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## at a GLANCE

### Superintendent trial postponed a third time

A Dec. 7 jury trial for Boyne City Schools superintendent Dana Compton was adjourned and rescheduled for Dec. 21 according to the Bay County District Court.

Compton, 48, was arrested July 26 in Bay City on assault and battery charges for an alleged altercation with a former girlfriend. He pled not guilty to the misdemeanor which carries a maximum 90-day jail sentence.

The trial, set for 8:30 a.m. yesterday in Bay County District Court, was postponed twice before.

### Community band playing holiday concert

The Jordan Valley Community Band will perform its ninth holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the East Jordan High School auditorium with the East Jordan High School choir.

Music from Duke Ellington and the Star Wars Trilogy will be performed in the concert's first half.

Band director Rita LaVictoire said the salute to Ellington is in honor of his 100th birthday this year. Selections will include "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me," "Sophisticated Lady," and "It Don't Mean a Thing."

In the second half, the band will perform numbers with the school choir, which will be under the direction of high school band director Douglas Gaertner, including "White Christmas."

The band will then perform selections from A Charlie Brown Christmas, César Franck's "Panis Angelicus," and end with a selection of Christmas carols by Leroy Anderson.

There is no cost for the concert, which includes 55 band members from throughout the immediate and surrounding area.

## Lakefront housing denied

### ■ Planning board says no to Big C zoning change

Future use of waterfront property in Boyne City was the focus of another city meeting in Boyne City with a request coming before the Planning Board to rezone the former Big C

property on Lake Street, from industrial to single family residential.

Following a well-attended public hearing and discussion among the board, planning commissioners voted unanimously to recommend to the City Commission that it deny the single-family housing rezoning. The proposed zoning amendment will be reviewed by the City Commission at its Dec. 14 meeting. City commissioners will ultimately decide its fate.

Property developer Stuart Kaufman and Big C attorney Dick Joseph brought the request to the board.

A light industrial manufacturer of lawn and patio furniture and other related products, Big C closed its doors earlier this year. The 3.5 acre site has 600 feet of Lake Charlevoix frontage.

Kaufman said after consideration of several options, they concluded the

next best use for the site of the former factory would be as residential, single family housing. He said to continue to leave it as a somewhat dilapidated building is not in the city's best interest.

Retail development was eliminated from their options based on the number of vacant storefronts they saw in Boyne City's downtown. Office and multi-family use isn't allowed by city ordinance and it can't

be rezoned as part of the Central Business District, Kaufman said.

He said residential buildings would have a better effect on the community and be less offensive than what is currently there.

"We know there was some sentiment that the property be bought by the city and turned into a park," Kaufman said, and noted that the city

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### Waiting for action

Shovels of every bent await buyers — and snow — outside a storefront, but only once this season were plows of any sort called into use when a dusting of the white stuff fell last week. There should be more sunshine and warmer temperatures today and tomorrow, then the familiar sound of metal on cement could be back again by Friday with current weather forecasts calling for a winter storm. Extended forecasts also call for another snowstorm late next week. The season may finally arrive.

## Traveling north on the rails

### ■ Train may begin rolling in February

The weekend trip north from downstate could be made a bit more leisurely for skiers, swimmers, golfers and bikers if plans to run a passenger train from Ann Arbor — with stops in Boyne Falls and Kalkaska — to Petoskey come to fruition.

Tuscola and Saginaw Bay Railway Company, a freight operator out of Owosso, is looking to branch into the passenger rail business transporting vacationers and cottage owners to and from the north as soon as February via the line the company has run freight along since 1991. Its target: those who want to avoid the weekend drive on I-75.

The decision to stop in Boyne Falls was an obvious one with Boyne USA Resorts nearby.

"They have been very cooperative and very excited about the possibility," said company president Howie Tishler said.

"I think it's going to be great," said Boyne's Area General Manager Ed Grice. "What a fun thing it would

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## Jon Gerster joins Boyne City School Board

Through a unanimous vote of the Boyne City School Board at a special meeting last week, Jon Gerster was named its latest board member.

Following the announcement of Jill Rowley's resignation, Gerster was one of five people to apply for the vacant seat.

The applicants interviewed for the job



Jon Gerster

primary interest.

last Tuesday and board members voted the same night.

Rowley's last act with the board will be to attend its regular Dec. 13 meeting. Following that, Gerster will serve in the position at least until June 1999 when a candidate will have to be elected to fill the remaining two years of the seat.

"I think it's a great opportunity to be of service to the kids in this community," Gerster said.

The youth, he emphasized, is his

Gerster and wife Faye have been involved with area children for many years, primarily through their work with youth at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

With six grown children of their own, "we've been involved with kids pretty much our whole lives," Gerster said.

An investment banker for 25 years, Gerster also founded and manages two telecommunications companies and is a money manager.

"I felt that this was a time in the life of the school system where my experience and background might be useful," Gerster said.

He points to his business background as being applicable to helping manage the district "which is a large business — an \$8 million business."

And with the technology age moving full speed ahead, he said kids "from smaller towns need to be able to compete in the world."

Gerster said he plans to run for a school board seat in June.

"I think anybody going into this should look at it on a longer term basis because it takes a while to learn how the business of the school runs," he said. "You gain some experience and expertise over a period of time."

## Change in hands, not in tradition

### ■ Boyne City Co-op is under new ownership

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

Mousetraps, antifreeze, two bags of salt. "You get one, you might as well have two," said a long-time Boyne City Co-op customer, Dr. Robert Pollack, who is readying his home for winter. A trip to the Co-op is one of his last stops and he leaves behind a few bags of roasting chestnuts for the store's staff.

"Let me give you a hand with that," offers the Co-op's new owner, Kirk Jabara, of the bags of salt.

He declines the help, as some self-sufficient customers do, but it's that tradition of service coupled with a knowledge of where to get just about anything, that has captured the Co-op's loyal following for nearly a century.

With almost two decades of experience as an advisor to small businesses in Michigan, Jabara

and wife Lynne purchased the Co-op from its 165 stockholders in November after moving to Boyne City a year and a half ago.

Jabara's roots are firmly planted in northern Michigan. His grandfather Sam Jabara ran a general store in Manclona and helped build the railroad from Alpena to Boyne City and Kirk himself grew up in the Ludington area and moved with his family to Petoskey more than 20 years ago, before he headed off to college.

The sale came after Co-op members (share holders) voted to sell by only six votes at their annual meeting — probably testament to keeping a good thing just the way it is.

And that, said Jabara, is basically their goal. Formed in 1918, at the site of the vacant lot to the east of F.O. Barden and Sons, to sell products

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Co-op manager Ray Prebble, left, and co-worker Debbie Matelski are joined by new owner Kirk Jabara.

## LETTERS

### Wreaths and Angels brings out the best

TO THE EDITOR:

Frank and I would like to take a few minutes to thank everyone that helped us put on this year's Wreaths and Angels of Christmas. What a truly giving community we live in, from the talents of those who created over 55 auction items to those who attended the final bidding and gave so selflessly. Sunday afternoon was a cozy and warm affair with beautiful music, delicious foods and many friends. What a great way to begin the holiday season by providing funding to feed those in our community who need our help now and throughout the year.

A big thank you once again to the staff of One Water Street for the use of their facility and the wonderful hors d'oeuvres and waitstaff, to Barden's for the wood to build the float and display area, American Total Security for their trailer and barn and the Chamber of Commerce for letting us keep our float on display. Thank you to Roast & Toast, Kilwin's and Johann's for the desserts they provided. Another round of thank yous to our performers, Charlie Smith, Robin Berry Williams, and Becky Houser plus the surprise addition of a few of our audience members. We'd also like to thank Jerry Kelts for his knowledge, time and support - his drive is an important factor in this benefit.

The auction items were beautiful, many handmade, and we want to thank the many people who took the time to create the one-of-a-kind works of art. Even the new and somewhat offbeat items we had this year proved to be popular additions to the fundraising. It is always heart-warming when a community bands together for a common goal and we were very proud to be a part of this one. Happy Holidays to all with heartfelt thanks.

Cindi and Frank Malin  
Co-chairs, 1999 Wreaths and Angels of Christmas

### Boyer chamber's decision questioned

TO THE EDITOR:

I was surprised by recent actions taken by the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce. Last week the Boyne City chamber director and the board voted to take business away from a chamber member. I thought the chamber's mission is to enhance each member's business, not to take business away from them.

Years ago, Nancy and Jerry Adams were approached the chamber to start a "Fall Harvest Festival" in Boyne City. Nancy and Jerry are promoters of arts and craft shows.

They used their years of experience and contacts to organize the craft show portion as well as contacting the apple orchards to be part of the festival. They gave the chamber the ideas of having an encampment and music performed during the festival. These ideas came from their travels and displaying at craft shows around the state. Their income as a business is derived from the rental fee that crafters pay to display at the fall festival. A portion of this fee is paid to the chamber to promote the festival and a portion is paid to the City of Boyne City for park use.

Due to budget constraints and falling membership dues, the chamber decided to take over the arts and crafts portion of the festival from the Adams, leaving them out of their business income.

Guess what chamber, you lost another chamber member.

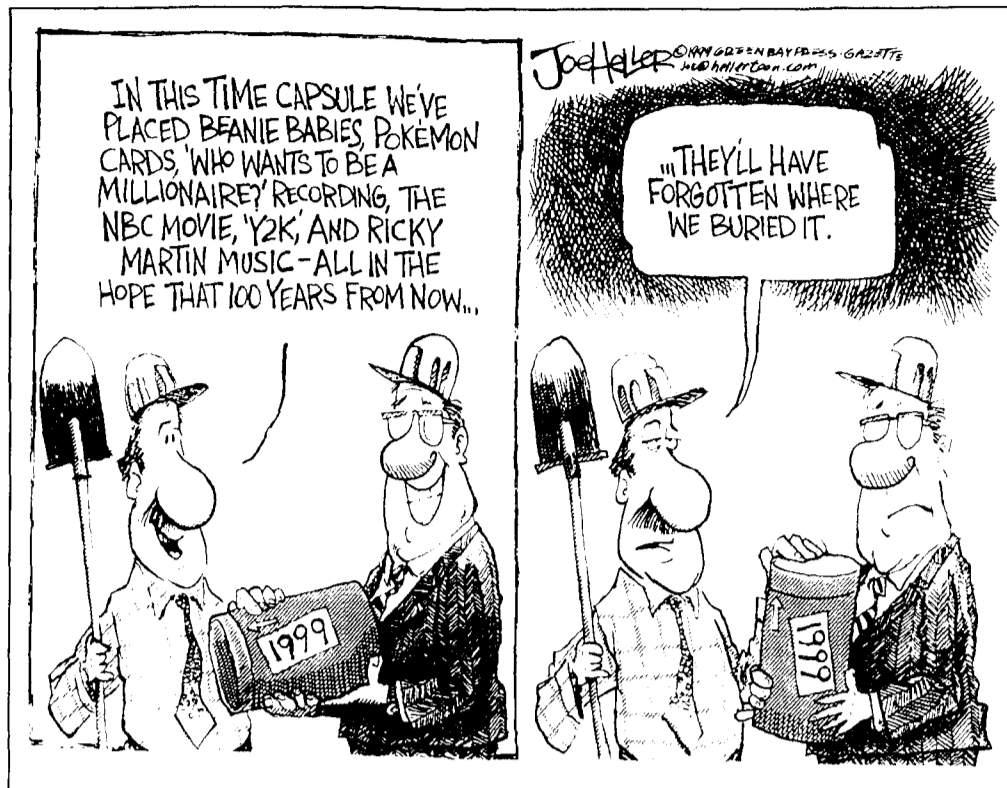
Peter Friedrich  
Past Chamber President

(Editor's note: Following is the Chamber of Commerce's explanation for their decision.)

The Chamber of Commerce is grateful to all community members, including the Adams, who have volunteered their time freely to help on a chamber event. It is volunteerism that makes events like the Harvest Festival possible. Boyne City is blessed with many talented individuals who unselfishly give their time for the good of the community.

The Fall Harvest Festival has been a Boyne City Chamber event from the beginning. In the last few years, we have been concerned about the financial aspects of the festival. It is no longer feasible to operate a festival that is losing money for the chamber and community that we serve. When given a choice between discontinuing the festival or using all volunteers to operate it, our choice was clear.

Board of Directors  
Boyne City Area Chamber of Commerce



## GUEST COLUMN

### Joy of giving starts at early age

By KATIE BROCK  
and MELISSA MACKENZIE

The joy of giving: you give a person a gift and you are rewarded with the look upon their face -- happiness and gratefulness. You're filled with pleasure, satisfied that you did right. And there comes an age when giving is more fun than receiving, but how young is that? Apparently, it starts in the first grade. . . for one group of students anyway.

A while back, we were invited to accompany the class to Glen's where they would be making purchases for the local pantry. We walked through the East Jordan Elementary School halls noticing that, despite the minor changes and school improvements, the important things had remained the same. Right down to the smell, the walls covered with art, and the single-file line rules still strictly adhered to. Our entrance into Mrs. Lasater's class was greeted by an awed silence. . . twenty pairs of eyes were locked on us.

Upon arrival, we were given a recap of the situation. Over time, the students had filled a jug with pennies with the intention of later using part of the money to aid the local food pantry and the other part for themselves.

When the jug was filled, they emptied it and took its contents to the bank where they counted out and rolled twenty-five dollars in pennies. They then had to decide how much money would go to the pantry and how much to keep for themselves. . . a tough decision for any seven year old. So this first grade class voted and saved a mere five dollars for the class expense, and saved twenty for the food pantry purchases.

Then the day arrived. Each excited child clutched a dollar, and squirmed anxiously in their seats. As we got on the big yellow bus, Melissa and I were struck with a startling realization: we were as excited as the kids, and we were just spectators. We sat beside the kids and asked them all kinds of questions, though some of them weren't answerable, not yet anyway. But when one student, Heather Knowles, was asked what kind of food she might get, specifically if her choices were soup, she responded, "I might pick vegetables because it makes you grow bigger."

Mrs. Lasater's students were incredible! Each and every one of them was quite excited to be buying food for other people. When we were their age, a dollar in our hands meant a candy bar to later savor. But these kids were only thinking of what they might grab, buy, and then give to another person. They earned, saved, and they gave.

Mrs. Lasater was happy too. "It's kind of neat for them," she said, "because they saw it from beginning to end."

By the end of the trip, a group of children not much older than 7, had learned the joy of giving. They were happy with what they had given themselves (the five dollars for the class), and were even more pleased with what they had given away. The job done, they were excited about the next time they might be able to give again.

This first grade class is an inspiration, and as we near the Christmas season, let us remember the twenty students that paraded into the food pantry beaming with pleasure as they relinquished their treasure. . . and maybe we can enjoy this season all the more, because it's the joy of giving.

Well, that's our two cents anyway.

## A MOM'S LIFE

### Finding beauty in an imperfect world

By CINDI PLACE

A young friend taught me about courage today. Facing a pretty major change in her life, she could have been fearful, or pitiful, or even angry. But she wasn't. Not once did she ask "why me?" She simply told me that she felt lucky to be alive.

Young people today face so much. And sometimes we interpret their bravado as cold or impudent. How often do we treat teenagers, whose behavior we don't begin to understand, as problems needing solutions? Walking in their shoes would be a good idea. But I don't think I'm brave enough.

Our own kids struggle to do a good job in school, participate in various activities, have some kind of social life and try to find time to earn a little spending money. Many of their friends have serious family responsibilities as well. And throughout all this, our teenagers are straining to find independence as young adults.

As grownups, we parents would do well to try and remember what our own teen years were like. For many of us we faced war and civil unrest. For

some, memories include an era when food and shelter were the only luxuries they had. Life was difficult and our families worked hard just to make ends meet. It's no less difficult for our own kids.

Granted, times are different. We are more prosperous. Things like television sets and automobiles are no longer considered luxuries. Kids have all sorts of toys: computers, Nintendo, downhill skis, you name it. But they have a lot of other junk too. Like AIDS and school violence. And abuse.

I can remember when the scariest thing for me in school was when I heard that the health department was coming to give TB tests. I'd be sick for days before their impending visit. How I wish that my own children had only a needle prick to worry about.

But even though their world is less than perfect, our children still find beauty. And most importantly, they make our world more beautiful; when they laugh and tell funny stories or make music and play a game.

And when they show us just what bravery really means.

## BETWEEN the LINES

### Holiday magic hard to recreate

By ANGELA SHULTIS

Every year at about this time I come down with the same illness. Its primary symptom is the delusion that I can actually bake Christmas cookies. It is, apparently, incurable.

I grew up in a household where some of my fondest holiday memories were built around coming home to a kitchen full of cooling culinary delights, mouthwatering morsels, countertops brimming with mixing bowls alongside seads of walnuts, shredded coconut, green and red candied cherries, and chocolate chips. There were delicate tinted frostings to be spread, and colored sugars to be shaken. Each year seemed to outdo the last in volume and variety. It was a magical time indeed.

Fast forward to 1999. Magical has given way to harried. I marvel at how my mom had the time to bake, wrap, and decorate like a pro with two kids at home. But I figure the least I can do is try to keep up the tradition.

The only problem is, I'm terrible at baking cookies. Even the most basic chocolate chip cookie recipe is bound to turn out like a number of lumpy brown rocks, rather than the more common flat, gooey, golden-brown variety. It doesn't matter what oven I'm using, if it's butter or margarine, or if I measure everything precisely. In our family at least, it seems the cookie-baking gene skips a generation.

Despite all this, I still decide, every year, that this is the year for me. There's something about the holidays that makes me believe that I still have a shot at being Martha Stewart, or, at the very least, Betty Crocker. In November, I begin perusing the "women's" magazines and my old, hardly-used cookbooks, for the recipe that I will master, the one that will become my holiday classic. The really easy one that I can't mess up.

And so I pick a few recipes, round up the necessary ingredients, and go to work, an evening here, a stolen hour there. And by the fourth or fifth either so-so or completely inedible batch, I come to my senses, after a few choice curse words muttered under my breath, of course. Then I go to the grocery store, buy a few rolls of ready-to-bake cookie dough, and call it good.

So why do I put myself, and my family, through this every year? Who knows. It's certainly not for the love of baking. There's so much pressure (much of it self-imposed) during the holidays to make everything picture-perfect, from the decorations to the gifts to the food. Most of us have an image of the holidays we'd like to recreate or live up to. And we invest so much in the activities of a few short weeks, the potential for let-down is not only high, it's almost inevitable.

So, if you're like me, do yourself a favor. Don't sweat the cookies. And while you're at it, forget all the other pre-conceived notions of what the holidays should be. Give yourself a break and do whatever you really want to do, whatever is fun for you and your loved ones. Whatever holiday traditions you might create in the process will be truly yours.

And, lucky for me, as it turns out the kids are more impressed by those mass-produced cookies with Rudolph's likeness than a finely crafted macaroon anyway.

### Schools are safer because of young woman's bravery

TO THE EDITOR:

As former Boyne City residents and a former Boyne City Public Schools student reading through some newspapers that were saved and passed on to us, we would like to respond to an article dated Oct. 29, 1999, by Lenore Senter.

We have known the family of the young victim of Ms. Brilinski for years and know that they tried to put an end to this situation as soon as they were aware of it. However, their pleas fell on deaf ears of the former Boyne City School Board and a member of the clergy.

Thanks to a very brave young woman coming forward of her own free will, the matter has come to the attention of the community and authorities.

It would have been much easier to sweep it under the rug and run, but she instead did all she could to make the halls and locker rooms of Boyne City Public Schools a safer place for our students.

Chuck and Jan Olson

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Members of the Boyne City High School Drama Club entertained audiences with rousing song and dance numbers in their Fall Festival of Performance on Sunday.

## Show time

The performance included solos, skits and an appearance by the newly-formed high school jazz band.



Photos by Vic Ruggles

## Co-op has new owners

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to local farmers and to sell their crops in return, the business has continuously operated in that vein since then.

When the building burned down at that site, the business moved to its current location on Park Street, formerly the site of the fire department and a large bell tower with a clock from 1905-1919.

Results of a standard environmental assessment of the site the Jabaras had completed before they bought the business, uncovered that in 1958 the bell tower was removed. The clock in the tower is the same one that had been housed at the current Huntington Bank for years. A photo of the Co-op in the September 1955 edition of The Boyne Citizen shows the clock looming in the background.

Another fire in 1985 claimed the store's back warehouse area, and sent three firefighters to the hospital, but spared the front of the building which was separated by fire doors. An arsonist was arrested in the incident. Co-op manager Ray Prebble recalls that the criminal's tracks, leading away from the scene in the snow, helped lead to his capture.

Through it all, and as was the case with the first 35 shareholders, the membership requirement has always included being an agricultural producer of some sort, whether it be in farming, timber or otherwise.

Time has taken its toll on the membership though, which saw an all-time high at one point of 270. With farmers retiring — only 11 members were under the age of 60 — and farming not the primary source of income anymore, things change.

And while farmers still comprised part of its membership until it sold, other stockholders dabbled in agricultural endeavors but not as their number one source of income.

Farming products are still sold today — both for the farm and by the farm — but at least 80 percent of the customers aren't farmers anymore. They are other community members and resorters.

Prebble, who has run the store since 1966, is the most recognizable face. Outside of his full-time job at the Co-op, he runs a farm with his wife Beth. It's his knowledge and standard of service that has earned him a reputation as the go-to guy. A reputation that extends to the Co-op in general. He'll remain as the store's manager.

"I've met few people as dedicated as he is," Jabara said.

Prebble either knows the answer off the top of his head, or he'll find it — fast.

A request from a customer who stopped in the store means a look through a catalog for a food grinder.

"It wasn't the right one," Prebble said, pointing out in the catalog the manual, steel meat grinder. They wanted something to mince vegetables. So Prebble called Illinois and Ohio to track the right one down.

"I let the customer talk to the manufacturer," Prebble said. The item is being shipped.

A customer asks him about lime. Can it be used under horse bedding to keep the odors down?

Yes, Prebble answers, and without pausing, tells Jabara it's stored at the top of the ramp.

"If you get it on you, it's pure white like flour and it won't come off," Prebble adds, instructing Jabara to tip it on its edge, spill spout up, when he puts it in the customer's car.

Kirk, many years Prebble's junior, wheels out the bags for the buyer, offering a piece of cardboard to keep the trunk clean.

Customers and vendors keep the doors swinging all day.

"How much is burlap?" asked Debbie Matelski, who is working the front register. Prebble answers without hesitation.

"Do you sell popcorn?" asks a customer. No.

"Where did you ever get LaCrosse boots?" queries another.

A woman hurries in the door, heads straight to a rack near the front counter, picks up the last two,

"two-piece mini tool boxes" — much like souped-up jack knives — and drops them on the counter.

"These are pretty neat," Matelski said.

"That's what Jack said," replies the customer, "so I thought I'd get a few more."

Christmas trees are dropped off by a local grower. Prebble helps unload them and stores them in the back. A few are placed out front so people know the annual shipment is in. They're no sooner propped against the wall when a customer, glad to see the crop, buys two.

Seasonal items inside are interspersed with regularly stocked farming, gardening and hardware items.

This time of the year there are bags of apples and corn for deer bait — grown locally by members. A variety of snow shovels lines the front of the white cinder-block building. A green tomato cage has been festively decorated to look like a Christmas tree by Jabara's wife and children and placed in the front window.

"The more you're here and actually working, you realize all the contributions and the valuable things the Co-op does for the community," Jabara said. "I learn more about it every day."

"There are a lot of customers here and every day it's reinforced that they like doing business here at the Co-op. They feel very strongly about that," Jabara said.

"People in the area and Boyne City need a store of this type because we carry a variety of things."

--Ray Prebble

Many have questioned

what will be different under the new ownership. "The short answer is, we're going to do more of a good thing," he said.

Jabara would like to utilize the Co-op's existing niche. "I know there are other things they'd (customers) like to see us do."

But what works will remain the same. Jabara sees his role as helping give Prebble "more of what he needs to continue to make it successful."

"What I enjoy doing is spending time in a new business, working at it, learning everything about it and working with customers and employees to get ideas for improvements," Jabara said.

But he's quick to point out that "Ray's been here 33 years. I've been here two weeks. It's going to be hard to catch up to Ray."

Prebble himself gives praise to the other employees. "We have some excellent employees here," Prebble said. "We have had them before and have some now."

Al Lawson is the third employee, along with Matelski and Prebble.

Prebble heads to the store well before its 8 a.m. opening time, wheeling seasonal items outside to their familiar places outside the front door, working seven days during deer season and by himself on Sundays.

"People in the area and Boyne City need a store of this type because we carry a variety of things," Prebble said.

He expresses his appreciation to the customers from the stockholders and employees and "ask them to continue to support Kirk and Lynn," Prebble said.

"I'm real happy they bought it and have intentions of keeping it the same," he said.

Jabara, still getting the lay of the land, points out that there will still be the "Boyne Blend" grass seed, developed at the Co-op through the years to grow specifically in this area, and sought year after year by customers.

He moves through the store and warehouse with familiarity, pointing out landscaping supplies, animal feed, sunflower seeds, straw, the old International Harvester tractor — with train wheels hooked on the back for weight — which is still used to scoop beets and sometimes plow snow.

There is the shop for small engine repair, a service lost during the sale, but which Jabara is working to reinstate.

It's a bit different from the days when Jabara came in as a customer — probably like any other customer — needing odds and ends.

"I was always getting a problem solved," he said.

His customers still are too.

## Zoning

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was given opportunity to do so before the developer pursued other options.

"It seems to me it would be a very expensive park," Kaufman said, estimating it would cost the city \$2 million to purchase the property in response to an audience member's question.

Kaufman appealed to the board for their suggestions on other uses for the property, if not residential.

While the board didn't offer the developer other alternatives, more than 15 community members spoke in opposition to the rezone, many hoping it could be turned into park, not shoreline homes, or remain zoned as it is.

Shirley Howie, who brought a petition to the city this summer signed by 500 or so residents, reiterated her wish that the lot be changed to recreational and public use.

Former mayor Thelma Behling suggested a city-supported millage to purchase the property, saying "if we can build a \$20 million school system (then) maybe the town would support a \$2 million millage."

While the city has restricted multi-family development along the waterfront, Chris Fall Knight said that single-family homes are huge too. "You can see what's happened all along," she said, referring to existing, larger homes on Lake Charlevoix.

Boyne City Chamber of Commerce director Debbie Thompson spoke on behalf of the chamber board saying it does not want to see the property rezoned.

One audience member suggested that by leaving it as industrial zoning, it could deflate the value of the property, making it more affordable for the city to buy.

Bruce Jansen spoke of the "best and highest use" of the property and doesn't believe it would be "eight to 10 homes with corridor views."

"I'm also for open space, but I'm a realist," Jansen said.

He said to consider what use would make sense for the town.

"My concern is there's no place for downtown to grow," he said, noting that the area in which Big C is located has some space for that growth and that other than a two by two block area downtown, the next business space is a few miles outside

of town.

Jansen acknowledged that downtowns stumble and fall, but "are still very special."

He suggested a mix of commercial, restaurants and public space at the Big C site.

"The highest use dollar-wise could be residential," he said of the property, but asked if the business district was lost to fire, for example, should it be rebuilt as residential?

"Why move residences into a business district?" he asked, noting that a business wouldn't be allowed in a residential district.

He said the waterfront is the city's most important asset. "People come here because it's Lake Charlevoix."

Kaufman said he couldn't disagree with much of what was said during the public hearing.

"We can hear the people want this property to be used for public purposes," Kaufman said.

But, he said he couldn't believe anyone wants it to be used as a factory again.

"I think the board has to work toward some viable use," Kaufman said.

City attorney James Murray advised the board that its decision need not be based on the sentiment of the majority of the audience, but must be based on legal grounds.

In response to an earlier speaker who suggested leaving it zoned industrial to bring the price down, Murray said the board wouldn't intentionally try to deflate the price of the property.

He also told the board it wasn't their responsibility to tell the applicants, hypothetically, what other things they could do with the property, as per Kaufman's request for suggestions.

During the board's discussion chair Jim Knurick outlined the 27 uses of an industrial property.

"As an industrial site, it's an asset to the community," Knurick said, as well as the current owners. He noted that if a factory wanted to come to town, it could have a ready-made facility.

Though board member Todd Wright said he doesn't believe the city needs more parks, if that's the direction it plans to go, "the city needs to do it and quit talking about it," keeping in mind the comprehen-

sive plan.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS** the board gave approval to the site development plan for Sunburst Marine, a retail store which will be built on the corner of Water and Lake streets at the site of the former Erber's Amoco.

The gas station has already been removed from the site and environmental requirements mean the entire site must be capped with cement.

Construction on the store will begin in mid-December and is anticipated to be complete and open for business by March or April. It will employ five to 10 people, be open year round, seven days a week, with extended evening hours in the summer.

Owner Skip Forcier, who owns a similar store in Gaylord, said it is his first venture into Boyne, and that he hopes to do more business in the area.

The store will feature water-related merchandise including antique boats, small watercrafts, clothing, giftwear, accessories, small furnishings, marine supplies and more.

"It will attract foot traffic and have something for everyone," said Jill Rowley, Forcier's daughter.

In November, the zoning board approved a parking variance on the site from 30 spaces to two. The site will also create four to five more on-street parking spaces.

Commissioners debated whether a site development review of property owned by Lou Awodey on Water Street, needed to even come before the board since he wasn't planning to change the footprint of the space.

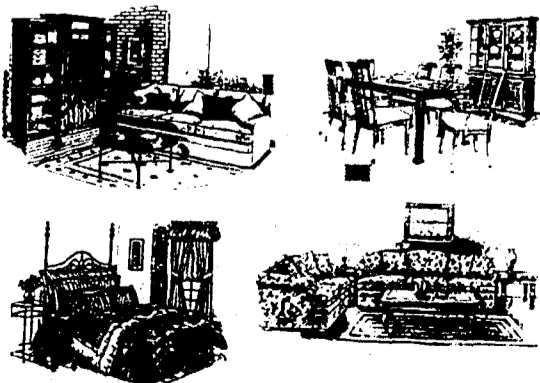
Awodey, on the meeting agenda for such approval, is in the process of purchasing the two houses on the corner of East and Water streets from the city's Downtown Development Authority. He would have one year to make complete site improvements, or two years if he tears the buildings down.

Awodey, the owner of Connection's North, hopes to move his business into the corner building before snow flies, and also plans to make some exterior aesthetic and interior renovations.

The board did not take any action on Awodey's plans but agreed to give tentative approval to use the space for retail operations.

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**EJ CITY HALL NEWS**

By KATHY O'REAR

The city is very fortunate to have individuals that are willing to donate their personal time and services in support of their community. True volunteerism is fading fast in many communities, but not in East Jordan. True volunteerism is giving of yourself or service to better your community without the expectation of receiving anything in return.

There are several ways to be a true volunteer within your community, but it was the actions of a few volunteers that helped the City of East Jordan obtain \$369,000 to expand recreational opportunities in our area.

The City of East Jordan is very pleased to be a recipient of one of the first grant awards made under the Clean Michigan Initiative recreation bond program. A total of \$369,000 in state funds will go to develop the first phase of our multipurpose recreational area, Boswell Field, all because of the work and commitment of a few dedicated volunteers.

Local funding of \$246,000 will be raised by donation and tax dollars and \$80,000 toward the local share has already been pledged. The East Jordan Rotary Club, an early supporter of the project, has pledged \$20,000 and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has pledged \$60,000.

The CMI bond program is extremely competitive and for our small, rural community to receive this substantial grant shows extraordinary community support for and commitment to a project that addresses recreational needs for all ages.

I have been with the City of East Jordan for more than 15 years and I have never witnessed a project that has generated as much interest and support, from all ages and types of groups (civic, environmental, governmental, educational) than the redevelopment of Boswell Field. A sense of "community" has been with this project since its conception six years ago, causing many residents and local officials to refer to the park as "Community Park." The idea of Community Park was conceived at the same time the city acquired the property from the East Jordan Public Schools (1993).

Several individuals felt this area should be developed into a multipurpose recreational facility. No one can imagine the amount of personal time, effort and commitment given to this community by these volunteers over the past six years.

When starting to pursue the property's development, it was noted that the city's Recreation Plan was sorely out of date. This handful of volunteers inspired the city to update its Recreation Plan.

In 1995, a very comprehensive and aggressive plan was adopted, pinpointing Community Park as a very valuable recreation asset for the city. Grant applications were made for funding of needed improvements for the park, but were rejected due to extreme competition for funds and the lack of the city providing a clear need for the facility.

The volunteers then lobbied our state elected officials and met with various DNR officials (at their own expense and on their personal time) to determine just what was lacking in East Jordan's applications.

A community awareness project was then started whereby city officials and volunteer spokespersons visited community groups to inform them of the recreational potential of Community Park and to encourage support of the project.

When the time came for the first round of Clean Michigan Initiative Funds to be available, East Jordan was able to submit an application that was considered one of the best out of the 242 submitted. I am very honored to have worked with these spirited community volunteers, and I look forward to their continued support and help as construction gets underway in 2000.

Phase One of the park's development will consist of three soccer fields, four ball diamonds, a concession stand, restrooms, lighted parking area, picnic area, and a quarter-mile nature trail.

We encourage any and all area residents, businesses and groups, who would like to participate in the redevelopment of Community Park, by donation, services or construction help, to contact City Hall at 536-3381. There is plenty of work to spread around!

*(Kathy O'Rear is city clerk and assistant city administrator for East Jordan.)*

**CALENDAR**

**MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE Through Dec. 30**

This interactive exhibit on vision will be at the Northern Michigan Hospital Community Health Education Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (except Dec. 23 & 25). The exhibit was developed by the Smithsonian Institution, and is sponsored by SEE-North, Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation, and Oakland Schools.

**YOGA CLASS Saturday, Dec. 11**

A workshop called "An Introduction to Bliss Yoga" will be held from 9 a.m.-12 noon at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The workshop will introduce participants to yoga through history, philosophy and scientific practicality, and will teach an all-over yoga practice suitable for anyone. Check in is at 8:45 a.m. Information: Connie Roland, 547-8570.

**PEACE COFFEE HOUSE CONCERT Saturday, Dec. 11**

Wagbo Peace Center presents Will and Ann Rowland from Lewiston and Kerry West with Craig Day from St. Ignace from 8-11 p.m. at the Jordan River Arts Center on Main Street in East Jordan. Cost: \$5 donation suggested.

**DRUG ED 101 Thursday, Dec. 16**

A program to educate about current drug use and abuse in the local area will be held from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Char Em ISD Meeting Room. Presenters are Celia Partida Kelly, Safe & Drug Free Schools, and D. Scott Kelly, BASES Executive Director. Cost: free. Pre-registration is required. Call by Dec. 10, 547-1144.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday, Dec. 28**

The East Jordan Community American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held from 1-6:45 p.m. at the East Jordan Middle School at 951 Mill St.

**TWELFTH NIGHT**

Weekend evenings, early January. The legend of "Twelfth Night" will be enacted SEE-North style from 6-8 p.m. Reservations required; call for dates and locations. 348-9700.

**AL-ANON**

Tuesday nights. Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City.

**BOYNE FOOD PANTRY**

First & third Mondays. Food pick-up hours are on the first Monday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon and third Monday from 5-7 p.m., or on Tuesday if a holiday falls on Monday.

**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 10 a.m.-1 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.

**BOYNE POLICE NEWS**

The Boyne City Police Department handled 51 complaints for the week of Nov. 25-Dec. 1, including one traffic accident, four traffic citations, and 19 verbal warnings. The department made nine arrests, including two for burglary, one for possession of burglary tools, one for indecent exposure, one each on minor in possession, liquor violation, and violation of a drug-free zone, and one for resisting officer.

Complaints included: Monday, Nov. 29 - A complaint of phone harassment was received from the Vogel St. area. A littering complaint came from the downtown area. Child safety is under investigation regarding a complaint received in the downtown area.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 - Officers responded to a larceny report of a cell phone from a person while at the

Sportsman's. The middle school called for an officer to assist on a minor in possession complaint.

Wednesday, Dec. 1 - An officer assisted the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department at a personal injury accident on Boyne City-East Jordan Rd. near Dietz Rd. A citation was issued to a person passing a vehicle on the right.

Friday, Dec. 3 - An officer was called to Parkview Apartments for a possible domestic problem.

Saturday, Dec. 4 - One person was arrested on a Family Court Bench Warrant. Bond was received and the person was released.

Sunday, Dec. 5 - Officers responded to an assault complaint received from South Lake Street and the larceny of a deer head from the same area.

**OBITUARIES**

**Patricia "Tricia" Easterwood**

Patricia "Tricia" Easterwood, 50, formerly of East Jordan, died on Monday, Nov. 29, 1999 at her home in Charlevoix.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Mark J. Mouldrem officiated, with burial at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Tricia was born on Sept. 25, 1949 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Thomas, Sr. and Mary Lou (Peterson) Breakey. Tricia grew up in East Jordan and graduated from East Jordan High School in 1967. On June 10, 1967, she married Hugh Lambert, Sr. He died in 1990. On Nov. 5, 1994 in Charlevoix, she married Jon Easterwood. He died on Oct. 13, 1997.

She was the co-owner of E & E Incorporated and E.J. Sandblasting until 1998, both of which were located in East Jordan. She also was the co-owner of EZ Storage in East Jordan until July 1999.

She was a member of the Street Legends, an antique car club in Charlevoix. Tricia enjoyed collecting antiques and loving her family.

Tricia is survived by three children, Tammy (Todd) Essenberg of Atwood, Hugh "Scooter" (Amy) Lambert, Jr. of Ellsworth, and Angela (Dennis) Clark of Charlevoix; five grandchildren, Tyler Essenberg, Alexis Lambert, Tara Essenberg, Katy Lambert, and Cameron Clark; her parents, Thomas, Sr. and Mary Lou Breakey of East Jordan; two brothers, Thomas "Tinker" Breakey, Jr. and William "Butch" Breakey, both of East Jordan; a sister, Debbie (Brad) Sweet of East Jordan; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joe and Ruth Easterwood of Charlevoix; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, "Happy" and cat, "Fuzzy."

Memorials may be given to the Ebenezer Christian School in Ellsworth or the East Jordan Firefighter's Association.

**Raynor Carl Olstrom**

Raynor Carl Olstrom, 74, of East Jordan, died on Friday, Dec. 3, 1999 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. James W. Larsen of the Family of Christ Church in Petoskey officiated, with interment in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Raynor was born on March 10, 1925 on the family homestead near East Jordan, the son of Gust and Mary (Hoaglund) Olstrom. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1943. On Jan. 27, 1956 in Petoskey, he married Barbara Barnes. They made their home in East Jordan where he farmed most of his life.

He had also worked 15 years as a meat cutter and then retired in 1987 from Gulf & Western in East Jordan

after 22 years. He enjoyed farming, antique tractors, and western movies. He was a member of the Turkey Federation Traverse Bay Chapter and a former member of the Peninsula Grange.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Olstrom of East Jordan; two sons, Carl (Cindie) Olstrom of East Jordan and Nelson (Dorothy Sisson) Olstrom of Boyne City; one daughter, Karen (Leonard) Kirby of East Jordan; eight grandchildren; one brother, Einer (Vivian) Olstrom of Okemos; one sister, Elna Clute of Boyne Falls; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Wilmer and Elmer Olstrom.

Memorials may be given to East Jordan Ambulance Fund or the Family of Christ Church.

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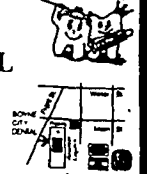
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# Holiday calendar

## 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.

## 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. Information: 536-2842

## 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 WALKS

**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.

Nativity Episcopal Church will hold its Cookie Walk from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church, located next to the Library on Main St.

## LIVE NATIVITY

**Sunday, Dec. 12**  
The Boyne City United Methodist Church will be presenting a live nativity with four 20 minute showings, beginning at 6 p.m. in front of the church on Park Street. Refreshments will be provided.

## SANTA CLAUS VISITS

**Saturday, Dec. 11-Thick and Juicy, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 18-Carter's Food Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

## CHRISTMAS STORYTIME

**Monday, Dec. 13**  
A Christmas Storytime for preschool children ages 3-5 will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Boyne District Library. Registration is required. Call 582-7861.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

**Sunday, Dec. 19**  
There will be a Community Christmas Program and Carol Sing on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. at St. Matthew's in Boyne City. Several area churches will participate in the program. A social time and refreshments will be in the Fellowship Hall after the program.

## CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

**Saturday, Dec. 25**  
A Christmas day dinner will be held from noon-3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. All are invited to attend. Call 582-7841 or 582-7983 if you plan to attend.

## CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

**Every weekend through Dec. 20**  
The East Jordan Lions Club will sell trees at Huntington Bank's downtown branch parking lot in East Jordan. Information: Jeff Argetsinger 582-2770.

## FESTIVAL OF THE BELLS

**Through Dec. 11**  
A week-long pre-holiday shopping promotion and holiday celebration. Information: East Jordan Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351.

## MEN'S NIGHT

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**  
4 - 8 p.m. Merchants are holding special sales and events.

## JUDGING MERCHANT-BUSINESS DECORATING CONTEST

**Wednesday, Dec. 8**  
Sponsored by Rupp & Keen/Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate.

## 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

**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. Free fire truck, police car, & ambulance rides.

## ROLLERSKATING AT JVX

**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
Rollerskate at Jordan Valley Express

from noon-3 p.m.

## 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.

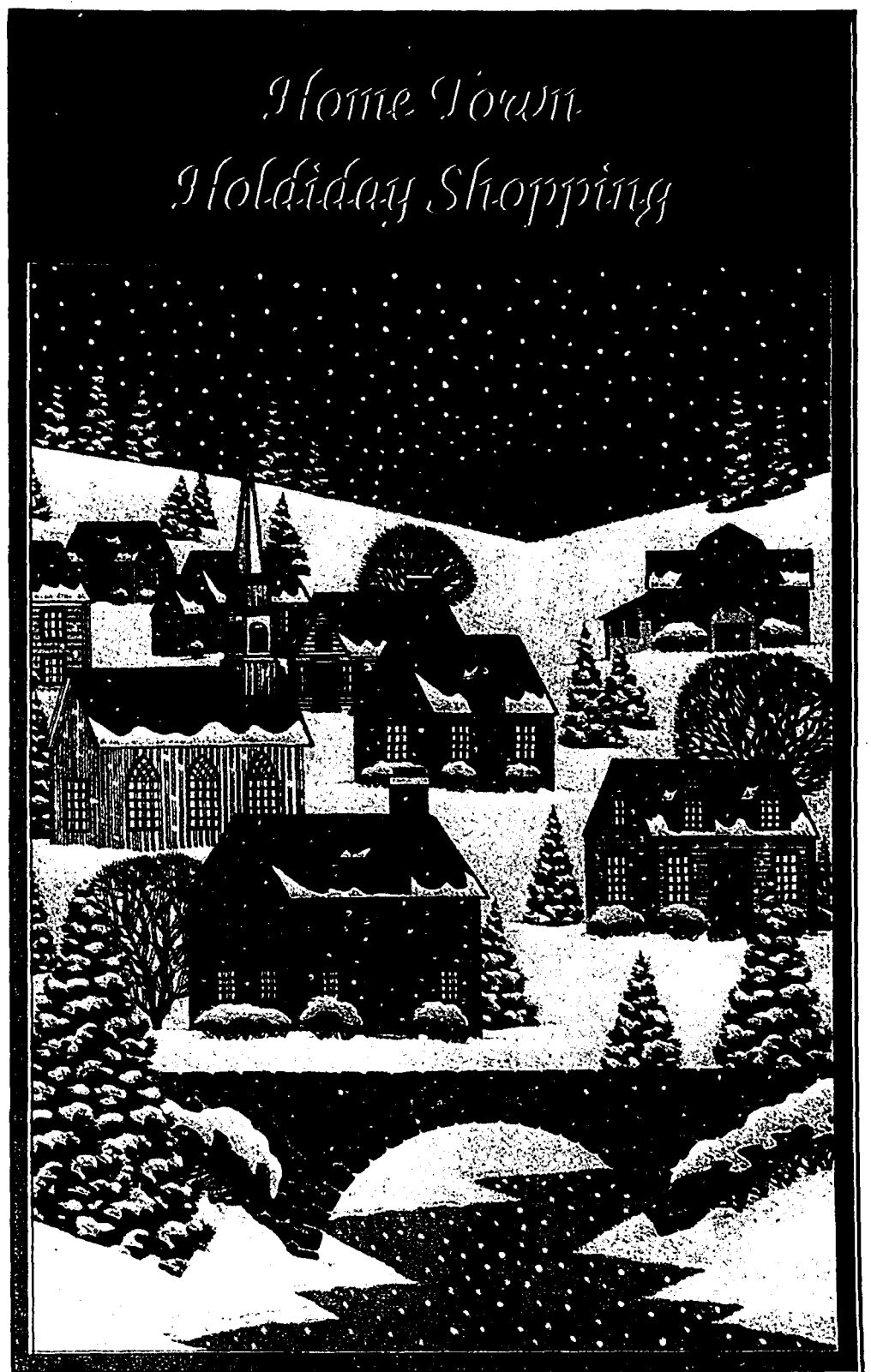
## HOLIDAY GALA!

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**  
The 7th and 8th grade-East Jordan High School Band, Jazz Band, and Choir will perform at Jordan Valley Express at 7 p.m.

## 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

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## CHRISTMAS

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The Lions and Rotary Trolley Tour of Lights will run from Dec. 10-23 departing from Boyne Country Books on Water Street at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to take in the sparkly sites.

The ride is free, but seats are available on a first-come first-served basis only, so pick up tickets ahead of time at the book store. Even if the trolley fills up, tour organizer Julie Wellman encourages folks to follow along in their own vehicles.

"We have a ton of them," Wellman said, conservatively estimating that more than a dozen homes have each been decorated with at least 10,000 bulbs.

Lighted houses are automatically entered in the Tour of Lights contest, with judging taking place in the evening on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places, with last year's winners on the panel.

For more than a decade, Wellman has coordinated what has become a holiday tradition in the city and she believes it's the best show around.

"The whole point was for everyone to put up lights," she said. "We're definitely getting to that point."



# Which Christmas tree to buy?

Trying to decide between a fresh and artificial Christmas tree this year?

If the environment is part of that concern, Christmas tree growers say the real thing is the best thing for the earth.

"Unlike artificial trees, real Christmas trees are renewable and recyclable," said Mel Koelling, forestry professor at Michigan State University. "However, many people still perceive cutting trees down as bad for the environment and that's not the case."

Fifty years ago, Christmas trees were often cut down in forests and not replaced with seedlings. But today, 98 percent are grown on farms. According to the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, for every one harvested, up to three more are planted. They take between four and 15 years to grow to harvest.

Since they are grown as a crop, like fruits or vegetables, they are managed on a sustainable basis.

Michigan is one of the largest producers of Christmas trees with over four million expected to be harvested this year. One million stay in the state and the rest are exported across the United States to

several foreign countries.

Of trees harvested each year, 59 percent are recycled in community programs. Since they are 100 percent biodegradable, even the ones not used in a specific program are ultimately recycled back into

nature.

And since artificial trees -- most of which are manufactured from petroleum and plastics -- are not recyclable, after several seasons of use, they ultimately end up in a landfill.

# Calendar

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for Sale - member artists have created fine art objects at affordable prices suitable for Christmas giving. Open 1 p.m.-4 p.m. daily.

**INFORMANCE!**  
Thursday, Dec. 16  
The 6th grade band will play at East Jordan Middle School at 7 p.m.

**LIVE NATIVITY SCENE**  
Sunday, Dec. 19  
6-8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St. The public is invited. Information: 536-2941.

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

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**  
Friday, Dec. 24  
7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian

Church, 207 Williams St.  
7:30 p.m. at the East Jordan United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St.

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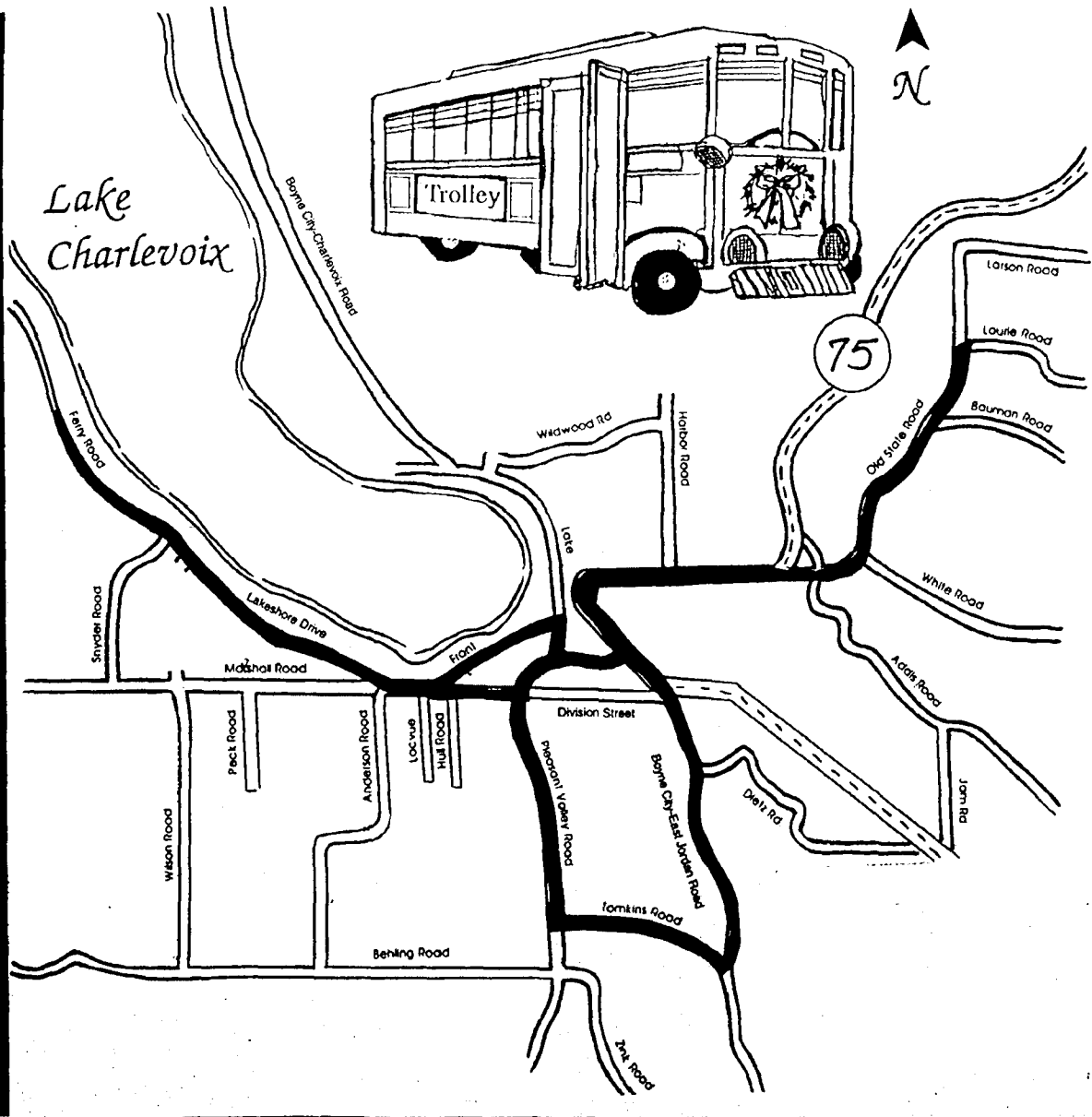
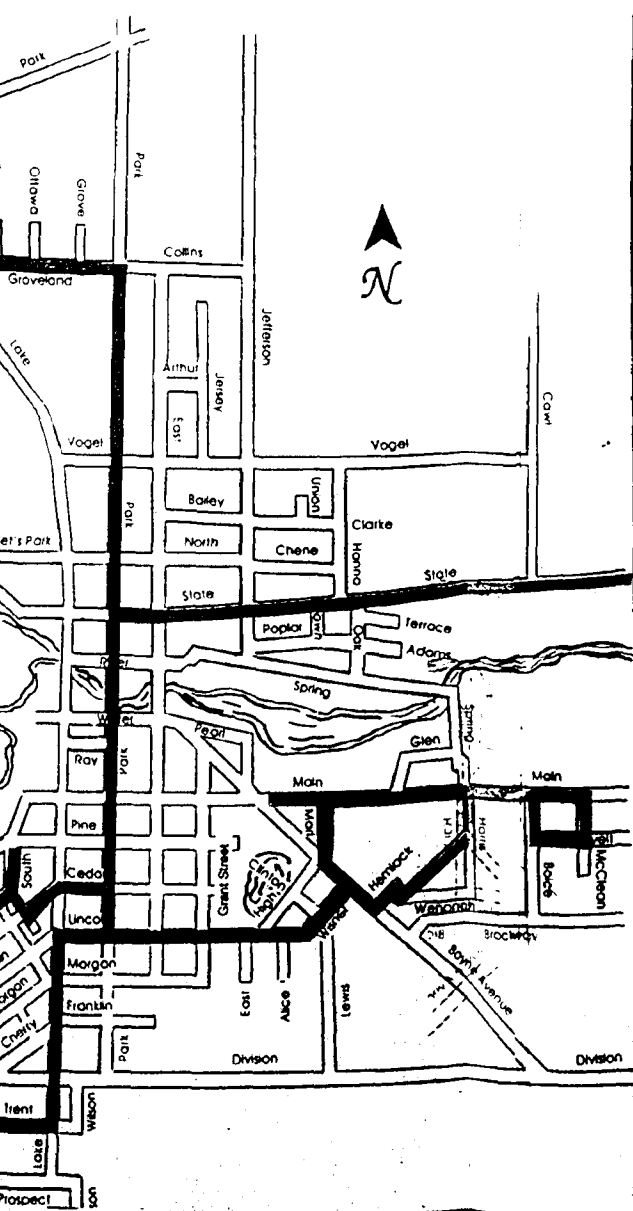
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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**East Jordan**

**NAME:** Tricia Pennington  
**GRADE:** Junior  
**PARENTS:** Frank and Sue Pennington  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** SADD, cheerleading  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Music and softball



Tricia Pennington

**FUTURE PLANS:** College with hope of becoming an elementary school teacher.  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** BEST Aide and Lifetime Sports  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Tricia has an excellent attitude in class," said Bob Panoff. "Tricia has a terrific attitude in class with a willingness to learn beyond the structured material," said John Ubbing. "Tricia is one of the most cheerful students I've ever had in class," said Jennifer Richardson. "Tricia has a great sense of humor and always has a great attitude," said Sharon Moeke. "A bright spot in any day is talking to this young lady," said Bill Aten. "Tricia is my aide and I couldn't do it without her," said Becky Miller. "Tricia is a pleasure to have in class," said Liz Huyck. "She has an outstanding attitude. She seems to take on every challenge with a positive outlook."

**NAME:** Gretchen Knight  
**GRADE:** Senior  
**PARENTS:** David and Krista Knight  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** National Honor Society, SADD, secretary for student council, life-guard at East Jordan Community Pool and a counselor at Camp EJ during the past summer.  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** "I spend time enjoying northern Michigan outside by spending time at the beach and swimming in the summer and skiing in the winter. I am also very artistic and hope to extend that to a future career."



Gretchen Knight

**FUTURE PLANS:** "I will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall of 2000, majoring in advertising and graphic design."  
**FAVORITE CLASS:** "Advanced Senior English - the class is based on reading novels and I love to read. I also think that Mrs. Stangis is preparing us with skills we need in college."  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Gretchen has a great attitude," said Lisa Treinen. "She is dependable. She works well independently and strives to do the best." "Gretchen is a terrific, hard-working young lady," said Matt Inman. "She is a student who pushes herself and does not have to be led along. She is a quality young adult." "Creative, a leader, positive," said Kathy Stangis. "These are all attributes to describe Gretchen." "Gretchen is a self-directed learner and a nice person," said Jerry Hawes. "Gretchen is a disciplined worker," said Darrin Podskalny. "She is a leader and a motivator who excels in all of her efforts. Sincere, quality and first class are descriptions of Gretchen."

**Boyne City**

**NAME:** Matt Juszczyk  
**GRADE:** Sophomore  
**PARENTS:** Joe and Carol Juszczyk  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Band, jazz band, drama, golf team



Matt Juszczyk

**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Boy Scouts of America, playing piano and trombone, cross country skiing, reading, camping.  
**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** College after high school and obtain a degree in engineering and be a part-time musician.  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Matt is doing well in biology," said Elizabeth Hemming. "He is conscientious, self-motivated, organized and a pleasure to have in class. I appreciate his positive attitude and enjoy working with him this year. Congratulations Matt!" "Matt has set high goals for himself," said Sandy Clausen. "He is a good role model student. He quickly picks up new concepts and strives to understand thoroughly. Matt is respectful of others and is a great person. I enjoy having Matt in class, he is motivated and always works hard. Congratulations Matt!" "In addition to being an exceptional academic student, Matt excels in band," said Bill Sommerfeldt. "He is involved in marching band, concert band, pep band, jazz band, and is also my student intern for sixth grade band. Matt is a definite asset to the band program."

**NAME:** Kelly Sweet  
**GRADE:** Senior  
**PARENTS:** Kay and Mel Sweet  
**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; NHS 3, 4; tennis 4; band 1, 3, 4.  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Snowboarding, guitar, sax



Kelly Sweet

**FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS:** "I plan to attend Alma College and study veterinary science."  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Kelly is involved in marching band, concert band and pep band," said Bill Sommerfeldt. "She is auditioning for a music performance scholarship at Alma College." "Kelly is an outstanding physics student," said Sandy Clausen. "She strives for complete understanding and asks questions when she doesn't understand. Kelly is very willing to help her classmates who have questions. Kelly's enthusiasm and positive energy make her an enjoyable student to have in class. Congratulations Kelly."

**Boyne Falls**

**NAME:** Lance Rypowski  
**GRADE:** 3rd  
**PARENTS:** Paul and Theresa Fiel  
**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** bowling  
**FAVORITE COLORS:** black and blue  
**WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP:** truck driver



Lance Rypowski

**FAVORITE FOOD:** popcorn  
**WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT SCHOOL:** gym, music  
**NOMINATING COMMENTS:** "Lance Rypowski has a love for the art of music that shows in his everyday performance," said Miss Hines. "He is a great example of how a student can shine in extra-curricular classes. Keep up the great work Lance."

**NEIGHBORS**

By NANCY NORTHUP

**BACK FROM HAWAII** are Betty Kelts, Jerry Kelts, Andrew and Jo Kipapa and their children Ipo, Kayla, and Pua and his friend Joey Bonebreak. All attended the wedding of Keoki and Lore Kuheana at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel on Nov. 13. The newlyweds will make their home on Oahu. His brother, Kimo, and sister and husband, Aulani and Earnest Rhea stood up with them in their wedding ceremony. "A good time was had by all!" said my caller, "and the weather was nice, but there's just no place like Boyne City."

**HOUSE GUESTS OF** Oral and Eleanor Sutliff for three days over the Thanksgiving holiday were (T. J.) Carol Sutliff and her sons Mark and John and grandson Josh. Many of the relatives from the immediate area all gathered for Thanksgiving dinner at the Sutliffs, as it has been several years since all have been together. Lots of memories were shared and a joyful day was enjoyed by everyone.

**A THANKSGIVING DAY** wedding was held at the Boyne City home of Helen Baumgarten. Much to her delight, her son Dan and Laura Ala-Verdra, both of Florida, became engaged last August, and were married in a civil ceremony on Nov. 18, and chose her living room for the special religious ceremony on the 25th. Officiated by Dan's former pastor, the Rev. Elliot Morrison, now of Traverse City, the matrimonial vows were repeated before guests from Virginia, Farmington Hills,

Newport, Midland, Petoskey, and Boyne City. A 3 p.m. wedding dinner, a Thanksgiving feast, catered by Elnora Maule, and a good time was enjoyed by the 16 guests attending. The newlyweds spent their "honeymoon" nights at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel and also at the Perry Davis in Petoskey, before returning to Florida on Tuesday.

**CARRIE LYNN SILVA**, daughter of Benet and Sherry Silva of East Jordan was honored at her home on Friday night for her 13th birthday. A gathering of about 20 family members and friends showered her with flowers and cards and a fun time in sharing this special time for a young lady, with a birthday cake and ice cream.

**PRISCILLA AND AL PAPANI** have returned to their home in Illinois after being in Boyne City to be with her mother Phyllis Tison and her dad, Joseph, in Grandvue and other relatives for a long holiday visit. Brian Tison and family were also here from Illinois visiting area relatives and "looking to see snow."

**THE UNITED METHODIST Church** in Boyne City held their annual Christmas Bazaar and luncheon on Saturday with their usual success of a great turnout.

**THE MAINTENANCE STAFF** of Litzenger Place, Ray Detcher, Mike Miner, and Brenda Miller, are to be commended for an excellent job in creating the beauty of Christmas for all to enjoy. The new lighting of the outside trees and bushes in the front, even without snow, surely does add an awesome look and brightens the holiday mood!

**NANCY AND BRUCE LAWSON** of Rochester were here visiting her mother Jean Korhase and family. While attending Saturday's Luncheon and Christmas Bazaar at the Methodist Church, Nancy was glad to see so many people she knew but hadn't seen in a while!

**ELEANOR DETCHER** solved the "Who Done It" of the Thanksgiving mopehead turkey mementos given to tenants here. It was sweet little 3-year-old Kaycie and her parents DeLynn and Patricia Overmyer of Boyne Falls who made the much appreciated visit here.

**DARRYL AND MARCIE THOMPSON** of Ashley were here over the weekend, visiting his parents, Verlin and Dorothy Thompson, and to be one of those entering their fine woodworking crafts in Saturday's Christmas Bazaar at Boyne City High School. The Thompson families gathered at mom and dad's for a belated October birthday celebration.

**THE BOYNE CITY RAMBLERS** showed their colors at their fall Red Cross Blood drive on Nov. 18. Under the direction of Debbie Neidhamer, the National Honor Society students surpassed their goal of collecting 50 units of blood by 21 units and 33 of the 71 donors were first timers. "You are true heroes to the patients we serve and we thank you," said Carolyn Matzinger of the American Red Cross blood program.

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

**CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

**American Legion Post #228**

Three veterans were initiated into American Legion Post #228 of Boyne City at the Dec. 2 meeting.

Commander Jerry Evans conducted the ceremony for father and son Paul and Charles Utley of Boyne Falls, and Stan Hoover of Boyne City. Each new member was presented with an American flag, a book on flag etiquette and an American Legion lapel pin.

In other business, a report on the Graves and Registration project was given by Maxine Hough. A listing of graves identified at those of veterans in the local cemeteries has been furnished to each of the governmental bodies. Identified were 400 in Maple Lawn, eight in Old Wilson Township, 38 in Evangeline Township, 18 in Eveline Township, four in Knop (Wilson Township), and two each in Lewis and Todd cemeteries (Wilson Township). It was noted that some of those graves do not have U.S. veteran grave marker/flag holders. If any person knows of a veteran's gravesite that is not properly marked, they may call the governmental body concerned. An inventory of the cemeteries in Boyne Falls could begin next spring, if the village would like it done.

Fred Gondzar, post chaplain, gave a lengthy report on his visits to the sick and hospitalized veterans in the area. The list continues to be long and Fred mentioned that many of those veterans would welcome visits from other people.

The charter was draped for our deceased member, Joan King. It was also voted that we donate \$20 to the Eagles in her memory.

In memory of deceased Legionnaires Ceber Gillespie and Warren Davis, \$25 each was donated towards the WWII memorial.

It was also voted that we donate \$25 for homeless veterans. The poppies were ordered for the May poppy sale.

**American Legion Post #228**

A Christmas party for the Post and Auxiliary is planned for Dec. 29, at 6:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall. All veterans and families are invited to attend, and bring finger foods. Bingo will be played, bringing a few small wrapped gifts for bingo prizes. Instead of a gift exchange, each person should bring an envelope with \$3 or more. Money will be donated to a charity to be decided on.

A luncheon will be provided at the Legion hall after the services for Warren Davis.

The district meeting will be held in East Jordan on Dec. 12 at the East Jordan Legion Hall.

The next meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary will be held after a potluck supper at the hall on Thursday evening, Jan. 6.

**American Legion Auxiliary**

The American Legion Auxiliary Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Unit 227 has had a busy year, making membership quota (109%) by September, and are accepting new memberships.

The Auxiliary gave contributions to the Jacobetti Veterans Hospital in Marquette, to help veterans through Christmas. We also sent two girls to Girls State, and are hoping to do the same in the year 2000.

The Legion and Auxiliary are collecting pull tabs from aluminum cans which are redeemed for equipment at Charlevoix Area Hospital for the pediatric ward. You may drop them off at the Legion or call Evelyn Hull at 544-6644 or Mary Jane Hull at 536-3200.

The District meeting will be held at the Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post on Sunday, Dec. 12, starting at 11 a.m. with a social hour.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary**

At its regular November meeting, Flotilla 16-2, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Charlevoix, elected new offic-

ers for the upcoming year. John Hasenko, Harbor Springs, was elected Flotilla Commander, and Brunell "Chuck" Goebel, Charlevoix, Vice Flotilla Commander. They will be sworn in at the Change of Watch on Dec. 11.

Receiving certificates for the completion of the Administrative Procedures Course were Chuck Goebel and Barbara Goebel. Steve Hicks, Charlevoix, was recognized for achieving crewman status.

The next meeting will be the Change of Watch on Dec. 11 at Alexanders in Charlevoix.

**Veteran of the Month**

December Veteran of the Month for Boyne City's Ernest Peterson Post #228 of the American Legion is Leo Ecker.

Leo served with the United States Navy as a Second Class Water Ten-



Leo Ecker

der on the Mercury during the liberation of the Philippines in World War II. Leo was the recipient of the American Theater Philippine Liberation and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbons.

He was born in Walloon Lake and worked many years at the Masters Boat Works. He was married to Lucy Sanders for 41 years. He is being remembered by his daughter Linda and his son-in-law John Mathers.

**Holy Nativity hosts cookie walk**

The aroma of Christmas will fill the air at Nativity Episcopal Church's 10th annual Cookie Walk, to be held Saturday, Dec. 11 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The church is located on Main St. next to the Boyne District Library.

Visitors will be provided with a bag or a box to fill with such goodies as coconut Santas, reindeer, gingerbread men, brownie pots and hundreds more.

Proceeds go to outreach programs and making Nativity more accessible to those who are challenged.

**COLLEGE NEWS**

**MARK PENZIEN** of East Jordan, a sophomore at Alma College, will co-star in one of three original works written by upper-level theatre students on Dec. 10-12 at Alma College. The one-act plays will showcase the talents of authors, actors and the theatre department's student production staff.

**COLLEEN T. CHAPOTON** is a member of the British Eighth, Albion College's marching band.

The band maintains the traditional look of the Queen's Honor Guard and the use of the British Eighth step during parades and pre-game, and performed several different half-time shows this year featuring music selections from Star Wars and the Blues Brothers.

Chapoton is a junior majoring in biology and secondary education. She graduated from Boyne City High School, and is the daughter of Margaret E. Myers and Eustace T. Chapoton, both of Boyne City.

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**4-H news**

**Improving the lives of children**

By JOHN WURM

As we move on over into the new millennium, we have had a series of events that has occurred recently.

Three school districts in Charlevoix County have passed a millage that stated that we are willing to invest in the future of our young people. Agree or disagree with this decision, we said as voters that young people and their future are important to us.

As a 4-H program, we make the effort to stay very focused on finding ways to improve the lives of our young people. A lot of research is being done that seems to point to the need to build more positive aspects within the young people of our community. The basic premise is that the more positive things that kids have in their lives, the more likely they are to be successful when they become adults.

One of the key things that young people need is to feel appreciated and respected by the adults in their community.

One of the easiest ways to improve this is when you see young people. Make eye contact with them and simply say "hello." While a commitment has to be made from both directions, you should feel encouraged to stop and talk to a teen that you see

on a regular basis. Go ahead and introduce yourself or just take a moment to get to know them a little better.

Along with a lot of other people, I am happy that we will not likely be seeing anything about school millages for quite awhile. Now that we will have the physical structure, we can get to the important work of finding new ways to impact kids. Select the youth organization of your choice and make a significant decision to impact the lives of one or more children.

If you currently have a skill or would like to develop one, please take the time to share it with a young person. For children who grow up and become successful, they always look back on their childhood and have one person that they can recall that really inspired them. I encourage you to dedicate yourself to becoming that person. It happens one kid at a time with the involvement of everyone.

Soon we will have the buildings, then we can get on with some serious youth development and growth. In fact, why not get a jumpstart on that right after the first of the year?

*(John Wurm is the Charlevoix County 4-H Youth Agent responsible for local 4-H programs through Michigan State University Extension.)*



**Back in time**

Studies of the French and Indian War by East Jordan Middle School students culminated in an annual rendezvous in which students, having already earned beads, silver and fur, bartered and traded with each other. The eighth graders also tanned deer hides, made deerskin pouches and studied the economics of this time period. Robby Dennis, above, takes some time out in the pillory post.



Jeremy Scott takes a turn at shuffle board.



Erika Derenzy looks the part in her historical outfit.

**Local artwork for sale at Arts Center**

Add some local artistry to your gift giving this year with works purchased from the Jordan River Arts Center.

Area artists were invited to display and sell their pieces at "Art For Sale" from the Center on Main Street in downtown East Jordan which includes a wide variety of works in a range of prices.

Participants include Patricia Butcher, stained glass; June Otis, ce-

ramic tiles; Carol Ross, watercolor and oil paintings; Carol Book, quilts and oil paintings; Penny Pepin, watercolors and Christmas cards; Alan Swan, blown glass; Glen McCune, original prints; Helen Fortney, needlepoint; Peg Midener, collages; Jim Galbraith, photographs; Kathy Leist, watercolors; Diane Strzelinski, ornaments and woven and knitted articles; Marion Shea-Light, water-

colors; Russ and Sue Bolt, ceramic cups and tiles and Christmas cards.

Art For Sale is being held in conjunction with the Century of Women Exhibit loaned by the Women's Historical Society of Michigan.

The exhibit and sale are open daily from 1-4 p.m. through Dec. 15. On Dec. 8 and 9, hours will be extended to 8 p.m. in conjunction with East Jordan's Festival of the Bells.

**East Jordan Middle School honor roll**

Following is the first marking period honor roll for East Jordan Middle School. To make the Superintendent's List, a student must have a 4.0 grade point average and cannot have an unsatisfactory citizenship mark. To be named to the Honor Roll, a student must have a 3.0 or higher grade point average and cannot have an unsatisfactory citizenship mark.

**SIXTH GRADE**

**Superintendent's List:** Amanda Ehnis; Shane Gardner, Amber Gettel; Eric Hansen; Marissa Huver; Katherine Kovel; Chad Kraemer; Amber Lifer; Michael Meads; Stephanie Olszewski; Kelsey Poineau; Andrea Postma; Sierra Roberts; Christine Vincent.

**Honor Roll:** Mo Ahmed; Mitchell Bartlett; Victoria Bingham; Josh Blaha; Hannah Boss; Nolan Brewer; Felicia Burks; Nicole Carter; Rachel Conklin; Joshua Cooper; Nicole Crain; Elizabeth David; Chantelle Dionne; Dallas Dougherty; Rebecca Gardner; Cliff Graham; Robert Green; Christopher Grose; Christin Hane; Tasha Hart; Kaitlyn Hefty; Michael Johnson; Crystal King; Seth Kishefsky; Amanda Kitston; Briget Knight; Brandon LaCount; Alex Lorne; Rachael McKenney; Rusty Miller; Jessica Morris; Julie Neidert; Justin

Nierman; Molly Pardee; John Renkiewicz; Sienna Richards; Zach Russell; Montana Saganek; Brooke Sheridan; Ian Sims; Andrew Streufert; Tassia Sweeney; Amanda Thomas; Justin Tipton; Megan Warnos; Tim Weisler; Justin Wilson; Andrew Wisner; Monique Yaldo.

**SEVENTH GRADE**

**Superintendent's List:** Kaila Bennett; Ashlynn Brown; Devin Brown; Katie Diller; Harrison Hansma; Stephanie Mills; Ashley Nichols; Jessica Skop; Kari Skop.

**Honor Roll:** Rosa Ambrosio; Amanda Arreguin; Kaleb Brown; Chelsea Criner; Chris Duff; Amanda Evans; Amanda Fennell; Jim Gee; Tabitha Grover; Hamilton Hansma; Randi Mae Heiden; Christine Jackson; Ashley Kenney; Tina Kirby; Casandra Kleiber; Thomas Krause; Lesley Lundy; Kayla Jacobson; Samantha McKenney; Steve Nowka; Kyle Peters; Ryan Peterson; Jasmine Petrie; Caleb Priest; Justin Roberts; Siouxi Shigwadja; Tyler Spence; Danielle Warren.

**EIGHTH GRADE**

**Superintendent's List:** Amber Heath; Krista Kenny; Rhett Malpass; Haley Shaw; Beth Stallard; Patrick Teske; Jessica Vallance.

**Honor Roll:** Michelle Arthur; Reece Bartlett; Alex Bayster; Tiffanie Bearden; Kim Beauvais;

Louis Beeler; Eirika Bennett; Samantha Bingham; Misty Boike; Eli Boss; Tiffanie Brammer; Amanda Brodin; Jessica Crick; Tyler Cutler; Heather Danforth; Erica Derenzy; Richard Derenzy; Jillian Derenzy; Brandon Derenzy; Josh Farmer; Donna Grutsch; Courtney Hammond; Brittney Hanson; Carrie Hart; Brooke Hawley; Matt Huver; Mark Kamrad; Aaron Meads; Thomas Robison; Amy Schroeder; Chrisanne Selonke; Teddy Slough; Josh Smith; Samantha Stanek; Sarah Steinhoff; Stephanie Stelk; Brittany Thayer.

**Community Christmas service planned**

Churches in the Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Horton Bay and Walloon Lake areas are invited to participate in a community Christmas program and carol sing on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m.

The non-denominational program

is being arranged by community members to celebrate the birth of Christ.

All community choir members are also invited to join together as a choir. To insure adequate seating, choir directors should call 582-7247 or 582-

7859.

The program will be held at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave.

It will be followed by a social time with refreshments in the church fellowship hall.

**Boyne City seniors seeking advice from Class of 99**

Members of the Boyne City High School Class of 1999 are invited to join the Class of 2000 on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 12:30 p.m. to share their experiences six months after graduation.

The former students should come

with information about what college life is like, how the new job is going and advice for students about making decisions as they head toward graduation. Dessert will be served.

If planning to attend, call Mrs. Crane or Dr. Stephens at 439-8100.

**Students win awards for essays**

Winners of the Voice of Democracy college scholarship competition are East Jordan high schoolers Jon Cornell, Linda Slough and Ken Slough.

The annual audio essay contest is sponsored by the East Jordan VFW Post and Auxiliary 7580. It is the group's premier youth activity which started in 1946. This year's judges were Pastor Bob Carter, Jeanine

Cummins, Betty Walker and Darwin Morris.

The students received checks for \$200, \$150 and \$100 respectively with the winner advancing to the regional level with a chance to ultimately win the first place \$20,000 scholarship.

Each of the 34 students who entered the competition were honored at a dinner at the VFW hall Nov. 16.

**Nativity comes alive Sunday**

A live nativity will be presented by the Boyne City United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 12.

Beginning at 6 p.m., there will be

four, 20-minute showings in front of the church on Park Street.

Refreshments will be provided. All are invited.

**Pets welcome to visit Santa**

Spruce up Sparky for the holidays and take him down to Once Upon a Time Photography in Boyne City for a photograph with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 12 from noon to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the pet pictures

will benefit the Charlevoix County Humane Society and Animal Shelter. Choose up to nine pictures in your choice of sizes.

Once Upon a Time is located on Lake Street in Boyne City.

**Wagbo hosts Peace Coffee House**

Will and Ann Rowland of Lewiston and Kerry West with Craig Day of St. Ignace will be this month's featured performers at Peace Coffee House Saturday, Dec. 11, from 8-11 p.m. at the Jordan River Arts Center in East Jordan.

The Rowlands have been compared to Robin and Linda Williams in style, with guitar, mandolin, and sweet harmonies. Emmy award winner Kerry West with new material on guitar and keyboards.

Open stage follows with songs, poetry, and stories from the audience. The annual Peace Quilt Raffle drawing will be held during intermission.

A donation of \$5 is requested of

adults. Coffee and treats will be available. Peace Coffee House is a smoke- and alcohol-free event presented by Wagbo Peace Center. For more information, call Tracy at 536-0333.

**North Central sponsors third grade writing contest**

The topic of a writing contest for third graders is "My favorite book character is... because..." The Phi Theta Kappa honor society at North Central Michigan College is sponsoring the contest.

Judging will be based on content, mechanics, and creativity. The papers can be any length, but the main area that will be looked at is content. The papers will be judged by three professors from NCMC.

Prizes will be gift certificates from Horizon Bookstore chains. First prize will be \$25, second \$15, and third \$10.

Students should enclose their name, school, address, age, teacher's name, and phone number with their entries. All entries must be postmarked by Dec. 17, 1999. Mail entries to Phi Theta Kappa, NCMC, 1515 Howard St., Petoskey, MI 49770. Winners will be notified by Jan. 21, 2000.

Questions regarding the contest should be directed to Gary Kersting, the Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, at North Central Michigan College at 348-6646.

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# Winter high school sports season begins this week

The winter high school sports season was underway Tuesday night with a local basketball match-up between East Jordan and Boyne Falls and an away game for Boyne City at Rogers City.

Though East Jordan isn't coming to the court with much experience on the team, coach Del Ingalls said they are optimistic.

"We have a young, energetic and athletic team," Ingalls said.

Senior Mike Wladishkin is the team's only seasoned player.

"He will be our pillar in the post," Ingalls said. "We expect a big year out of him."

He should also be one of the top post players in the area.

Micah Middaugh and Jeremy Bartlett should be strong wing players. Middaugh saw some varsity play as a sophomore last year and Bartlett, a newcomer to varsity, should also be a player to watch.

Senior guards Andy Brauer and Matt Birgy and sophomore Scott Jones should contribute as well.

There are five seniors, six juniors and one sophomore on the team.

"I think we're going to be an exciting team to watch," Ingalls said. "We may have some valleys, but there's definitely going to be a lot of peaks too. I think we're going to be a team to be reckoned with by the end of the season."

**BOYNE CITY BASKETBALL** coach Kevin Fitzpatrick said the Ramblers are off to a good start.

They'll have a mix of returning seniors who have seen some action as well as some juniors and sophomores.

"We're not overly big, but I think we have enough of the pieces in place," Fitzpatrick said.

"I think we have a solid enough post game and perimeter game and if we put it all together, we can be a pretty good basketball team."

Starters from last year, Noah Stanek and Luke Reinhardt, are returning. Also seeing time last year were Josh Bush and Tyson Johncheck.

Kevin Metzger and Nathan Wolf are also returning.

Bush, Stanek and Reinhardt are the team's tri-captains.

Stanek averaged 10 points last year and is the team's returning high scorer, though he's been hampered with a pre-season ankle injury.

"We're really looking to Noah to be a team leader," Fitzpatrick said.

Reinhardt, at point guard, will run the show on the floor.

Jason Rostar, a junior post player, is also coming off a pre-season appendix surgery. A.J. Spaay and Ryan Amesbury, sophomores who played JV last year, are also expected to contribute this year.

**EAST JORDAN'S VOLLEYBALL** team is "optimistic but reserved," coach Duane Kujat said.

"We have some depth, so we should be competitive in our league and hopefully it will be a fun season," Kujat said.

Returning starters include Jamie Baker, Suzi Malpass and Jennifer Roberts. Also returning are Mary Ann Brooks, Kristin Haley, Jessica Peverall, Renee Roberts and Wendy Walczak. The team also has three players who moved up from the junior varsity team.

The Red Devils finished second in the conference last year.

Kujat is still looking to fill the spots left vacant from two starters who graduated last year.

Tournaments over the next two Saturdays should help work out those details.

"We've got a pretty well-rounded team," Kujat said.

They will face Traverse City St. Francis on Dec. 16, a team East Jordan defeated during their final meeting last season.

**BOYNE CITY'S VOLLEYBALL** team has five returning seniors, Leah Senter, Leanne Schrader, Jackie Cyr, Jennie Hampton and Emily Bricker.

Cyr and Bricker will be the main setters, both having seen quite a bit of playing time last year.

Senter saw quite a bit of net play and is expected to be strong up front again.

Schrader played back row last year, but will probably step up to the net this year.

"I think they've got some good potential this year," coach Dorine Britton said.

There are six juniors on the team.

Last year the Lady Ramblers finished around 500.

"I think we'll do better than that this year. The girls are all anxious to play. They played very well together as a team," Britton said.

The team will compete in the Earlybird Tournament Saturday, followed by a match-up with Mancelona Monday and face their first conference game on Thursday, Dec. 16 against Elk Rapids.

# EJ girls youth basketball starting up

East Jordan girls youth basketball begins Saturday, Dec. 11 at the elementary school gymnasium.

Third and fourth graders will play from 9-10:30 a.m., followed by the

fifth and sixth graders from 10:30-noon.

If you have not already registered, please arrive early to the appropriate session in order to sign-up.

The cost is \$15 per player which includes 10 weeks of organized basketball and a T-shirt.

Call Dan Pepin at 547-4963 with questions.

## BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

**THE BOYNE CITY** Ace Hardware Bantams skated to a 3-1 win over Warner's Plumbing and Heating Bantams of Cheboygan.

Goals were scored by Justin Conklin, Chris Grice and Tyler Vogt, with assists by Garrett Bergmann and Darren Looze (2). Strong defense was provided by Tyler Kalbfleisch along with strong offensive action by Scott McDowell, Keith DaFoe and Cody Webster. Goalie Bobbie Courtright faced 25 shots on goal.

**BOYNE'S PEE WEE** Hockey Team traveled to Mackinaw Saturday and posted a 4-2 victory over the previously undefeated Mackinaw Blue team.

Scoring goals for Boyne were Nick Dunwoody with a hat trick, and Ryan Hennessy with one. Assists came from Trevor Mapes with three (playmaker) and Gabe Korhase. Derik Moore had 16 saves in goal.

Boyne then traveled to Cheboygan for a game against Citizens Bank of Cheboygan for their first loss of the season, 9-2.

Scoring for Boyne were Nick Dunwoody and John Fiedorck, with one assist from Dunwoody. Derik Moore had 19 saves in goal before leaving the game with an injury. Evan Keller was goalie for the last period and with no goalie pads, had five saves and allowed only one Cheboygan goal.

Aaron Hardy scored two goals last week against Cheboygan Wheeler MTRS.

**BOYNE AREA** Hockey's Premier Construction squirt team defeated Cheboygan F.O.P. on Saturday, 6-3. Great defensive plays were sparked by Keegan David, Jacob Fair and Shane Grunow. Offensive credits go to Dylan Clark with two goals and Matt Thomas with four, and Joe Variot had one assist. Andrew Katz and Allison Aown also made a strong showing on offense.

**THE BOYNE WHITE** squirt team sponsored by Dan's Concrete Service split two games this weekend at the Otsego County Sportsplex. On Saturday, they lost to the Char-Em Ice Dogs 6-4. After the Boyne team allowed four goals in the first seven minutes of the game they battled back with goals by Tyler Price and Samantha Dunwoody in the second period. John Miller assisted on Price's goal. Price and Miller each scored an unassisted goal in the third period.

On Sunday, the white squirt team defeated the Gaylord Stars by a score of 4-1. Floyd Alma and Taylor Voice each scored one goal and John Miller scored two goals for Boyne. Brad Boyer assisted on both of Miller's goals. An outstanding defensive effort was provided by Boyer, Tyler Price, Amy Anderson and Alex Bajko with Charlie Courtright in goal.

The white squirt team will be competing in the Mackinaw Invitation Squirt Tournament this weekend with games Saturday against Char-Em and Mackinaw with the championship and consolation games on Sunday.

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**CORRECTION**  
In a letter to the editor in the Nov. 24 issue, it was reported that the East Jordan CROP Walkers collected \$2,857. The number should have been \$3,857.



## A better view

Cement walls which surrounded former drying beds at Boyne City's water treatment facility on Front Street were recently removed and city commissioners discussed leveling the berms beyond the old beds to house a potential play area.

## Train

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be to hop on a train and head north like the old ski trains used to do."

Grice added that he thinks it will be great for nearby restaurants and bars, where people will naturally filter into as they make their way to Boyne Mountain.

"We think we'll be able to fill up a train," Tischler said.

A cement platform has already been poured on Mill Street, behind the Mill Street Cafe, to receive tourists exiting the four railway coaches, each of which will seat 76 people. A restaurant car will offer full dining and lounge service, featuring Stafford Smith, owner of Stafford's Inns & Restaurants, as the train's dining consultant.

"We'll make it quite comfortable," Tischler said.

The train would leave from Whitmore Lake — 10 miles outside of Ann Arbor — at 2 p.m. on a Friday, arriving in Petoskey by 8:30 p.m., and depart Petoskey at 1 p.m. Sunday, arriving in Whitmore Lake by 7:30 p.m.

The company will conduct trial runs shortly with preliminary estimates clocking the trip from Whitmore Lake to Kalkaska at five hours, traveling at 59 m.p.h. North of Kalkaska, the railway speed slows to 30 m.p.h.

Depending on the public's reception of the service, Tischler said the company will consider running a midweek trip, perhaps from a Tuesday to Thursday.

Though costs to ride the train have not yet been finalized, a tiered pricing structure will include packages offering dining service.

The company awaits final approval from the state and other entities which control land use in Whitmore Lake, on running the train out of the community.

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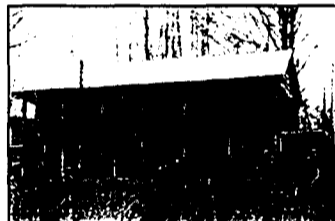
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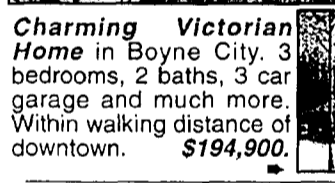
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**Mortgage Sale - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Duane Herriman and Leslie Herriman husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank of Petoskey, Mortgagee, dated July 7, 1993, and recorded on July 13, 1993 in Liber 257, on Page 0096, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee 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.

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 the 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 quarter line 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 sale. Dated: November 24, 1999 For information, please call: 248-593-1303 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File #991112478 Ravens Nov 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 1999

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**Mortgage Sale - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tomalynn S. Suttie, a married woman (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 6, 1995, and recorded on September 8, 1995 in Liber 289, on Page 0250, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage their is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-seven thousand two hundred fifty and 07/100 dollars (\$57,250.07), including interest at 8.625% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 10/01 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 January 21, 2000.

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

Commencing at the South Quarter corner of Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 6 West, thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East along the North and South Quarter line 1390 feet for the point of beginning, thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes West 1327.1 feet; thence North 63 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds East 1491.3 feet to the North and South Quarter line; thence South 00 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds West along said quarter line 674.2 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the East half of the Southwest quarter, Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 6 West. Subject to a 33.0 foot right of way for the County Road across the

Easterly portion thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale. Dated: December 8, 1999

For information, please call: 248-593-1303  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys and Counselors  
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100  
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File #97110048  
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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 mortgagee 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.  
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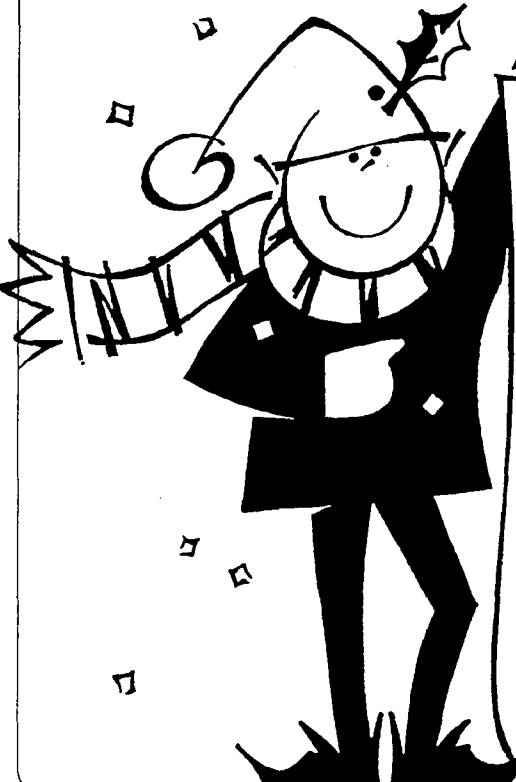
Special Meeting  
Nov. 16, 1999

All members of the Board of Trustees present. Discussion and approval of proposed settlement arising from Zoning Ordinance violation.

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### City planners want input on zoning

The Boyne City Planning Board is seeking community feedback as it works with McKenna and Associates to rewrite the city's ordinance.

"We'd like input from people who are affected by it and who may be able to offer something we don't think of or see," said city planner Tim O'Leary.

Anyone interested is encouraged to attend the special meetings held by the planning board to work specifically on the ordinance.

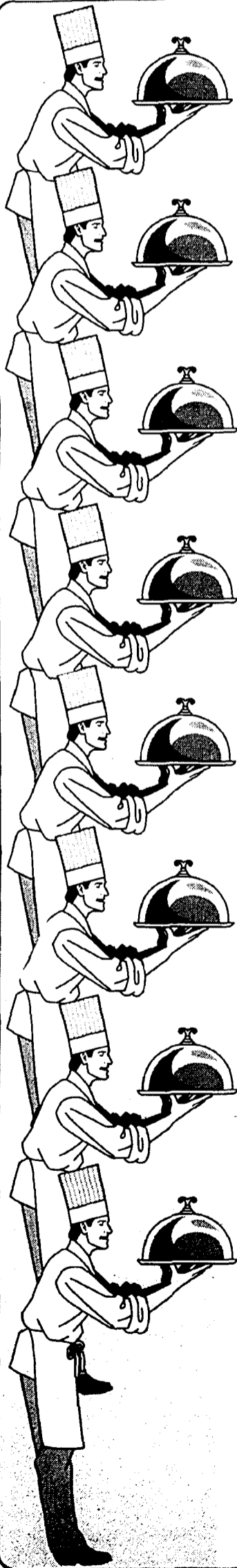
The next meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 9 at 6 a.m. Meetings usually take place at 5:30 p.m., and should resume normal scheduling after the holidays.

### Rep. Stupak's aid holds office hours

Brian McGillivray, congressional aide to Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, will hold office hours Tuesday, Dec. 7, in Petoskey.

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