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## Now this is winter

It was deja vu for students on Monday when a snowstorm forced area schools to close on what should have been the first day back from winter break.

Last year classes were called off on the same day because of icy road conditions following a rainstorm.

Between Saturday and Sunday afternoon, a storm system dumped about a foot or more of snow sending county road crews out in full force, but keeping Boyne City, Boyne Falls and East Jordan students at home.

"It was odd," Charlevoix County Road Commission manager Pat Harmon said. "Some places had 16

to 18 inches of snow and other places only had eight."

That accumulation wasn't due to drifting either, he said. "Usually it's pretty consistent."

Harmon said the heaviest hit areas were probably south of Boyne City toward East Jordan, and a lot of county roads in open areas blew shut because of drifting.

Road crews which were already out Saturday morning sanding some of the backroads, started clearing roads until the night crew came in that evening after the storm hit. They were back Sunday morning putting

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### BOYNE CITY WILL HOLD MEETING JANUARY 13

## Goal setting for the future

Community members are invited to join the City of Boyne City at its annual goal setting session on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 6 p.m. at One Water Street.

In years past, a cross-section of people including those on city advisory boards, school administrators, business owners, city staff, residents, and community service groups have given positive, helpful direction to city officials.

Their participation again will provide the city with valuable input as it prepares detailed plans for the 1999/2000 fiscal year and for its six-year capital improvement plan.

In an effort to improve the process, this year's session has been re-structured, and won't focus solely on

developing a priority list.

With guidance from facilitator David Call, who was recommended to the city by the Michigan Municipal League, and assistance from community members, the city will also look to accomplish the following objectives during the meeting: discuss the results of past goal sessions; develop additional, new goals from community input; review the newly established goals and past goals; rank the goals; review the ranking to insure it reflects the input from the participants.

The facilitator will follow up the evening's work session by submitting a report to the city, with suggestions for milestones and a review of ongoing implementation.



Photo by Joel Evans

### Meal time

Eagles have become more frequent visitors to Lake Charlevoix's South Arm near downtown East Jordan since nesting platforms were built. This photograph is one of many snapped by Joel Evans, an amateur photographer and East Jordan businessman with a love for the eagles and the outdoors. Turn to page 3 for Joel's story.

### ANDY KIPAPA SEES HIS ROLE AS A JAIL CHAPLAIN AS HIS WAY OF ...

## Giving back to others

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Who would have thought Andy Kapuakela Kipapa, a born and raised Hawaiian, would end up living in Boyne City and becoming a jail chaplain?

If you ask Andy, the reason is God. The circuitous route that brought him to the this cold peninsula on the mainland from his tropical island home, and to the jail chaplaincy was meant to be. "I would never change it," Andy said.

And so the story goes, as it's been told before, Andy met his wife Jo (Kelts) Kipapa through her sister Judy (Kelts) Kuheana who married Andy's first cousin. (Judy met her husband while vacationing in Hawaii.) Andy and Jo met at Judy's wedding in Hawaii.

Andy and Jo came to Boyne City to be married, then immediately moved back to the warmth of Hawaii for 23 years. They had four children, Kainani, Kaleimomi, Kuu-ipo, and Kapuakela, and celebrated their 32nd anniversary last week.

Andy said he never thought they'd move to Michigan. But eight years ago, they did, with Kapuakela, their youngest and only son. "It didn't

agree with me then," Andy said of his previous visits, "but it's a different story today. I love it."

As far as the palm trees, 80-degree weather, beaches and ocean go — he doesn't miss them.

"This is where the Lord wants me, this is where I'll be," Andy said.



Andy Kipapa gave up the warmth of Hawaii for Michigan eight years ago.

He exudes a certain peacefulness and a definite calm that seem unshakable. And now Andy, an associate pastor at Trinity Fellowship Church in Boyne City, will assume the jail chaplaincy for Charlevoix County. This for a man who wasn't even raised as a Christian.

"I knew of God, but I didn't know Him in a personal way," Andy said.

His own life began in what could be considered unusual circumstances and was the start of a life filled with twists and turns.

In an uncommon, but not unheard of Hawaiian cultural custom, Andy explained, some families

will plan to have a baby in order to give it to another family who cannot have children naturally. Andy, who

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### Snow blown

Gene Mont models the most popular fashion and tool since Mother Nature dumped more than a foot of snow over the weekend. Mont was busy clearing off the Boyne City hockey rink at Avalanche Park Monday morning. The recreational rink is also open for skating.

### at a GLANCE

#### Voter survey results on hold until Thursday

The Boyne City School Board has rescheduled a special meeting for Thursday, Jan. 7, to review and discuss the results of a community survey recently completed by consultant Kathy Feaster.

The survey polled a sampling of district voters by telephone on how they feel about three proposals the Educational Facilities Committee has developed to address the needs of the school district.

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

The survey's results will direct the Educational Facilities Committee to either recommend to the board that one of the proposals be put on the ballot for a spring election, or the group will continue to work on developing a plan that is acceptable to most voters.

The meeting was scheduled for Monday but was canceled due to the weather. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting which will be held in the high school library at 7 p.m.

#### EJ Middle School students present evening of improv

The East Jordan Middle School theatre troupe will present "Off the Cuff," an evening of improv in which the audience assists in the creation of the show.

"The great thing about improvisation is no three shows are alike," director Paula Vollbach said.

Cast members are Alex Bayster, Tiffanie Bearden, Kim Beauvais, Ashlie Bennett, Darin Bluhm, Alex Gee, Greg Grose, Dale Henning, Whitney Hershberger, Christine Jackson, Eric Jaqua, Michael Jason, Tina Kirby, Amanda Kline, Emily Malfroid, Jessica Malfroid, Nick Martinez, Glenn McClung, Tim Sothard, Rebecca Thorman, Cayla Tinney, and Jessica Vallance.

The shows are on Jan. 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the East Jordan High School auditorium. Admission is \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$3 for adults.

#### Ramblers, Red Devils meet Tuesday

After more than a two-week break, the Boyne City Ramblers and East Jordan Red Devils return to action this week, but it's a game next week both teams are looking forward to.

The Ramblers and Red Devils will renew their rivalry when they meet next Tuesday at Boyne City. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

East Jordan tuned up with a game Tuesday against Central Lake while the Ramblers travel to Charlevoix, the other county rival, on Friday.

It's the conference opener for the Ramblers.

# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### Wishes for the New Year

With the dawning of a new year it is my hope:

That Boyne City, like the East Jordan, Boyne Falls, Petoskey and Mancelona school districts, finally gets voters' approval for a bond issue to address the schools' facilities needs. And not just a band-aid solution, but one that serves the community for many years to come.

That after completing its remarkable renovation, East Jordan attracts businesses to its downtown district and that when the businesses do come, they are supported by the community.

That some brilliant inventor discovers a sensor-type device that automatically slows a vehicle when driving conditions are less than ideal. Such a device would come in handy for winter driving. It's amazing how reckless some drivers can be and if they don't have the sense to slow down, someone has to do it for them.

That Jesse Ventura, Minnesota's new governor, can walk the walk as well as he can talk the talk. Government would have so much more respect if our leaders were more free thinking and creative and not so dependent on fund raising and consultants.

That Boyne City comes to fully appreciate what a gift the Mary K. Peabody Foundation has given it. A \$2 million investment in our library is simply incredible. It will become a crown jewel for the community.

That the Charlevoix County Commissioners work with Boyne City, East Jordan and Charlevoix on improving recreational opportunities in the county. Volunteers can only do so much.

That by the end of this year, there are recycling centers throughout Charlevoix County. It seems rather ridiculous that it requires a drive to Petoskey if you want to recycle.

That we have as beautiful a spring, summer and fall as we did in 1998.

--Hugh Conklin

### Care and Share had plenty of help filling Christmas baskets

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to everyone who came on Dec. 21 to help fill the Christmas baskets at the East Jordan Care and Share pantry.

Thanks to one and all who gave so willingly to make this a wonderful project.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Staff of the East Jordan Care and Share Pantry



## LETTERS

### Christmas spirit was alive and well

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again, the Christmas spirit prevails in this generous community! Many people have graciously given of their finances, time, resources, and of themselves, to make the second annual Christmas Dinner, at the First Presbyterian Church, a success!

All of those attending enjoyed fellowship and a nice meal, as they appreciated the efforts of all the volunteers by telling us so!

Those who wished were given bread goods and

fruit to take home with them and each place setting had the gift of a small, crocheted cross-shaped book mark, from women of our church. There were also several door prizes this year!

It was certainly a good time for all of us this past Christmas Day, sharing and serving our community.

Once again, thank you all for remembering that "Jesus is the reason for the season!"

Al and Jenny Lawson  
First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City

### Many sleeves rolled up for blood drive

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Tuesday, Dec. 29, the citizens of East Jordan once again showed their marvelous compassion and commitment to help those in need by hosting a holiday week Red Cross Blood Drive.

Despite the high winds and snowy roads, we were able to collect 56 units of blood right before the New Year's Eve holiday. As many of you may have heard, some of that blood was put to use last Thursday to treat some of the victims of the big car accident which occurred on I-75, south of Grayling.

We wish to thank Laurie Moses and her crew of dedicated volunteers from St. Michael's Catholic Church who took time from their holidays to host this drive and all the many people who braved the cold to give the "Gift of Life!" Truly you have helped many people have a chance at a new year.

We look forward to our next visit to East Jordan on April 23 when the East Jordan High School students take their turn in hosting the blood drive. Meanwhile, best wishes to all for a happy, healthy 1999.

Carolyn S. Matzinger  
American Red Cross Blood Services

### Cookie walk was a huge success

TO THE EDITOR:

The Boyne City Presbyterian Women would like to express their gratitude to the community for supporting their annual Christmas Cookie Walk held on Dec. 12. Thanks to all, this fund-raiser

was a huge success.

We greatly appreciate ALL who participated! Many, many thanks!

Helen Chappell and Mary Lou Gardner  
Co-chairpersons of Christmas Cookie Walk

### Neal Hoaglund on the road to recovery

TO THE EDITOR:

Neal and I, and our family would like to thank the many people in the community who came forth and selflessly gave us their time and prayers after Neal was critically hurt in an automobile accident a few weeks ago.

The loving response we received during such a

trying time has been overwhelming, and means so much to us, especially during the holidays.

Neal spent the last few weeks working very hard at rehabilitation in Rogers City, and came home on Saturday. He's doing great and we're excited to have him back.

Thanks again for caring and please keep us in your prayers.

Laurie Hoaglund

## A MOM'S LIFE

### Perfection no longer pursued

By CINDI PLACE

I recently had an interesting conversation about parenthood with someone who was newly married and wasn't sure if being a mother was in her future. Most of her concerns revolved around all the information necessary to become a "perfect" mom.

Of course, the first thing I told her to do was to face the fact that she would never be perfect. Really good, maybe, awesome, probably, but perfection and motherhood used in the same sentence would only make her crazy. I should know. I started down that road years ago. And it's a long, long walk, usually alone.

No one wants to be compared to a "perfect" anything. So, we're all better off letting all the perfectionists go their own way and make all their own comparisons. But this theory is rather difficult to swallow, especially for those who strive for flawless parenting skills.

I think it was after the birth of our second child that I realized doing everything by the book could get me in a lot of trouble. Mostly because each child was completely different and reacted to life in totally diverse ways. So the fact that our first child ate, slept and played on a rather rigid schedule (hers, not ours) certainly did not prepare us for the complete unpredictability of our son's personality.

He cried, she didn't; she hated vegetables, he loved carrots; our eldest was very self-involved and loved to play by herself while our second child craved constant attention. On reflection, I'm not sure if we had two other children to balance the scales or because we were crazy!

And while I still believe that there are "perfect" moments in being a mom, I have stopped trying to make those moments happen. I know that for every good choice I make as a parent, there are many, many more times when I do an "oops."

Thankfully, none of my mistakes have been fatal. Our children seem happy, relatively content and increasingly self-confident. So, I shake off the occasional nagging feelings of guilt that I could have been a better mom. And I revel in the knowledge that our kids will remember the picnics on the living room carpet and the innumerable cooking disasters, and not even care that they usually had to find their school clothes by searching through the dryer. After all, nobody's perfect.

## WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS

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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## Plans for Boyne River boardwalk revised again

A revised plan for a boardwalk along the Boyne River took a step forward recently when the Boyne City Downtown Development Authority approved a revised contract with an Ann Arbor architectural firm for its design.

The first task facing Beckett and Raeder will be to complete a preliminary design and cost estimates for the revised boardwalk plan.

Originally the DDA had hoped to construct the boardwalk along the south side of the river between Lake and Park streets. That plan hit a snag when a couple of property owners along the planned route refused to give the city the necessary easements for the boardwalk.

Because of that obstacle, the DDA, working with Beckett and Raeder, designed the boardwalk to proceed along the south side of the river between Park and Lake streets, with a pedestrian bridge crossing the river to the north side where property owners had agreed to give the city the necessary easements.

That plan fell through recently, however, when one of the landowners on the river's north side wanted the DDA to pay for the easement. The DDA refused.

Under the plan now being pursued by the DDA, a boardwalk would be built on either end of the river on the south side and would be connected by a walkway incorporated with the alley that runs behind the Water Street businesses and parallel to the river. The design will also include a platform with benches that will be built out over the river near Lake Street.

Beckett and Raeder's fee for the design, drawings and specifications is \$14,500. The fee is based on an estimated project cost of \$300,000. The project manager is Connie Pulcifer.

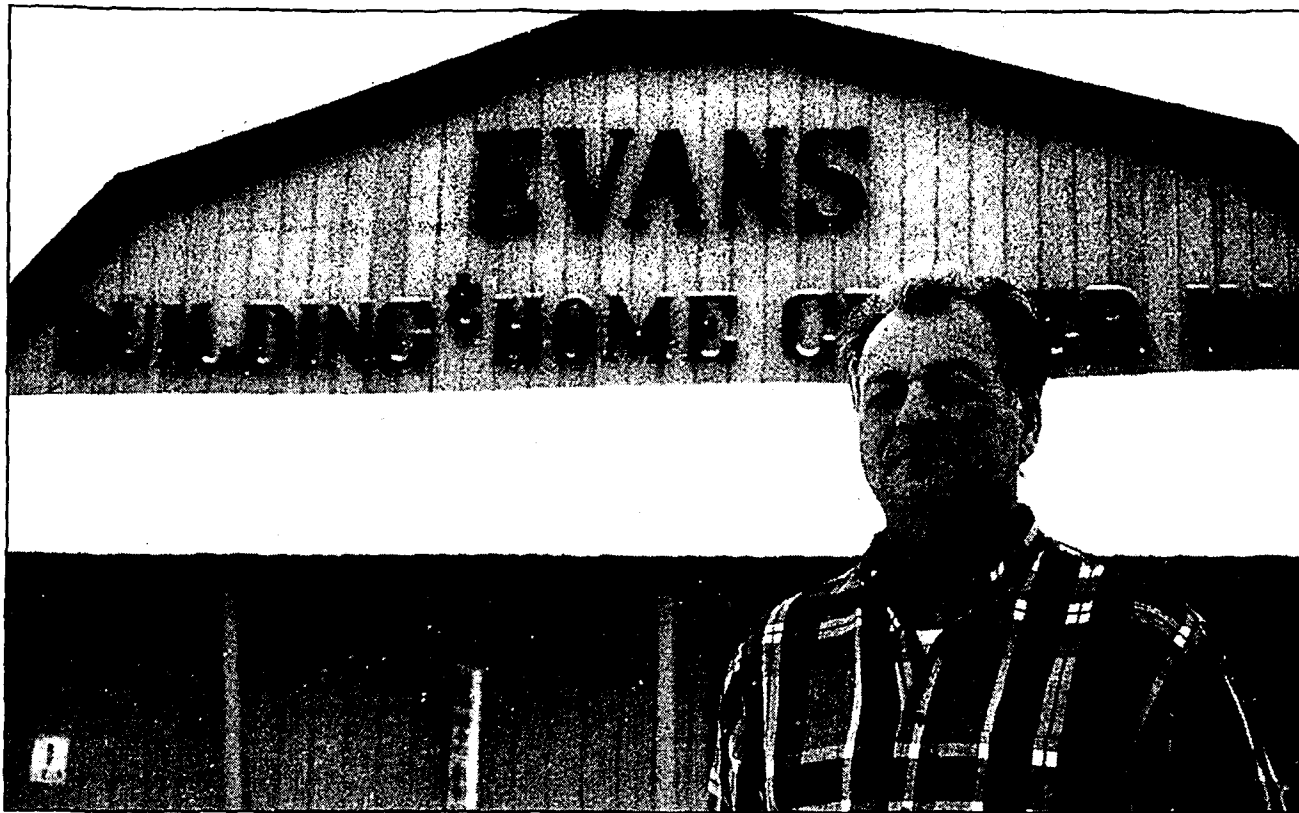
The DDA is hoping to have the preliminary design completed by its January meeting with a final design approved by late February.

Also at its December meeting, the DDA accepted a bid from Blue Water Wrecking, Inc. to remove the house at 106 S. East St. The DDA purchased the three homes on the corner of Water and East streets more than a year ago. All three houses are now vacant and the DDA is waiting for an appraisal for the property which is expected to be completed by early January.

Once the appraisal is received, the DDA plans to sell the property as two rather than three parcels.

We welcome your letters to the editor.

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Joel Evans, a familiar face at Evans Building and Home Center in East Jordan, is also known for his love of the outdoors and penchant for photography. After 40 years in the same business, first as an employee and now as the owner, Evans ponders expansion or retirement.

IT'S BEEN A GOOD CHOICE FOR JOEL EVANS

# He found a job he liked

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

When he graduated from high school in 1958, Joel Evans' mother told him he'd better find a steady job.

So he walked down the road about a block from the East Jordan home where he was born and raised, and went into the Ken Diller Lumber Company — the first business he came to. They hired him to work in the mill for that winter, and 40 years later Evans is still working at the business, now at its helm.

Fifteen years ago, Evans bought the business from another owner who had it for only six months, renaming it Evans Building and Home Center.

"I decided I wanted to be in business for myself and basically asked him to sell," Evans said.

Today, New Year's Eve 1998, Evans talks about retiring or expanding the home center which sells lumber, hardware, glass, carpet, linoleum, electrical and plumbing supplies.

In his years working and selling building products, he's seen the ranch style home — a very good home, he added — go the way of two-story homes with dormers and expensive log homes. That's what happens in a good economy. "It's a time when a lot of people have a lot of money and they're spending it on homes."

Still, he will likely put the business up for sale next summer so he can do the "other things he likes to do. Us guys like to fish and hunt and trap," Evans said.

Framed photos lining the wall of his office at the back of the store are testament to that and to his passion for his family, the outdoors and photography.

Like him, the photos are serene, calm. Men and horses on an elk hunt. A wolf in the wild. One of his daughters, as a child, in a meditative moment in the snowy woods and another of her entranced by a campfire, unaware of the camera. A close-up of his son, when he was a little boy, hamming it up wearing his grandfather's hat and his sister's pink, hand-me-down

winter coat. A picture of Jesus.

Each one conjures up memories of a life with no regrets. "If I had to do it over again, I think I'd do about the same thing that I did, because it's been good."

"Very few people are going to do what I did," Evans said, referring to spending a working lifetime in the same place. Sure he has other friends who worked for the same companies for 40 years and retired, but "nowadays that's not going to happen."

It's a good job. A good life. Today he sells material to the third-generation of a family of customers. "It's kind of nice to ask a person their name and say 'I remember your father and your grandfather.' You can do that in a small town," Evans said. That he will miss.

What he won't miss are the government controls on his business, he said. "They take very much out of the small business man — basically the working man."

And then there are the computers we rely on too much, Evans said, staking his claim in the "old school."

In general, he said people don't seem to enjoy or feel good about physically working hard all day, "doing a good day's work."

"We're all trying to figure out a way not to work hard, almost like there's something not right about working hard. That's hard for me to understand. Then again that's how our system and society are today," Evans said. "Those things become a little frustrating in business sometimes."

"I give reasonable service," he said, not claiming to go above and beyond. He recalled some of the more demanding customers he's encountered through the years. Customers for whom he's told frustrated employees to service just like any other customer. Sometimes it paid off in obvious ways with another customer referral or a simple thank you. Other times, it has to be just knowing you've done the best job you could.

"It's fun to look back at some of those challenges and you did the right thing whether you wanted to or not," Evans said.

But time goes by too fast, Evans said. "We could all continue to work all of our lives. There's nothing wrong with working, but there are other things I'd really like to do."

*"All my life, since I was a young kid, I had a camera and would go for walks in the woods and see things that caught my eye and take a picture."*  
— Joel Evans

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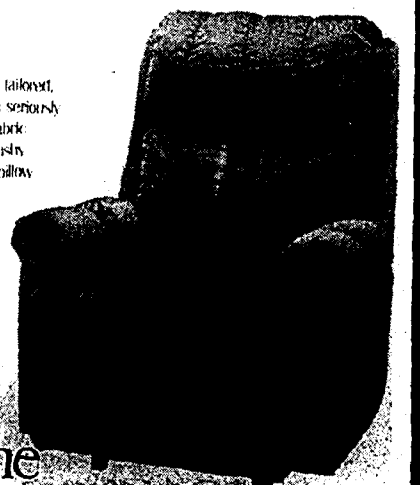
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**OBITUARIES**

**Majorie Smith**

Majorie Smith, 85, of East Jordan died on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan. The Rev. David R. Downtown will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1913 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Frank and Luella (Wiley) Smitton.

Majorie earned her B.S. degree from Michigan State University in Lansing and attended graduate school at Olivet College in Olivet. From 1935 to 1938, she taught home economics at the East Jordan Public Schools.

On Aug. 26, 1938 in Grand Rapids, she married John B. Smith. In 1949, they moved to Charlotte and she taught in the elementary schools in Charlotte and Pottersville. She retired in 1973 and they moved back to East Jordan.

Majorie was a life member of the National Education Association, a Camp Fire leader for many years, a Sunday school teacher in East Jordan and Charlotte, a 25-year member of the United Church of Christ in Charlotte, and a member and former deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan. She was also active in the Felicia Circle of the First Presbyterian Church and the East Jordan Garden Club.

Marjorie enjoyed playing bridge, reading, and sewing. She is survived by her husband, John B. Smith of East Jordan; one son, Robert Lawrence (Mary) Smith of Grand Rapids; two grandsons, R.J. Smith and Mark Smith both of Grand Rapids; one sister, Florence Smitton of Grand Rapids; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Jeanne Smith in 1966 and one sister, Elizabeth Dunnewind in 1985.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's East Jordan Rotary Scholarship Fund.

**David W. Weisler**

David W. Weisler, 72, of East Jordan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 2, 1999 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Bishop Patrick Cooney officiated, with interment in St. Joseph Calvary Cemetery, East Jordan.

David was born Nov. 27, 1926 in East Jordan, the son of Oscar and Eleanor (Jenkins) Weisler. He lived his entire life in East Jordan. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

He married Helen Dubas in 1948 in East Jordan. She died in 1968.

In 1970 in East Jordan, he married Kris Chandler Testa.

David worked as a meat cutter for numerous grocery stores in the East Jordan, Atwood, and Petoskey areas. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Rebecca-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 of the American Legion, both in East Jordan. David enjoyed hunting and

fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Kris Weisler of East Jordan; seven children, Mark (Ann) Weisler of Boyne City, Patrick Weisler of East Jordan, Matthew (Billie) Weisler of East Jordan, Jerome (Pam) Weisler of Rapid City, Martha (Steve Hall) Weisler of East Jordan, Theresa (Lanny) Gillispie of Cordova, Alaska, and Daniel (Kellie) Weisler of East Jordan; five step-children, Julie (Phil) Danoff of Muskegon, Janet (James) Byard of East Jordan, Bonnie (Jeff) Newberry of Gaylord, James (Jennifer) Testa of East Jordan, and Jo Anne Testa of East Jordan; 21 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, one brother, James (Ivah) Weisler of Atwood; one sister, Eleanor Persons of East Jordan; and one sister-in-law, Neva Weisler of Taylor. David was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John Weisler; and one step-son, John Testa.

Memorials may be given to East Jordan Ambulance Fund.

**BOYNE CITY HALL NEWS**

By SUE HOBBS

**BOYNE CITY'S** annual goal setting session will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 6 p.m. in the Marina Conference room at One Water Street. The goal-setting process is to prepare detailed plans for 1999/2000 and the six-year capital improvement plan. I would like to encourage anyone interested in giving input into the direction Boyne City will take and the projects to be undertaken to attend.

**ASA REMINDER**, snowmobiles are not allowed on sidewalks in the city. A citizen was in this week stating she had paid \$800 to have a new sidewalk put in and is trying to keep it shoveled for kids walking to school. The snowmobiles have studs in the tracks and are tearing up the new sidewalk. Snowmobiles are required to travel with traffic at the side of the street. State law regulates the speed in residential areas at no faster than it takes to maintain forward momentum, not the posted speed limit or faster. Please operate your snowmobile safely and encourage others to do the same.

**AT ITS MEETING** Jan. 18, the planning board will review proposed language for a waterfront overlay district.

**THE SKATING RINK** is open at Avalanche. The warming house is open from 4-9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12 noon-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

*Sue Hobbs is city clerk and assistant city manager for Boyne City.*

**BOYNE CITY POLICE REPORT**

Due to recent snow storms, the Boyne City Police Department issued numerous parking tickets and towed several vehicles from the downtown area to allow snow plows to clean the streets. It also stepped up its enforcement of the snowmobile law, issuing a citation and several warnings, based on the continuing influx of complaints from citizens regarding snowmobile speed, operating on the sidewalks and noise. Other complaints included:

Dec. 30: The department recovered a stolen vehicle that had been

taken without permission by a person known to the victim.

Dec. 31: A person wanted on several warrants was found hiding in an apartment at Parkview Apartments and arrested. A citation was issued to a minor who attempted to purchase alcohol with false identification at a local party store.

Jan. 4: The department handled two property damage accidents. They also assisted the city in facilitating the removal of several cars in residential areas that were a hazard to snow plowing.

**Dock creates hazard on Deer Lake**

Sheriff George T. Lasater advises that a floating dock has frozen into Deer Lake near East Jordan/Boyne City Rd. and Crozier Rd., approximately 50 feet off the shore, extending above the frozen water line by 18 inches causing a serious problem for any snowmobilers who might, in the future, cross Deer Lake.

The Sheriff's Office has put up flags and barricade tape around the dock as a warning until the Department of Natural Resources can make arrangements to have the dock removed.

At the present time, the ice on Deer Lake is not safe.

**ACCIDENT REPORT**

A two-vehicle traffic crash on Dec. 29 on M-66 near Elm Point seriously injured a Charlevoix man.

The accident occurred when Benjamin Barry, 20, of Charlevoix, lost control of his 1992 Geo, coming around a curve.

His vehicle, according to a report from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, spun around several times in the roadway before being brought under control but then struck a car driven by Francis Themm, 58, of Charlevoix, head-on. Themm attempted to avoid the

crash by driving onto the southbound shoulder, according to the sheriff's report.

Barry was extricated from the vehicle by the East Jordan Fire/Rescue "Jaws of Life" and transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by the East Jordan Ambulance in serious condition with a massive head injury. He was later transferred to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey for emergency surgery. As of Tuesday morning, Barry was still unconscious, according to a Sheriff's Department spokesman.

Themm's passenger, Christine Malpass, 49, of Charlevoix was treated and released from Charlevoix Area Hospital. Themm sought his own treatment for minor cuts.

Barry was not wearing his safety belt. Both vehicles were totaled.

The Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by the East Jordan Police Department and the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

A SNOWMOBILER parked on the side of Camp Ten Road near

Woodward Road, was hit by a car on New Year's Day and taken to the hospital with a leg and hip injury.

Allen Gasco of Elmira struck the Arctic Cat driven by Sharon Joan Plazibat of Plaso Park, Ill., with his 1992 Oldsmobile four-door, according to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

Plazibat was transported to Northern Michigan Hospital by Boyne City Ambulance for treatment.

The sheriff's department was also assisted by the Hudson Township First Responders.

**CALENDAR**

**EVENING OF IMPROV**  
Jan. 8-10

The East Jordan Middle School theatre troupe will present its improvisational "Off the Cuff" production on Jan. 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the East Jordan High School Auditorium. Cost: \$2 for students/senior citizens, \$3 for adults.

City at the Christ Lutheran Church, 1052 East Division.

**BOYNE CITY GOAL SETTING**  
Wednesday, Jan. 13

Community members are invited to join the City of Boyne City at its annual goal setting session at 6 p.m. in the Marina Room at One Water Street.

**BENEFIT DANCE**  
Saturday, Jan. 9

A benefit dance for Concord Academy Boyne's fine arts program is Saturday, Jan. 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The dance will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles at 106 River St. in Boyne City and is open to adults, and students in grades 9-12. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. The Up North Big Band will perform.

**FRIENDS OF BOYNE RIVER**  
Wednesday, Jan. 13

Friends of the Boyne River will meet at 7 p.m. at the Wolverine-Dilworth Inn. A brief business meeting will be followed by a special presentation by Wil Cwikiel, a water resource program director at the Tip Of The Mitt Watershed Council. The program is called Rivers and the Spirit: Water and Its Spiritual Connection to Humans From Peru to India to Northern Michigan.

**PEACE COFFEE HOUSE**  
Saturday, Jan. 9

Patty Clark will share songs and stories and introduce her new children's book. Will and Ann Rowland bring harmony and spirit on guitar and mandolin. Performances are from 8-11 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan. This month's sponsor is Env-Visions of East Jordan. Call 536-0333.

**EJ CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING**  
Saturday, Jan. 23

The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce is holding its Annual Meeting at the Jordan Valley Express beginning with a silent auction and cash bar at 5:30 p.m., and dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations and choice of entree must be received at the chamber office by Jan. 15. Cost: \$20. Donations are also needed for the auction. Contact the chamber by Jan. 14, to have your auction item listed in the program at 536-7351.

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**Masonic Lodge**

The Boyne City Masonic Lodge No. 391 installed its officers for the 1999 Masonic year on Dec. 11.

Installing officers were: Most Worshipful Installing Officer Edward May, III, Past Master; Right Worshipful Installing Chaplain Jack Gerrie, P.M.; Right Worshipful Installing Secretary, Charles F. Davis; Worshipful Installing Marshall, Michael Andrick.

Officers installed were: Gene Farley, P.M. as Worshipful Master; Danny J-Rehkopf Chingwa, Senior Warden; Henry Erber, Junior Warden; Fred Welch, Senior Deacon; Ronald Freed, Junior Deacon; Lyle Ross, Treasurer; John Talboys, P.M., Secretary; Rex Judkins, P.M., Tiler.

Approximately 50 friends and relatives witnessed the installation including immediate Past Master Edward Woelfert, Member of the Order of Eastern Stars and White Shrine.

**RSVP**

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Charlevoix and Emmet counties held its annual Fund-Raising Raffle last month.

Many area businesses donated prizes for the event, including a night's stay for two at the Perry Davis Hotel. Volunteer Mary Hill donated a "Limited Edition" collector's doll with handcrafted clothes, and volunteer Bill Bridge donated a handcrafted wooden doll cradle, toy train, and tree scape. Preceding the raffle RSVP volunteers enjoyed their annual Christmas potluck.

The funds raised will directly support volunteer services throughout the year.

RSVP is a non-profit organization of dedicated volunteers, all 55 years and older, who commit

time and energy to many non-profit and public agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program you may call the RSVP office in Petoskey at 347-5877.

RSVP is sponsored by the Friendship Centers of Emmet County, with funding provided by the State of Michigan Offices of Services to the Aging and the Char-Em United Way.

**Farm Bureau**

Charlevoix County Farm Bureau members joined 1,600 other Michigan farmers, including about 450 voting delegates, in Traverse City last month for the 79th Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Representing Charlevoix County were Neil Jones, Timothy Matchett, Irene Speltz, Connie Vellenga, Peter Vellenga, Christine Wacholz, and Thomas Wieland.

Delegates representing each county discussed and voted on well over 100 policy resolutions developed from recommendations submitted by the state's 68 county Farm Bureau groups. The policies approved by the delegates will guide the activities of the organization through the next year and serve as goals. Policy highlights included the Right-to-Farm superseding overrestrictive township ordinances, farmland preservation and wildlife management.

Farmers attending the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting had the opportunity to explore the ideas of value-added cooperatives during a session entitled "Adjust: For Profitability." They also got to voice their opinions during a "Speak Up" session on how Michigan Farm Bureau should proceed over the next three years.



**Look out below**

Bundled up against the elements, Chelsea and Courtney Robinson race through the powder at Avalanche after a winter storm dropped another thick coating of snow on the park.



Left: Lauren Mastic can't look as she and her father Todd, both of Perrysburg, Ohio pick up speed heading down the hill. Above: The hard part comes at the end of the run when the dads, Todd (left) and Bay City's Pat Schaeffer with Morgan, have to pull the sleds back up the slope.

**NEIGHBORS**

By NANCY NORTHUP

**THORNETA ROWE** has returned from an extended holiday with her family in Troy. Over the weekend, her granddaughters, Carrie and Shannon Cowell and friend Laura Shrysek, and grandson, Michael Cowell and friends Mike Kennedy and Andy Kaminskas, all of Troy, arrived for a visit and some skiing.

**ON DEC. 27,** Jean Korthase hosted a Korthase Christmas party at the Wilson Township Hall at Fall Park. Thirty-six family members gathered for the meal, catered by Nord and Pat Schroeder.

**LARRY PIPER** of Boyne City had a hard time getting her there, but he did it! Not a whisper got out, not even from their 10-year-old grandson, Coty, nor his 4-year-old sister, Samantha (Sami), the children of Sally and Tom Gilmore. Wife, Mom, and Grandma, Jody Piper, went to the Dilworth Hotel on Saturday afternoon, thinking they were just dropping the kids off where Sally works. Waiting inside were 50 friends and relatives who, upon her arrival, shouted, "Surprise! Happy Birthday, Jody!" And, surprised and pleased she was. Her big "Five-0" birthday had been combined with a belated Capelin family Christmas gathering, just the day before. Amidst much laughter and a few tears, hugs and kisses, all enjoyed a fine buffet

enhanced by beautifully decorated tables, cards and gifts. Her sister, Jan Olson of Gaylord, had made special cakes for the lovely party. Greatly appreciated were the efforts of manager, Don Byce, in doing such a great job in coordinating this special time.

**MORE CHRISTMAS** news came in from the home of Jean Korthase. Her daughter, Sherry Korthase of Waleska, Ga., and her daughter, Samantha Edland of Los Angeles, and Eric Edland of Charleston, S. C. spent Christmas here at their Deer Lake family home. On Wednesday, Nicholas Anthony and friend Christopher arrived at Grandma's to ski at Boyne Mountain. Samantha had to leave early to return to California and Sherry returned over New Year's. On Thursday, Nancy and Bruce Lawson of Rochester made it here, about an hour and a half behind the white-out tragedy on I-75 North on Thursday. They made the return trip, in not much better weather, on Sunday.

**EVERETT SAYLES** returned on Tuesday from spending the holidays in Flint with his daughters Sally and Mary.

**DAUGHTERS OF** Bill and Deb Korthase of Boyne City: Adrea, a student at the University of Ann Arbor, and Brienne, a student at an art academy in San Francisco, have returned to their studies after having spent the Christmas holidays here with their

family.

**PRAYERS ARE** being said for neighbor and good friend, Ruth Christy of Littenburger Place, who is scheduled for surgery on Thursday at Northern Michigan Hospital.

**PEGGY AIMESBURY** and her daughter and son-in-law, Jodell and Jim Danbert and children Samantha and Jared, all of Boyne City have returned from spending the holidays in Clermont, Fla., with her daughter Becky Aimesbury. All had a wonderful time visiting the Animal and Magic Kingdoms, MGM Studios, and many other sights.

**DARLENE BRICKER** hosted a belated family Christmas gathering at her Deer Lake home on Saturday. About 50 made it a great time. All left on Sunday and called her, to let her know they'd made a safe but snowy trip home.

**SCOTT SUTLIFF** returned to Berkley, Calif., on Dec. 27, after having spent 10 days here in the snow with his family. He left 70-degree temperatures in California, but always looks forward to being back in Boyne City and visiting his parents, Oral and Eleanor Sutliff, and his sister, Sheri Fitzpatrick and family, and also many friends and relatives.

(To submit items to Nancy, please call 582-9174)

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# 'It's just been a wonderful life'

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

"I've been up and down and back and forth and here and there," bass player John Hefty said.

And today, after taking a winding but steady music business road, Hefty is settling in comfortably as the bassist for The Bihlman Brothers, whose sound he describes as a hybrid of a rock and roll attitude with a blues kind of structure. "It's based in the blues," Hefty said. "It can get up and roar pretty well."

This group, Hefty feels, is on the brink of success.

The East Jordan musician, who grew up in Detroit, started playing music professionally when he was just 13 years old at school and church dances and street fairs. His first foray into guitar playing was as a 9-year-old "because my mom thought I'd be a classical guitarist."

When he heard Elvis for the first time "I was gone." He quit his lessons after a week because his instructor wasn't interested in teaching him "You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog."

"The Beatles thing just rocked my whole world," he added, "and I said 'that's what I'm going to be' and started learning every song on the radio."

The Bihlman Brothers include Traverse City musicians Jeff Bihlman on guitar and vocals, and brother Scott on drums. Leo Dombeki from Gaylord plays saxophone and keyboard. Their record label, Steelhead Records, is headed up by dad, Dave Bihlman.

Nowadays Hefty is enjoying some local success with the Bihlmans. "Looks Like Rain" — a song off their first CD "Day by Day" — has been getting plenty of airplay on WKLT radio since last spring.

"It's kind of a regional thing that's starting to kick up some noise," Hefty said.

Their second CD, due out this spring, is more of a collaborative effort by the band members. "It's sounding good I have to say," Hefty said. He's written a couple of tunes for it, but doesn't know if they'll

both make the cut.

And in February, the band will be featured as the cover story in "Gig" — a national working musicians magazine.

"There hasn't been any kind of astronomical giant leaps on the fame and fortune level yet, but I'm really kind of convinced at this point that will happen," Hefty said. "They are highly motivated and they are doing it all themselves and we work well as a band. And I'm pretty sure there's going to be good success."

His Elvis and Beatles' references date him a bit, but Hefty, husband, father of six, and grandfather of one, doesn't worry about being in his mid-forties — even though his band-mates are 20 and 30-some-things.

"The music is pretty timeless," Hefty says of the blues-rock sound. "So age doesn't make a difference. It's not the one-hit wonder."

He says his band mates are talented and highly motivated. "There's a kid," he said referring to 26-year-old Dombeki, "when you hear him play the sax you say, 'can that be real.'"

Of himself, he says, "I'm kind of looked at as a guy who knows what he's doing and I've worked real hard to be a good player."

The band is now starting to tour the Midwest and southern states, a lifestyle which is nothing new to Hefty.

"I played wherever and whenever I could, which was all the time, thank God," Hefty said.

From 1977-1985 he lived in Philadelphia, where he met his wife Cindy. They moved to the Jordan Valley in 1986, and 12 years later their one-room house has expanded and become home-sweet-home and a welcome retreat from his days on the road.

He's been in and out of plenty of bands. In 1972 he became the third bass player for MCS, a group he described as the godfather of all hard rock and heavy metal bands. He said they were kind of famous around Detroit and were pretty big in Europe "and was my one stab at rock stardom."

From there he was in and out of bar bands, show bands and touring bands. He's spent hours doing studio and session work for commercials, jingles and other musicians' records and CDs.

Once he settled in northern Michigan he played with "Express" — a band out of Gaylord.

Then he formed a band in Bellaire called the "Lost Valley Band" which developed into the "Biggs" which did some touring around the Midwest. Those two bands were basically how he's made money in the north.

He credits friend Chris Ventske of "Doc Woodward" for helping him over the years as well, "what a good guy and key board player," Hefty said.

"Then the Bihlman thing kind of rolled down the pike from there," Hefty said.

The group opened for heavy-metal band Jackyl at the Jordan Valley Express a

few weeks ago. They've also shared billing at JVB with REO Speedwagon and other bands.

"I had a great time with Ted Nugent in front of 10,000 screaming people," Hefty said of a tour date with the "Motor City Madman."

But his big thrill this year was opening for blues legend Ray Charles at Interlochen. "Meeting Ray Charles was really just an honor," Hefty said. "Since I was a little kid he's been one of my heroes."

The group has also opened for other blues acts including Junior Wells, Koko Taylor, Buddy Guy, and the Son Seals.

"It's kind of almost like the real deal," Hefty said.

His touring will take him away from home and family for four to six weeks at a time.

"That's always been my job," Hefty said of his travels. "When I say I'm leaving, they're pretty much kicking me out the door. It's what I've always done with my life. It comes down to that our family is very strong and very self assured. The kids have been taught that if I'm here, I'm here. And if not, I'm here in spirit. It's just based on family solidarity and trust. It's what I do."

He likens it to a traveling salesperson or anyone else who works on the road. On the other hand, he's also spent a lot of time watching and helping the kids grow up. Because of his late-night hours, he's usually going to work when they're going to bed.

Ranging from 10 to 24 years old, Hefty said none of them are aspiring musicians, "and I think that's just fine."

He describes Cindy as the queen mother of whatever she does — a "great, great, great mother. I can't say enough about her."

"It's nice here and good and quiet and all my kids are safe," he said of their home tucked in the woods.

So far, Hefty said "it's just been kind of a wonderful life."



John Hefty

## Boyne meets Broadway at One Water St.

Tickets are on sale now for the annual "Boyne Meets Broadway" dinner theatre to be performed at One Water Street on Feb. 10, 11, 15 and 16.

Tickets for the Boyne City High School drama club performance are \$25 each and can be purchased at One Water Street, with \$5.50 from each ticket going to support the school's drama program.

## COLLEGE NEWS

KELLY HANDORF, a senior at Michigan State University, made the Dean's List for the fall semester. Kelly is majoring in Secondary Education/English. She is a graduate of Boyne City High School.

Her parents are Larry and Fran Handorf, and grandparents are George and Marge Kauffman, all of Boyne City.

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MIDGE DANIELS FINDS HOMES FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS

# A different kind of matchmaker

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

**M**idge Daniels is a matchmaker. And although lovebirds would seem to be a natural for someone in Midge's line of work, it's the cockatiels and parakeets that more commonly comprise her clientele.

The matches she makes are between senior citizens — who perhaps cannot afford to buy the winged pets — and the birds themselves. "I place them in the home. If the personality clashes, I get them another one," she said.

"I've always had a love for birds. My parents raised birds. I've had birds all my life," Midge said.

And rather than any feathered friend needlessly go homeless, Midge welcomes them into her own flock in East Jordan — many of them permanently. There are 14 cockatiels, two parakeets, one parrot, three pigeons, one crow and two canaries.

There are also the Shetland ponies. Heidi and Squeaky, Freckles, Cocoa, Misty, Black Licorice and more.

Patches the mule is 20 years old. Midge got her from an elderly woman when Patches was just 3 years old. When Midge's father became ill, she gave Patches away. Later on, she spent several years tracing down the owners. She found her and brought her back. She lives happily in a pasture next door to some of the Shetlands.

A mix of chickens occupy pens. They're like family, Midge said. She could never slaughter them. She picks up Rudy and holds him cuddled in her arms like a baby. "He still doesn't know he's a rooster," Midge said. "He sings like a hen."

Hawky — short for Hawkshaw Hawkins — is a 22-year-old crow which was orphaned. He was

injured and could never fly. She doesn't know why.

She took in 17-year-old parrot Tony in 1984. She found him when she went to a pet shop for bird food.

"I peeked under the blanket. He was scared to death," Midge said.

His history, she explained, was that a woman had taken him home and that he would bite her when she tried to pick him up out of his cage. The woman, Midge said, would hit him with a fly swatter when he flew to her shoulder. "He was frightened," Midge said.

"The guy at the pet shop said they would put him down," Midge said. "I said 'what do you want for him.' He said 'lady, you don't want that bird.'" But Midge bought him for \$25 including the cage — the going rate then was around \$80.

Tony now sits on her shoulder and calls her 'ma.' "He's an escape artist," she said. "He figures a way to get out (of his cage)." He will still try to bite a stranger if they try to pick him up, but Midge can do anything with him. "He follows me around like a puppy dog."

Of her cockatiels, nine were unwanted, one was abused and four were ill. "I have lost a couple over the years," Midge said. "Some are so far gone there's nothing you can do."

J.J. came from a family that smoked. Midge said he had something like emphysema, so she put him on a heating pad with Vicks and steamers and an oxygen tent rigged out of plastic. Now he's totally over his respiratory problems, she said.

"He follows me all over the place, sits under my chin at night. He talks. He's a great bird. It took him quite a while to trust me because he was abused," Midge said.

And there is Jo-Jo and Lucille — a male.



Cockatiels are one of many bird species Midge Daniels takes under her wings.

Canaries, parrots, a few pigeons — she said one was severely wounded.

She's in the process of training Adam and Eve — two baby cockatiels. Petie, Pearl and Peggy Sue were three more unwanted cockatiels. And Popeye is another one who only had one eye when he hatched. He has a broken wing and has lost a toe. The owners, she said, were going to put him down but instead gave him to her. "He doesn't look good, but I don't care."

She swapped a bike for Corky and has traded skis as well for birds.

If the adoptive owners don't want the bird, then Midge wants it back. She told of one woman that passed away whose daughter brought her mother's bird to Midge all the way from Saginaw. "One week later I had a home for the bird," she said.

"Some I place, some I don't." Those she doesn't place live out their lives with Midge. "They are a lot of fun though and I enjoy them."

"I spoil all my animals," Midge said. "I just like them — always have."

## Boyer City Middle School First Quarter Honor Roll

### ALL "A" HONOR ROLL

#### FIFTH GRADE

Megan Bascom, Adrian Bryant, Diana Coccione, Christopher Faulkner, Halli Friedrich, Turea Gardner, Molly Hausler, Stephen Hubbard, Rachel Jabara, Erika Looze, Kimberly Oliver, Danielle Ordway, Chelsea Rewald, Andrew Schneider, Ashley Smith, Kirk Smith, Robert Startzel, Britanni Stolt, Kayla VanAlstine, Aimee Wilfjer, Christina Wiseman, Thereseann Zimmerman.

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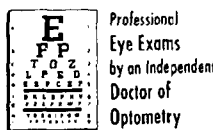
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# SPORTS

## SPORTS schedule

### Boyne City

Jan. 7 - Volleyball, Charlevoix, home - 6 p.m.  
Jan. 8 - Freshman Basketball, at Charlevoix - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/J.V. Basketball, at Charlevoix - 6 p.m.  
Jan. 11 - Volleyball, East Jordan, home - 6 p.m.; Skiing, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, at Boyne Mountain - 1 p.m.  
Jan. 12 - Freshman Basketball, at East Jordan - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/J.V. Basketball, at East Jordan - 6 p.m.  
Jan. 14 - Volleyball, at TC St. Francis - 6 p.m.; Skiing, Elk Rapids, East Jordan, Charlevoix, at Boyne Mountain - 4:30 p.m.  
Jan. 15 - Freshman Basketball, Elk Rapids, home - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/J.V. Basketball, Elk Rapids, home - 6 p.m.

### East Jordan

Jan. 7 - Varsity/J.V. Volleyball, at Mancelona - 6 p.m.  
Jan. 11 - Varsity/J.V. Volleyball, at Boyne City - 6 p.m.  
Jan. 12 - Freshman Boys Basketball, Boyne City, home - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/J.V. Boys Basketball, Boyne City, home - 6 p.m.  
Jan. 14 - Varsity/J.V. Volleyball, Harbor Springs, home - 6 p.m.; Skiing, Boyne City, Charlevoix, Elk Rapids, at Boyne Mountain - 4:30 p.m.  
Jan. 15 - Freshman Boys Basketball, at Harbor Springs - 4:15 p.m.; Varsity/J.V. Boys Basketball, at Harbor Springs - 6 p.m.

## Midgets first win had plenty of excitement

Boyne Area Hockey Association's midget team (15-17 year olds), sponsored by BC Pizza, lost to Cadillac 6-0 Dec. 29.

On Saturday, Jan. 2, the midgets traveled to Mackinaw City for a tournament and in its opening contest played its most exciting game of the season.

BC Pizza played Mackinaw and at the end of regulation the score was 2-2. After a 5-minute sudden death overtime, which was scoreless, the teams had a shoot-out, and Boyne won 2-0.

Scoring in regulation were Tom Kerr with assists from Collin Keller and Neil Howie, and Mike Marr with assists by Ben Van Dam and D.J. Adkison. Mike Marr and Tom Kerr scored in the shoot-out.

In the second game, BC Pizza squared off against a fresh Gladwin team and lost 5-1. Van Dam scored BC Pizza's goal with Marr picking up the assist.

BC Pizza was scheduled to play two more games on Sunday, but they were canceled due to the weather.

The team is now practicing at the Avalanche Park hockey rink.

## Rozycki hits game winner for Oakland

The heroics of Jason Rozycki are well known to Boyne City basketball fans.

Now Oakland University fans are finding out about the former Rambler star.

Rozycki, Boyne City High School's all-time leading scorer, now playing as a freshman for Oakland University in its first season competing at the Division I level, banked in a three-pointer with six seconds remaining last Tuesday to give Oakland an 81-80 victory over Loyola (Ill.).

Rozycki scored 21 points in the game, 14 of them in the final seven minutes. Down the stretch he was 4 for 4 from the three-point line and scored 16 points. For the game, he

was 7 of 10 from the field, including five three pointers and grabbed seven rebounds.

"We called everything but the bank," Oakland coach Greg Kampe said in a story in the Detroit Free Press. "We decided to go for the win and we were just very fortunate that the freshman stepped up. He had a hot hand and we just went for it."

Rozycki picked a good game for his last-second heroics. More than 30 fans from Boyne City were in attendance, including Jason's father, John, and several members of this year's varsity basketball team.

"He had a real good game," said John, who has been to eight of Jason's games.



Photo courtesy of Sheri Fitzpatrick

Members of the Boyne City High School basketball team couldn't have picked a better game to see Jason Rozycki play. He led the team in scoring and hit the game winner in the final seconds. Rozycki, far right, gave the Ramblers a tour of Oakland's facilities prior to the game.

Rozycki, who was featured in a lengthy article in the Oakland Press last week, is averaging about 25 minutes a game and about 14 points a game.

"He's first off the bench and getting a lot of playing time," John said. Rozycki primarily plays the shooting guard position but also occasionally plays point guard.

Area fans will have a chance to see him play this Thursday when Oakland plays Valparaiso. The game is scheduled to be broadcast on Fox Sports. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

## Skiers ready to open their season

The Boyne City High School girls' ski team will hit the slopes this season with four returning lettermen, and coach Bob Simpson has high expectations for them this year.

"They've got a chance to do real well this year," Simpson said.

Experience comes in the form of Andrea and Meghann Gerling, Maggie Doherty and Natalie Stafford. Last year as a sophomore Andrea was a state qualifier and made second team All State.

Newcomer Mindy McCutcheon, a freshman, will start for the Ramblers and Simpson said he's counting on sophomore Brooke Grobaski and French exchange student Marion Duclos to contribute this season as well.

The boys, who seem to do a little better in the slalom events, will have to work a little harder this year in the giant slalom, Simpson said.

"The boys have a chance to do real well this year," Simpson added.

Returning team members include Andy Douglas, Nick Riehl, J.D. Doherty, David D'Amour, Jeff Johnecheck, Andy Moriarity and Joe Jones.

The racers weren't able to get on skis until their holiday vacation and have had even less practice this year than last. But they jumped right into the season starting off with the Petoskey Invitational Tuesday at Boyne Highlands.

Simpson scheduled later meet times (4:30 and 5 p.m.) at Boyne Mountain this year, to encourage student support and to allow working parents to make it to the meets. "It's free," he said. "Just come out and enjoy the race."

EAST JORDAN won't compete until Jan. 14, hoping to give its young teams more time to prepare for the season.

"My men's team is going to be hot," coach Rob Berquist said.

Five good slalom and giant slalom skiers come in the form of the team's only senior Brian Banfield, sophomores Nathan Diller, Evan Chappuis, and Tarn Leach, and fresh-

man Paul Teske.

With five seniors graduating last year, the girls' team will look to its younger racers and new upperclassman to fill the void.

"It's still kind of new for them," Berquist said.

Three freshmen with experience racing for the middle school team last year have moved up. And upper-classmen Lindsay Malpass, Rachel Warnos and Swiss international student Ruth Meyer will all chip in as newcomers to the team.

East Jordan will have several more practices before its first meet at Boyne Mountain against Boyne City, Charlevoix and Elk Rapids next week.

## OUTDOORS WITH GORDIE

### When it comes to ice fishing, there's always tomorrow

By GORDON CHARLES

Odd. Strange. Different. Maybe even slightly nutty. Take your choice. Any could describe the antics and personality of the individual who spends his time these days in an ice-spear shanty.

Who else would climb out of a nice warm bed long before dawn, in order to walk across the frozen surface of a lake and into the fangs of a wild, screaming wind! And then just spend the day sitting in a little house resembling what indoor plumbing is supposed to have mostly replaced.

Once reaching that goal, much of his time is spent in tinkering with a contrary stove to keep it burning. That is so he will remain comfortable enough to remain hunched over in a half-trance, gazing through a hole in the floor at a square of green water.

After staring at the magic spot for hours, he is so startled when a fish finally does come into view that he is nearly petrified by the sight. Should he recover in time, he usually does one of two things:

Either he will regain his composure long enough to kick his spear down the hole or he will grab the shaft and hurl it mightily.

In either case, the fish generally flees the scene, none the worse for the alarming experience. The spear, the tines of which have been lovingly honed to razor sharpness, will curl up like a home permanent against the only rock on bottom in that end of the lake.

At that point, our fisherman stands up suddenly and bangs his head on the low shanty roof, few of which are high enough to be stood up under. At the same time, he nudges a quart thermos full of hot coffee over the edge of the spearing hole and watches numbly as it settles serenely to bottom.

Fishing for it with a treble hook is the only hope but this produces nothing. (Well, almost nothing.) In leaning over the hole, his cigarettes slide out of his shirt pocket and into the water.

Ever alert, he dives for the pack and scoops it out, getting wet only to the elbow and thoroughly dunking his

new Christmas wristwatch.

This is the particular moment the finicky oil burner chooses to flicker and go out. Our stalwart fisherman, however, is alert and prepared. He grabs the can of spare fuel and hurriedly begins to refuel the empty tank. Hardly more than half of the oil spills and runs into the spearing hole.

Since oil and water don't mix, he can no longer see down the spearing hole. There remains one discovery yet to make. He can't relight the stove because his only pack of matches were with his cigarettes when they fell into the water and are now too wet to light.

Shaking with cold, partly wet and still fishless, he reluctantly locks the shanty and trudges off toward shore. Is he discouraged?

Tomorrow might be the day something will finally go right!

(Gordon Charles lives in Traverse City and is the former outdoor writer for the Record-Eagle. His column will be published occasionally in the Citizen-Journal.)

## East Jordan volleyball team welcomes a new coach

By MELISSA MCKENZIE

East Jordan welcomes Greg Swanson to the coaching staff this season as the junior varsity volleyball coach.

The junior varsity team consists of four sophomores and six fresh-

men. Julie Elliott, Rebecca Murray, and Kattie Brooks make up the three returning sophomores; each were starters at one point last year. The other team members are first-year sophomore, Melissa McKenzie, and freshmen Rachel Bennett, Jenelle Doebel, Jackie Haley, Nichole

Murray, Renee Nowka, and Bethany Wilson. The team will be managed by freshman Deanna Derosure.

The girls began their season against Kalkaska on Dec. 17.

"East Jordan, around the league and the many places I have coached, has been known as a sleeping giant,"

said coach Swanson. "I believe they are always dangerous and have always had good athletes, and with a complete program will be a premier team in the league."

(Melissa McKenzie is a student at East Jordan High School.)

## Girls youth basketball league starts this Saturday in East Jordan

The East Jordan girls basketball program will begin its 1999 youth program on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the old middle school gym.

The third and fourth grade session will be held from 9-10:30 a.m.

The fifth and sixth grade session will be held from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.

Any youth who has not yet registered but wishes to participate in the program should arrive 15 minutes be-

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**Mortgage Sale - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas M. Phillips and Dianna L. Phillips, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Republic Bank-North, Mortgagee, dated May 12, 1993, and recorded on May 17, 1993 in Liber 254, on Page 0254, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Citizens Bank, successor by merger to CB North, as assignee by an assignment dated December 17, 1994 which was recorded on December 29, 1994, in Liber 281, on Page 0007, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred sixty-nine thousand five hundred eighty-two and 24/100 dollars (\$169,582.24), including interest at 8.250% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 6/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice 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 February 12, 1999.

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

**PARCEL 1, FOREST COVE:** Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 29, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence South 0°07'37" West along the East line of said section 2145.02 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 0°07'37" West along said section line 300.00 feet to a point 203 feet North of the South 1/4 corner of said section; thence North 43°14'23" West 324.32 feet (recorded N42°25'W 312.00 feet); thence South 30°01'37" West 275.12 feet (recorded S30°51'W) to the Southwesterly right of way of the Boyne City Road; thence on a curve to the left along said right of way 60.71 feet (radius is 1119.85 feet, long chord bears N53°53'50"W 60.70 feet); thence North 55°27'00" West along said right of way 994.81 feet; thence

on a curve to the right along said right of way 11.40 feet (radius is 1307.51, long chord bears N55°12'07"W 11.40 feet); thence North 33°18'07" East 160.45 feet to the shore of Susan Lake; thence South 78°19'41" East along said shore 221.77 feet; thence North 75°26'12" East along said shore 101.31 feet; thence North 24°18'54" East along said shore 150.00 feet; thence South 54°17'00" East 952.29 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 29, Town 34 North, Range 7 West, including all land to the water's edge of Susan Lake. **SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH Main Road and Utility Easement, Road Easement "B", 30 foot Secondary Access Easement, 20 foot Private Easement for Public Utilities, Conservancy Easement, Alternate Recreation Easement and Corral Recreation Easement as set forth in Covenants and Restrictions and Shared Road Maintenance and Recreation Agreement recorded in Liber 326, Pages 191-205 and Affidavit recorded in Liber 326, Page 610, Charlevoix County Records.**

The redemption period shall be 32 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 30, 1998  
CITIZENS BANK

For information, please call: (248) 642-4202  
Trott and Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for Citizens Bank  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #981110892  
Dec. 30, 1998, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, 1999

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**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 venue, 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

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**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 66/100 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, notice 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

Trott and Trott, 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

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**Mortgage Sale - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald T. Fineout and Sandra G. Fineout husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 29, 1996, and recorded on April 3, 1996 in Liber 298, on Page 0207, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Old Kent Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated March 29, 1996 which was recorded on April 3, 1996, in Liber 298, on Page 213, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty thousand two hundred thirty-nine and 47/100 dol-

lars (\$40,239.47), including interest at 8.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice 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 February 19, 1999.

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

Lot 24, Original Plat of the Village of Talcott, 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 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 6, 1999  
Old Kent Mortgage Company

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Trott and Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys for  
Old Kent Mortgage Company  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
File #97097318  
Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 1999

**EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Evangeline Township Planning Commission will meet on the following dates for 1999. All meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, Wildwood Harbor Road, Boyne City, unless otherwise posted.

**Thursday, January 21, 1999**  
**Thursday, April 15, 1999**  
**Thursday, July 15, 1999**  
**Thursday, October 21, 1999**

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TRANSIT SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES**

Charlevoix County Transit will accept bids until 12:00 noon, Friday, Jan. 22, 1999 for the sale of (1) bus and (1) mini van.

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**LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION**

**NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHARLEVOIX AND ANTRIM COUNTIES, MICHIGAN**

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of East Jordan Public Schools, Charlevoix and Antrim Counties, Michigan, pursuant to a directive from the Intermediate School Board of Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Monday, February 8, 1999.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the purpose of the special election is to vote on the following proposition:

**MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL — SPECIAL EDUCATION**

This proposal requests the restoration and renewal of 1.16 mills for special education previously approved by the electors for levy in 1996, 1997, and 1998.

Shall the 1 mill limitation (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00) on the annual property tax previously approved by the electors of Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Michigan, for the education of handicapped persons be increased by 1.16 mills (\$1.16 on each \$1,000.00 on taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 1999 to 2003, inclusive (1.1562 mills of the above being a renewal of millage which expired with the 1998 tax levy and .0038 mill being a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the State Constitution of 1963); the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 1998 calendar year is approximately \$3,039,238 from local property taxes authorized herein?

**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1999, IS MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 O'CLOCK, P.M. ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1999, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION.**

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

**Gary Ciszewski**  
Secretary, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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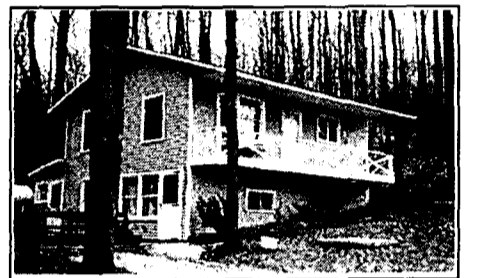
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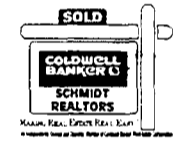
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# Sno-blast '99 has it all

## Storm

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in a 10-14 hour day, and then out again by 5 a.m. Monday morning clearing roads once more.

On those days, Harmon said, crews try to get in and out of all the roads at least once, while doubling up on bad drift areas.

Harmon said crews will spend the first part of this week cleaning up intersections and widening roads. "After a storm like that, it takes two to three days to get everything cleaned up like it was before the storm."

Charlevoix County accumulated 40 inches of snow in December, just topping the area average of 37 inches. "It all came at once," Harmon said noting that November only dropped a mere 2.5 inches.

Weather systems moving through on Tuesday and Wednesday and then on Friday should bring some more snow accumulation, sending crews back to plowing. National Weather Service meteorologist John Boris said both systems are expected to be followed by lake affect snow showers as well.

## SNO-BLAST SNOWMOBILE RACES AND RIDES

The East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Club will be the site for snowmobile races and rides from Jan. 15-17. For information call Ed Elliott at 536-7305, Ron Graham at 536-0452, or the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 15

**Safari, 7 p.m.** The safari leaves from the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse and will include coffee, hot chocolate and s'mores. Bring the whole family for a snowy tour.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 16

**Drag Race Registration, 9 a.m.**

**Drag Race, noon.** Snowmobile dragsters can vie for trophies on the clubhouse grounds. Drivers must be at least 18 years old. Registration is at 9 a.m.

**Roller Runs Registration, 9 a.m.**

**Roller Runs, 11 a.m.**

Drivers must be at least 18 years old. Cost: \$1.

**Slalom, 1 p.m.** A test of snowmobiling prowess — skill, not speed, is the key here. Will take drivers through the slalom course. The cost is \$5. Drivers must be at least 18 years old.

Snowmobilers, start your engines because Sno-Blast '99, Jan. 15-17, is blowing in fast and will offer plenty of opportunities to rev those machines all weekend long during the drag races, radar runs, slalom races and in the snowmobile safari.

The Antique Snowmobile Club of America will show off its wares during the Sno-Blast parade on Saturday, then head out to the East Jordan Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road off M-32, to display the classic machines.

But if you don't have a sled of your own, or perhaps it's barely hanging on to its last ski, be sure to enter the raffle for a 1999 Yamaha PZ500. Not only could you drive away on the shiny new snowmobile, but each raffle ticket includes a free ticket for Friday's Chili Supper. The raffle is sponsored by the East Jordan Rotary.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and the drawing will be held on Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse. For tickets call Paul Ansted at 536-2404 or 536-2511.

**ANGLERS CAN SHOW** off their skills during the fourth annual

Sno-Blast Fishing Contest which will run from 7 a.m. on Jan. 9 through 5 p.m. on Jan. 17. More than \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded. A pole displaying catches will be on display all weekend at contest sponsor Tom's Bait and Tackle (formerly Arnold's) at its new 801 Water St. location. Call Tom for details at 536-3521.

On Saturday at Murphy Field, Sno-Shoe Follies, Sno-Bowling and Softball in the Snow get going in the afternoon, and roller skaters can cruise from noon-4 p.m. at the Jordan Valley Express.

**FOOD IS INDEED** the key component to sustaining both riders and spectators through the weekend frenzy of activity, and there will be plenty to go around.

On Friday the East Jordan Rotary is sponsoring a Chili Supper from 4-7 p.m. at the Sno-Mobilers Clubhouse. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years old.

Concessions will be sold from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday at the clubhouse. And at 1 p.m., Ansted's By the Lake will host the first Sno-Blast

Pig Roast with half the proceeds being donated to the festival.

On Sunday, the Sno-Lover's Breakfast from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. is sure to get you going for the day. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under 12, and free for those under 5 years old.

**SCULPTORS** need to sign up for the Sno-Sculpture Contest by Jan. 10, and have their creations completed by Jan. 13 for judging. Call the hotline at 544-3805 for more information.

**PARADE** goers can line up along Main Street at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday to see grand marshal "Old Man Winter" a.k.a. Ron Klooster and friends pay homage to the snowy season. Parade registration itself is from 10-10:30 a.m. at City Hall. Pre-registration is encouraged. Call Larry Oliver at 536-9886 for details.

For more information, or to get involved in these and other weekend activities, call the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351, or stop by and pick up a complete brochure.

## BUSINESS

### Healthshare Group wins award

The Healthshare Group was recently recognized among the top businesses in Michigan that demonstrate a commitment to continuous quality improvement.

Healthshare Group is parent of Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Boulder Park Terrace Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Charlevoix, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, LifeLink Emergency Medical Services, the Living Room Adult Day Care, the Northern Michigan Hospital/Burns Clinic Foundation, VitalCare home care and nursing services, and three regional dialysis centers.

Healthshare Group staff, physicians and volunteers were honored with the Navigator Recognition by the Michigan Quality Council at the Michigan Quality Leadership Award banquet in mid-November. The 1998 Michigan Quality Leadership Award, the state's highest honor for outstanding quality and customer service, went to Port Huron Hospital.

The Navigator Recognition, bestowed to four honorees, was achieved by completing a self-assessment using seven categories. By completing the self-assessment, Healthshare Group compared itself to other national companies' "best practices" in seven categories: leadership, strategic planning, information and analysis, human resource management, process management, customer and stakeholder satisfaction, and results.

"Two years ago, we incorporated the use of these criteria into our strategic business plan," said Jeffrey T. Wendling, president/CEO of Northern Michigan Hospital and Healthshare Group.

"The goal was to use the feedback to improve our system and the care we provide our patients, not win the award. This recognition shows that we are charting a course toward quality, and that's an achievement that every employee, physician and volunteer within our organization should be proud of."

Earlier this year, under the leadership of Organizational Development Director Diane Banks, the Healthshare Group completed a self assessment and submitted an award application to the Michigan Quality Council.

"We learned a tremendous amount through the self-assessment process," Banks said. "We have more work to do. Our preliminary feedback report indicates that we have a sound start, but need to focus on process management and performance results. That's what this assessment is meant to do... uncover where you are doing well, and identify those areas that need further concentration."

The Michigan Quality Council was created in 1993 by business leaders and is supported by Gov. John Engler to promote total quality management practices in businesses, educational institutions and organizations throughout Michigan. One of the council's primary functions is to oversee the Michigan Quality Leadership Award given each November to recognize organizations for outstanding quality management.

### Arnold's changes name, location

Arnold's Bait and Tackle, now called Tom's Bait and Tackle, has moved to 801 Water St. in East Jordan, just down the road from its former site at 101 Water St.

"We're open for business," owner Tom Durecki said. He bought the building for his store, which is now across from the Jordan Valley Animal Clinic, when the building where he was formerly located was sold.

The store offers live bait and tackle, portable ice fishing shanties, shanty stoves, fishing gear and ammunition for rabbit and bird hunters.

The store is open from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, and is closed on Tuesdays. The phone number is 536-3521.

### New storage units open in EJ

The Legato brothers have opened Adams Road Self Storage at M-32 and Adams Roads in East Jordan on the site of the former family farm.

The 24-space facility includes units ranging from 10' x 5' up to 10' x 24', and can be rented for a minimum of one month or longer.

The four brothers, Jim, Jeffrey, Joel and Eric make their homes in Traverse City, Petoskey and Benton Harbor. Rental inquiries can be directed to 536-0104 or (800) 414-4950.

### Wagbo Peace Center needs donations for internship program

Wagbo Peace Center needs donations for its Sustainable Agriculture Internship Program. Donations are needed by Jan. 23 and are tax deductible.

Items needed include: apartment-size refrigerator, four single beds (adult size), bunk bed with mattresses, stove pipe, blankets, canning jars, pressure canner, garden hose, gardening tools.

Wagbo is a non-profit education center teaching peaceable sustainable living.

For more information, call 536-0333.

## New in '99

Doug Smith, left, and Steve Knysz installed a new sign last week for Great Lakes Energy Cooperative at its Boyne City headquarters. The business opened Jan. 1 following the merger of energy cooperatives Top O' Michigan Electric of Boyne City, Great Lakes Energy of Newaygo, and Western Michigan Electric of Scottville.



## Concord Academy hosting benefit dance Saturday at BC Eagles

A benefit dance for Concord Academy Boyne's fine arts program is Saturday, Jan. 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The dance will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles at 106 River St. in Boyne City and is open to adults, and students in grades 9-12. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8

for students.

The Up North Big Band will perform.

Proceeds will go toward bringing five performance artists to the school to help teach the cultural history of the United States.

The artists are:

- Robert Jones, a nationally known blues musician, will come to the school first. His performance will include the history of blues and its impact on American culture.
- Artist Neil Woodward will use a variety of folk instruments to tell the story of Michigan.

- The Madame Cadillac Dance Theatre will do a demonstration of colonial period dances.

- Sandra Hansen will perform a one-woman, five-character play of the Civil War.

- The Renaissance Jazz Band will do a program on the history of jazz.

## Chaplain

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when he was born already had six older sisters, was given up for adoption by his parents right from the hospital to such a family. He had four step-siblings in his adoptive family. They all visited their own biological family on weekends, and Andy knows both families as his own.

But this was his fate and he wouldn't change any of it because it has all contributed to who he is today and his eventual conversion, which he said came about in 1978 due in large part to his sister-in-law Judy, founder of the Boyne Food Pantry, who died in 1996.

When she found Christ she let the whole family know, Andy said. He saw the change in them and wanted to find out for himself what was going on.

"I'm glad I did it and it's never been the same after," he said. Even his own children, who all live in Boyne City now, wonder at the change in him.

With his appointment to the jail chaplaincy, Andy will give up his tenure as president of the Charlevoix County Ministerial Association which is a group of interdenominational church leaders who regularly meet.

The jail ministry position has been part of the sheriff's department for just over 22 years. When a vacancy comes up, Sheriff George Lasater said he approaches the ministerial association to see if anyone is interested in filling it.

Andy stepped forward this time. And rather than entirely relinquish his work in the ecumenical area offered through the ministerial association, "by faith I stepped in to maintain it," he said of the jail ministry.

Andy, also a chaplain at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, is no stranger to interacting with leaders and members of different faiths, such as those he'll encounter in the jail. And a personal tragedy has

brought him insight he may never have known.

One of Andy's brothers was imprisoned for 28 years, and was released only at the end of his life to allow him to die at home.

"I had the chance to lead him to the Lord," Andy said quietly, knowing it was the only thing he could do for him. Knowing that it was enough.

"All we can do is give them direction, give them hope. They make the final decision. There is hope," Andy said.

In his new position he will coordinate the weekly ministerial visits for inmates, respond to emergencies as requested by the sheriff, assist the sheriff in transporting prisoners to correctional facilities if they are having a problem dealing with their prison sentence and counseling inmates as well.

"Normally for a first time person in a county jail it's very humbling," Lasater said. "One of the first things they do is fall back on some sort of support, whether it be family or whether it be religion. And unfortunately, we have many who don't have family."

This is where religion comes in for the inmates, 90 percent of whom are doing time for drug or alcohol related offenses.

"They may not have been arrested for that particular offense, but drugs or alcohol are the reason they committed the crime

they committed," Lasater said. He pointed out that Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held at the jail once a week as well.

"Knowing him, and knowing the family he married into, I think he will be outstanding," Lasater said of Andy.

The former Hawaiian tour bus and limousine driver and Boyne City school bus driver (now he drives for Charlevoix County Transit) never thought he'd be a pastor.

"The calling was there, but I never heeded it," he said. "I learned a lot in the tourism industry. I don't look at the color or race. I look what's in the heart of the person," Andy said.

"I've always been open to different denominations. I'm not one to judge. My place is just to accept who they are."

He says he's not perfect but strives to be the person he's supposed to be in

Christ — a servant to one and all.

"What I want to portray is Christ. The only way to do that is to be an example," he said. "There's not one perfect person."

"The churches are actually the backbone of the jail chaplain ministry," Andy said, and he sees his part there as an extended arm for the pastors who are confined to minister within their own church.

"In my heart I always loved helping people. When I was young I needed help and my family and friends were there for me and it is just giving back to others," Andy said.

"I've had the taste of the good life and I know what it's all about," Andy said. "Now I have the taste of a better life."

*"In my heart I always loved helping people. When I was young I needed help and my family and friends were there for me and it is just giving back to others."*

--Andy Kipapa