director, at (616) 533-5063 or (616) 533-8818 or Reg or Marilyn Sprik at (616) 533-8368.

Art takes over Charlevoix

The northern Michigan resort town of Charlevoix will undergo its annual transformation into a mega-outdoor fine art gallery Sat., Aug. 10, when some 128 fine artists from around the United States gather to display their works in the 38th annual Waterfront Art Fair.

"The fair will have a fresh look," said Eileen Heck, art fair spokeswoman. "We have accepted fewer artists so there will be more space for everyone. And artists who have come to Charlevoix for many years will be in new locations. Works by new artists will be interspersed throughout the fair."

Spread across the stepped terraces of Charlevoix's downtown park, the Charlevoix Art Fair creates a montage of color and form with Round Lake Harbor as a backdrop. The fair brings together an array of painters, sculptors, ceramicists, photographers, wood workers and jewelers.

The fair also draws art lovers and collectors, gallery buyers and art dealers because of its rigorous jurying process.

"Our goals are to achieve a balance in the variety of art displayed, to introduce exciting young artists and to maintain the quality everyone has come to expect of this fair," said Heck.

One of the new artists exhibiting at the fair, gold and platinum jeweler James C. Smith of Traverse City, said he "decided to try the Charlevoix Art Fair as my first show because I heard the clientele was sophisticated."

Sponsored by the Charlevoix Council for the Arts, the funds generated by the art fair are used to bring symphonies, acting troupes, dance ensembles and artists in residence to Charlevoix Schools.

Another newcomer to the Charlevoix fair is Denmark-born sculptor G. E. Olsen. Working in marble, Olsen carves pieces that emphasize the beauty of the stone and simplicity of forms. His female figures, bears and abstract pieces are shown in galleries from Hawaii to Washington, D.C.

Other newcomers who will draw fairgoers' attention include blown-glass artists James and Tim Harkner of Grosse Pointe, Srirongkol Darawli, a San Francisco water colorist; and oil painter Hyun B. Yoo of Clio.

"The Charlevoix fair is tough to get into," commented Jim Harkner, "but we've heard for years that it is the best one-day show in Michigan, possibly the country. It is very prestigious."

Rendezvous is a visit back

Take a step back in time at the 18th Annual Jordan River Sportsmen's Club Rendezvous Aug. 9-11. Participants may come for the day or spend the weekend.

Enjoy walking through life as it was in the 1700s, with period traders of furs and essential living accouterments, participants in period dress, muzzle loading matches, women's and children's period events and rendezvous stories.

The cost is free to the public, registration is \$20 double, \$15 single for participants. Wood and water will be provided. Concessions open daily with food and beverages. Located 1.5 miles north of East Jordan on Boyne City - Advance Road at the range grounds. Follow the signs. For more information contact Bill Gardner at 536-2609 or Steve Olds at 536-0115.



A GLEAMING DODGE DAYTONA owned by Browney Mascow of Houghton Lake earned judges' favor in the stock division.

Photo courtesy Gail Bingham

Winners of car show announced

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce released the names of winners of the second annual Jordan Valley Freedom Festival Car Show, held July 5-6.

Chamber member Gail Bingham said there were 107 entries in this year's car show, compared to 75 last year, and 23 classes of trophies awarded in addition to "best of show" awards.

The following top cars received trophies:

- Best of Show Stock - A 1969 Dodge Daytona owned by Browney Mascow of Houghton Lake.
- Best of Show Modified - A 1933 Ford Victoria owned by Dave and Cari Czada of Prudenville.
- Most Chrome - A 1955 Chevy owned by John and Colleen

Rounds of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

- Best Paint - A 1937 Chevy sports sedan owned by Jim Veliquette of Kewadin.

- Mayor's Choice - A 1959 Olds Super '88, owned by Randy and Karen Kain of Kingsley.

- Cowgirl's Choice - A 1955 Ford Thunderbird owned by Mickey Hoffman of East Jordan. The entry was judged by Lynn Bay of Lake, Mich., "Michigan's Ultimate Cowgirl."

Other winners included Bob Veryzer of East Jordan, who took home the \$100 top cash award among door prizes given out; Tootie Bartlett of East Jordan, winning the first-place Afghan raffle prize; and Bill Gee, winner of the poker run prize, a pull-along cooler.

Top O' Michigan holds family picnic Saturday

Activities for the entire family are planned for the annual membership meeting of the Top O' Michigan Electric Company on Sat., Aug. 10.

Members of the customer-owned, electric cooperative will elect four directors to their board. Directors Dale E. Farrier of Mancelona, William Korthase of Boyne City, and Dr. H.W. McCaughrin of Petoskey are seeking re-election to three-year terms on the nine-member board of the rural electric company. In addition, director Douglas W. Way Sr. of Charlevoix is seeking re-election to a one-year term. They have no challengers.

The election and business meeting begin at 1 p.m. at the company's Boyne City office. But the fun and activities for all members and their families begin at 11 a.m.

Food, refreshments and prizes will be provided along with musical entertainment by The Epsilon Jass Band. Special children's activities are planned while mom and dad attend the business meeting, and

chicken dinners will be prepared by the Rotary Club of Boyne City.

A silent auction of handcrafted items will also be offered, with winners announced during the meeting.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff Department will hold a tracking dog demonstration and Top O' Michigan line crews will present a hot line

safety show. Juggler and comic Tommy Tropic will also entertain the crowd.

The entire annual meeting highlights fun and family entertainment, but it also focuses on the serious side of the rural electric cooperatives.

For more information, call (616) 582-6521.

WHAT'S COOKING

Recipes designed in the kitchen of Debbie Chappuies, with East Jordan cooks in mind.

One of my favorite meals any time of year is sauteed vegetables served over pasta. Until the last few years, I have always been one that needed a recipe in hand and measured every ingredient. I've discovered cooking is a lot more fun when I take a basic recipe and play around with it, making it uniquely my own.

Vegetables and Pasta

Just slice your choice of vegetables such as summer squash, zucchini, sweet onions, mushrooms, tomatoes, or canned artichokes.

In a large frying pan or wok, heat some olive oil and garlic. Add whatever seasonings make sense, such as a little dill, oregano, parsley or rosemary. Learn to smell the fragrance of the herbs and combine those that don't conflict - for example, oregano and chili powder probably wouldn't taste good together.

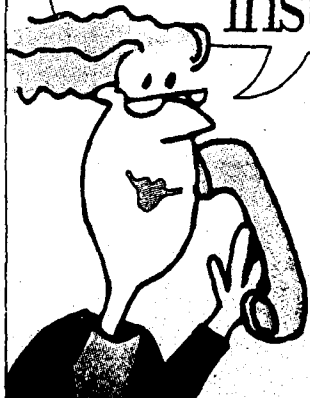
Once your seasonings have had a chance to blend in the hot oil (about a minute), add your vegetables and cook until crisp, while tossing them to coat with the seasonings.

Meanwhile, cook either angel hair or linguine pasta according to package directions. When all is ready, drain the pasta, add it to the vegetables and toss. Add a little more oil if needed.

Meat may be included in this dish - brown some chicken strips or cubes and add to the mixture. Fresh salmon steak would also be a tasty addition. Get creative, but more importantly, have fun with cooking!

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Area hapkido students compete

Several members of the Charlevoix and Ellsworth locations of Korean Hapkido Academy recently participated in a martial arts tournament in the Flint area, winning several awards.

Students competed in sparring, forms and breaking. There was also a demonstration by the Master Instructor and several Black Belts. The following academy members won awards at the tournament:

Chris Seymour, second in sparring, fourth in forms and breaking; **LeRoy Wynkoop**, second in sparring and forms, third in breaking; **Leif Wynkoop**, fourth in sparring and breaking; **John Nachazel**, fourth in sparring and breaking; **Mike Patrick**, first in breaking, fifth in sparring; **Sherry Gels**, first in sparring, second in forms; **Matt Seaman**, second in forms and breaking; third in sparring; **Keith Patrick**, second in sparring, second in breaking, third in forms; **Hope Wynkoop**, first in breaking, third in sparring and forms; **Jonathon Nachazel**, first in forms, second in sparring;

John Harrington, first in sparring; **Andy Gels**,

second in sparring, third in forms and breaking; **Jared Kirby**, first in sparring and breaking, third in breaking, fourth in forms; **Billy Conklin**, first in breaking, third in forms; **Jacob Kirby**, second in sparring and forms, third in breaking; **Cliff Jones**, first in sparring and forms, third in breaking; **Kyle Jones**, first in breaking, second in forms, third in sparring; **Travis Bruce**, second in sparring, third in forms, fourth in breaking; **Josh Hallberg**, first in sparring, second in forms, fourth in breaking; **Lori Hallberg**, third in sparring and forms.

Also, the Charlevoix location of Korean Hapkido Academy was recently named "School Location of the Year" for 1995. The Academy has locations in Petoskey, Ellsworth, Davison, Clio, Flushing, Swartz Creek as well as many locations in Georgia.

The Charlevoix club has just celebrated its first anniversary and has over 100 members. For information on joining or taking lessons call 547-0249.

Classes are Monday through Thursday, and private lessons are available.

TOP SCORERS at the recent hapkido tournament are (back row, from left) Phil LaVanway, Chris Seymour, LeRoy Wynkoop, Leif Wynkoop, John Nachazel, (third row) Mike Patrick, Sherry Gels, Matt Seaman, Keith Patrick, Hope Wynkoop, (second row) Jonathan Nachazel, John Harrington, Andy Gels, Jared Kirby, Billy Conklin, Jacob Kirby, (front) Cliff Jones, Kyle Jones and Travis Bruce. Not pictured: Josh Hallberg and Lori Hallberg.

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HAPKIDO ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS pictured are (from left) assistant instructor Mike Patrick, chief master instructor Dave Weatherly, head instructor Tim Bruce and assistant instructor John Nachazel.



East Jordan Area Church Directory

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 407 Water St., corner of Water & McKenzie. Rev. Mike Allen, pastor.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m., Evening service 6 p.m., Wed. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7 p.m.

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 207 Williams St., Corner of Third St. Rev. David Downton.
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 (during school year). Church 536-2941, Manse 536-2635

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 So the Blind Might See
 "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?" — Luke 6:39

Most of us are inclined to be opinionated, to think that our way is best. We feel that others should follow our example — even when we are wrong. Yet as Jesus pointed out in His parable, we are like the blind man leading another blind man. Dropping can only bring disaster to both parties. That doesn't mean that we can't learn and in time be capable of teaching others. Yet so can they do likewise. The true measure of a person's ability to lead is to first learn to follow. We must also learn the guidelines for living with and loving our fellow beings. And what better guide is there for clearing the mist from one's eyes than the words of Jesus as He taught us to venerate God and respect one another?
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Obituary

Chester C. Carney

Chester C. Carney, 83, of East Jordan died Fri., Aug. 2, 1996, at Tendercare of Gaylord.

No services are scheduled at this time. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

He was born on Dec. 2, 1912, in East Jordan, the son of Charles Albert and Grace (Burbank) Carney. Chester served in the United States Army during World War II. He moved to Lansing in 1943. He retired as the chief inspector at Motor Wheel in Lansing in 1972. He then moved back to East Jordan in 1973 where he attended the Missionary Church in East Jordan.

He is survived by step-son Thomas Voige of Waco, Texas; one grandchild; and brothers Claude Carney (Emma) of Lansing and Basil "Pete" Carney (Charlotte) of Grand Rapids. He was preceded in death by brothers Clarence, Kenneth, Jimmy, Dale, Roderick, Gerald, Walter and Hugh Carney; and sisters Greta Hauke, Alice Bates, and Maude Carney.

Arrangements were handled by the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

CAH achieves accreditation

Charlevoix Area Hospital has achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, as a result of its demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's nationally recognized health care standards.

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation.

The Joint Commission's on-site survey of Charlevoix Area Hospital occurred in June.

"Above all, the national standards are intended to stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in an organization's performance and the outcomes

of care," says Charles Bair, executive vice president, Division of Accreditation Operations, Joint Commission. "The community should be proud that Charlevoix Area Hospital is focusing on the most challenging goal - to continuously raise quality to higher levels."

Richard Krueger, Charlevoix Area Hospitals president, spoke of his pride in a staff whose members ask what needs to be done to be accredited by the Joint Commission.

"In addition, they appreciate the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the team of surveyors," he said.

Krueger called the accreditation, "proof of an organization-wide commitment to provide quality care on an ongoing basis."

Annual report positive

Charlevoix Area Hospital's President Richard L. Krueger was upbeat in his message to the hospital's membership at their annual meeting July 16.

He specifically mentioned positive comments from patients, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations following their two-day review, and the Michigan Hospital Performance Report.

"Our bottom line is also indicative of the good job we are doing. I am pleased to report that we have completed the year with a profit of \$123,164. This is much better than many small, rural hospitals are currently doing," he said.

Krueger also pointed to a growing medical staff with the addition of an obstetrician/gynecologist, family practitioner, and pediatrician to the staff.

Hospital Board President Mary Jason focused on ways the hospital is involved in promoting and maintaining good health and reaching out to benefit the community.

"The hospital's involvement in the lives of area residents begins before birth with childbirth classes, which are designed to adequately prepare parents-to-be for the birth

of their child," Jason said. She listed services such as immunization clinics for children, coordination of programs with the District Health Department, freedom from smoking classes, health screenings, and outpatient services such as water therapy as ways the hospital meets the needs of area residents to stay healthy.

Arthur "Al" Ranger, board secretary-treasurer, outlined the hospital's income and expenses for the past fiscal year. He pointed out that over \$1.15 million worth of care was given free due to the fact that Medicare and Medicaid do not reimburse the hospital for its costs.

Also included is \$64,850 which was given as charity care. The hospital's total operating income was \$10.8 million with operating expenses being \$10.75 million.

Guild President Ed McGee said, "We had 132 active volunteers who gave 10,259.75 hours last year." McGee said this was a record year and represents \$71,814 in labor savings to the hospital.

The membership confirmed the re-election of Mary Jason, John Buick, and Sulane Hamilton to the Board of Directors for three-year terms.

LaLeche League meets

The Petoskey Area La Leche League, a breastfeeding support group, will hold its monthly meeting Wed., Aug. 14, at 9:30 a.m., at 802 E. Mitchell in Petoskey.

This month's topic is "At Home With Your New Baby." All interested women and their babies are invited.

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Police reports

Local man robbed

The Charlevoix County Sheriff Department is investigating a strong-arm robbery which occurred July 28 in Wilson Township, at about 1:30 a.m.

Sheriff George T. Lasater reported an 18-year-old Charlevoix County man was assaulted and robbed of his wallet and money by another male subject, who then left the victim on a rural road in Wilson Township.

The victim was able to walk out to a residence on the road and contacted the sheriff department. The sub-

ject has been identified and warrants are being sought from the prosecutor's office. At press time, no other details were available.

Jet skis collide

A Livonia man sustained minor injuries in a July 31 jet ski accident on Lake Charlevoix.

Marine Officer Ron Buckner stated Shawn R. Caldron, 18, and David Stevanovic, 18, both of Livonia, were sitting on their jet ski's west of the landing in Boyne City, at 4 p.m. Apparently, Caldron took off about the same time Stevanovic did, then

both turned and collided.

Stevanovic's jet ski hit Caldron and the jet ski he was on, totaling the machine.

Stevanovic's jet ski received minor damage. Caldron was treated and released from Charlevoix Area Hospital for bumps, bruises and a cut on the right leg. Stevanovic sustained a cut on his hand.

Truck backs into car

A car driven by an East Jordan woman was damaged July 29 when a truck backed into it.

Police reported John Forbes of

Mancelona was backing his 1992 Kenworth semi on Water Street at about 1:50 p.m., to make room for another semi turning right, striking a 1984 AMC owned by Janet Pasqualane.

There were no injuries reported and both drivers were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident.

Sailboat damaged

An East Jordan man drove into a boat in a July 25 property damage accident.

Police Chief Jerry Alward reported that Charles McNair was backing his 1984 Lincoln in the parking lot of the Four Seasons Marina, 204 Water St., at 12:30 p.m., when he struck a sailboat that was sitting on

a cradle. The boat is owned by Mike Davis of Boyne City.

The cradle was knocked off the blocks, and the cradle then went through the bottom of the boat.

When the keel of the boat hit the ground, it also broke the glass on the bottom of the boat around the keel.

Driver hits own car

The East Jordan Police Department reported a July 27 two-car property damage accident, which occurred at 11:35 p.m.

Police Chief Jerry Alward said Kevin Dunson of 803 Main St. was backing his 1969 Chevrolet in the driveway when he struck a 1991 Chevrolet, also owned by Dunson.

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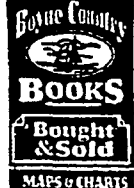
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Local team remains undefeated in district

BY RICH CLARK
Journal Sports Writer

The East Jordan mens fastpitch teams started slowly in the first week of the Class E softball districts at Petoskey.

After four days at competition in the double-elimination tournament, only D and D Construction remained in the winners bracket, while Rainbow Bar and Tom's Golf were eliminated.

Play will continue through Aug. 10, with the top two teams advancing to the state regionals.

Tom's Diesel started the tournament July 29 against Sidedoor Saloon of Petoskey, and outplayed their opponents during the last five innings. However, seven errors in the first two innings sunk the ship and gave Sidedoor enough cushion for the 9-3 win.

Steve Goebel handled the pitching chores for Diesel allowing 11 hits and two walks with four strike-

outs.

Goebel helped his cause with a three-run homer in the fourth inning. Rob Behling and Bill Kramer also collected hits.

Game two saw Rainbow Bar get ripped by Snoopy's Bar at Cheboygan, 7-5. Rainbow started slow, earning all their runs in the last three innings.

Kevin Russell pitched for Rainbow allowing 10 hits and three walks while striking out two. Jim Price and Jim Raymond paced the offense with two hits each for Rainbow.

An East Jordan team won for the first time July 30 as D and D Construction upended BC Pizza of Petoskey, 6-1. Bryan Bolsor threw the complete game win giving up just four hits while sending five down on strikeouts.

John Skop hit two doubles and a single for D and D. Steve Bartlett followed him in the lineup going 4-for-4.

The second game was a tight one as Western Concrete of Cheboygan and Lakeshore Auto of Petoskey combined to outscore Tom's Golf, 6-4. Vern Ringle started on the mound for Golf with Ron Himebauch in relief. They combined to give up nine hits, two walks, and a strikeout.

Scott Chanda had three hits to lead Golf with Dan Harris adding two singles.

In the first game July 31, Side-

door Saloon bested Shadow's/Sam's, 6-1. Ray Argetsinger suffered the loss allowing a scant six hits and three walks while collecting six strikeouts.

Fred Grose, Donny Smith, Shadow Herbon, Rick Matelski, and Kevin Thomas each had hits for Shadows.

Game two saw Wit-Son Carbide fall 20-5 to Snoopy's Bar of Cheboygan. Pitcher Mike Boyer allowed 16 hits and three walks for Wit-Son. Tim Hoffman, Chris Thomas, and Doug Barrett had two hits each.

Rainbow Bar was eliminated from the tournament after being a no-hit by BC Pizza of Petoskey Aug. 1, 14-0. Losing pitcher Kevin Russell allowed 12 hits and two walks.

In game two, Tom's Diesel outlasted Tom's Golf, 13-6. Steve Goebel got the pitching win allowing 11 hits and two walks, getting four strikeouts. Vern Ringle and Ron Himebauch combined for 13 hits and three walks in pitching for Golf.

Gerald Gee led the Diesel hitting barrage with three singles. Kelly Morris, Bill Kramer and Harold Hogerhyde added two each. Lyman Harris hit a homer and single to lead Golf, while Cliff Mayhew added three hits and Scott Chanda two doubles.

With the loss, Tom's Golf was eliminated from the tournament.

AMONG THE LEADERS for Tom's Diesel in their 13-6 district win over Tom's Golf is Harold Hogerhyde, who swings for one of his two singles. The Golf squad was eliminated from district play in Petoskey while Diesel remained in the tournament with a 1-1 record.

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All-Stars in state final

BY RICH CLARK
Journal Sports Writer

The East Jordan Little League 13-year-old All-Stars won the District Eight Championship and went to the state finals tournament in the juniors division.

The tournament was held in Gladstone, and East Jordan was one of only eight teams in the whole state that made it.

Game one for East Jordan was played Fri., July 26, against District Four champ Rochester Hills. East Jordan took the early 1-0 lead through the first three innings, getting another run in the top of the fourth.

But Rochester Hills found their offense, picking up two runs in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game. Rochester Hills won with a run in the bottom of the seventh inning, ending the game with a 3-2 score.

Nathan Skop started the game, serving up no hits, one walk, and striking out two. Top hitters were Peter Warnos, Chad Wilson, Matt Birgy and Jeff Kramer.

The second game was played July 27, and East Jordan fell to West Portage 11-1 in the elimination round.

Nathan Skop started again, with Jeremy Bartlett as relief pitcher. They combined to allow just four hits and one walk, while striking out three. Top hitters were Bobby Nichols with two hits, Tarn Leach and Jessie Hahn added a hit each.

Congratulations 13-year-olds, for being one of the best eight teams in the state!



STILL NUMBER ONE in the hearts of their community, East Jordan's Little League All-Stars at the state finals are (back, from left) coach Chris Kramer, Billy Tisron, Toby Breakey, Jeff Kramer, Nathan Diller, Nathan Skop, Matt Birgy, coach Tom Breakey, (front) Tarn Leach, Peter Warnos, Chad Wilson, Bob Nichols, Jeremy Bartlett, Jesse Hahn and Bill Nichols.

Jaycees recruiting new members

East Jordan has been home to a Jaycee chapter since 1992, but is currently in danger of losing its charter.

Membership has decreased recently, prompting an urgent need for more people, or East Jordan may lose its charter at the end of August. Monthly meetings are held every second Monday at 6:30 p.m., in the Jordan Valley District Public Library.

Guests are always welcome. Persons interested in joining or businesses wishing to sponsor a member can call Merri-Sue Cardwell

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United States Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) is an international leadership training organization with members in over 80 countries, all 50 states and over 5,000 communities.

Each chapter conducts countless projects geared toward building better leaders and meeting the needs of their communities.

People become involved in Jaycees for many different reasons," said Cardwell. "Members must be between the ages of 21 to 39 and be dedicated to community improve-

ment and personal growth. The annual goals of each chapter are generated and met by the members themselves."

Some of the East Jordan Area Jaycees community projects have been: the MDA Fish Tank, Adopt-A-Highway, KidCare, Road Rallies, Jaycees Against Youth Smoking, Bikes for Kids, and Snow Blast and Freedom Festival events.

Next scheduled projects include the concession stand in August, September KidCare and September Adopt-A-Highway cleanup.



A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT submitted to the recent unjuried flower show gets a closer look by Jordan River Arts Council President Howard Ellis and East Jordan Garden Club member Anne Dingman. The arrangement is displayed on a table by Ron Abfalter, an artist participating in the studio tour sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council.

Garden clubs hold annual flower show

The East Jordan Garden Club and the Lake Country Garden Club of Ellsworth sponsored an unjuried flower show July 16.

Entitled "I Enjoy My Garden," the show was held at the Jordan River Arts Council Building. Flower arrangements and vegetables were submitted by garden club members and the public.

A committee of garden club members chaired by Peggy Midener placed the flowers and vegetables throughout the center, coordinating with an art exhibit promoting the studio tour spon-

sored by the Jordan River Arts Council.

The flower show was open to the public throughout the day, and refreshments were served.

This was an opportunity for the members of both organizations and the public to view the Jordan River Arts Council building landscape project, sponsored by the East Jordan Garden Club.

The project will be entered in the restoration category of the Michigan Federation of Garden Clubs project competition.

Brooks begins basic training

Army National Guard Pvt. Tracy S. Brooks has entered basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instructions in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Brooks is the son of Barbara M. and Jerry M. Brooks of East Jordan.

He is a 1996 graduate of East Jordan High School.

Scholarship recipients

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Charissa Gulotta will be a student at Susquehanna University, and Katie Malpass has been accepted at Kalamazoo College.

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