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A Christmas gift for the community

Peabody Foundation approves Boyne District Library expansion

If something seems too good to be true, it usually is, but not always.

A few months ago when the Mary K. Peabody Foundation approached the Boyne District Library board and said it was interested in paying for the construction of a library addition, it was, to say the least, hard to believe.

It's time to believe. Last Thursday the Peabody Foundation met and approved the preliminary program and budget for the library addition. The estimated budget approved for the project is \$2 million.

The Peabody Foundation met with Moake-Park Group, the Fort Wayne, Ind., architectural firm hired by the library board for the project. Stephen Wiseman of Wiseman Traditional Design in Boyne City, is the local representative.

The project includes far more than just an addition. The current building will also be renovated and all new fixtures and furnishings will be provided. The proposed addition at 7,160 square feet will be more than double the current size of the library.

The Peabody Foundation will pay for "what it will take to build the building and to get it operational," said Diana LeFefer Creech, who will serve as the project architect.

"The endowment fund will provide money for the increased operational expenses."

The project includes the following:

- Renovation to existing building: \$234,500.
- Addition: \$930,800.
- Sitework and landscaping: \$100,000.
- Replace windows in existing building: \$100,000.
- Brick tuckpointing in existing building and repair walls: \$45,000.
- Re-roofing work on existing building: \$35,000.
- Fixtures and furnishings: \$215,300.
- Design contingency: \$165,100.

One of things the addition will include is a community room which was the "most important thing on the board's wish list," Creech said.

While no decisions have yet been made on the design, "we do know at this point that we most definitely want to retain the character of the building," she said.

There was also a consensus following the architects' meeting earlier this month with the library board and community members regarding the location for the new addition. It will be built behind the existing building and the entrance will be on the Park Street side. The current entry will be used as a secondary entrance.

The next phase of the project, according to Creech, is the schematic

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He's making his list

Santa Claus made one of his final pre-Christmas stops at the Senior Center in East Jordan where Tommie Rae snuggled up to him before he headed back to the North Pole, with wish lists in hand, to prepare for the holiday.



Kim and Gary Peters are leaving their teaching jobs for missionary work in Papua New Guinea.

Leaving the comfort of the classroom for new challenges

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Kim Peters will resign from her special education teaching position at Boyne City Schools. Her husband Gary will take a leave of absence from teaching fifth grade in East Jordan.

Together, with their three children, the Peters will move to the village of Ukarumpa in Papua New Guinea for a year to teach children of Wycliffe Bible Translators missionaries.

But they won't be paid for their work. Like the parents of the children they will be teaching, they will also be missionaries.

Not only will the couple work for free, but they must also cover all their family's expenses — housing, food, clothing, airfare — for the year-long mission, and only have until their June departure date to raise the money.

"We had thought about this for a long time," Kim said, explaining that even before the two were married, they felt they would one day be involved in this type of ministry

work. That "one day" came about a year ago, when they met some Wycliffe representatives who were friends with their pastor, the Rev. Robert Faulman of the Boyne City First Presbyterian Church.

The Peters were interested in learning more about the international, interdenominational organization which has more than 5,300 personnel around the world who either translate or work to support translating the

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A feast for all to enjoy

If you feel like getting out of the house, would like some extra company, or just want to feel like doing any Christmas shopping, come yourself on Christmas Eve to the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City for a free dinner. The dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the church and



Holy Night

Angels, shepherds and sheep, along with Joseph and Mary, gathered at the front lawn of Boyne City's United Methodist Church, where the young people created a live nativity scene, complete with "real" sheep and goats from the farm of Ken and Connie Kutzleb.

MOTHER NATURE COOPERATES JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

The line from a tune made famous by Elvis Presley — I'll have a blue Christmas without you — was beginning to take on new meaning for area folks and businesses, with the object of their desire being snow for the holiday season, and lots of it.

Finally last week, a cold air system moved in, blanketing the area with its first layer of snow.

By Monday morning, Boyne City and East Jordan had four inches on the ground. And by Tuesday morning a snowstorm had dumped between three and upwards of eight more inches, closing down Concord Academy Boyne, and another cold front was promised.

The pile-up was still well below the average December snowfall of 37

inches in these parts, but nevertheless, sleds slid down hills in full force, makeshift igloos and snowmen sprouted up here and there, a few anxious snowmobilers took to the trails, and skiers were gliding down select hills at Boyne Mountain for the first time this year.

"It looks like a very snowy pattern over the week," said Monique Erme, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Gaylord.

She said another cold system coming through today (Wednesday) along with a reinforcing shot of cold air coming in on Thursday and Friday will mean more lake effect snow.

These low temps finally allowed

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

No crowds and a great selection

By MATTHEW SHAW

Life is ever changing. Change is good, progress is essential; however, I like being able to rely on some things to be consistent. Christmastime around the Shaw house, for example, I know what to expect. Christmas music playing, hot tea always brewing, and of course, a constant scramble to get the holiday shopping done. I have actually come to look forward to those ritualistic voyages to Traverse City to buy my gifts.

This holiday season, though, the atmosphere is slightly different. The holiday music and the hot tea may have stayed the same, but for some people, the trip to TC has all but disappeared. The Shaws have discovered cyber-shopping. Or more specifically, Dad has discovered cyber-shopping. The idea probably came as a result of a Newsweek article, "Xmas.com" which addressed the benefits of buying on-line.

My dad, as far as I can tell, is not an avid shopper. I rarely see him without a smile, but I cannot (for the life of me) form a mental picture of him walking through a busy shopping center with a huge grin stretched across his face. This year (much to my delight), he appears to enjoy going on-line, and purchasing just about anything imaginable with a few mouse clicks and a credit card. After only a few hours, my once computer-illiterate dad was making references to his new pastime like a pro.

The selection, he explained, is incredible. On-line bookseller Amazon.com (<http://www.amazon.com>) is home to more than one million titles — most of which will arrive at your home in less than a week. After seeing his success, I decided to try shopping online myself.

I wanted to buy my 8-year-old sister some books. I grew up on the Hardy Boys (Franklin W. Dixon), and their female counterpart was Nancy Drew. So I simply entered the phrase "Nancy Drew" and over 600 search results came back. I was looking for the "old" Nancy Drew books, so I opted to arrange the search results by date. Immediately, I found the "Secret of the Old Clock" by Carolyn M. Keene (hardcover) for only \$4.19 and purchased it.

The ease with which I bought the book, and the amount I paid for it will quickly make Amazon.com one of my favorite bookstores.

As I found out, though, my dad's new preoccupation may become a curse. As my mom was modeling a few dresses she had purchased and trying to decide which one to keep, my dad brought up the subject of shopping on-line. As she entered the room, wearing her final selection, my dad turned to me with a gleam in his eye and said, "I bet we can find the same dress cheaper on-line."

I am afraid that all future purchases made by the Shaw family will be subject to a thorough on-line comparison. "We need a laptop," he jokingly said, "so we can take it into stores and check prices."

Nevertheless, many people (a vast majority, I would assume) still enjoy the "thrill" of "real-life shopping." And, I must admit, I am one of those people. Even if I do make all of my purchases on-line, I will still make the voyage to Traverse City. If for no other reason, I will go to take pity on the frustrated, hopeless buyers who are still stuck in the rut of "snail shopping."

(Matthew Shaw is a senior at East Jordan High School.)



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LETTERS

A wonderful event to remember loved ones

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Charlevoix County Hospice I would like to thank Eta Nu Sorority of Boyne City for again sponsoring the beautiful Lights of Love Tree at One Water Street.

It is such a meaningful event at this wonderful time of year, and I personally know the comfort that it brings to those of us who have lost loved ones. By buying a light or heart ornament, these dear people are still part of our holiday season. Lights of Love also gives an opportunity to honor someone special in our lives!

The tree was dedicated on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9. I want to thank all those that participated in this annual event. To the committee who organized everything: to Betty and Dee Adgate for the beautiful tree; to One Water Street for having the tree in front of their beautiful restaurant, and keeping it lit for all to enjoy; to Buzz Walls, Hospice spiritual advisor, for dedicating the tree; to Bob Munn for directing our singing; to the Jordan Valley Community Band for playing; to Liz Kroondyk for maintaining the Memory Board in the lobby at One Water Street; and to all of those who came and sang and enjoyed this joyous occasion.

May you all have a Blessed Holiday Season.
Happy Holidays,
Margaret E. Lasater, executive director
Charlevoix County Hospice

Grandvue's Alzheimer wing gets rave review

TO THE EDITOR:

(Editor's note: This letter was sent to Penny Drury, administrator of Grandvue Medical Care Facility.)

The purpose of this letter is to commend the facility on your newly constructed Alzheimer wing and innovative music therapy program.

During your standard certification survey of Oct. 1, my team was extremely impressed with this special needs unit. In fact, one of my nurses stated that your Alzheimer unit was "very homelike, the least institutional" setting she has surveyed.

Some of the unique homelike features we were influenced by were the kitchen, laundry and barber/beauty areas. Your extensive enclosed courtyard with special entrances and resident mailboxes further contribute to homelike environment and resident autonomy. We believe that your Alzheimer unit can serve as a role model for other facilities wanting to provide special needs units.

Again, we compliment you and your staff on your innovation, dedication, and continued efforts to empower your residents.

Catherine A. Hunter, Licensing Officer
Bureau of Health Systems
Division of Health Facility Licensing & Certification

Blessings are counted every day of the year

TO THE EDITOR:

I was in Texas for the Thanksgiving holiday. I attended the Sunday services of the Methodist Church where I had gone many times before when visiting my niece. It was a beautiful modern church with a pipe organ, cathedral ceiling and at least a 10-foot cross suspended over the altar.

I was filled with emotion beyond description. What was causing this tremendous emotional feeling? Was it this impressive church? I began to think of my church back home and as humble as it is I was unable to make a judgment of one against the other. One is old, one is new, they are both beautiful.

As I sat there with emotion building up inside, I kept pondering my feelings. All of a sudden I knew the reason for this exhalation within me. It was not my immediate surroundings causing the reaction, but the fact that I was in God's House whether it be new or old.

Going to church weekly leaves me fulfilled and starts my week in the right direction.

How privileged I am to have the opportunity to worship God wherever or whenever.

I count my blessings every day.

Margaret Burr

Boyne's school millage plan raises questions

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter pertains to the 338 district voters surveyed by Kathy Feaster for the Boyne City School District and the proposed new millage by the school bond covering all three proposals for the new plans for the schools improvement. The new millages are identical for all three plans except for the life of the bonds. We will use plan A with a total cost of \$19,989,100.

We will quote their proposal exactly and in full as stated in the information tabloid sent out to about 2800 of the 6000 registered voters prior to the Feaster survey so they would be better informed and more able to answer the questionnaire.

MILLAGE INPUT:
In 1997/98 we paid 2.8 mills

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It's been a wonderful year. Thank you to all our readers and advertisers. You make it all possible. Happy Holidays. --From the staff of The Citizen-Journal

LETTERS

Impeachment has gone on far too long

TO THE EDITOR:

This impeachment nonsense has gone on far too long. We were disgusted enough when our tax dollars were used for the lengthy investigation of the President's sex life. Now, more is being wasted on the impeachment procedure. Censure is enough.

It is a pathetic situation when our congress has so little to do that it has time and energy to spend on a sexual witch hunt. Are we now to listen to confessions from every erring member? God save us from that.

Clinton's indiscretions were stupid and repugnant. However, they are private matters that should be left to his family. Lying about the indiscretions was also stupid and unethical, yet understandable. This is not a matter of national importance, let alone interest. It's all just a low class soap opera.

In addition, the partisan nature of the controversy indicates the larger motivation. We wonder why our representatives don't have more important things to do in Washington. We don't want to pay for them to play McCarthy, 1998 style.

The only one coming out of this pigsty with any class is Hillary Rodham Clinton. We hope Congress will learn something from her. It's time to stop this tawdry persecution of the President.

With concern for our government,
Carol A. Book
Donald L. Judd

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All letters must be signed and include a daytime phone number. The best read letters are brief and pertain to a topic of local interest. The deadline is Monday at 10 a.m.

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BASIC BANTER

Honesty goes the extra mile

By HARRIET KENNEY

It's a pleasure to run your eyes over a small town newspaper because it's bursting with articles and stories.

The front page grabs the attention of the reader as it focuses on celebrations, development, and informative features. School children and oldsters alike are given recognition, as are the efforts of volunteers and contributors. Hi-grade activity such as this, should and does take the leading edge in the headlines. There are many residents in local communities with real character. Reports of helping hands and acts of kindness provide the editors with volumes of material. That's great. It speaks highly for the community and that's what people want to read. It's uplifting.

There are always the numerous necessary articles that must go into print, yet there's also the need to support and applaud the humanitarians among us. It is the basis of good character; it's a most worthy tool. Many people wear honesty like a glove. It's just instinct. They never pause to question their morality. It is our duty to stimulate this conduct and publishing their acts is one way to do this. Kindness breeds kindness.

We all lose things and each of us has been the happy recipient of an honorable deed. Most women lose gloves; I lose wallets. In fact, I've lost them so any times that I've begun to think this is what "many happy returns" means.

To date, they've always been returned intact. Unfortunately, I find a purse a nuisance and I'd

rather just carry a billfold. I don't jam it into my hip pocket as a man does; I slip it into my jacket. Obviously, slash pockets are not made for this purpose.

I discovered my most recent lost-wallet saga a couple of hours after I'd arrived home from my volunteer work. I answered the phone, positive that it was our grandson who often tries to bamboozle us with his phone frolics. So, it took a bit of time to convince me that this was really a stranger wanting nothing more than to return my lost billfold. He even took the initiative to call long distance. This gentleman from Virginia Beach, Va., also delivered it to my door, apologizing for the possibility that something might still be missing. There wasn't.

What motivates a person to do the honest thing and still go an extra mile? There are many words to describe such moral behavior. For starters, it surely takes integrity, a sense of self-worth and self-pride and these traits are usually acquired early in life. Perhaps, you've never been put to the test; perhaps you will be. Here's something to remember; the feeling of goodness will remain much sweeter, though probably not as long as the guilty conscience. Then too, a happy feeling is much easier to carry than a full-to-bursting purse.

Accolades to all the Blake Stingers. Not just the ones who return my wallets; there ARE many others.

(Harriet Kenney writes from her home in Central Lake.)



The giving tree

Students in the fourth through 11th grade at Concord Academy Boyne hung hats and mittens on a Christmas tree in the school's foyer and gathered canned goods which were all donated to the Salvation Army last week for its Christmas baskets which were distributed on Saturday. Over the weekend the students also rang bells outside retail stores to collect money for the organization in its familiar red kettles.

Questions

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Plan A will add 2.2 mills
Our total millage will increase to 5.0 mills
The new 5.0 millage will continue at 5.0 mills for 18 years

If no new millage is added the 2.8 mills for the middle school gym and cafeteria will be paid off in 2003, dropping the millage rate to zero.

Now -- nowhere in the above information is there anything that suggests that the 2.8 millage on the new gym will not run until 2003 whether the proposal is passed or not.

Note: One mill generates about \$250,000 per year in the school district; 2.2 mills, \$625,000; 5 mills - \$1,250,000 per year.

Now the questions.
If the proposal passes next spring just how are you going to pay even the interest on nearly \$20 million until the year 2003 when the 2.8 mills from the paid off gym kicks in? You will only have \$625,000 per year coming in.

I think I know what you have in mind but are not telling us like tying the new 2.2 mills with the 2.8 mills as soon as the new issue passes. This will make the overall cost of the gym skyrocket. It's like refinancing it for another 18 years.

How can the survey have any meaning when the 338 people asked don't have the real facts?

When all else fails try the truth.
Merry Christmas!

Everett Sayles

(Editor's note: the following information was supplied by the Boyne City school administration to answer Mr. Sayles' questions.)
The Middle School Gym/Cafeteria addition will be

paid off completely in the year 2003. Stauder, Barch & Associates is the district's financial advisor. According to their estimates, future millage requirements to pay off the existing bond indebtedness of the school district is as follows:

For the 1998 tax year, the 1977 debt levy has been set at 0.86 mills and the 1996 debt levy on the Middle School Gym/Cafeteria at 1.94 mills. The total debt levy for the 1998 tax year (December, 1998 tax bill) is 2.80 mills.

In the 1999 tax year, the 1977 debt will be completely paid off with a levy of 0.54 mills. A levy of 1.08 mills on the 1996 debt will be needed for a total debt levy for the 1999 tax year (December, 1999 tax bill) of 1.62 mills.

In tax years 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 the estimated tax levies would be 1.00 mills, 0.93 mills, 0.87 mills and 0.81 mills respectively based on a 3.00 percent growth in taxable value within the school district.

One mill generated \$278,989 in debt revenue in the 1998 tax year. Based on Stauder, Barch & Associates' conservative 3.00 percent growth projection, one mill in 2004 will generate \$333,128 in debt revenue. In 18 years, one mill would generate \$474,961 based upon the 3.00 percent conservative projection.

Why 338 people? The sample size for a survey is determined by statistical formulas. The only numbers that are needed to determine the sample size is the size of the overall population (universe) the poll is to cover and the percentage of confidence you want in the survey. In this case it would be the number of persons who voted in the past three elections and a 99 percent confidence coefficient.

It could have been the number of registered voters, but information gathered over this population would be skewed, since you cannot count on people to vote who have not voted in the past.

A MOM'S LIFE

Celebrating the real meaning

By CINDI PLACE

It seems that no matter how much pre-planning we do for the holidays, nothing really prepares us for the hustle and bustle that precedes this wonderful season.

Christmas gifts can be chosen, purchased and even wrapped weeks ahead of time, special meals can be planned and partially prepared days before the actual celebration, attendance at various functions can be organized to allow ample time between engagements but we still find ourselves time-challenged during the month of December.

We tried all sorts of tricks to try and keep our family holiday time simple and reverent. Over the years, we've planned special family nights to shut out the world for a while and concentrate on ourselves a little bit.

We tried to take advantage of all the beautiful services that other churches offer to help keep our Christmas spirit flowing in the right direction. And we've had numerous family discussions about gift giving and how simply thinking of something that

a special person would appreciate, even if it's not expensive, is much more important than giving them an extravagant gift.

But year after year, the overload of Santa Claus and children's expectations has always managed to override our common sense. And on Christmas morning we find ourselves overwhelmed with our own generosity. And disappointed that, once again, we didn't follow our own rules and made the holiday much more about presents and less about life. Ah well.

But this year, as we find ourselves faced with the reality of college expenses, both present and very near future, it has been much easier to scale back and keep gift giving to a more responsible level. And, much to our surprise, it has been less stressful and a lot more fun to choose one nice gift for each other rather than the usual mountain.

The only concession we see to our usual Christmas morning frenzy will be that we'll still be awakened before dawn to see what Santa brought us.

Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas To All!

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BOYNE CITY HALL NEWS

By SUE HOBBS

NOW THAT WINTER has finally arrived, city staff is working on establishing a base for making ice at Avalanche. The skating rink will be open as soon as the ice is ready. However, if the predicted snow comes, the sledding hill and warming house will open at the end of the week.

IN THE INTEREST of safety, the city reminds families to warn children not to play on or stand near snow banks along the streets. State Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships, and Villages prohibits the deposit of snow, ice, or slush from private property onto public highways or plowed across streets or on the shoulder of the roadway and deposited in a manner which obstructs the safe vision of the drivers of motor vehicles.

WHEN PLOWING snow from private driveways, please do not pile onto sidewalks. This is public right of way. All snow plowed from private property must be deposited onto the owner's property unless permission is given by another owner to use his/her private property.

WE WOULD LIKE to encourage any citizen interested in serving on the City's Boards and Commissions to fill out an application. There will be an opening on the Downtown Development Authority in January.

DURING RECENT WEEKS I have heard several citizens remark about, "the city letting people build on the waterfront." Please understand that, if someone owns a piece of property, he/she has the right to use that property. The specific use is regulated by zoning, but the property owner can build on it. The only way to keep property open for public views and/or use is for taxpayers to purchase it. Citizens could form a committee to petition City Commission to hold an election for the purchase of lakeshore property or approach the commissioners to let them know of public interest in purchasing property. Perhaps the majority of the citizens think enough of the lakeshore is already public and there is no interest. But, if there is a need for more public lakeshore property, we need to start planning for it now rather than wait until everything is built upon. There are grants available for funding property acquisition but money has to be available for the match. Please let your elected representatives know your feelings on this.

ANOTHER OPTION would be for a group of citizens to set up a land trust, similar to a conservancy, which would fund the purchase of property separately from the municipal government. This would provide the opportunity for other than city taxpayers to participate in the purchase.

(Sue Hobbs is assistant city manager and city clerk of Boyne City.)

BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT

The Boyne City Police Department received 65 complaints last week, among them were:

Dec. 15: Damage was reported to the property of the City of Boyne City on First Street. A report was made of a stolen bike from Boyne City Middle School and also several bikes were reported damaged.

Dec. 17: A minor property damage accident occurred on Pleasant Avenue involving a vehicle and a stop sign. There was a shoplifting complaint reported from Glen's Market.

Dec. 18: Three vehicles were ticketed and towed for not complying with the city's snow removal

ordinance. A parking ticket costs \$20 and an average tow bill is \$45. Complaints were received of vehicles passing school busses while the red lights were flashing and of passing on a corner inside the city limits. An officer assisted in removing a student from Boyne City Middle School and transporting them to Great Lakes Academy.

Dec. 19: The department received a report of a stolen vehicle from Douglas Street. The vehicle was located by the Gaylord Police Department. The suspect was jailed in Otsego county for possession of a firearm and possession of a stolen vehicle.

OBITUARIES

Dale Lee Roberts

Dale Lee Roberts, 58, of Boyne City, died on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City, with the Rev. David Anderson officiating.

He was born on Jan. 16, 1940 in Grand Rapids, the son of Carl L. and Lorna Greenwald Roberts. He moved to East Jordan in 1969 and lived in Advance. Then in later years, he moved to El Paso, Texas and returned to Boyne City in 1997. He worked

for Allied Signal for several years. He enjoyed North American wildlife art and painting. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

On Sept. 27, 1969 he married Carolyn Boyer, and she survives. Other survivors include three children, Maryann (David) Anderson, of Detroit, and Sarah and Dale Jr., both of Lansing; two grandchildren; three brothers, Richard Roberts of El Paso, Donald Roberts of Washington, and Edward Roberts of Holland, Ky.; and a sister, Gloria Aho of Colorado.

Ralph Rodgers

Ralph Rodgers, 84, died on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1998 at his home in East Jordan.

A Knights of Columbus service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan, with the Rev. Robert McKeon officiating a prayer service directly following.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church in Fenton. The Rev. David Harvey will officiate. Interment will be in St. John Catholic Cemetery, Linden.

He was born Sept. 7, 1914 in Lapeer, the son of Roy and Nellie (Hastings) Rodgers. Ralph and Julie were married on June 5, 1948 at St. John's Catholic Church in Fenton. Ralph served in the United States Army during World War II.

Ralph was the co-owner of Linden Fuel Company in Linden. He retired in 1978 and moved to East Jordan. He was a member of St.

Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan, and member and Past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus in Boyne City. Ralph enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Julie Rodgers of East Jordan; five children, James (Carol) Rodgers of New Port Richey, Fla., Mary (Gary) Carpenter of Linden, Michael (Annette) Rodgers of Linden, Thomas (Michelle) Rodgers of Linden, and Charles Rodgers of Los Angeles; six grandchildren, Travis Carpenter, Nicholas Rodgers, Linsey Carpenter, David Rodgers, Wendy Rodgers, and Matthew Rodgers; two brothers, Eugene Rodgers of Linden and Charles (Patricia) Rodgers of Linden; three sisters, Ruth Murphy, Delores (Bill) Auker, and Helen Singer, all of Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.

Edward F. Rebman

Edward F. Rebman, 78, of Boyne City, died on Friday, Dec. 18, 1998 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, Dec. 21, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls. The Rev. Francis Partridge officiated, with burial in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Boyne City.

Edward was born on April 20, 1920, the son of Edward M. and Katherine Bush Rebman.

He was Charlevoix County Cooperative Extension Agent from Sept. 1, 1945 until his retirement on May 1, 1981. Mr. Rebman was instrumental in starting the Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Board in 1948, and the Charlevoix County Planning Commission in 1963.

On May 1, 1946 he married the former Virginia Munson. Ed was a member of Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club, Buckley Steam Engine Club, and he had a

great love for antique tractors. He was secretary for Whiting's County Park for many years. He worked for many years with young children through the 4-H youth program. He was a member of St. Matthew's Church in Boyne City.

Survivors include four children, Susan (Mike) Flynn of Petoskey, Edward (Ann) Rebman of Haslett, Joy Gibbs of Boyne City, and Betty (David) Korthase of Boyne City; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Donald (Mary) Rebman of Traverse City and Paul Rebman of Whitmore Lake; and a sister, Margaret (Nelson) Finch of Hesperia. Mr. Rebman was preceded in death by his wife Virginia on Jan. 23, 1989; two brothers, Raymond and Joseph; a sister, Mary; and a granddaughter, Sarah Flynn.

The family suggests memorials be made to Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers Club Museum Fund. Envelopes are available at the Stackus Funeral Home.

Alfred N. Felix

Alfred N. Felix, 86, of East Jordan, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998 at Meadowbrook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire. There was no visitation or service. Cremation has taken place.

He was born July 29, 1912, in Scottsdale, Pa., the son of Michael and Sarah (Shwieralski) Felix. On April 14, 1940, he married Mary Helenski in Scottsdale, where they made their home. They moved to Detroit in 1948, spending their summers in Charlevoix County since the 1950s. They moved to East Jordan in 1972.

Mr. Felix was a self-employed carpenter and built several houses in this area. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons, Michael J. Felix of East Jordan, and Thomas E. (Patricia) Felix of Lenox Township; a sister-in-law, Elsie Felix of Newaygo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Joseph, Thomas, Leonard and Theodore.

Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

Selma M. Ulvund

Selma M. Ulvund, 92, of East Jordan and formerly of Suttons Bay, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 21, at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Robert H. Carter of the Evangelical Lutheran Church E.L.C.A. in East Jordan officiated, with interment in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

She was born Jan. 4, 1906 in Suttons Bay, the daughter of Sven and Matea Vingsness. On Oct. 23, 1924 in East Jordan, she married Samuel S. Ulvund. The couple made their home in East Jordan. He died in 1975.

She was a life-long source of light and joy, and her strength and

courage will continue to inspire the hearts of all who loved her.

Those who are grateful to have shared her life include one son, James (Patricia) Ulvund of East Jordan; three grandchildren, Vicki (Olen) Laurent of Belmont, Janet (James) Hanley of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Bill (Pam) Ulvund of Boyne City; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Signa Smith of Tucumcari, N.M.; and one special brother-in-law, Kenneth Van Akin of Detroit. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Norval Vingsness and Auger Vingsness; and three sisters, Eleanor Sheppard, Nora Akers, and Elsie Van Akin.

Memorials may be given to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or the East Jordan Ambulance Fund.

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NCMC BOARD VOTES TO PUT THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT

Charlevoix County may join college's district

The North Central Michigan College Board of Trustees at its Dec. 15 meeting voted unanimously to hold an election on March 11 to ask Charlevoix County residents to join the college's district.

Voters will be asked to approve two ballot proposals:

- Support for annexation to join the NCMC district, which currently includes Emmet County;

- Approval of a maximum of 2.5416 mills in property taxes, the same as the college's current millage in Emmet County.

The decision to ask Charlevoix County voters to join the NCMC district was made based on a survey conducted in September and a formal recommendation made to the board by a group of business and school leaders serving as the Charlevoix County Citizen's Task Force.

"North Central Michigan College is one of our area's greatest resources, and a vital economic asset to our county, just as it is to Emmet County. North Central has helped thousands of people in Charlevoix County achieve their career goals," the Task Force recommendation said in part.

"We must continue to expand opportunities for our families, friends, and neighbors to enjoy the benefits of having a center for higher education in our local area."

In making its recommendation

to the board, the Citizen's Task Force cited the economic impact of the college on Charlevoix County and a public opinion survey conducted in September which showed that 65 percent of voters would favor joining the NCMC district and paying the 2.5 mills in property taxes.

The survey was conducted by Kathy Feaster of School Public Relations Consultant Services. Feaster has conducted several surveys previously for the college, and has done surveys for several local school districts including Boyne City, Petoskey, Alanson-Littlefield, and Charlevoix.

NCMC's September survey was conducted by phone and included a stratified random sampling of the 8,022 Charlevoix County voters who had voted in at least one school election since 1990. The survey has a sampling error tolerance of plus or minus 5 percent.

This was the second Charlevoix County survey Feaster has done for the college. According to NCMC Director of Marketing Carol Krumbach, a similar survey in January of this year included all Charlevoix County voters, rather than only the "active" school election voters included in the September survey. Krumbach said results of the two surveys were very nearly identical.

Significant results from the

September survey of Charlevoix County school voters:

- 81 percent have visited North Central's campus

- 46 percent have taken a class, workshop or seminar offered by the college.

- 42 percent said someone else in their household had been enrolled at NCMC.

- 49 percent would be interested in enrolling if the county joins NCMC's district and tuition is reduced.

And on questions related to annexation:

- 85 percent favor the idea of joining the college's district.

- 65 percent would vote to pay 2.5 mills to be in the district.

- 19 percent would vote against paying 2.5 mills.

- 16 percent are undecided.

When asked what they like about NCMC, respondents most frequently mentioned the college's "close and convenient location," the fact that "it's a small college with a friendly atmosphere" and "the wide range of courses offered."

The 2.5416 mills is the same amount Emmet County residents currently pay in property taxes to the college. According to NCMC President Robert Graham, state law dictates that the millage be the same throughout a community college's district. The 2.54 mills would equal

\$76.20 a year in property taxes for a Charlevoix County resident whose home has a market value of \$60,000.

Of the total tax amount, 2.24 mills is for operations and .3 mills for building and renovation. The .3 mills would be assessed in both Charlevoix and Emmet counties through the year 2016. Of the 2.24 mills for operations, 1 mill would be up for renewal in 2006 in both counties and the remaining 1.24 mills is a permanent (in perpetuity) millage.

The .3 mills for building and renovation will actually be "split" between Charlevoix and Emmet counties, with each county paying about .15 mills a year, according to NCMC President Robert Graham. That will make the actual millage equal to about 2.4 mills. However, because of the state law, it will appear on the ballot as a request for a maximum of 2.5416 mills.

"Because two years ago Emmet County reinvested in North Central Michigan College, the college has been able, like a good car, to shift from first gear to second and third gear in terms of programs and services we provide," said Graham. "Because the people of Charlevoix County, through conversations and two surveys, have expressed an interest in joining our district, there is a wonderful opportunity for us to shift to a higher gear again," he

added.

"In 1997 when we asked Emmet County voters to approve an additional 1.54 mills, we were at a point where we were having to eliminate some services and we were falling behind with equipment and technology. Over the past two years, we've been able to add several new programs and update computers and other technology," Graham said.

"But to continue to grow, and to be able to respond effectively to the needs of Charlevoix and Emmet counties in the future, the college needs to do this. This is an investment that will come back to Charlevoix County many times over in the future."

North Central will use the additional tax revenues to expand job training programs, college services, customized training for business and industry, and bachelor's and master's degree programs. The college is interested in developing a University Center where several colleges and universities would offer a variety of programs. Graham said five Michigan institutions have already expressed interest in being involved in such a project.

NCMC must receive approval from the State Board of Education before finalizing plans for the election. The election date must also be approved by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

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For the Beasties carries premium dog foods, dog and cat toys, and food and supplies for birds, small mammals and fish.

The store is open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri., and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. The phone number is 582-9018.

New board members join EJ chamber

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce has elected three new members to its board of directors

Ray Dalto, Gina Kendell and Luanne Reed will officially take their positions on the board in January and are replacing outgoing directors Tim Carey, Lee Symonds, and president Karen Walker.

Chamber Executive Director Mary Faculak thanked the outgoing members for their time, energy and support. "You are all sincerely appreciated," Faculak said.

Accident has Boyne City board re-thinking school's policy for off-campus classes

An automobile accident involving Boyne City building trades students near their home construction site sparked discussion at last week's school board meeting about how students should get to the worksite.

The school has always provided transportation for the building trades students and parents at the meeting voiced differing opinions as to whether students should be required to ride the bus.

Some thought that since bussing is provided, students should have to ride. Others said that driving is part of learning job responsibility and that students should have the choice to ride or not.

Superintendent Robert Nakone-

zny pointed out that high school students in the district drive to several different places such as North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, to vocational classes and to school-to-work programs.

The board plans to render a decision one way or the other at next month's regular meeting after consulting with the district's insurance company.


In other business, the board discussed the community survey which was undertaken by consultant Kathy Feaster to find out how district voters feel about three proposals the Educational Facilities Committee has developed to address the needs of the school district.

The poll targeted 338 voters — one in eight of the district's 2,731 voters who are known to have voted at least once since 1990 — by telephone from Nov. 30 through Dec. 5.

The survey was reported to have gone more quickly than thought with pollsters receiving few refusals to answer questions from the voters.

A newsletter explaining the three proposals was mailed to all homes within the school district in late November.

The school board will hold a special meeting to discuss the survey's results on Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. in the high school library. The public is invited.



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Essays tell of East Jordan's changes

The following essays are the first place winners in a contest sponsored by East Jordan's Downtown Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce on the changes the city of East Jordan has undergone. The winners, one in each of the elementary, middle and high school grade levels, were awarded a \$50 savings bond.

Although short in length, the following essay was accompanied by a crayon drawing depicting construction of the city's streetscape which judges took into consideration when choosing it as the winner.

By NICK POURDO
Third grade

East Jordan was tore up all summer but they fixed it up. Now it looks like brand new now I can ride my bike.



East Jordan students accepted awards for their essays from community leaders. Front row from left, are students Nick Pourdo and Kendra Wincek. Back row from left, are Downtown Development Authority president Tom Teske, student Ken Slough, and East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce president Karen Walker.

CHANGES IN MY TOWN
By KENDRA WINCEK
Seventh Grade

My town has changed in many ways. Ben Franklin has changed to a hardware store called True Value. Our Lucky Guppy Pet Store has been moved twice. Our Main Street has been changed to a pleasant place. We have a new middle school and a lot of pizza shops (yeah!).

It has affected the whole community including business owners, students, parents and more. It has affected us by the fact that we should get used to it, or be miserable for a while. I think that the fact of East Jordan becoming newer, every now and then is pretty cool!

I think everyone is responsible for the changes. We all raise funds to make our schools and town look nice. Some changes are reasonable, and some just need to be made. It might be hard on some people, and a lot of people don't mind, but everyone is responsible in some way.

We as a community continue to improve our town by raising funds sponsored by the school, or another business in the community. Such are Morley Candy Sale, Jump Rope for Heart, or other anonymous sales.

Some of the things I am liable of doing to keep my town beautiful are picking up garbage around the community, and making sure people put their garbage in a local garbage container instead of on the ground. I can also get some of my friends together to raise money for our community so it can stay looking beautiful. I can also try to be capable of persuading people to do what is right, not wrong. I would also like to say thanks to the community somehow for all they have done. Everyone has helped and the town looks great! I used to see a lot of garbage, now all I see is fresh green grass and trees. I'm amazed at how this town has changed in just a few years. I like it a lot. You can do a lot of things around town. There are a few restaurants, a couple of gas stations, and a nice grocery store. Every where you go, you meet friendly people. The feeling is so

great! It's just the feeling that when you walk around town, or anywhere in the community, you feel so proud of yourself, and the people who helped make this town a pleasant place to walk or drive through. I just hope that this community is capable of staying this way for a very long time, if not forever. Although a few changes might be needed, we'll get used to it sooner or later. It shouldn't be that difficult. Especially since we all worked together to make the town look wonderful. I'm glad that I live in East Jordan!!

EAST JORDAN FACELIFT
By KEN SLOUGH
Tenth grade

The city of East Jordan is a very peaceful and interesting town. Many people have worked hard to improve the lifestyles of others over many years. With the proper work, and the good will shown from many people already, East Jordan could be one of the greatest towns in Northern Michigan.

The actual changes in East Jordan over the years have been many. The first thing that I should address is the East Jordan Iron Works, which is the business that is most well known to our town, and throughout the entire US. Our streets have most recently been reorganized and improved upon to let cars and people move through the city safely. Our reputation as a city has grown enormously. As of 1998, East Jordan is the fastest growing city in Northern Michigan. The festivities in our great town happen all the time, we have parades, marches, sports activities, sports banquets, fund-raisers, civic center activities, and all sorts of friendly get-togethers. I have seen new parks being built for memorials, and sports. The crime rate in the town has gone down because of our law enforcers, and kept people coming

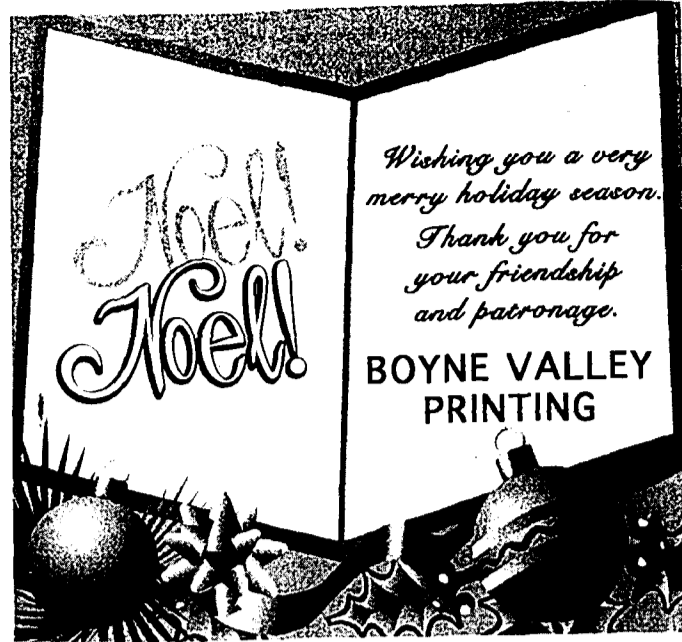
into the town not fearing trouble. When you come to this wonderful city, you see something new every time. People come here seasonally to see what is in store for them each year. What more could someone ask for?

The people in our great town are the real people being affected by these changes in our society. The changes I have seen over the wonderful years that I have lived in East Jordan have been only good ones, and I believe that that's all they will ever be. The physical effect on people in our town has been good to everyone. People come to see our beautiful landscapes, and also come to live in a friendly, people person town.

The changes in our town are also something to talk about. The FMB is now called the Huntington bank. The main street of East Jordan is being redone to fit all of the businesses on the block. The East Jordan Express is a new dance floor we acquired recently. It is used for many public events, and has its own McDonalds. The high school has recently expanded and made a new mini lab.

Also, we have constructed a new middle school, and used our old middle school for an entire new elementary school. Our old Glens mini mall as been refit to give the side stores, Little Caesars and Horizon Video, more management space. The basketball courts up town have been fixed to give any person with time a place to play basketball. East Jordan has recently acquired a new golf course, the Mallard. It is a very prestigious course that many people down South come up to use, and enjoy.

The people that I feel I should first give credit to making our town what it is today would be the Malpass family. They have donated many, many, many things to our great town, and not enough can be said about them. I am sure everyone from East Jordan would like to give thanks for all their great work and dedication to making this town a successful one. Others have stepped up to make many people proud of our town. It took many years to construct the town to what it is today. I believe it was worth all the effort.



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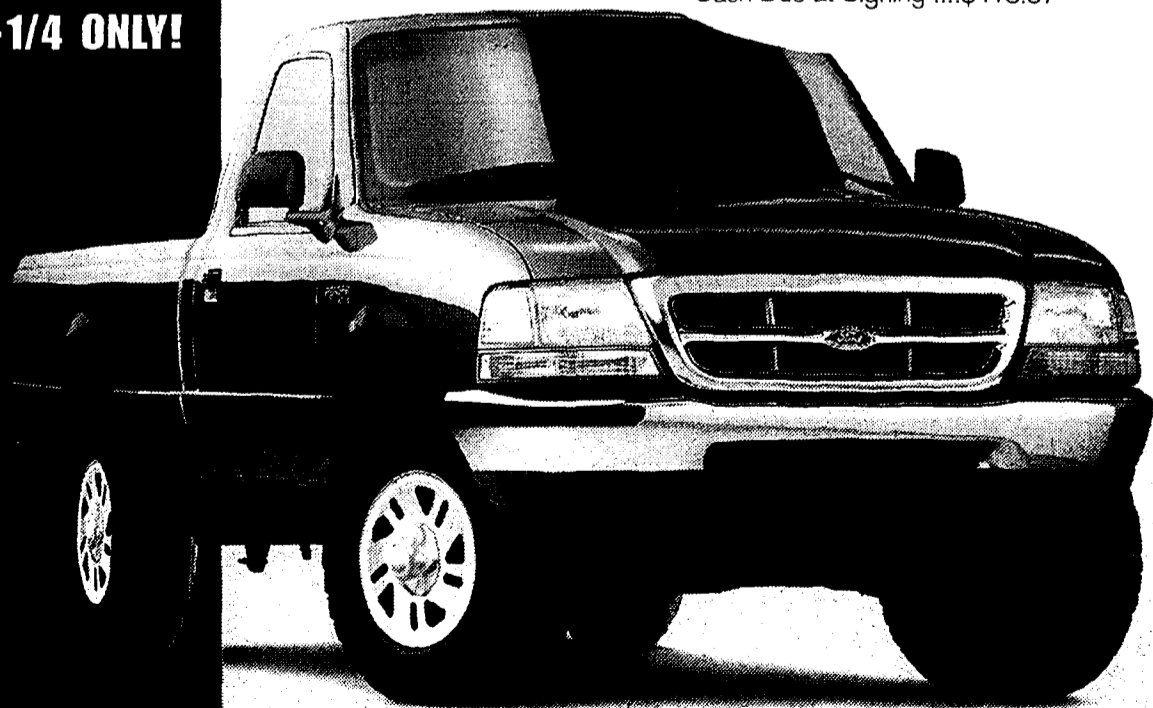
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Daisy Kenney 'quivers' but remains calm to win BCMS spelling bee

"I was real nervous," Daisy Kenney said about participating in the Boyne City Middle School spelling bee contest. And it didn't help that she misplaced her spelling list the day before the contest. To top things off, Daisy said that she's "really good at spelling when I write it, but have a hard time when I'm saying it." So it was a bit ironic that the seventh grader had to spell "quiver" for her final word.

Although she didn't think she was going to win when she first stepped up for the contest, nailing that last word qualified her for the regional bee to be scheduled in the new year.

Daisy was one of 12 finalists culled from 40 other junior-high contestants. Eighth-grader Meredith Clemens was runner-up.



Raven Hill offers activities over the holidays

The Raven Hill Discovery Center will open its doors over the holiday break for hands-on fun in science, history and the arts.

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An average visit takes from 1 1/2 to two hours. The cost is \$5 per person. Special group activities can be arranged in advance at a cost of \$2 per person.

Holiday hours are Wednesday, Dec. 23, 12-4 p.m.; closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; Dec. 26, 12-4 p.m.; Dec. 27, 2-4 p.m.; Dec. 28 through Dec. 31, 12-4 p.m.; closed Jan. 1; Jan. 2, 12-4 p.m.; and Jan. 3, 2-4 p.m.

The Center is located at 04503 Fuller Rd., four miles southeast of East Jordan off Boyne City-East Jordan Road. For more information call 536-3369.

Jordan River Arts Council receives two grants

Two separate grants from the Frey Foundation of Grand Rapids have been awarded to the Jordan River Arts Council.

One grant of \$3,100 was given in relation to the "All That Glass" exhibit. The funds were specifically used for new gallery lighting, a TV-VCR, and funding for schools, not only to bring students to the Center to tour the exhibit and experience a hands-on glass project, but also for

students to attend Raven Hill Discovery Center where they experienced the scientific approach to glass.

Approximately 300 students were in attendance with few ever having been to the Art Center or Raven Hill.

The second grant of \$2,300 was granted for a winter theatre workshop for persons from 6 to 60 to become involved in all aspects of theatre

production, which will involve set building, costuming, lighting, directing, production, and acting. Howard Ellis is serving as coordinator of the workshops.

Tom and Marge Teske were co-authors who submitted the grant requests to the Frey Foundation. For further information contact Marge Teske, president of Jordan River Arts Council, 536-3128.

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Santa Claus was played by Bobby Lahti, and Oliver Ryan portrayed his trusty sidekick Hughie.



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NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

AL LACROSS of Greensboro, Ga., and his sister Alice Patricko of Pittsburgh, Pa., have returned to their homes after having spent the week in Boyne City with their sister and her husband, Norma and Loren Bean, and to be here for the surgery of their 90 year-old mother, Agatha LaCross, on Wednesday at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Agatha is doing well. On the weekend, the family was joined by Al's daughter, Debby Ruttan of Ann Arbor and daughter-in-law, Kerry LaCross and sons, Jake and Zack of Manchester. "It was like an early Christmas gift. Mom coming through the surgery, and having all of them here!" said Norma.

A WARM "WELCOME NEIGHBOR" goes out to Sherry Munday, who moved into Litzenger Place this past week.

THE BOYNE VALLEY Slim & Trim Club had a good turnout for its Christmas party and potluck on Wednesday. All had a good time, with the atmosphere of Christmas music, card bingo and gift prizes. The group will not be meeting at Litzenger place until Jan. 6.

BETTY KELTS has been released from Northern Michigan Hospital after last week's surgery and walked right in on Sunday morning to attend church at Boyne City's United Methodist Church.

LYLE AND SHIRLEY ETCHER of Boyne City hosted a Christmas dinner party

for the "Pool Gang" swimming group and spouses on Friday night. A good time was had by all, playing Phase 10 and sharing the season. Attending were Jim and Eleanor Stackus, Gloria and Ray Anderson, Carolyn Barnes and Ken Howard, Skip and Romaine Donpke, and Marie Schmittiel.

LABERTA'S BUSY BEES of Litzenger Place had a good turnout on Thursday night for their annual Christmas potluck dinner and gift exchange. Some were unable to be there, due to Thursday's snowfall.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT continued this week, as all departments and each shift of LexaMar of Boyne City joined in the community effort towards providing plenty of toys from "Santa" for area children. Fitting the season of wintertime fun was a shiny sled!

HILDA JOHNECHECK of Greenwood, Indiana arrived on Monday evening to spend the week of Christmas with her mother, Irene Johnecheck and family on Camp Daggett Road.

IT HAS BEEN a most welcomed holiday time for tenants of Litzenger Place over the past few weeks. They have been enjoying being remembered with carolers, beautiful Christmas posters, help in personal apartment decorating, and many other generous contributions from school children to the various other organizations community wide. It has lifted spirits and

made us glad we live in such a thoughtful and kind community!

THE BOYNE CITY Free Methodist Senior Scamps gathered on Sunday at the church for their annual potluck Christmas dinner and party. In lieu of a gift exchange, they held a white elephant auction, with the proceeds earmarked for the area Ministerial Association.

AS A REMINDER throughout the community, the Boyne City Free Methodist Church will have the Grandvue Christmas Eve service on Thursday at 7 p.m., and all are welcome to attend the Christmas caroling, enhanced by the atmosphere of candle light.

CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN and spouses, and the great-grandchildren of Phyllis Hardy of Boyne City and Elwood and Marilyn Hardy of Conway, made a gathering of 57 for their annual Christmas dinner potluck and gift exchange, which was held at the Lakeview Village Clubhouse on Sunday. Also there, was Zola Hardy of Petoskey's Independence Village, which made it a gathering of five generations!

WELL, FOLKS, it is my wish that every heart and every home be "Touched By An Angel" for a joyful and Merry Christmas!

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Weather

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Boyer Mountain to make its own snow beginning late last week and to open up for skiers and snowboarders over the weekend.

Still, the resort has had less than 100 hours of snowmaking for the year where typically by this time they've run the guns for 500 hours, averaging over 9 million pounds of snow per day.

Some of the ski runs have several feet of snow, while others sport only a coating, Boyer Mountain's General Area Manager Ed Grice said. Even a foot of natural snowfall only equates to two inches of snow at the Mountain after grooming.

With snowshovers forecasted right through to Saturday, the Mountain will continue to run its snow makers and open up more slopes as the week progresses. Grice anticipates that all the ski runs will be open by Saturday for the holiday rush when temps are expected to be in the low to mid 20s.

"When it started turning cold, many people breathed a sigh of relief — not only here, but everyone around the area," Grice said, referring to area restaurants and even gas stations who look to this holiday week for a large chunk of their yearly revenue.

Galmore's, a recreational vehicle dealership in East Jordan, makes 75 percent of its money between December and April.

Dave Galmore said their sales run right along with the weather. The first day it snowed last week, they had 10 times the cash intake from the previous two days — selling snowmobiles, clothing and even generators. They also solidly booked their 12 snowmobile rental units for the entire holiday week in just two days.

"There wasn't even a lot of snow," Galmore said. "It was just amazing the difference just because of the snow and the prediction of snow," Galmore said.

"The rush is on," said Jack

Vincent of Vincent's Yamaha just a few streets over from Galmore's, who said activity has greatly increased over the past few days compared to a week ago.

"Most people know that Michigan's going to have snow," Vincent said. "A lot of people wait until the last minute and they have to have the white stuff in front of them for them to get into it."

He's still recommending people don't ride the trails until there's at least another three to four inches of snow for the groomer to pack down.

"We're getting excited and so

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-- Ed Grice

are our customers," Vincent said. "I think maybe that it's at the turning point now."

But Fieldcrest Inn owner Tony Barren said business hasn't picked up yet for his Boyne City motel.

"It will take a few days," Barren said. If it's not white downstate, he said, tourists don't believe there's snow in the north.

The motel is not even at 10 percent of what it was last year at this time — and last year it was below average, Barren said.

"Maybe they'll realize we have snow up here," Barren said. He hopes a statewide visitor's bureau campaign will enlighten potential tourists to the north's snowy weather conditions.

Still, it looks like dreams of a white Christmas in the north will come true after all. But, as retailers and snow-lovers know so well, meteorologist Eme said, "so much can change in such a short period of time."

Teens escape injury in rollover

Five teenagers escaped serious injury in a one-vehicle rollover accident late Saturday night on Marshall Road near Peck Road in Wilson Township.

The driver, 15-year-old Christopher Michael Hadix of Muskegon, lost control of the vehicle while driving down a hill, left the roadway and rolled the vehicle on its side, said Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Scholey.

The vehicle was occupied by three other minors, all of Boyne City, and by Nicole Kubesh, 19, of Boyne

City. All subjects were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital where they were treated and released.

The Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by the Boyne City Police Department and Boyne City Ambulance.

Icy roads and speed are believed to be factors, Scholey said. The accident remains under investigation.

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Brownie Hannah Olliver and girl scout Suzi Malpass wrap gifts for the East Jordan Care and Share Holiday Basket and Toy Distribution program. The East Jordan scout troops wrapped items for more than 200 families who received Christmas packages on Monday.

HE WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT

Neal Hoaglund in fair condition

A two-car accident last Friday on M-75 near Deer Lake Road in Boyne Valley Township, sent three people to the hospital, with one of the drivers still under intensive care.

Around 11:30 a.m., a 1993 Chevrolet SportVan driven by John F. LaLonde, 51, of Boyne City, was westbound on M-75. LaLonde lost control on the icy road and his van slid sideways in front of a 1985 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Neal B. Hoaglund, 45, also of Boyne City.

The suburban struck the van broadside, totaling both vehicles.

JAWS of Life was used to remove the victims. Both drivers as well as a passenger in the van, Wanda M. LaLonde, 48, were transported by Boyne City Ambulance to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Both LaLondes were evaluated and released. Hoaglund, who sustained many injuries, including broken jaw, femur and ribs, underwent emergency surgery for some of the

fractures and was admitted into the intensive care unit where he is still under care and in fair condition.

The crash remains under investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by the Boyne City Police Department, Michigan State Police - Petoskey Post, Boyne Valley Rescue/Fire, Boyne City Fire Department, and the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

EJ school board visits 'Kids' Club'

Debbie Harm, East Jordan School District's school-to-work coordinator, and two high-school students, Leah Breakey and Brian McNeil, made a presentation to the school board at its regular meeting Monday night about students' experiences with job shadowing, mentoring and work-study.

The program is part of the district's strategic plan.

In other business, the board:

- Visited the elementary school's after-school day care program "Kids'

Club," and learned more about the club from Director Lisa Hammond and staff members Lisa Ernst and Millie Kovel. The club, which was started a little over a year ago, has become popular with elementary school parents and serves an average of 25 students from 3:15-5:45 p.m. daily, during the school week.

- Approved a resolution calling the Char-Em ISD Renewal Special Education Millage Election for Monday, Feb. 8, 1999 and appointed inspectors for the election.

- Appointed Debbie Bennett to

the vacant junior varsity cheerleading coaching position for the winter season.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

East Jordan

NAME: Ellie Priest
PARENTS: Phyllis and David Priest
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: National Honor Society, EJ Thespians
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I like to read, write short stories, and star gaze."
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan on attending at least four years of college and I want to major in Astrophysics."
FAVORITE CLASS: Applied Physics
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Ellie has a pleasant personality," said Lisa Treinen. "She is an enjoyable student who does quality work."



Ellie Priest

"Ellie is a nice person who is great to have in class," said Bob Panoff.
 "Ellie is very creative," said Darrin Podskalny.
 "Ellie is a very focused worker," said Jerry Hawes.
 "Ellie is a very mature young lady who sets goals for herself and reaches them!" said Pat Tinney.
 "Ellie always does her best," said Merri Sue Cardwell. "She is very friendly."
 "Ellie is quiet and understated with a strong desire to learn," said Bill Aten.
 "Ellie is an excellent writer!" said Alice McPherson. "She works diligently on each assignment."
 "Ellie is a wonderful student who works hard," said Matt Inman.

NAME: Julie Elliott
PARENTS: Ed and Jane Elliott
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: volleyball, band and choir
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: playing volleyball, playing the clarinet, spending time with friends
FUTURE PLANS: go to college in Chicago to be an interior designer
FAVORITE CLASSES: band and art
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Julie is working hard and enjoys her studies," said Bill Aten.
 "Julie has a super attitude," said Michael Haynes. "She helps out other students and demonstrates leadership."
 "Julie is an exceptional leader in band," said Grimaldo Roldes. "She goes the extra mile to make sure things get done in class and outside of class."
 "Julie always does her best," said Merri Sue Cardwell.
 "Julie is doing a good job in science," said Brad Jones.
 "Julie always has a smile," said Matt Inman.

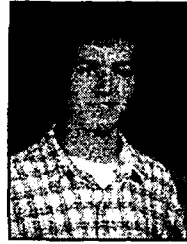


Julie Elliott

Boyer City



Joe Richards



Kevin Metzger



Brooke Grobaski

NAME: Joe Richards
PARENTS: Rick and Penny Richards
GRADE: Junior
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I enjoy fishing whenever I can acquire some free time. I like to work. I guess I like the money to roll in. I love football, whether it's watching or playing."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I hope to graduate with my class and go on to a good college. I hope to get a good job with a nice salary. Financial status is my first priority."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Joe has been doing great work in my junior English class," said Ms. Hardy. "He really got into his career project and had a great time on his job shadowing. He's a fine young man with a lot to contribute, who's set some great standards and goals for himself! Congratulations Joe!"
 "Joe exhibits an enthusiasm for learning," said Ms. Marsh. "In accounting he is working ahead of the class yet takes the time to stop and help others when they need it. I enjoy having him in class."
 "I have Joe as a student in US history and sociology this year," said Mrs. Deming. "He is doing a great job in both classes. Not only is he a good student but he has a great sense of humor as well. Keep up the good work!"

NAME: Kevin Metzger
PARENTS: Gary Metzger and Karen DeNike
GRADE: Junior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: golf, basketball, baseball
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I enjoy all outdoor activities and hanging out with my friends."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to attend college after high school, where I will study accounting."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Kevin is doing an excellent job in US history," said Mrs. Deming. "He really applies himself to the task at hand. I know that he also worked the election in Bay Township which shows his willingness to be involved in our community. Nice job Kevin!"
 "Kevin Metzger is a gentleman," said Ms. Marsh. "He is polite, kind, and takes his duties as a student seriously. It is a pleasure having him in class."
 "Kevin's consistent effort, positive attitude and sense of humor make him an asset in my American Literature class," said Mrs. Ruhs. "Keep up the good work!"

NAME: Brooke Grobaski
PARENTS: Susan and Myron Grobaski
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Ski team
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Skiing, swimming, and other sports
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to attend Michigan State University after finishing high school. I then plan to go to medical school and become a plastic surgeon."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Brooke is a pleasure to have in class," said Mrs. Deming. "She is very thorough in her work. Excellent job!"
 "Brooke is a new student to BCHS this year, coming to us from Boyne Falls," said Mr. Ewald. "She has been an outstanding art student and a pleasure to get to know."
 "I have Brooke in this year's biology class," said Mrs. Hemming. "She is a very dedicated student and doing well in class. Brooke is dependable, cooperative, hardworking and her assignments are always of the highest quality. Her positive attitude, sensitivity, and initiative make her an ideal student of the week. Brooke is a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations Brooke!"

Window decorators win awards

The Boyne City Chamber of Commerce held judging for the 1998 Christmas Window Decorating Contest on Dec. 14.

Windows were judged on originality, use of lighting, use of materials, and creativity.

The following winners received certificates: Cindifranco's Cool Stuff, retail clothing and gift; Re/Max of Boyne, professional; Boyne Country Party Shop, service. Honorable mentions were awarded to Heidi's Hollyhocks, Country Now & Then, and Studio One Hair Design.



Photo by Karen Walker

A classic Christmas

East Jordan Elementary School students spread Christmas cheer to relatives and friends with their renditions of traditional holiday carols during their "Christmas Celebration" and "Season's Greetings" programs last week at the Jordan Valley Express.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Boyer City

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 9:30 p.m. This will be a Communion service, and child care is available.

ST. MATTHEW AND ST. AUGUSTINE will hold Christmas Eve Masses at 4, 5:30 and 8 p.m., and Christmas Day Masses at 9 and 11 a.m. All Masses will be held at St. Augustine in Boyne Falls due to construction at St. Matthew in Boyne City.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH will hold a Candlelight Service on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. The church is located at 875 State St. in Boyne City.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will have a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 6 p.m. This service will include open communion.

East Jordan

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will hold a Christmas Eve Cantata and Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. The church is located at 201 4th St., East Jordan.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE AND ST. JOSEPH will hold Christmas Eve Masses at 5 p.m. and midnight. Christmas Day Masses will be at 8 a.m. at St. John's and 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH will have a 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Carol and Candlelight Service.

Walloon Lake

WALLOON LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m.

ACE NICE COMMENT OF THE WEEK

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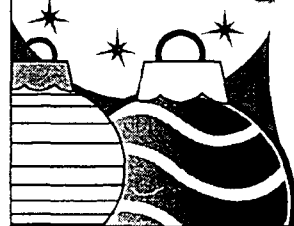
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SPORTS

Ramblers have the heart to compete

Down 25-10 after the first quarter, it would have been easy last Tuesday for the Boyne City Ramblers to pack it in and let Petoskey run all over them.

They didn't. Instead they rallied and by half time had fought back to take a 2-point lead.

While the Ramblers lost the game 71-65, coach Kevin Fitzpatrick had high praise for his team's performance and character.

"They have the desire and they will not quit," he said. "They came back and played hard and fought their way back into the game. For 2 1/2 quarters we played well and had a chance to win.

"Now we need to gain composure down the stretch to win close games. Through our effort we put ourselves in a position to win but we didn't execute."

Falling behind early against Petoskey

seems to be a common occurrence for the Ramblers, at least in the five years Fitzpatrick has been at the helm.

"Every time we play them that happens," Fitzpatrick said. "I don't know if the kids were tentative but for whatever reason we just got it handed to us.

"Then the kids woke up and responded."

The Ramblers were led by Jeremy Grice with 17 points, and Noah Stanek with 13. Stanek and Josh Hall shared rebounding honors with six. Luke Reinhardt dished out a team-high eight assists.

The Ramblers were missing Reinhardt, who suffered a sprained ankle in practice Thursday, in their game at Benzie Central Friday night and it showed.

The Ramblers struggled with Benzie's pressure, especially in the second half, and

lost 52-34.

"We hung in there and trailed by three at the half," Fitzpatrick said. "Then their pressure caught up with us and it soon became a 20-point game. They are a good team and our kids played hard, but did not always play smart."

Jeremy Grice led the Ramblers with 11 and Stanek had 10 rebounds.

"We're happy we are 3-2," Fitzpatrick said. "We found out we can play with anyone if we play hard and together."

The Ramblers return to action after the Christmas break on Jan. 8 when they travel to Charlevoix to open conference play.

The junior varsity lost to Petoskey 60-44. A.J. Spaay had 12 points and nine rebounds and Ryan Amesbury had 10 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Effort is no problem for Red Devils

They're still searching for their first win, but the East Jordan Red Devils are not hitting the panic button.

In their first three games of the season, they have played some of the best teams in region and held their own.

"We're getting better," said head coach Del Ingalls. "We are improving as we gain experience. We are playing a little better defense. We just have to continue to work on our ball

handling and cut down on turnovers." Against Kalkaska last Friday, the Red Devils lost 62-52 but the final score does not indicate how close the game was.

The two teams were tied with just over two minutes remaining when the Red Devils committed a couple of untimely turnovers which turned into a five-point lead for Kalkaska. At that point, East Jordan had to foul and Kalkaska made its free throws to put the game out of

reach.

"We played a pretty good game," Ingalls said. "It was a very physical game and the guys responded and upped their intensity. We rebounded better and cut down our turnovers.

"Other than making plays late, we had a real good effort."

Mike Wladischkin led the Red Devils with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Matt Shaw and Chris Murray each had nine. Murray also had 11

rebounds. Nate Swan had five assists.

Last Tuesday, the Red Devils lost to Elk Rapids 79-62. Down by only six at the half, East Jordan came out flat in the third quarter and were outscored 24-16.

Shaw led the Red Devils with 21 points and seven rebounds. Wladischkin had 14 points and Murray had five assists.

The Red Devils return to action on Jan. 5 against Central Lake.

Loggers get some revenge against Mackinaw City; start season with 3 wins

Before the season started, Boyne Falls basketball coach Frank Hamilla knew his team had talent, maybe the most it's had in his 12 years at the school.

But talent and results don't always go hand-in-hand. So far this season, though, they have for the Loggers.

They are off to a fast start, winning their first three games and none was sweeter than last Tuesday's win over Mackinaw City.

The last two times the teams met, the Loggers not only lost by two but were denied a share of the conference championship. For this game, they were not to be denied, as they earned a 57-40 victory.

The key to the Loggers' success was their defense. "By far, that was one of our best defensive games in years," Hamilla said.

The Loggers held the lead for much of the game, but midway through the third Mackinaw trailed by only three. But then the Loggers cranked their intensity and went on to victory.

Chad Matelski led the Loggers with 16 and Ben Britton had 10.

Against Vanderbilt last Friday, the Loggers struggled a bit in the second quarter but righted the ship and eventually cruised to a 72-53 victory.

The Loggers, behind their stingy defense, jumped out to a 10-point first quarter lead, but then let Vanderbilt back in the game. The Loggers led by only one at the half.

The second half, however, belonged to Boyne Falls as they built a 30-point lead with only four minutes to go.

Ryan Fiel led the way with 17 points, followed by Matelski with 13 and Ben Britton with 10.

The Loggers opened their season with an easy 72-22 win over Leelanau. The outcome was decided early with Boyne Falls taking a 25-2 lead after the first quarter.

The Loggers are now off until Jan. 5 when they play Gaylord St. Mary's.

Boyne City volleyball team wins its regular season opener

The Boyne City varsity volleyball team opened its regular season last week defeating Harbor Light 15-6 and 15-4.

Ann Gaudard and April Roberts had six kills each and Leah Senter had five.

Emily Bricker had a strong night

of serving, with seven of her eight serves scoring points. Roberts had three aces for a total of six points out of eight serves.

Leann Schrader, Roberts and Senter contributed to the win with their passing while Staci Seelye, Jackie Cyr and Bricker were tops in

setting. EAST JORDAN didn't fare so well in their opener against Kalkaska, losing 15-6, 15-11 and 16-14.

"Our serves in the first game set the tone for the night," coach Duane Kujat said. The girls missed five of the first six serves and couldn't catch

up "but the team never quit trying either."

Catey Moses and Suzi Malpass led the team in passing, contributing to some good hitting while Kalkaska dug up the ball well on defense.

Abbey Carter, Rachel Boss and Malpass led with attacks with five,

five, and four kills respectively.

Jamie Baker and Jennifer Roberts shared in the setting duties and moved the floor well getting the ball into position for the attack.

In the end, the team only served 80 percent on the night which "never kept us in where we needed to be."

Kujat said.

"We need to improve on our defensive game on the net and we have the size to do that," Kujat said. "It's early in the season and I can see the team improve every time on the floor. I look forward to watching this team mature."

PUBLIC NOTICES

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RANDALL KEITH MOORE, a single man, to Huntington Mortgage Company, an Ohio corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 19, 1998, and recorded on March 30, 1998, in Liber 334, on page 459, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty two thousand four hundred twenty-five and 62/100 dollars (\$82,425.62), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County

Courthouse in Charlevoix, MI, at 11 a.m. on January 29, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 12, Block B of S.G. Isaman's Addition to the Village of South Arm, now the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 16, 1998

Huntington Mortgage Company, Mortgagee

Attorney for Mortgagee: Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

Dec. 16, 23, 30, 1998, Jan. 6, 13, 1999

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Catherine B. Doncoes, a single woman (original mortgagor) to Old Kent Bank, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 27, 1996, and recorded on February 6, 1996 in Liber 295, on Page 0553, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Old Kent Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated January 27, 1996, which was recorded on February 6, 1996, in Liber 295, on Page 0559, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One and 86/100 dollars (\$46,151.86), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, no-

tice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main Lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on January 22, 1999.

Said premises are situated in Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 1/3 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; except that part lying South of Springvale Road, also except the West 225 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: December 9, 1998 Old Kent Mortgage Company

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202 Troit and Troit, P.C. Attorneys for Old Kent Mortgage Company 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File #98043885

Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1998, Jan. 6, 1999

CITY OF EAST JORDAN PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING THE AIR INDUSTRIAL PARK ZONING ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of East Jordan Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 14, 1999 at 5 p.m. in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI to receive comments on the City's intent to amend the East Jordan Air Industrial Park Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Remove article F of Section 7 (Maximum Lot Area) Code currently restricts industrial lots from being over 8 acres in size.
2. Amend article B2 of Section 5 to eliminate the requirement for continuously curbed roadways and driveways within the park boundaries.
3. Add an article to Section 2 to prohibit the development of storage buildings as a principal use of a lot.

Individuals unable to attend this hearing may submit written comments to: City of East Jordan Planning Commission, c/o City Clerk, P.O. Box 499, East Jordan, MI 49727.

The Planning Commission will conduct its Regular Monthly Meeting immediately following this public hearing.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, Mayor Peck presiding with all members of the City Commission present except for Commissioner Norton. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amount of \$477,186.36.

Further commission Action: acknowledged receipt of proposed amendments to the East Jordan Air Industrial Park Zoning Ordinance; adopted a feasibility study of the Tourist Park, Murphy Park and Sportsman's Park as part of the City's Recreation Plan and Capital Improvement Plan; passed a resolution of intent to vacate a portion of a non-developed alley behind the 500 block west of Main Street; passed a resolution to vacate a small section of the Second Street right-of-way in front of 507 Second Street for the purpose of alleviating an encroachment; and authorized the eventual placement of the historical Vance Building on City property near the Sportsman's Park for future use as an interpretive center for the Jordan River.

A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is posted in City Hall for review and copying during normal business hours.

Kathy O'Rear, CMC
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOYNE CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Pursuant to rules and regulations as set by the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance concerning interpretations of the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance, the Boyne City Zoning Board of Appeals has scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday Jan. 11, 1999 at 5:05 p.m. in Commission Chambers, 319 N. Lake Street, to consider the following requests:

1. A variance request from Boyne River Storage, a non-conforming use, for a free-standing sign to be located at 868 State Street, in place of the existing signage on the structures.
2. A request from Ludlow Enterprises for a variance from the requirements in the GC/Zoning District to permit additional signage at the proposed Big Boy at 1313 Boyne Avenue.

More details are available for review at the Boyne City Planning Department. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing and participate in the discussion concerning this request. Those unable to attend may submit written comments to the address listed above. Questions can be answered by calling (616)582-0337.

Timothy O'Leary
Planning Director

CITY OF BOYNE CITY BIDS WANTED - WATER METERS

The City of Boyne City is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of 200 encoder based water meters and a handheld, computerized meter reading system. Bid specifications can be obtained from the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 319 N. Lake St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

All bids must be received by 2 p.m. EST on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at which time said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope identified as "Water Meter Bid/City of Boyne City, MI." For specifications, contact City Hall at (616) 582-6597. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, or parts of bids, to waive any irregularities or discrepancies in bidding, and to select the bid, if any, that it judges to be in the City's best interest.

Eric A. Strahl
City Manager

CITY OF EAST JORDAN RESOLUTION #118/1998

Offered by: Gee
Supported by: Sweet

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO VACATE A PORTION OF ALLEY

WHEREAS, the City of East Jordan entered into a Purchase Agreement with East Jordan Iron Works on Sept. 18, 1998 for a parcel of land located on Main Street, and

WHEREAS, said Agreement called for the vacating of a portion of an alley located behind said parcel, and

WHEREAS, the vacating of the alley has been reviewed by the City Administrator and City Commission and it has been determined that the non-developed alley is not needed for public purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the East Jordan City Commission hereby establishes its intent to vacate a portion of the north-south alley located west of Main Street as described in Exhibit A, hereby attached and made part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Public Hearing to receive comments on the City's intent to vacate said portion of alley will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gee, Cihak, Sweet, Klooster and Mayor Peck
Nays: None
Absent: Chappuis and Norton

EXHIBIT A

Description of a Portion of Public Alley to be Vacated West of Main Street

Situated in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan: COMMENCING at the intersection of the west line of Main Street, 66 feet wide, as depicted on the plat of "Nicholls Third Addition to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan)", Charlevoix County records, with the north line of Section 23, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence South along the westerly line of said Main Street 663.00 feet; thence West, parallel with the north line of said section, 120 feet, more or less, to the easterly line of a 16 feet wide public alley having been recorded in Deed Liber 142, Page 382, Charlevoix County records, as connecting between a point described as being 145 feet West along the south line of Division Street from the east line of said Main Street, and a point described as being 120 feet West along the north line of Lot 7, Block 22, of said plat from the west line of said Main Street, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence South along the easterly line of said 16 feet wide public alley 137 feet, more or less to the north line of Lot 7, Block 22, of said plat; thence West along the north line of Block 22 of said plat 58 feet; thence North parallel with the easterly line of said alley 58.95 feet (previously recorded as 70 feet); thence East parallel with the north line of Block 22 of said plat 42 feet; thence North parallel with the easterly line of said alley to a point West, parallel with the north line of said section, from said Point of Beginning; thence East parallel with the north line of said section to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 23, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

Dec. 8, 1999, 7 p.m. meeting - Boyne City Commission authorized the City to submit a notice of intent to apply for Michigan Jobs Commission funding for the industrial park expansion; authorized the grant filing and official signatory for the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program; and adopted a Tree Replacement Program - Policy and Requirements for the City of Boyne City.

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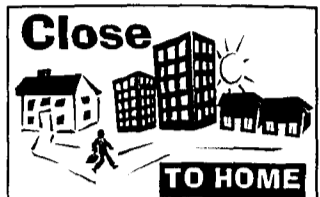
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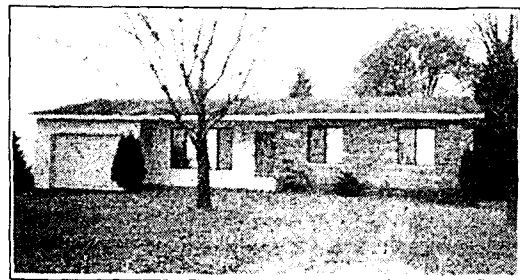
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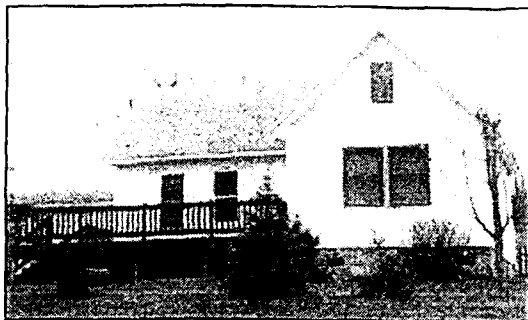
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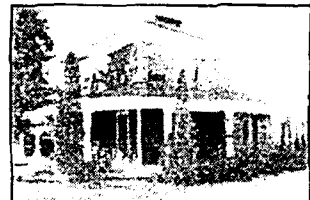


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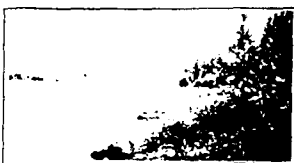
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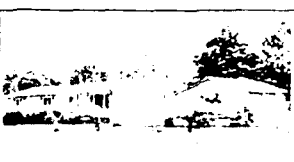
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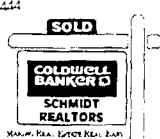
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Library has board opening

Boyer District Library is searching for a representative from Eveline Township to serve on the Library Board of Trustees.

Candidates must live within the library district in Eveline Township. Applications are available at the library and should be submitted by Jan. 8.

According to library by-laws, all applicants must attend two consecutive regular board meetings before an appointment is made by the township. Board members are expected to attend the regularly scheduled meeting held the second Monday of each month and serve on a committee.

Diane Strzelinski, the current representative from Eveline Township, submitted a letter of resignation to the library board at the December meeting. Her term expires April 30, 1999. Because of the time necessary for an appointment to be made, the new appointee should be prepared to fulfill the unexpired term, and be reappointed for a full four-year term commencing May 1, 1999 and ending April 30, 2003.

With the building addition project scheduled to begin next year, this is an exciting time to be involved with the library, said library director Nannette Miller.

"Board members will play a crucial role in developing the library that will serve this community for the next century, as this building has served through the 1900s."

For more information contact Miller at the library, 582-7861.

Library

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design which is taking the program needs and their space requirements and "making them work together."

If all goes according to plan, the schematic design is expected to be completed in late February with the design finished in early May. Contract documents would be finished in mid July and bids accepted through mid August.

Construction is tentatively expected to start in mid August and will last approximately one year.

The Mary K. Peabody Foundation, located in Manchester, Ind., is also paying for construction of a new library in Walloon and has also built a library in North Manchester.

The foundation's goal, according to Frances Fisher a seasonal resident of Walloon and one of the two members of its board, is to fund projects that promote interests Mary had.

Peabody, who died in 1991 at the

age of 74, started coming to Walloon with her family when she was 6 years old. She was not a "resort type" of person, but rather enjoyed year-round residents.

"Mary was very educated and reading oriented," Fisher said. "Books were her best friends. She was also interested in helping young people."

Funding an addition to the Boyne District Library "just seemed to be a natural expression of her interest," Fisher said.

The board has formed two committees for the project — a building committee to serve as a liaison between the board and architect, and an endowment committee to raise money for a fund to cover extra operational costs created by the addition.

The board has set up an endowment fund through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and is now accepting contributions.

Missionaries

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Bible into different languages. What they found was a dire need for teachers in Ukarumpa, where in 1956 Wycliffe built its headquarters for its work in New Guinea.

This, they realized, was their calling. "I don't think we're doing anything super special," Gary said. "We're just like most people who are doing what they're supposed to be doing." And he said he has done that — what he was supposed to be doing — for the past 43 years in the U.S., and now it's time for something else.

Papua New Guinea covers half the island of New Guinea, just north of Australia. Although its official language is English, more than 800 different languages are spoken in the country. Wycliffe has 186 language translation programs in progress and cites that 80 percent of its 3.5 million population are registered Christians.

The Peters have been corresponding via e-mail with teachers and the principal at their new school called the Ukarumpa International School, which is operated and staffed by Wycliffe, and teaches a U.S. and Australian curriculum in Queen's English.

Kim will teach third grade and Gary probably fourth and fifth grade science and social studies. Their students will include mostly translators' children, but also some children of other missionaries, government officials and a few native students as well.

Their own children will attend the school. Nina, 11, is thrilled about their move, they said, because she wants to be a missionary physician one day. Nathan, 7, and Tasha, 5, are still too young to fully understand what it all means.

The Peters are considered short-term assistants because they've committed to less than five years. They will rent homes vacated by lifetime Wycliffe missionaries on year-long furloughs back in their home countries, or in the houses of translators out on assignment. This means they could end up moving every few months. While they're gone, they'll lease their own home in Boyne City to renters.

They will not have a TV or personal vehicle. Drinking water is gathered from the

home's tin-roof run-off during the wet season. During the dry season water is pumped from a nearby river. It is always filtered. All they'll take with them is clothing, linens and a boombox — with a converter, Gary said.

They will initially undergo a few weeks of orientation about Papua New Guinea and the Wycliffe Branch — as all of its 675 members have had to — receiving instruction in anthropology, culture, customs and the main trade language "Tok Pisin."

They are expecting a slower paced, close-knit community, but, Gary said, it is a developing third world country. The area has seen an escalation in some crime, including petty theft at the compound where they will live. It is fenced in, has security and most houses have barred windows.

"There is an element of danger," Kim said. They liken it to some American inner-city areas and aren't particularly worried about safety issues.

But, they admit, their extended families aren't necessarily as excited about the trip as they are. "I don't think it's real easy on them," Kim said. "Both sides are supportive, but they'd probably be happy if we chose not to go."

"I've had a few people say 'you're nuts,'" Gary said.

Kim admits that giving up their jobs will be difficult too.

"Every time you start to question it a little bit, something will happen," Gary said. Perhaps the pastor will say something or they'll see something on TV that confirms their decision to go.

The final turning point for Gary though, was through his correspondence with a missionary, Grace, who, along with her husband, has worked on the island since 1969 and raised three children there.

As Gary paraphrased, Grace's husband was murdered by a native on the island, and miraculously, six months after his death she returned to the island to finish her translation

work. She couldn't stay away, saying that one of her greatest joys in life was being there. She has since reconciled with the tribe and says she knows she will one day see her husband again.

In light of her unusual circumstances, Grace said she thinks they'll like it there. "It was one of the most reassuring letters I ever had," Gary said. "God wants you there to do a job," Gary said. "There's trouble everywhere. We live in 'time,' God doesn't."

Kim and Gary are now working to raise funds — something neither claim to be good at or comfortable

with. "We don't want to feel like we're pushing anybody. That's not what we want," Kim said.

So far they've mailed brochures and letters to friends and family and met with churches to garner support for their "partnership team."

At last count they had secured 7 percent of the money they need. "We've had people say they can't give money," Gary said, "but prayer has been the most important thing, and it still is."

One day while Gary was out jogging — and fretting about raising the money — a feeling came over him about how much bigger this was than him. He was reassured that nobody would have to go out and get a part time job to support their mission. It would all work out.

"By us going there, we would take 150 to 200 people with us," Gary said, referring to the funds, yes, but also the prayers.

"Some people say 'that's a really gutsy thing to do,'" Gary said. "I think that maybe they really would do it too if they felt the call."

"We don't know where it's going, it's all a blind journey," Gary said, but they believe many others will be blessed by it too.

Those interested in becoming a partner in the Peters mission can call them at 582-3317, or for more information about Wycliffe call 1-800-992-5433 or look it up on the Internet at www.wycliffe.org.

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