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SANTA PARADE AND FESTIVAL OF BELLS WILL USHER IN THE SEASON

Ringling in the holidays

You'll hear sleigh bells jingling when Santa Claus comes to Boyne City on Friday, Nov. 26, for the Santa Parade.

The procession will begin at 6 p.m. on East Street by the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel, making its way down Water Street where Santa will light the Community Christmas Tree behind the chamber of commerce building.

Immediately after, he will go to One Water Street Restaurant to pose for photographs with children and where cocoa and cookies will be provided compliments of One Water Street.

There's still room for parade entries and all community groups and individuals are encouraged to create floats, banners or walk along the route decked out in costumes. Call the chamber at 582-6222 to let them know

you're joining in the fun.

If shopping and savoring the flavors of the holidays are more your speed, then head to downtown Boyne City on Saturday, Nov. 27 to scoop up gifts and then, from 4-7 p.m., enjoy a Taste of Christmas as merchants offer samples of savory snacks and cocktails (adults only) to customers. Vote for your favorite food item when making your rounds and register to win a gift certificate. The winning recipe will be printed in the Dec. 8 Citizen-Journal.

The following weekend, wreaths and angels will decorate the One Water Street lobby for the annual silent auction which benefits the Boyne City Food Pantry and the Community Christmas program.

Take a ride on the Trolley Tour of Lights to enjoy the city's finest Christmas lighting

displays from Dec. 10-23. Hop on board at Boyne Country Books at 6:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., except on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Turn to page 8 for a complete list of the city's festivities.

IN EAST JORDAN, the Festival of the Bells will usher in the season from Dec. 6-11 with a week-long, pre-holiday shopping promotion and holiday celebration.

On Thursday, Dec. 9, it's Community Night with caroling — individuals to large groups are encouraged to join in. The annual Soup Cook-off will run from 5-7 p.m. at the Rainbow Bar and Grill with participating restaurants cooking up their tastiest soups to compete for "People's Choice Award." A \$1 donation from those enjoying the recipes will benefit the Care and Share Food Pantry.

Santa will make his appearance on Saturday, Dec. 11 in the parade at 11 a.m. and then will head to the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. to visit with children. Karen Walker Photography and Huckle's Photo Express will sponsor free photos and East Jordan Lioness members will pass out their hand made stockings and goodies courtesy of the East Jordan Lions.

Don't forget to get in the holiday spirit by displaying lights, garland, baubles and bows for the Residential and Business Decorating Contest. The last day to register is Dec. 3. Judging will take place Dec. 8. Call Rupp and Keen Real Estate at 536-9600 for more information.

For a complete list of holiday happenings, turn to page 8.

at a GLANCE

East Jordan Thanksgiving service is Wednesday

The Ministerial Association of East Jordan is planning a community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams Street in East Jordan.

The Rev. Kimon Criner, Pastor of the Harvest Barn Church will deliver the message. Also participating in the service will be ministers from the First Presbyterian Church, the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, and Father Mariusz Makowski, the new priest at St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church.

An offering will be taken at the service, and the proceeds will go to the E.J. Ministerial Association Discretionary Fund which helps people in need.

Red Mesa hosts Judy Kuheana Memorial Breakfast

Begin the holiday season with the spirit of giving at the Judy Kuheana Memorial Breakfast at the Red Mesa Grill on Saturday Dec. 4 from 8-11 a.m.

The breakfast fundraiser will honor Judy's memory, with proceeds going to the Boyne City Food Pantry. Judy was co-founder of the pantry and served as its director for five years until her death in October 1996.

The traditional breakfast fare will include some items with a spicier bent. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years old.

Boyne Drama presenting variety show

The Boyne City High School Drama Department Fall Festival Entertainment will be a variety show for all ages this year.

Tickets for the Sunday, Dec. 5 show are \$2.50 and can be purchased at the high school or from any drama member.

Show times are at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Boyne School Stage.

Boyne City Commission changes its meeting times

The Boyne City Commission has reduced its regular meeting schedule from four times monthly to twice per month.

They will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday and noon on the fourth Tuesday in City Hall.

Meetings were previously held on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. and at noon on all other Tuesdays.

Avalanche rink nearly complete

Work is underway by Boyne Area Hockey to refrigerate the hockey rink at Avalanche Park in Boyne City with completion expected by Dec. 1.

Volunteers were working last week and this week, alongside contractors, to finish installing piping, and they look to have the three-phase power needed to run the facility installed by Consumer's Energy this week.

The club has always struggled to maintain a consistent skating surface and has been forced to skate at other community rinks in the past. Hockey players have done the same this year.

With the new equipment, ice can

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--Al Aown

Boyne Area Hockey
Association president

be maintained on days reaching 50 degrees. To run the equipment at warmer temperatures would be cost prohibitive.

Funding for the project has come from BAH and American Recreational Structures (ARS), a downstate investment group which plans to build an indoor rink by next fall in conjunction with Boyne USA Resorts, next to the site of the future Boyne Falls School on M-75. ARS had looked to have the domed rink up and running by this fall.

BAH president Al Aown said BAH has signed contracts with ARS for use of the domed rink next year. BAH would have some management duties at the site. The equipment at Avalanche will be transferred to the indoor facility.

"This is exciting, just what we're doing this year," Aown said.

The group's goal has been to bring the program closer to home "and we know we have to do this to maintain the local program for the local community," Aown said.

Games are expected to be played every weekend until the season ends in February.

The rink will be open to the public during designated times outside of the hockey program's games and practices. Specific hours have not yet been finalized with the city.

Aown said BAH is also looking at trying out an adult hockey league and possibly even a figure skating program.

"There's a lot of potential, we just have to see how much interest there is," he said.

If anyone would like to assist the program with a donation or volunteering time, contact Aown at 582-2646.



The turkey was still frozen last week when just a fraction of the Brooks clan gathered. Sitting from left are Richard, MaryAlice, Nancy, Kayly and house guest Aya. Standing from left are Dawn, Mary Ann and Katie.

Thanksgiving traditions

A simple feast made special by family

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

MaryAlice Brooks told her employer that she would work at her job, taking hotel reservations, on Christmas and even New Year's Eve — but not Thanksgiving.

"It's all about the stuffing," she said of the traditional Thanksgiving feast staple.

For her, and indeed her entire family, Thanksgiving is the holiday they most look forward to. All told, from 25-30 family, friends and sometimes even a stranger or two, gather each year in her parents' Nancy and Richard Brooks' East Jordan home to celebrate the day.

Nancy buys the biggest turkey she can find. This year's tom has been thawing out since last Thursday.

She'll wake at 4 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, and along with her four daughters, Dawn, MaryAlice, Mary Ann and Katie (pronounced Katie), will make the

stuffing and stuff the bird.

"I don't do anything fancy at all," Nancy said, noting that it's simply traditional bread stuffing and then baking of the turkey.

And this is where MaryAlice's special talent for hiding stuffing in every available nook and cranny in the turkey cavity comes in handy.

When the turkey is cooked and stuffing extracted, she knows there is still stuffing pocketed in secret compartments nobody else knows about, assuring her at least another full helping of her favorite side dish later on. There's no way she's working on Thanksgiving Day.

Fifteen pounds of mashed potatoes — always homemade by Nancy — and grandma's gravy are first on the list of favorite dishes of most of the clan. There is none left over by day's end.

"Grandma always brings her baked beans and rice pudding," MaryAlice chimed

in.

Nearly in unison the kids agree Nancy's Dutch apple pie with the streusel topping and homemade pie crust is the best. The recipe, culled from a few different recipes, has become infamous locally at least, with stories of her husband, Richard, having to field phone orders when folks get wind that a bake sale is approaching.

"You couldn't find this exact pie in one place," MaryAlice said of the recipe.

Nancy makes six pies for the day, including some pumpkin. Her sister and mother bring three to four each as well. It is just about the only food item left over the next day.

A few hors d'oeuvres — crackers and cheese, pickles, and so forth — are set out before dinner.

But, MaryAlice points out "anything that

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LETTERS

CROP Walkers did an outstanding job

TO THE EDITOR:

The final figures are in on the 1999 Charlevoix County CROP Walk, and, once again, participants did an outstanding job.

The total money earned in the 1999 CROP Walk amounted to \$17,210. Charlevoix walkers earned \$8,500, East Jordan brought in \$2,857 and Boyne City tallied \$4,853. A special thank you to all of those who came out on that gorgeous Saturday (and gave up other activities) to walk, and, by doing so, to help feed the hungry, not only in our own communities, but in the world!

A special thank you to the East Jordan Rotary Club for the lunch served at the Ironton Congregational Church and to Jordan Valley Rental for providing restroom facilities.

Thanks to the Sheriff's Department who patrolled the roads and ensured the safety of the walkers and to those drivers who picked up tired hikers and those who transported walkers back to their towns after the walk ended.

Thanks to all who worked on various committees and made this entire yearly event "come together" in 1999. We look forward to the year 2000 CROP Walk and working with all of you again.

Diana Walls, Boyne City
Kay Smith, Charlevoix
Marge Teske, East Jordan

1999 Charlevoix County CROP Walk chairpersons

Recreational survey will help plan for future opportunities

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week we in East Jordan received the latest city progress report in City Talk. This report also contained a request for community input as to the direction and scope of our recreational development program in the form of a citizen survey. Please take time to complete it and return it to the city.

This survey is important because it can be used as a tool for something greater than a program to entertain our children. We can incorporate this information into the blueprint for our community's overall economic development. We can do this by paying close attention to the sections asking us to prioritize the programs to pursue - specifically recreational trail development and park acquisition.

Make no mistake -- recreation is economic development. We in East Jordan are in the enviable position to be able to offer recreational opportunity the entire year.

We're located on Lake Charlevoix with very good marina facilities and we are connected to the Jordan River State Forest via a recreational trail. However, this trail connection, along with a trail through town, is questionable and if lost, has the potential to be both severe in its economic impact and our ability to engage in a winter leisure activity that many find rewarding -- snowmobiling.

While this is but one use of recreational trails, we do need to give thought to the future and our ability to maintain this access permanently and plan accordingly. This is why the survey is so important. It gives our elected officials the benefit of our collective wisdom.

I suspect this will be an expensive proposition but one worthy of discussion. We cannot continue to assume that because we have always been able to do this in the past that we will be able to do this in the future. We need to take control of our destiny - make an investment in our future. Once in place a well-thought-out trail system along with the other opportunities here will suggest East Jordan as a place to go, not a place to go through.

The survey is due by Nov. 29.

Lee Symonds

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest.

Our deadline is Monday at 10 a.m.

Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.



A MOM'S LIFE

Hearing the sounds of learning

By CINDI PLACE

Walking through my child's school the other day, I was struck by all the different sounds of children learning. It wasn't that many years ago when school children were expected to learn in silence. Classrooms were very orderly, or at least appeared to be. Desks were in straight rows and textbooks were the accepted method of passing on information.

Little space was needed in schools thirty or forty years ago because, with the exception of a daily gym class, I really don't remember spreading out and using any more space than my desk would allow to do my school work.

When I was in primary school, a field trip was an extremely rare event and usually only ventured on once a year. The learning we did was in our little corner of the world, surrounded by friends we loved and teachers who expected, and deserved, our respect.

But now, as a parent, I see the educational process in a whole new light. Our children are learning to leave their comfort zones and experience life in its actuality. Field trips, outside

speakers, even older students acting as mentors are all part of a different kind of educational experience.

Students are asked to challenge the standard answers of yesterday. Simple responses are no longer enough. More and more teachers are asking students "why" about everything. "Why did the main character in the story make you feel sad?" "Why does the sun come up every day?" Even, "why does 4 + 4 = 8?" Today more and more students are being asked to think, not just repeat the answer given in some textbook.

These changes have not happened all at once. Education is a funny thing. It's in a constant state of flux. As society changes, and the expectations of society on education change, therefore so does the learning process. Which is a good thing. Just not always easy.

So as I stroll through our children's school buildings I'm pleased to hear laughter, and loud voices and running feet. I enjoy watching students challenging each other to find an answer to a question using newly-learned problem solving skills. Because it means that learning is happening in their school.

And it's not just the children doing the learning.

GUEST COLUMN

Future looks more complex now

By MELISSA MCKENZIE

When I was a little girl I wanted to grow up to be a singer, just like Crystal Gale, with hair reaching to the floor and enough money to support my parents when they were old and gray. Or at least that is what I thought I wanted.

At the age of six or seven most everyone had their whole life planned out, and there was no way we wouldn't reach our goals. We were determined to become firefighters, racecar drivers, ballerinas, McDonald's employees, veterinarians, or famous jugglers. Nothing could stop us. We were determined, sure of ourselves; practically invincible.

However, as time passes, for one reason or another, our confidence begins to fade. As we near our graduation day, we begin to question our long awaited dream occupation, and we begin to think realistically. Perhaps joining the circus isn't our best option after all.

If you let your mind wander back, it's quite easy to remember what you had wanted at such a young age. I asked many of my peers the question, "When you were little what did you want to be when you grew up?" Every time, after a moment of thought, they remembered. However, when I asked them what they wanted to be now, the majority stared at me with blank expressions, perhaps threw out a few maybes, and finally said, "I have no idea."

I am not implying that teenagers have no direction or ambition, only that perhaps our future is a bit more complex than we first thought. I know many 30 or 40 year olds that still say they don't know what they want to be when they grow up. A problem is always easier to solve as a hypothetical. Fortunately, when facing the issue in reality, you do get second chances. If you begin a career and decide it isn't for you, then you could easily change your plan of action. As a matter of fact, it is said that the average person changes careers three to five times.

For so many years, we go through the repeti-

tions of school, summer break and part-time jobs. When the repetitions stop, it's time to make the big decision. What step are we taking and where will we end up? Many of us don't have the answer to that and we won't know what step to take for some time, but that doesn't mean we are a lost cause as a generation. It is a hard thing to dedicate all of the remaining years of your life to the same schedule of work. It's an idea that I admit scares me.

For the last four years of my life I have sworn that I would become a widely known and respected journalist. I was told it would be the best career for me because it would put my writing talents to good use. I thrived on the fact that I knew exactly what I wanted at such a young age. So, I took the step to get a taste of this thrilling, on-the-run career.

That is where I am today. Writing for you, except now there is a catch. I have found that I enjoy journalism, but have begun to question whether I would want this to be my fate for the rest of my life.

I have never wanted to be part of the crowd, but here I am, blending in, not knowing what I wish for my future to hold.

I don't want to change careers numerous times. I want to begin my life doing something I love, and never let that passion fade. There is still so much time ahead of me, but I want to begin right now. I may not have the answer, but through the years I haven't lost my determination that whatever I choose to do, I will succeed at it. The same rings true for my peers, we will find our way in given time.

Perhaps we should consider the wise words of my fellow classmate Katie Brock who is an aspiring author, teacher, mother, and missionary: "I'm scared too, but you can't let the fear of the future paralyze you from taking the next step and hold you back from your dreams."

(Melissa McKenzie is a student at East Jordan High School. She writes an occasional column for the Citizen-Journal.)

BETWEEN the LINES

Questions that weigh on a child's mind

By ANGELA SHULTIS

My daughter has had a crisis of conscience. At age four. Well, maybe not a crisis, more like an examination. When you're four, it's all pretty much the same thing.

The cold hard fact in question is that we eat meat. And meat, she has discovered, comes from animals. Nice furry and feathery animals, not so much unlike those we see at the zoo, or on a drive through the countryside.

"What part of the chicken do we eat?" she asks innocently, as she, her brother, and I are peacefully enjoying some baked chicken and green beans. I, being the honest but not-too-tactful sort, reply, "The muscle, dear." She chews thoughtfully, spears another piece of the chicken in question, and says, deadpan and without looking up, "Don't ever say that again."

Let's ignore (for now) the fact that she has taken the route of denial to deal with the fact that she is eating a, well, an animal. Who can really blame her? But the real issue is that we, as humans, deal with and assimilate seemingly incongruous facts-of-life every day. As adults, we are able to differentiate between the various points on the continuum of right and wrong.

But for children, the world has thus far been presented as pretty black and white. They have learned "right" and "wrong," "good" and "bad," to be as matter of fact as "up" and "down" and "in" and "out." So when situations come up, such as the realization that we actually eat the same creatures that Mommy and Daddy have so adamantly insisted that we treat with kindness and gentleness, what's a child to do? And, for that matter, what's a parent to do?

Flounder, in my case. Secretly hope that the issue doesn't come up again for a long long time, or that she'll have been satisfied with the last lame and awkward explanation and forget about it. But, of course, it always comes up again. As any of us with small children know, these questions weigh on their little minds; they turn them over and over again, and eventually, they'll come to us, in search of an answer drawn from our seemingly endless "wisdom."

So how do we explain the difference between an acceptable form of sustenance and cruelty to another living creature? It's an issue I haven't fully come to terms with myself. I don't have a real philosophical problem with eating meat; if that were the case, I'd have stopped frequenting McDonald's long ago. I'm sure, and I must admit, I do enjoy a good steak from time to time. I do, however, have a problem with how animals are treated while they're being raised for the marketplace. Call me a hypocrite -- I'm willing to eat them, I just want us to be nice to them while they're still alive. Obviously, I have some issues here, too. And so it gives me a little moral twinge when my four-year-old is astute enough to raise her eyebrows at the plate in front of her.

You may assume that my daughter is a budding vegetarian. Actually, nothing could be farther from the truth; she loves meat, diving into pork chops, chicken, and any kind of beef but hamburger with equal enthusiasm. Remember, she has decided that denial is the way to go. So one might think, then, that the crisis has been averted, or at least avoided for the time being.

But I'm not off the hook on this one just yet. Driving to the grocery store the other day, my two-year-old son announces from the backseat, with apparent glee, "Mommy, we eat chickens!" I cringe. Then my daughter, ever curious, chimes in and asks, "Mommy, what animals do we eat?" I answer, oh so innocently, "Well, chickens, cows..." "We don't eat cows..." she replies suspiciously. Here we go again.

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New EJ city commissioner wants to remain firefighter

East Jordan city commissioner **Shane Williams**, also an East Jordan firefighter, said he did not plan to resign from the commission based on an earlier issue raised that holding both posts may cause a conflict of interest. Williams was newly elected to the commission earlier this month.

Commissioners discussed the issue at their regular meeting last week. City charter states that commissioners cannot hold any other city office or employment while on the city commission.

Williams said he "sees problems with the charter" and that he doesn't see the benefit of losing a firefighter when the department is shorthanded already, should he be forced to give up one of his roles.

He also said he feels a precedent was set when former commissioner and mayor **Russ Peck** made ambulance runs with the local ambulance. Peck, who attended the meeting that evening, said they were training runs.

Williams said he would like to poll the commission that implemented the charter to find out their original intent as well.

And while Williams said that any conflicts could be addressed if they arose, city attorney **Scott Beatty** didn't see Williams simply abstaining from voting as being a viable solution.

Beatty believes the charter's intent is clear in that Williams should hold only one post, but said it would be up to the current commission to make that decision.

voting on the city budget as "the most important thing you do," and noted that it directly affects the fire department.

Beatty said there is a built-in conflict because, "You hire the administrator who has the administrative control over the department for which you are employed."

But by abstaining from voting, Beatty said "then the folks who elected you would lose their vote."

Commissioners **Jeanette Norton** and **Jerry Cihak** leaned toward Williams holding just one of his city positions.

"To me it's quite clear that you won't hold any other job in the city," Cihak said.

"It's a bad position because he wants to be on the fire department and we want him to be on the fire department," Norton said, adding later, "I think all of us had to give up something down the line (to be commissioners)."

"It's a question of whether or not, in my interpretation, it's in the letter of the law," Beatty said.

Williams said he would resign from the fire department if he had to, but that he would go "kicking and screaming."

The commission did not come to a decision and will discuss the issue at its next meeting.

In other business, the site of an old racquet ball court in East Jordan will become a Subway restaurant soon, after city commissioners at their regular meeting last week approved the sale of the vacant lot on

Main Street.

Previously, buyer **Tim Schroeder** had been in negotiations with the city's Downtown Development Authority to purchase the **Bernier Building** at the corner of Main and Mill streets for the same use. But the deal never came to fruition.

The vacant lot Schroeder plans to purchase is a few doors down from City Hall between Main and Spring streets.

Commissioner **Bernie Hammond** questioned if a resolution passed by the previous commission to open all streets, except Main Street, to snowmobilers was congruous with a city ordinance which restricts snowmobiling to any street or alley posted as such with city signage.

Beatty said the ordinance was written in that way because the city looks at it each year in making decisions regarding snowmobile access to the city. He said the commission could either amend the ordinance or abide by it by posting signage on every street.

"My interpretation is that the ordinance is adequate as written," Hammond said.

When asked, city administrator **David White** said posting signs on every street would not be the practical thing to do.

"I'm not for all streets being open period," Hammond said.

Cihak said he looked at the resolution as a safety issue and added that "we do want snowmobiling in town."

"They do bring in good business here."



New home for Subway
A vacant city-owned lot on Main Street in East Jordan is slated to become a Subway restaurant. City commissioners agreed to accept a buyer's offer on the property last week.

Three arrests made after deputies find marijuana

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department is investigating cultivation of marijuana in South Arm Township.

Deputies were dispatched Saturday morning to a mobile home on Mt. Bliss Road after neighbors reported that several partially-clothed males were firing shotguns across the road.

When they arrived, deputies found several intoxicated minors and adults as well as an intoxicated 29-year-old male who claimed to live in the mobile home, and several juvenile females.

In one padlocked room deputies located a marijuana "grow operation" which one of the 18-year-old males admitted was his. Deputies seized four marijuana plants as well as grow lights.

Three males from the East Jordan area were arrested on various charges, including Cultivation of Marijuana, Possession of Firearms by Convicted Felons, Habitual Offender, Minor in Possession, Possession of Firearms While Intoxicated, Fail to Appear Warrants, and DNR Warrants.

Additional investigation is ongoing for Contributing to Delinquency and Furnishing Alcohol as well as additional Felony Firearms Violations by other convicted felons who were also identified as being present.

Bond pricing favorable for Boyne City School District

The bond pricing for funding the construction and revamping of Boyne City Schools was approved by the school board at its regular November meeting with the board expected to sign off on the bond sales Tuesday night.

The bonds sold at a slightly higher rate than anticipated but superintendent **Dana Compton** said financial advisers believe the district got in just under the wire with additional increases happening shortly thereafter.

Compton said the district received a "Triple A" rating based on its restructuring of the financing for the district's new technology as well as on Compton's record in taking Morenci schools from a deficit situation to having a significant fund balance. Compton was superintendent of the Morenci School District before coming to Boyne City this year.

The rating is used in negotiating bond interest rates. A district's financial stability and leadership are taken into consideration in those negotiations, Compton said.

Compton also praised the school board for its position on the district's finances, saying "they want to assure the district is going to be financially stable when the building is completed."

The bonds were sold as unqualified bonds which "gives us a million dollars more to spend in our project than we would have had," Compton added.

Voters passed an \$18,815,000 millage in September to build a new high school and make modifications to the current middle and elementary schools.

While the \$18.8 million figure won't change, the favorable interest rates will allow the district to reinvest funds to generate additional interest.

Construction of the building should begin in the fall of 2000, with grading, elevation and ground preparation occurring before then.

Compton said both the architect and construction manager are looking at completing renovations to the current high school over two summers.

"If they don't have to extend that timeline, the urgency to get into the new high school may be significantly reduced," Compton said.

He said the steering committee is currently looking to a projected fall of 2002 opening date.

"Because we want to have this building projected into the next 25 years, we don't want to rush into making those decisions."

In preparation for elevation work at the site of the new high school, the baseball field, softball practice field and a maintenance shed, which currently sit in the footprint for the new facility, will all be moved.

The softball diamond will be reconfigured — moving home base to third base — and the baseball diamond will be moved to the practice football field where machinery has already begun moving dirt.

Compton said the current baseball field may still be able to be used until June. The baseball team is expected to be on the new diamond the following spring and the new field will be available over the summer months for city league play.

"Then we'll take some direction from what ultimately happens at Rotary Park as to what that (new baseball) field will end up being in the future," Compton said.

A maintenance building will be moved further East, outside of the new high school's footprint as well.

A planning committee for the new high school, which will work in an advisory capacity with the project's

steering committee, is now in place with a few more members being added.

The group has convened a few times, visited several other high schools, and will form sub groups, such as a fine arts group, which will look at auditorium and music areas.

"The design is really starting to come together for the school," Compton said.

He said the primary focus right now is on technology and vocational education.

Regarding technology, he said

they are "trying to project more into the future as opposed to what currently is happening in the schools."

He described technology becoming more actively integrated into curriculum with delivery to classrooms, rather than a class going to a computer lab.

Vocational classroom space is also receiving much consideration as well as developing corresponding curriculum plans which will likely include a hospitality lab focusing on food service, hotel management and other areas associated with the tourism industry.

Wood shop, drafting, machine shop and building technology will also be looked at, among other things.

"We're generating some real good discussion and thought with the planning committee as to what the other needs will be three, five and 10 years out and how we're going to best meet those needs."

The design, said Compton, will have to be flexible enough to change with the times.

"The people in both of those groups (steering and planning) have really been visionary," Compton said. "They've developed such a good sense to see what we'll need to deliver education for the next 25 years."

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By SUE HOBBS

BOYNE CITY HAS CONTRACTS with several surrounding townships for ambulance service and with four townships for fire protection. City Administration has been meeting with representatives from those four townships, Bay, Eveline, Evangeline, and Wilson, to discuss the charges for them for this service. In the past, charges were calculated based on taxable value of the amount of property protected. As values in the townships are rising, so are the charges for fire protection. Further meetings have been scheduled to try to reach an agreement which is fair to city taxpayers as well as township residents.

ON MONDAY, Dec. 6, the Planning Board will meet to consider an application for rezoning the old United Technology property on North Lake Street from Industrial to R-1 and a site plan review for G & N Investments, Inc. for construction of a retail store at the corner of Lake and Water Streets, the old Erber Amoco station.

CITY OFFICES will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week for the Thanksgiving holiday. If there is a problem with water or sewer service, call 582-6597, follow the instructions and page out the department personnel. If you need a police officer for non-emergency, call 582-6597 and the officer on duty will call you back. As always, in an emergency, call 911.

THE ISSUE of outdoor sales on sidewalks in the downtown area is being discussed at the Planning Board, City Commission and Downtown Development meetings. All Boards agree they want to help businesses, yet question how much merchandise and/or tables can be on the sidewalks without making it difficult for pedestrians to walk downtown. This will be resolved as a part of updating the zoning ordinance.

MAXINE HOUGH, from the American Legion, has just finished making a list of all the veterans buried at Maple Lawn Cemetery. Those names missed at the beginning and later called in have been added. The count is now at 400 veterans buried at Maple Lawn.

THE WASTEWATER treatment plant is now discharging again following a two-week stop for routine repairs. The water crew is winterizing fire hydrants throughout the city.

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

Participants needed to share real-life history of depression

Community members who lived during the depression — even if they were very young — are invited to a brown bag luncheon at Boyne City High School on Dec. 15 at noon, to share memories of the era with freshman U.S. history classes.

Participants are asked to bring a sandwich and the school will provide soup, coffee, milk and Christmas cookies for the luncheon which will be followed by entertainment by fine arts students.

Afterwards, they will join history students to help them learn what it was like to live during the depression. If interested in participating, please call the school at 439-8130.

CALENDAR

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING
Mondays & Wednesdays in Nov.
The Community Health Education Center's popular "Freedom from Smoking" course will hold a session on Nov. 29 from 7-8 p.m. at 360 Connable Ave. in Petoskey across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital. The sessions are structured to offer group support during quit-smoking efforts. Cost: free. Information: Health Access at 800-248-6777.

SKI, SKATE & TOY SWAP
Saturday, Dec. 4
Boyne City Child Study Club will hold its annual swap during the Holiday Hobbycraft Show at Boyne City High School in the band room. Items to sell must be priced. Information: 582-2075.

TRAVERSE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Sunday, Dec. 12
The Crooked Tree Arts Center announces a holiday concert with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey. The TSO will be conducted by David Holland and features lyric coloratura soprano Diane Penning of Grand Rapids, and the Crooked Tree Arts Center Youth Choir. Tickets available at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Cost: \$15 for adults, \$8 for students. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the performance. Information: 347-4337.

AL-ANON
Tuesday nights
Al-Anon has moved, with meetings held at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

BOYNE FOOD PANTRY
First & third Mondays
Food pickup hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon and third Monday from 5-7 p.m.

AA MEETINGS
Weekly
The Boyne Valley Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the basement at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Boyne City. All meetings are closed. Times: Sunday 12 noon; Monday 12 noon, 8 p.m.; Tuesday 12 noon; Wednesday 12 noon (Big Book Study); Thursday 12 noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m. The first Friday of each month, an "Open Speaker" meeting is open to family and friends.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE
Thursdays
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from 1-2 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance, whether financial, medical, disability benefits, etc., may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City or call 582-7811 at that time.



Charcoal art

A charcoal drawing entitled "On the Trail" by Brant Cole was one of 58 out of 700 pieces of art selected from across the state to be exhibited at the Michigan 4-H conference center in Tustin. Brant drew the piece for art class last year at Concord Academy Boyne as a second grader and it was submitted to Michigan State University as part of the 1999 Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange. The exhibit, Visual Letters: The Art of Michigan's Children, will include Brant's drawing through April 30, 2000.

Man arrested for marijuana possession in Boyne Valley Twp

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department has obtained a felony warrant for a 35-year-old Boyne City man for Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana.

Loren A. Lansing, 35, of Boyne City was stopped by Michigan DNR Conservation Officers for investigation of hunting violations. Lansing was found to be smoking marijuana

at the time of the stop in Boyne Valley Township. A search of his vehicle revealed 26 individual baggies of marijuana. The investigation was turned over to Sheriff's Deputies.

Lansing has also been charged with Operating Under the Influence of Drugs and is expected to also be charged at a later court appearance as being an habitual felon.

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St. Joseph's welcomes new priest

The Rev. Mariusz Makowski has joined St. Joseph Catholic Church and St. John Nepomucene as the parish's temporary administrator.

A native of Poland, Makowski had been in the United States serving in the Upper Peninsula just over four years.

His appointment in East Jordan came four months after Rev. John Grathwold left the church as its temporary administrator in mid-July.

Grathwold took the position nearly two months after the death of the Rev. William McKeon, the church's former pastor, who died on Jan. 9, 1999. McKeon served as pastor for more than seven years.

In between, the parish has relied on other area priests to preside over mass.

Before coming to East Jordan, Makowski's first assignments in the U.S. were in the Upper Peninsula's Ironwood, Marquette and then Engadine.

He "learned winter in the U.P." in 1995 when he had to dig a tunnel through roof-high snow to a parishioner's front door and

in the same day experienced his first weekday mass without anyone in attendance because of the blizzard.

Makowski was born and raised in Bydgoszcz, an industrial town of 400,000 people in northern Poland. His mother and siblings live there still. He attended seminary in Poznan, Poland.

As a member of the religious order, Society of Christ for Polish Immigrants, Makowski was sent to Brazil for one and a half years when amidst his assignment, he learned Portuguese — a language he said was easier to learn than English.

With his arrival in America in September 1995, he knew just a few words of English.

"I know certain words I don't pronounce well — maybe in 50 years," Makowski jokes.

As a new priest to the Diocese, Makowski is considered to hold a temporary position, with no definite timeline put on his stay.

"The people here accept me very nicely and would probably like me to stay longer," Makowski said.



Father Mariusz Makowski, a native of Poland, joins St. Joseph's Catholic Church in East Jordan, following his assignments in the Upper Peninsula.

Charlevoix Area Hospital offers Yoga workshop

An Introduction to Bliss yoga workshop is being offered by Charlevoix Area Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m.-noon.

The workshop will introduce yoga through history, philosophy and scientific practicality. An all-over yoga practice, suitable for anybody, regardless of experience or level of expertise, will be taught and participants will receive a take-home hand-out.

Check in is at 8:45 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person.

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Moving words Nathan Duncan's essay praises his great-grandpa -- a real-life hero

In 100 words or less — 92 to be exact — 8-year-old Nathan Duncan described how his great-grandfather, Jim Smith, embodies the real-life G.I. Joe spirit of honor, courage, respect, service and good clean fun.

From more than 800 entries, Nathan's essay finished in the top 35. "The Search for the Real-Life Spirit of G.I. Joe" contest was part of the 35th anniversary celebration of the doll.

According to Nathan's mother, Tina Duncan, Hasbro, Inc., the manufacturer of G.I. Joe and essay contest sponsor, said Nathan actually finished second, just missing the grand prize of a 35th anniversary edition Ford Mustang, an honorary spot in New York City's Veteran's Day Parade and a G.I. Joe action figure sculpted in his likeness.

Instead, both Nathan and Jim received G.I. Joe collectibles and had \$1,000 donated in both of their names to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, a charity of their choice.

"I was surprised when he did

this," Jim said. Nathan, a Boyne Falls student who lives in Boyne City, came across the contest on the Internet. He said he wrote it because his great-grandfather fought in World War II. He worked on the essay, off and on, for about a week.

"I'm proud of him," Jim said. Nathan's essay follows.

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Jim Smith and great-grandson Nathan Duncan

Students, chamber gather food for Care and Share



East Jordan High School students have collected nearly 2,000 cans for the Care and Share program.

Honor Society students at East Jordan High School organized a food drive at the school resulting in the collection of an estimated 2,000 non-perishable items for needy families this Thanksgiving.

The food will be donated to, and distributed through East Jordan's Care and Share program which will give packages of food away to more than 200 families in need this year, up from approximately 170 last year.

CARE AND SHARE has also begun collecting food and toys for Christmas and the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce is working to help the cause by placing food collection boxes in area stores. Those donating items can register to win a goody basket provided by the chamber.

The basket contains donations from area businesses and will be given away on Dec. 9 at the Festival of the Bells.

Care and Share organizer Fern Finch said local businesses have already been extremely generous in their donations of money, gifts and food and welcomes individuals as well as businesses to drop off toys and food to Care and Share's headquarters in the basement of the East Jordan Family Health Center.

Christmas packages will be assembled on Monday, Dec. 20 from 9-11 a.m. and distributed from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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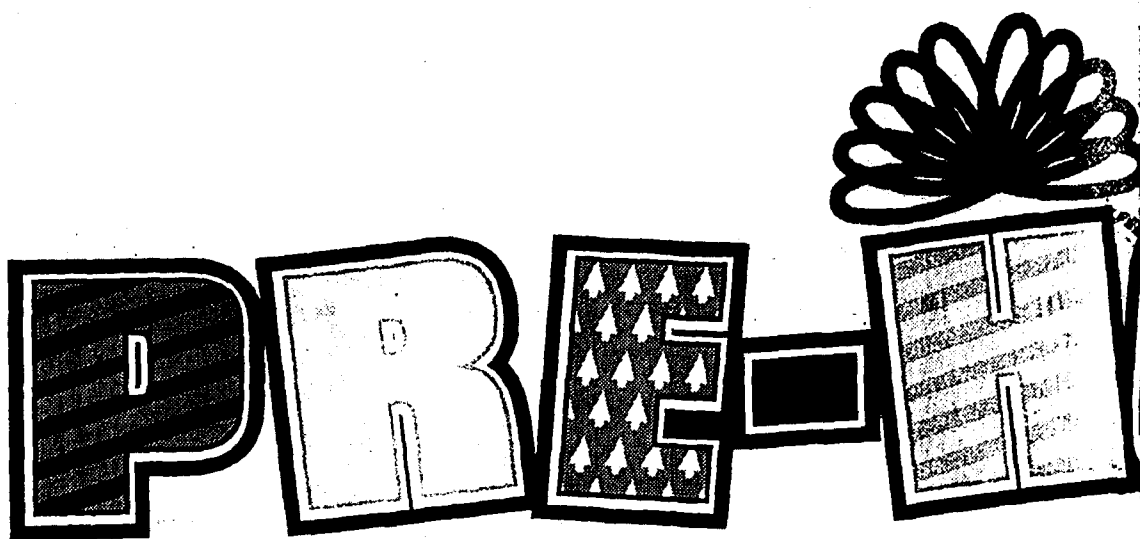
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Holiday calendar

BOYNE CITY

SANTA PARADE
Friday, Nov. 26
The parade will start at 6 p.m. on East Street by the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel and continue down Water Street where Santa will light the Community Christmas tree behind the Chamber of Commerce.

TASTE OF CHRISTMAS
Saturday, Nov. 27
Merchants in downtown Boyne City will offer tastes of food and drinks for customers from 4-7 p.m.

JUDY KUHEANA MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
Saturday, Dec. 4
The third annual Judy Kuheana Memorial Breakfast will be held at the Red Mesa Grill from 8-11 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Boyne Food Pantry.

HOLIDAY HOBBYCRAFT SHOW
Saturday, Dec. 4
10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Boyne City High School. Call 439-8153 to participate.

METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & LUNCH
Saturday, Dec. 4
9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the church basement at 324 S. Park St. The luncheon will

be served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tickets for the luncheon are \$4 for adults and \$1.50 for children 10 and under.

EAGLES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday, Dec. 4
To reserve space or for information, call 582-6904.

WREATHS & ANGELS SILENT AUCTION
Sunday, Dec. 5
A silent auction will be held at One Water Street in Boyne City, with proceeds to benefit Boyne Community Christmas Baskets and The Boyne Food Pantry. Final bidding will be from 4-7 p.m. Items up for bid will be on display from Nov. 27-Dec. 5. Information: Cindi 582-0526.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS
Sunday, Dec. 5
The Charlevoix Area Community Choral and Orchestra will present its annual program at 4 p.m. featuring John Rutter's "Gloria." Cost: free, with a free-will offering accepted.

CHRISTMAS STORYTIME
Mondays, Dec. 6 & 13
A Christmas Storytime for preschool children ages 3-5 will be held at 1:30

p.m. at the Boyne District Library. Pre-registration is required. Call 582-7861.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
Wednesdays, Dec. 8 & 15
A program for elementary school children will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Library. Call 582-7861 to register.

ETA NU SORORITY LIGHTS OF LOVE
Wednesday, Dec. 8
Lights may be purchased in memory of a loved one and proceeds benefit Charlevoix County Hospice. The tree will be lit at 6:30 p.m. at One Water Street.

TROLLEY TOUR OF LIGHTS
Dec. 10-23
A trolley tour of Boyne City's finest residential lights will leave from Boyne Country Books. The first run begins at 6:30 p.m. then again at 7:30 p.m. Information: Julie Wellman, 582-9892.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK
Saturday, Dec. 11
The Boyne City Presbyterian Women will hold a Christmas Cookie Walk from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church, located at the corner of Park and Pine Streets in Boyne City.



Turkey time

This turkey was one of hundreds raised at Blehl's Turkey Farm in Mancelona for Thanksgiving dinners to be celebrated throughout the area this week.

EAST JORDAN

THE CENTURY OF WOMEN
Dec. 1-15
"The Century of Women" exhibit at Jordan River Arts Council, 301 Main Street. Also, Celebrate the Holiday Art for Sale - member artists have created fine art objects at affordable prices suitable for Christmas giving. Open 1 p.m.-4 p.m. daily.

RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS DECORATING CONTEST
Dec. 3-8
The last day to register for the residential and business decorating contest is Dec. 3. Judging will take place on Dec. 8.

E.J. GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL GREENS MARKET, CRAFTS, & BAKE SALE
Friday, Dec. 3
9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Huntington Bank (downtown branch). Call Evelyn Gidley at 536-7522 to order your Douglas Fir Wreath.

SNOWMOBILE CLUB BREAKFAST
Sunday, Dec. 5
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., East Jordan Snowmobile Club on Mt. Bliss Road.

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG
Sunday, Dec. 5
2 p.m. at Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7855 Rogers Rd.

FESTIVAL OF THE BELLS
Dec. 6-11
A week-long pre-holiday shopping promotion and holiday celebration. Information: East Jordan Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP
Monday, Dec. 6
6-8 p.m. at the Elementary school gym.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
Monday, Dec. 6
The East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Central Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a joint Business After Hours from 6-9 p.m. at the Lamplight Inn, Central Lake, sponsored by owners Mike and Mary Ellen Murphy. \$3 for chamber members, \$4 non-members.

SUPPER WITH SANTA
Tuesday, Dec. 7
4:30 - 7 p.m. at the Elementary Cafeteria.

MEN'S NIGHT
Wednesday, Dec. 8
4 - 8 p.m. Merchants are holding special sales and events.

COMMUNITY NIGHT
Thursday, Dec. 9
Participating businesses are hosting open houses from 5-9 p.m., caroling (groups encouraged to join); soup cook-off from 5-7 p.m. at the Rainbow Bar & Grill at 114 Mill St. - \$1 donation, all proceeds to benefit Care & Share Food Pantry.

CHRISTMAS MINI-MALL
Thursday, Dec. 9
4-9 p.m. at the East Jordan Senior Center. Products offered include Pampered Chef, Avon, Discovery Toys, etc. EJHS students will also offer baked goods, gift wrapping, and address labels or gift tags. Information: Merri-Sue Cardwell at 536-0053 ext. 5320.

TROLLEY RIDES
Thursday, Dec. 9
Rides leave East Jordan Senior Center on Main St. at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Cost: free, on a first come, first ride basis. Sponsored by Rupp & Keen Real Estate. Call Darlene at 536-9600.

SANTA PARADE & VISIT WITH SANTA
Saturday, Dec. 11
The parade is at 11 a.m. down Main Street. Entries encouraged. Line up by East Jordan Fire Hall. Visit Santa at the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. FREE PHOTOS with Santa are sponsored by Karen Walker Photography and Huckle's Photo Express. Refreshments will be served in Senior Center. PUPPET THEATRE from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. FREE FIRE TRUCK, POLICE CAR, & AMBULANCE RIDES.

COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT
Sunday, Dec. 12
2 p.m. at the East Jordan High School auditorium.
"GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS TREASURES"
Monday, Dec. 13
Christmas program by K-12 grade students at 7 p.m. at the Jordan Valley Express.

"TWAS ONE FUNNY NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"
Tuesday, Dec. 14
Christmas program by 3rd - 5th graders. 7 p.m. at the Jordan Valley Express.

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE
Sunday, Dec. 19
6-8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St. The public is invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Sunday, Dec. 19
9 a.m. at the East Jordan United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Friday, Dec. 24
7:30 p.m. at the East Jordan United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Friday, Dec. 24
7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St.

Family tradition

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is left out in the open is fair game."

Nancy's sister will bring her infamous deviled eggs. And Dawn and MaryAlice, who don't live at home any more, will also pitch in with dishes of their own.

One guest will bring a ham, and it's rumored that another will bring a venison roast this year. Exchange student Aya Ido, living with the Brooks family, will make a special Japanese dish, curried rice.

"I cannot wait," Ido said of the arrival of the unfamiliar holiday. Dinner begins each year around 12:30 or 1 p.m. It's a time for catching up and just enjoying company.

More than two dozen guests require tables be borrowed from the Grange Hall — one for the kitchen, and two each in the dining and living rooms.

There is no "kids table." Grandma sat with the teenagers last year.

"When I was a kid, the kids always had to sit separate from the adults and I didn't like it," Nancy said. "So we don't do that."

Food is set out buffet style in the kitchen, with bowls being brought back around for seconds.

"We talk a lot and visit," Dawn said. "Everybody usually comes and you get a lot of talking done," Katie said.

It's also a day when the three brothers Aaron, Rick and Gary come home, though Rick and wife Celia won't make it this year. Now that he's married we "have to start sharing," Nancy said.

The rituals of the way some siblings eat are not lost on the others and quickly pointed out.

Mary Ann admits she's a mixer combining her potatoes, stuffing, gravy, turkey and corn into one large serving, probably not unlike a pot-pie.

"That's good," Mary Ann said, envisioning the feast to come.

Katie must concede that her siblings are correct when they tell tale of how her servings cannot touch each other. She rotates her plate, savoring and finishing each one before moving on to the next.

"They always tease me about it," Katie said. Dinner lasts about 45 minutes. Then its stacking dishes in the kitchen.

"I'm not really fussy about getting the dishes done," Nancy said. The next morning everyone pitches in to finish them up.

A few hours after dinner it's a Brooks family tradition to play basketball at the high school. Last year a throng of them went to the movies. They also pick names for Christmas exchange gifts.

Or, it's into the living room for some with a football game on the tube. "You can't get between him and the TV because you'll go through the floor to the basement," MaryAlice said of her brother Aaron, a football fan.

One year, for an inclusive, extended professional family photograph, they had to move all the furniture out of the living room to squeeze everyone in the photo.

After relaxing, it's turkey sandwiches and other kinds of snacking for the remainder of the evening. "It's an ongoing process," MaryAlice said.

"Don't they call that grazing?" queried Nancy. "That's why we play basketball," Mary Ann chimed in.

The Brooks have hosted the meal for nearly 10 years after Nancy's mother's home became too small for the burgeoning family.

"Most of it was my fault," Nancy said of her nine-person family.

But even as the family grows — with Dawn and her husband Kale leading the way with their two children Kayly and Cameron — they don't envision the celebration moving anywhere else for a long time.

"We can eat in shifts if we have to," Richard said.

The day is looked upon with relish. It's calmer than Christmas. Nancy pointed out — a day breakfast at the Brooks' home is followed by visits to relatives the rest of the day.

It's a day to be thankful for food, yes, but most of all for loved ones including friends who become like family, and are welcomed into the bustling Brooks household with open arms.

"The most important thing," Katie said, "is having the family together."

OTHER AREA ACTIVITIES

HOLLY DAZE AUCTION
Friday, Nov. 26
Charlevoix Area Hospital's Holly Daze Live Auction and wine party will begin at 6 p.m. Auction items include fully-decorated Christmas trees, among many other fine donations. A limited number of tickets are still available for \$20 which includes wine and hors d'oeuvres. Information: 547-4024

HOLIDAY BASKET APPLICATIONS
Through Dec. 14
The Petoskey Salvation Army will be taking applications for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets from residents of Charlevoix and Emmet counties from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Bring ID and proof of income to 712 Pleasant St. in Petoskey. Baskets will include food for families and gifts for children.

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Lights of Love will benefit Hospice

Proceeds der... from the Eta Nu Sorority's sale of holiday lights and hearts During the Lights of Love fundraiser, will benefit Charlevoix County Hospice. White, green, blue, red and gold

lights can be purchased from \$3-25 in memory or honor of a person or group.

A Heart of Love ornament goes for \$35 and will be sent to the contributor after the holidays.

The lights and hearts will be placed on a tree at One Water Street through Dec. 8, when it will be lit at 6:30 p.m.

To place an order, call the Hospice office at 536-2842.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne Falls

NAME: Sharon Bearss
PARENTS: Alice and Norman
GRADE: Senior
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, National Honor Society
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Work on farm, collects stickers
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Go to NCMC and transfer to MSU
FAVORITE COLOR: blue
FAVORITE HERO: Walter Matelski
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Meet Joe Black"
FAVORITE QUOTE: "There is one thing you can do about all these things you can't change - laugh."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Sharon is putting forth a lot of effort and is establishing herself towards the top of my chemistry class," said Mr. Kirkby. "She is also providing a great example for the rest of the class."



Sharon Bearss

Boyne City

NAME: Janelle VanDeCar
PARENTS: Bob and Cherie VanDeCar
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Honor roll, track, previously in band, "I also hope to play volleyball."
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I enjoy playing volleyball, reading, shopping, and running."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "After I graduate from high school, I hope to go to Northwestern University to obtain a degree in English and business management. But if that doesn't work I will most likely go to the University of Michigan."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Janelle is an outstanding individual," said Elizabeth Hemming. "She is doing excellent work in biology. I find Janelle to be self-motivated, organized and her work is of the highest quality. Congratulations Janelle."
 "Janelle is a delight to have in class," said Pat Klooster. "She is always in class and ready to 'mix it up' in P.E. Janelle always has a smile on her face. Positive breeds positive. Janelle is positive."
 "Janelle is a good student in advanced algebra," said Dale Parsons. "She earned an 'A' the first nine weeks of this semester. It is a pleasure to know her and to have her in class. Way to go Janelle!"



Janelle VanDeCar

NAME: Jessica White
PARENTS: Jim and Sharon White
GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: "Michigan Youth in Government, SADD, drama, and I plan to be in track."
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "Hanging out with friends, reading, skiing/snowboarding, kayaking, swimming, and participating in my youth group."
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to go to a good college and be successful in whatever career I choose to pursue. I then hope to move to a big city, such as New York or Chicago."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jessica is a dedicated student," said Elizabeth Hemming. "She is hardworking, dependable and has a strong work ethic. Jessica has a great personality, positive attitude, and I enjoy having her in Biology II class. I can't say enough good things about her - congratulations, Jessica."
 "Jessica is a very conscientious and caring student who does all assignments with detail and punctuality," said Rick Fowler. "She is a welcome addition to my sophomore 220 English class."
 "Jessica is an eager learner in Spanish class," said Steve Edwards. "She is always prepared and does well on oral and written work. She is polite and well-mannered. Congratulations Jessica, you deserve it."



Jessica White

NAME: Travis Gibbs
PARENTS: Scott and Lori Gibbs
GRADE: Freshman
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Golf, baseball, basketball.
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Snowboarding, BMX biking, God.
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: Go to college and maybe end up with an engineering degree.
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Travis is an outstanding student," said Sandy Clausen. "He completes daily work that is of high quality. He strives for complete understanding and asks questions when he does not understand thoroughly. Travis is a fun student to have in class, I appreciate his hard work. Congratulations Travis."
 "Travis contributes a lot to our U.S. history class with his enthusiasm and willingness to learn," said Steve Edwards. "I appreciate his good manners and attendance."
 "Travis is a very conscientious student," said Mrs. Ruhs. "In spite of being involved in extra-curricular activities, he always has his work in on time. He strives for quality in all aspects of his life, whether it is in the classroom or on the golf course. Congratulations Travis."



Travis Gibbs



A new home

A recently constructed home in East Jordan was dedicated to its new owners, the Bogaert family, who, along with the help of 50 volunteers, devoted over 500 hours of their own labor to build the home. A project of Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity, the lot the home was built on was donated by Harry Watson and Mary Ann Watkins. Standing in back are Gary and Rose Bogaert. Their children, seated from left, are Nevin, Ethan, Genevieve, Nicholas and Nathan. Representing NWM Habitat for Humanity at the ceremony were, at far left, Larry Kurtz, Dave Knight and Bob Pluister, and at far right, Mary Blagini and Lorraine Luépnitz.



Steep undertaking

Bill LaHaie took advantage of the recent mild temperatures to string lights along the roof at his family's home on Park Street in Boyne City.

A century of women exhibit on display at Arts Council

A traveling art exhibit entitled The Century of Women, will be on display at the Jordan River Arts Council in East Jordan from Dec. 1-15.

It will feature an overview of the progress of Michigan women in the twentieth century and is on loan from the Michigan Women's Historical Museum in Lansing.

The Art Council's upcoming calendar of events reflects the new millennium while giving recognition to the past.

For February, board member, artist and educator Jane Diller will coordinate an innovative exhibit of masks and their function throughout history.

New board members were recently announced for the 1999-2000 year. Howard Ellis is the new president, Jane Diller is vice president, Jeanne Buick is secretary and Barb Worgess is treasurer.

Other board members are Glen Bell, Carol Book, Patti Hodge, Judy Kulka, Beth Ann Leonard, Peggy Midener, Fran Pletz, Carol Ross and Ron Warnos. Outgoing president Marge Teske is leaving the board.

For more information about JRAC membership or upcoming events, call 536-3385.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

VFW Auxiliary

The Smelt City VFW Ladies Auxiliary #3675 will hold their monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1. Members are asked to wear their uniforms.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

IN A TRUE SPIRIT of Thanksgiving, all levels of Boyne City's Lexamar Corp. have been generously bringing in choice food items. There were at least 10 colorful and decorated laundry baskets and also plastic covered storage bins filled to the brim with non perishable and perishable holiday goodies that were delivered to the Seventh Day Adventist Community Center on Friday, to join them with their distributions that are made throughout the area, ensuring a Happy Thanksgiving Day for others.

A WARM "WELCOME NEIGHBOR" goes out to Inga Casper, who was in the process of moving into Litzenburger Place on Saturday.

DEBBY MATTHEW and friend Marlene of Walloon Lake left for Tempe, Ariz. over the weekend, to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with Marlene's family. While there, they hope to see area sites they've never seen before. Earlier in the week, they joined a group of 13 adults and seven children for a wonderful pre-Thanksgiving celebration at the home of Debby's parents, Darlea and Larry Matthew in Walloon Lake.

THE BUSY BEES of Litzenburger Place received a large donation of material from the family of Mrs. Emma Krueger, who passed away Nov. 9. New leader of the Busy Bees, Elinor Dubin, said, "We want them to know how happy their gift made us!"

"IT MUST HAVE been jet lag," he said. "I can't believe I left it out of the hand written item I left at your place last week." What jet lag omitted was a happy occasion. It should have read that Peter and Lillian Cikaló of Boyne City, guests of their son Peter (who made all the arrangements) and his wife Diane Cikaló of Milpitas, Calif. were among those attending the Sunday, Oct. 10, bodacious Lake Tahoe wedding of daughter and granddaughter Erika Cikaló and Seth Kreisce, both of California.

SATURDAY'S ANNUAL VFW Christmas Bazaar of Boyne City was almost a complete sell out success! Others having tables there did well also.

TODD RICKARD and Marie Somero, were married on Nov. 13 at the Banner of Christ Community Church in Grand Rapids, with 200 guests attending. A reception was held at the Ramblewood Tennis and Racquetball Club, with Ed and Ruth Chamberlain of Boyne City presiding as host and hostess. A rehearsal dinner was held at Gutheries on Friday, attended by the groom, Rocky and Mary Rickard of Boyne City. The newlyweds are planning a cruise in January and are now at home in Grand Rapids.

CHUCK MASCH of Lapeer has been a house guest this week at the Kominski home in Boyne City to hunt deer. He was joined here on Saturday by his wife, Tina and her two friends.

DAWN FELTON was honored with a baby shower luncheon on Saturday at the Felton home with 28 friends and family members attending. All enjoyed the afternoon of typical baby shower games, with Dawn receiving many lovely and useful gifts for baby-to-be. She and her husband Mark and 13-year-old son David, as well as grandparents, Linda and Jim Felton and Brenda and Jerry Swartz, all of Boyne City, await the newborn's Jan. 23 arrival. The fine afternoon was hosted by her sister in law, Michelle Felton.

RUTH CHRISTY of Boyne City and daughter Colleen Detlaff have returned after spending several days in Amherstburg, Ontario where Ruth enjoyed a "first time in a long time" visit with her sisters, Betty and Marilyn, and brothers, John, Mike, Tom, and Ed Krizan.

IT'S NOT OFTEN that you are dubbed "Queen" on your birthday, but that's the way it was for 84-year-old Dawn Tillotson of Walloon Lake on Wednesday. She was the queen for losing the most weight for the week at the weekly meeting of the Boyne Valley Slim & Trim Club. Birthday congratulations continued over lunch at B.C. Pizza.

CINDA KIRK of Boyne City was honored with a baby shower on Saturday afternoon. The 23 family members and friends enjoyed the afternoon of games, sharing in the many nice gifts for baby to be

and a dinner buffet. Cinda, husband Jon Kirk and their three-year-old son David are expecting the newborn's arrival within the first week of December. The good time was held in the Free Methodist Church Fellowship Hall and was hosted by Marvel Gould, Ramona McGeorge, and Wilma Bellville.

SUE AND CLARENCE Miller of Boyne City have returned from a four-day trip to Grand Rapids. While there, they visited the Gary, Rick, and Randy Kurtz families and did some Christmas shopping.

KELLY STYLES of Gaylord was honored with a baby shower held at Boyne City's Lakeview Village Community Room on Saturday afternoon. Her mother-in-law, Donna Styles and twin daughters of Florida were among the 20 friends and relatives attending. It was a good time of games, refreshments and gift giving. She received lots of nice gifts. Doubles of most everything, as she and husband Kevin Styles and daughters Carley and Katlin await the arrival of twins in April, if not sooner. The party was hosted by Janet Hardy Geiger and Rosemary Cole.

THE ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH Youth Group is to be commended for sharing the spirit of Thanksgiving on Sunday night with residents of Litzenburger Place. Not only did the group of high school and Middle school students prepare and serve 45 residents with a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including pie for dessert, they thought of everything to make it a nice evening for all. Dinner music and colorful fall placemats, napkins, paper maché vegetable decorations and mints enhanced the atmosphere, as well as did their courteousness. Hats go off to Jane Steiber, Beth Karkosak, Carly Steiber, Lisa Zavesky, Dave D'Amour, Jenny Kuhn, Nate Dzwik, Stephanie Dzwik, Amanda Jarema, Erika Jarema, Dominic Wixon, Tony Wilson, Lisa Wilson, Sharon Bearss, Erin Moriarity, Jessica White, Andrea Cooper, Kathleen Adkison, accompanied by Sue and Al Dzwik, Susan White, Susan Karkosak, Rosemary Karkosak, and Erin Hennessey. May we all count our blessings over the Thanksgiving holiday and pass it on like these folks did.

(If you have an item for Nancy's column call 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@mail.unnet.com)

East Jordan fire department conducting youth safety programs

As part of its continuing commitment to fire prevention, the East Jordan Fire Department is organizing its annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of East Jordan.

More than 605 youngsters, ages 5 through 12, will receive educational fire prevention materials geared toward each specific age level.

The comprehensive program includes fire safety guidebooks that

contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about the everyday hazards they may encounter.

Various other fire safety booklets, folders, posters and brochures will also be available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries and needless death.

Bob Koch of the National Fire Safety Council, Inc., will be helping local fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to the children. Koch is the area fire safety coordinator for NFSC.

The fire department is in the process of mailing sponsor request letters explaining the program to area business, industrial and professional leaders, asking for their financial sup-

port to help cover the cost of the materials used by the department.

Fire Chief Glen Thorman stresses to prospective sponsors that this is the only program of this type that the East Jordan Fire Department will be conducting this year. Should any other person solicit for support, especially by phone or in person, and does not have a letter from Thorman, contact the fire department immediately.

Where's the snow?

For now, Mother Nature is holding back, but when it turns cold, the snow guns will be ready

If his grinning face on the billboard outside Boyne Mountain is any indicator, snowboarder Denny Hoxsie probably can't wait until next spring.

After all, that's the season when the photo was taken last year at Boyne Mountain of the 51-year-old Williamsburg man — and snow seems merely a pipe dream right now.

While the white stuff doesn't actually need to fall from the skies for the resort to open the slopes, temperatures do need to get below freezing.

"If I had 24 hours at 20 degrees, I would be open," said Ed Grice, Boyne's general area manager.

When that happens, crews of six people work round the clock to run 180 snow guns, turning 5,000 gallons of water per minute into snow.

Though the snow machines are scattered throughout the resort's hills, they are primarily focused on Victor, Hemlock, McClouth, Deer Run



Denny Hoxsie was surprised and honored to see his image recently pop up on a billboard for Boyne Mountain near the resort. The photo was snapped last spring when the self-described Alpine snowboarder hit the slopes at the same time a promotional photo shoot was going on at the resort.

and Boyneland so a smattering of hills can be opened for all skiing levels should Mother Nature cooperate.

As every year, the resort hopes to be open for Thanksgiving, but with record high temperatures being set around the area, it's not likely.

National Weather Service Meteorolo-

gist Scott Rozanski said the area is in more of a "zonal type flow" which doesn't allow colder air from Canada to come into the Great Lakes region. Instead, a west, southwesterly wind is keeping it warmer. Unlike summer weather which holds fairly steady because of the angle of the sun, temperatures tend to fluctuate more in the winter.

A chance of snow — or rain — is not predicted until this Saturday, while highs the rest of the week will run in the mid-50s and drop into the upper 40s Thursday and Friday. Lows in the evenings will drop near 30.

But Grice certainly hasn't lost hope. This is the third year in a row when the weather hasn't cooperated early on with the northern Michigan tourist industry. He knows cooler weather will soon prevail with temperatures in December and January predicted to be in the normal range with slightly above normal precipitation.

And snowboarder Hoxsie, who hits Boyne's slopes at least once a week during the season, will be there when the hills turn white again.



Boyne Mountain awaits a layer of snow.



Kristy Gaither leaps high for a rebound.



Nicole Kurtz dribbles past Harbor's defense.

HARBOR TOO MUCH FOR LADY RAMBLERS

Season ends at districts

After ending Harbor Springs 37-game winning streak less than two weeks ago in regular season play, Boyne City faced the team again in round two of district playoffs.

But the Lady Ramblers lost the match to the league champs, 52-33, though by the first quarter's score, 17-17, it could have been anyone's game.

After taking a bye in the first round of district finals, Boyne City came to face Harbor who defeated East Jordan in the first round.

"Then in the second quarter we just couldn't buy a bucket and only scored three points at the foul line," coach Tom Neidhamer said.

It was the Rambler's own offense which stymied the team. "We couldn't get the ball inside," Neidhamer said.

"We tried to make some changes," he added, but to no avail.

By the half, the Ramblers were down by 17 points. Though the second half score was 18-13 in Harbor's favor, Boyne was already too far behind to come back.

Shooting just 22 percent from the field didn't help matters either.

"You always hate to end the season on a loss," Neidhamer said.

"All year long we did some good things defensively," he said. Such as holding Harbor to 52 points this game, just like the last game.

"We have struggled offensively throughout the year off and on and that was our downfall, we couldn't get our offense rolling when it counted the most -- tournament time," he said.

Ellie Neidhamer led the Ramblers on offense scoring 14 points and Kristy Gaither had eight points.

The Lady Ramblers finished the year 11-10 overall and third place in the league.

"I was real proud of the girls. They had a fairly successful season," Neidhamer said.

He praised the seniors who he said gave 100



Boyne City's Ellie Neidhamer drives toward the basket against Harbor Springs. She led the team offensively scoring 14 points in district play last week.

percent at practice everyday. "It's been a pleasure coaching them."

Outgoing seniors include Nicole Kurtz, Leeann Schrader, Maggie Doherty, Bethany Tomkins and Leah Senter.

"My coaching staff was outstanding," he added. Both underclassman teams had winning seasons.

"I see good things in the future for the underclassmen," Neidhamer said. "The jv's had a real good season."

The junior varsity team, coached by Michelle Deming went 14-5 and the freshmen team led by Maury Tomkins was 13-3.

Lady Loggers go to overtime in district loss

The Boyne Falls varsity girls' basketball team was defeated by Vanderbilt 60-54 in overtime at the district tournament.

Top scorers for the Lady Loggers were Julie Korthase with 14, Kim Wagner and Jennifer Boyer with 13

each, and Sarah Skop with 11. Rene Fiel made three assists, and Wagner made three steals.

The team was 10/22 at the free throw line, missing 7/8 free throws in the last three minutes of the game.

"It was a good season," said coach

Ken Doty. The team ended the season at 12-9, with a conference record of 6-6. Looking ahead, coach Doty said that next season looks promising, with three of five starters returning to play.

Boyne Falls will field women's volleyball team

Boyne Falls School will field a women's varsity volleyball team this season for the first time ever.

Teacher Heather Smith has been hired as the coach and a schedule is in the works, with approximately ten games on the docket already.

"A large number of kids said they were interested," superintendent Pat Smith said, with around 20 athletes signing up for the program. "That may change, but it's a good start."

"We're excited about it and we thought we needed to add another female sport to keep the balance here," he added.

In the past, the school did participate with Boyne City High School's team as a co-op.

The gymnasium of the district's new school, currently under construction on M-75 in Boyne Falls, will be designed to allow two volleyball games to be played at once.

The school's athletic program will also see the construction of softball and baseball diamonds as well as a soccer field with a track around it at the new site. Smith said another goal is to implement a co-ed soccer team in the near future.

Ski Magazine honors Boyne Mountain founder Everett Kircher

Ski industry pioneer and innovator of ski instruction, snowmaking and grooming, Everett Kircher, founder of Boyne USA Resorts, has been honored as one of the "100 most influential skiers of all time" by SKI Magazine.

Kircher ranked number 70 out of 100 skiers placing him beside Olympic athletes, inventors and film makers.

"The more I skied, the more interested I became in technique," Kircher said. "Whenever I spotted a good skier, I'd talk with him, asking how he made a particular turn or maneuver."

His unflagging interest in skiing technique resulted in bringing former Olympians Stein Erickson and Othmar Schneider to Boyne Mountain to head the ski school and to teach the "reverse shoulder" method to skiers.

Red Devil cross country team takes final bow

The East Jordan cross country team held their season-end banquet on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Awards were presented to Heather Hammond and Tarn Leach as Most Valuable Runners, and Matt Birgy for Most Improved. The Sarah Oliver Inspiration Award went to Brian McNeil in recognition of his motivation and dedication to the team.

The boys team was the number one academic all-state team at the state final run. In addition, four team members made individual academic all-state: Tarn Leach (4.0 grade point average), Brian McNeil (4.0), Kevin Penzien (3.9), and Micah Middaugh (3.8).



Brian McNeil was recognized for his dedication and academics.

HOCKEY WRAP-UP

The Boyne City Bantams, sponsored by Ace Hardware and coached by Gary Wonski with assistant coach Seth Smith, suffered losses in both games they played last week.

On Friday, the Bantams fell 7-2 to Mackinaw City. The two goals for Boyne were scored by Cody Webster and Tyler Barys with assists from Keith DaFoe and Garrett Bergmann.

Joe Houser played strong defense along with help from Tyler Kalbfleisch, Eli Barys and Justin Conklin. Darren Looze provided a strong physical presence both offensively and defensively. Scott McDowell made some strong shots on goal along with an offensive attack by Chris Grice. Goalie Bobby Courtright put in a good showing with some three-on-one saves.

On Saturday, Boyne lost to the Gaylord Vipers, with a final score of 7-4. The four goals for Boyne were scored by Cody Webster, Scott McDowell, Tyler Vogt, and Tyler Barys, with assists from Chris Grice and Darreh Looze.

Justin Conklin provided good defensive action along with Tyler Kalbfleisch and Joe Houser. Eli Barys provided strong two-way play on both offense and defense along with offensive assistance from Keith DaFoe. Goalie Bobby Courtright was solid in goal.

THE BOYNE CITY PeeWee Hockey Team, sponsored by Boyne U.S.A. Resorts, tied its season opener against Gaylord 4-4. Scoring for Boyne were Ryan Hennessy (hat trick) and John Fiedorek. Assists came from Ronnie Orlarey (playmaker), Josh Aown, 2, and Russel Williams, 2. Derik Moore had 36 saves in goal.

"The whole team gave it their all," coach Kevin Moore said. Gaylord had a 5 on 4 advantage the last five minutes of the game, pulled their goalie with one minute left, for a 6 on 4 advantage and tied the game with 12 seconds left.

"To play an indoor team that's

been on the ice since September, compared to our team with only three practices, and play that close is fantastic," said Moore. "It's going to be a good season. We can't wait for our refrigerated ice at Avalanche."

THE KEWADIN STORM girls' hockey team tied Lake Superior State University 2-2 in their first game Sunday at St. Ignace.

In their second matchup of the day, the Storm defeated Lake Superior State 5-2. For Kewadin, Ellie Neidhamer scored in the first period with an assist by Jenna Roland. Roland scored in the second period.

"Our passing attack returned and Aimee Fornes and Jenna Roland played key roles with offensive and defensive contributions from the blue line," said Storm coach Mike Fornes. "Both girls had nice goals. Crystal Mitchell and Ellie Neidhamer helped our offense quite a bit."

The Kewadin Storm's record is now 4-3-1.

Wreaths and Angels auction taking donations

Wreaths and angels will decorate the One Water Street lobby again this season during the annual silent auction which will benefit the Boyne City Food Pantry and the Community Christmas program.

Local clubs, organizations and individuals are encouraged to "fire up their imaginations and be creative with their donations," said the auction's chair Cindi Malin.

Along with the traditional wreaths and angels, organizers are accepting other donations as well.

Any donations can be dropped off at Cindi Franco's Cool Stuff at 101 S. Lake St. in Boyne City through Saturday, Nov. 27.

Bids to purchase the items can be placed during the restaurant's regular business hours through Dec. 5 when final bidding and a reception will take place from 4-7 p.m. The reception will include light appetizers, entertainment and a cash bar.

For more information call Malin at 582-0526.



Frank and Cindi Malin paint an angel for a Wreaths and Angels float for the Santa Parade.



50th class reunion

Members of the Boyne City High School class of 1949 gathered for a class reunion recently. Seated, left to right: Arvilla Dixon, Donna (Bawkey) Sventko, Vernice Nelson, Jean (Bowers) Taylor, Joan (Lumley) Jackson, Esther (Penfold) Umlor, Ann (Davison) Augustine, Joan (Reinhardt) Nephew, Nancy (Chipman) Hawkins. Middle row: Jack Cyr, Beulah (McGeorge) Deming, Betty (McNeal) Griffin, Mike Scott, Carlton Bradley, Bob Nichols, Harold Umlor, Bob Laurie, Bob Newkirk. Back Row: Ralph Hott, Richard Cadwell, Jim Everest, Claude McGeorge, John Harris, Robert Thayer, Jim Andrews, Ray Anderson, Lawrence Blekken. Honored guests were Arvilla Dixon and Vernice Nelson.

Health agency offering free radon test kits

Free radon test kits are available through the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency for those who want to test their homes for the gas.

The agency hopes to draw attention to radon as a serious public health issue and to motivate citizens

to protect themselves from health risk associated with elevated levels of radon.

The gas is present in elevated levels in about 12 percent of Michigan homes and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. It is a naturally occurring in-

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Call the Agency's Charlevoix office at 547-6523 for information.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

November 9, 1999, 7 p.m. meeting. Newly elected City Commissioners Ron Grunch, Vicki Standen, and Charles Vondra were sworn into office; the Commission elected Eleanor Stackus as the Boyne City Mayor and Victor Ruggles as Mayor Pro-Tem; authorized the City to donate right-of-way along M-75 South to MDOT, and authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with MDOT for the M-75 South reconstruction project; authorized submission of an EDA grant application; adopted the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments' Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; authorized a bonus pay of \$200 to Boyne City retirees; accepted a bid from Northern Pump Service, Inc. for one refueling pump and cabinet for the Boyne City Municipal Airport.

BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES Regular Meeting - Nov. 11, 1999

Members present: Chipman, Bergmann, Moeschke, Monk, and Simmons. Acceptance of Treasurer's report. Approval to pay Township obligations. Discussion of fire protection agreement and road improvement project. Appointment of A.B. Etienne and E.J. Bradley to Planning Commission for 3 year terms ending Dec. 31, 2002. Appointment of F.A. O'Brien to Zoning Board of Appeals for 3 year term ending Dec. 31, 2002. Report of Zoning Permits issued and other zoning ordinance activity. Next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999 at 7 p.m. Next Board of Trustees meeting to be held on Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999 at 7 p.m.

CITY OF EAST JORDAN PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the City of East Jordan entering into an Agreement under Public Act 425 of the Public Acts of 1984, being MCLA 124.21, et seq. with South Arm Township for the conditional transfer of property from the Township to the City will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999 at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI 49727. The property to be transferred is located on the east side of M-66, south of the City Limits to Rogers Road. The proposed agreement is for the purpose of implementing an economic development project and addresses the following concerns:

- Contains legal description of property to be transferred
- Sets time frames for performance
- Requires the City to transmit to the Township annually 1 mill of collected tax on the properties.

A copy of the proposed agreement is available for review at City Hall, 201 Main Street, East Jordan, MI 49727 or you may call City Hall at 231-536-3381 with questions.

CITY OF EAST JORDAN 2000 MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held in City Hall unless otherwise noted.

City Commission Meetings:	1st & 3rd Tuesday of Month at 7:30 p.m.
Planning Commission:	2nd Thursday of Month at 5 p.m.
Board of Appeals:	4th Monday of Month at 5:15 p.m.
Housing Commission:	2nd Tuesday of Month at 4 p.m. at Lakeview Manor
Elm Pointe Commission:	Meets on as needed basis at Elm Pointe
Board of Review:	March 13 & 14
DDA Board:	1st and 3rd Monday of Month at 5:30 p.m.

The City of East Jordan will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at a public meeting or hearing upon 10 days notice to the City of East Jordan. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of East Jordan by writing or calling:

Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk
P.O. Box 499
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231) 536-3381

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners has canceled their regular Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1999. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EAST JORDAN CITY COMMISSION

The East Jordan City Commission met in Regular Session, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Klooster presiding with all members of the Commission present except for Commissioner Gee. Minutes were approved and acknowledgment was given to paid bills in the amount of \$272,619.09.

Further Commission Action: adopted a resolution in support of the MDOT Transportation Enhancement Fund grant application for development of a bike path on Maple Street; adopted a resolution finalizing the lease/purchase of a DPW tractor, and requested Attorney Beatty prepare a legal opinion regarding the status of firefighters in relationship to employment and the City Charter.

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

CITY OF BOYNE CITY PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to rules and regulations as outlined in the Boyne City Zoning Ordinance A-28, Public Hearings will be held at the regular meeting of the Boyne City Planning Board on Monday, Dec. 6, 1999 at 5 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI, to review and consider the following:

- A request from Richard Joseph to rezone a portion of Industrially Zoned (I) property to Low Density Single Family Residential (R-1), formerly known as the Big C Corporation and United Technologies and located at 475 N. Lake Street, (Property I.D. #15-051-026-014-00).
- A request from G & N Investments, Inc. for a development plan review to construct a retail store at 101 Water Street, (Property I.D. #15-051-340-020-00).

More details and proposed plans and language are available for review at the Boyne City Planning Department, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearings and participate in discussion. Any input for or against these projects will be received in writing by the City Planner's office until 5 p.m. on the day of the public hearing or at the public hearing. For further information contact the City Planner's office at 319 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712 or call (231) 582-0337.

Timothy O'Leary
Planning Director

MELROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Melrose Township Board of Trustees will discuss and review the Melrose Township Recreation Plan on Monday, Nov. 29, 1999 at 6 p.m. to review and discuss the following topic:

- Review and discuss the Melrose Township Recreation Plan and future recreation plans of the Township.

The Melrose Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing of the Proposed Melrose Township Recreation Plan on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1999 at 5 p.m. to take public comments for the following topic:

- Adoption of the Proposed Melrose Township Recreation Plan and future recreation plans of the Township. Copies of the proposed plan will be available for public review on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999 at the Public Library in the Village of Walloon Lake.

The meetings will be held at the Melrose Township Hall, 04289 M-75 North, Walloon Lake, MI 49796. Copies of the proposed plans will be available for review at the Melrose Township Public Library in the Village of Walloon Lake, 02167 North Shore Dr., Walloon Lake, MI 49796, during regular library hours or questions can be answered by calling 535-2575. Written comments or also be submitted to Melrose Township, P.O. Box 189, Walloon Lake, MI 49796 until noon on the day of the meeting.

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan P. Teuscher and Terri J. Teuscher, f/k/a Terri J. Musselman, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Republic Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 15, 1994, and recorded on December 16, 1994 in Liber 280, on Page 0538, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Great Western Bank f/k/a Douglas County Bank & Trust Co., as assignee by an assignment dated Oct. 14, 1995, which was recorded on December 7, 1995, in Liber 292, on Page 0909, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-four thousand seven hundred forty-four and 23/100 dollars (\$84,744.23), including interest at 8.875% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 1/1 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 Jan. 7, 2000.

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

The Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 33 North, Range 5 West, excepting therefrom the South 636 feet lying Southerly and Westerly of the centerline of Maple Hill Road as used in August 1991.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 17, 1999

For information, please call:
248-593-1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #991112233

Panthers Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 1999

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage

made by Duane Herriman and Leslie Herriman husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank of Petoskey, Mortgagee, dated July 7, 1993, and recorded on July 13, 1993 in Liber 257, on Page 0096, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgage to the Old Kent Bank and Trust Company, Assignee by an assignment dated July 7, 1993, which was recorded on July 13, 1993, in Liber 257, on Page 0103, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-six thousand three hundred ninety-eight and 10/100 dollars (\$56,398.10), including interest at 7.750% 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 7, 2000.

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

All that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West, lying Southeasterly of Old U.S. Highway 31 EXCEPT beginning at a point at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Northward along quarterline to point of junction of centerline of Old U.S. 31 Highway; thence 350 feet Southwesterly along centerline of Old U.S. 31 Highway; thence Southeasterly to point of beginning.

ALSO, beginning at a point at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 34 North, Range 7 West, Northward along quarterline to point of junction of centerline of Old U.S. 31 highway; thence 350 feet Southwesterly along centerline of Old U.S. 31 highway; thence Southeasterly to point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 24, 1999

For information, please call:
248-593-1303
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Ravens Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 1999

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REAL ESTATE

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BOYNE CITY Public Schools through its High School Building Trades Program may construct a modest-sized home within close proximity of Boyne City High School during the 2000-2001 school year for a pre-qualified buyer. Building site, plans, materials, permits and financing will be the responsibility of the individual homeowner. For preliminary information please call the Superintendent's Office at (231) 439-8190. 11/24-12/1

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Micah Lambert, a single man and Amy Olund, a single woman (original mortgagors) to DMR Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 19, 1998 and recorded on June 29, 1998 in Liber 340, on Page 660, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated March 1, 1999, which was recorded on July 19, 1999, in Liber 368, on Page 096, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-four thousand three hundred ninety-eight and 51/100 dollars (\$54,398.51), including interest at 7.500% 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 December 17, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 127.5 Feet South and 33.0 Feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 26, Township 32 North, Range 7 West thence West 150.0 Feet; Thence South 49.0 Feet; Thence East 150.0 Feet; Thence North 49.0 Feet to the Place of Commencing; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 26.

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: November 3, 1999

For Information, please call:
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd A. Culver, a single man (original mortgagor) to FMB-Northwestern Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 1996, and recorded on December 9, 1996 in Liber 307, on Page 517, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan and re-recorded on June 23, 1997 in Liber 318, Page 33, Charlevoix County Records, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic, Assignee by an assignment dated November 29, 1996, which was recorded on December 9, 1996, in Liber 309, on Page 39, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty thousand four hundred forty-five and 30/100 dollars (\$50,445.30), including interest at 7.125% 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 December 17, 1999.

Said premises are situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Westerly 85 feet of Lots 111 and 112, Assessor's Plat of Jersey's Addition to the City of Boyne City, according to the plat thereof recorded in Charlevoix County Records.

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: November 3, 1999

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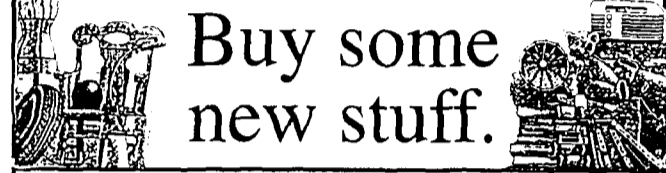
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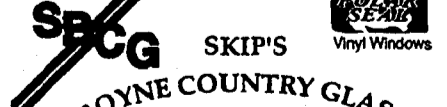
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Boyne Falls School is nearly on schedule for 2000 opening

The walls of the new Boyne Falls School are going up and an anticipated fall of 2000 moving-in date is still anticipated.

In December of last year, Boyne Falls voters turned out in record numbers to pass a 7 mill, \$6,575,000 bond issue to build the new facility on school forest property on M-75 in Boyne Falls.

Hopes are that the middle and elementary school wings of the K-12 school will be enclosed first, followed by the cafeteria and administrative wing, and then the gymnasium wing before cold weather hits, so construction can continue inside through the winter months. The undercoating of the parking lot has been paved to accommodate construction workers and receive deliveries.

The building will be approximately 65,000 square feet.

In addition to classrooms, it will include two computer labs with one adjacent to the media center and another instructional lab (all classes will also be wired to receive at least five computers with a goal of future expansion); a Focus room; a large special education room which can be

divided into two rooms for programs or team teaching; a larger science lab with a classroom/lab combined; an art room almost 60 percent larger than the current one; a cafeteria

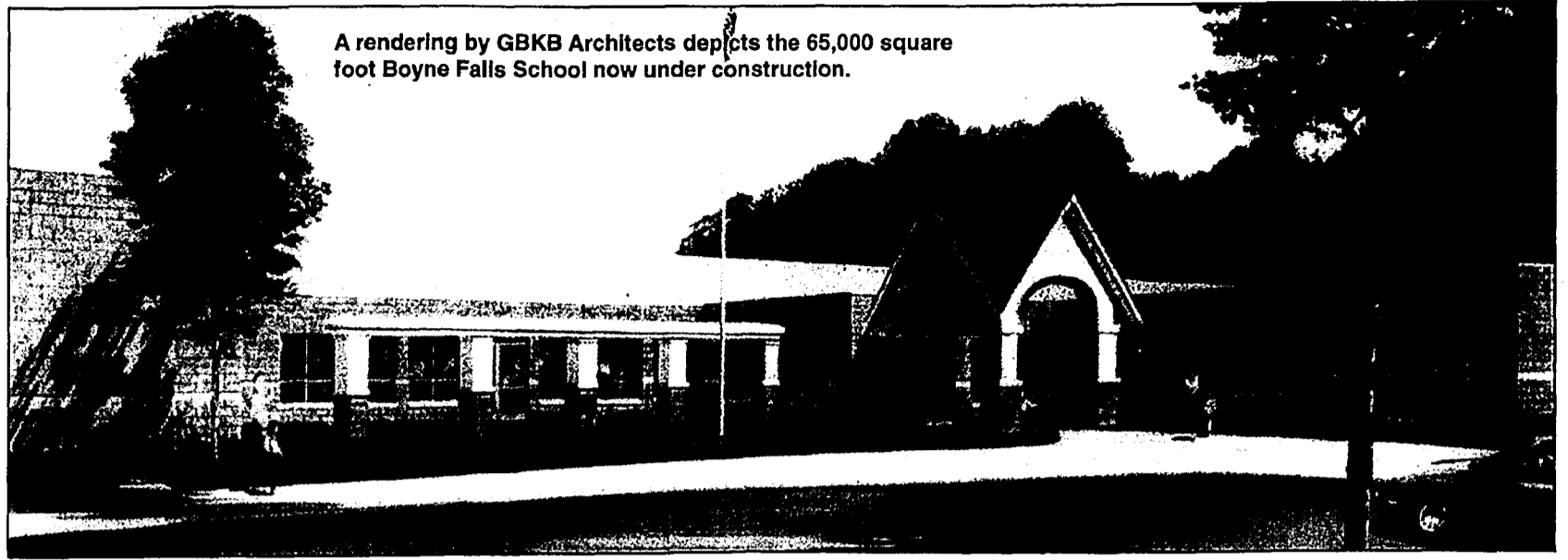
nearly 60 percent larger than the current one; vocational education room; stage and music area; gymnasium to seat nearly 1,000 spectators; a distance learning center designed to re-

ceive telecommunications from around the world; a community room to serve as a community hub for activities and programs for seniors, single parents, couples and other

groups; an administrative offices area, and more.

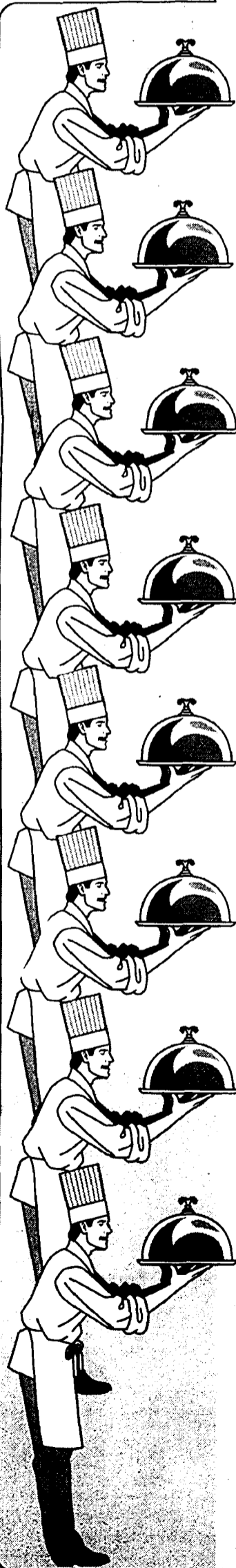
Though construction fell behind a bit, superintendent Pat Smith said they are still looking at being in the

building by September of 2000. "We'll go in as quickly as we can," he said, "but we're not going to go into a partially finished building."



A rendering by GBKB Architects depicts the 65,000 square foot Boyne Falls School now under construction.

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