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Area schools close for holiday break

The last day of school for Boyne City Schools students will be a full day of classes on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Christmas Break will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 22 and run through Sunday, Jan. 2. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 3.

For East Jordan and Boyne Falls Schools, students will have a half day on Wednesday, Dec. 22 with school resuming for a full day of classes on Monday, Jan. 3.

Christmas celebration planned for all

Churches from 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 area choir members are also invited to join together as a community choir. To insure adequate seating, choir directors should call 582-7247 or 582-7859.

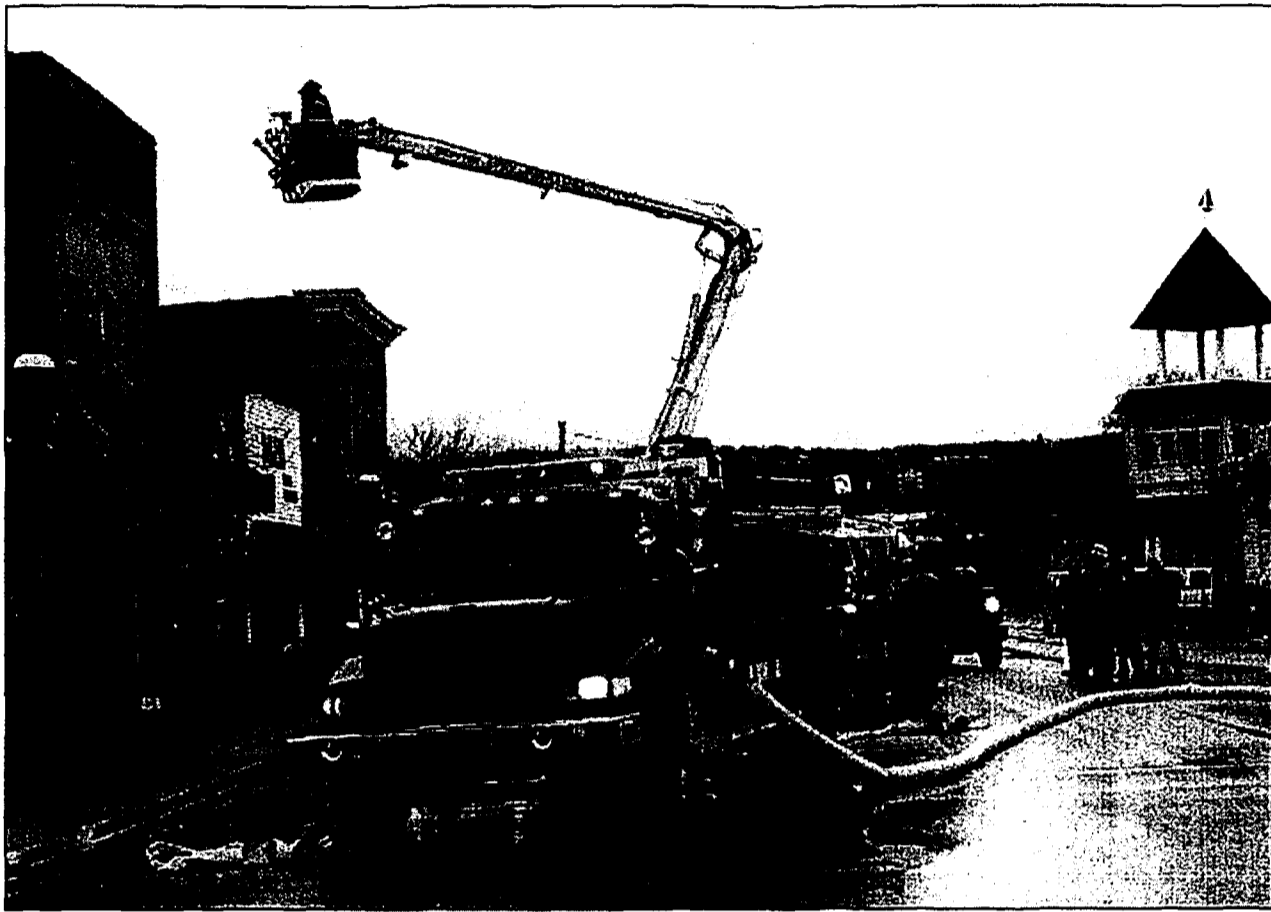
The program will be held at St. Matthew's Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., and will be followed by a social time with refreshments in the church fellowship hall.

Compton trial delayed again

A trial for Boyne City Schools superintendent Dana Compton has been postponed again, less than a week after it's last rescheduling.

A jury trial set for Dec. 21 in Bay County District Court has been moved to Jan. 26 at 8:15 a.m. before Judge John Leaming.

Compton was arrested in late July in Bay City on assault and battery charges for an alleged altercation with a former girlfriend. He pled not guilty to the misdemeanor charge.



At the ready

Firefighters were called to the scene of a fire at the Sportsman's Bar in Boyne City, which started from a desk lamp in an upstairs office. Trucks lined Lake Street from Ray Street to Water Street in preparation should the blaze have a chance to spread to nearby buildings. But the fire, though smoky, was snuffed out with less than five gallons of water before any serious damage was done. Turn to page 9 for the story and fire safety tips for the holidays.

Christmas day dinner open to all

A Christmas day dinner is being offered to community members for a third year in a row at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City.

The free, full-course meal will be served from noon-3 p.m. on Christ-

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-- Al Lawson

mas day for "anybody who wishes to come," said Al Lawson, one of the meal's organizers.

Last year 76 people enjoyed the feast with all the fixings.

"It's our Christmas gift to the community," Lawson said of his family and other volunteers who coordinate the meal.

This year fruit baskets, cookies and other treats will be offered to guests as well.

Planners are still accepting donations which can be dropped off at the church. Volunteers are also invited to contribute time.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to call Lawson at 582-7841 or the church at 582-7983 so they can plan accordingly, but a phone call is not necessary. Those needing a ride can also call either number to arrange for transportation.

HUNTINGTON'S BOB PREBBLE RETIRES AFTER FOUR DECADES IN THE BANKING BUSINESS

Long career comes to an end

By GINA SOLTIS KENDELL

It was 42 1/2 years ago when Bob Prebble took a job at the State Bank of East Jordan for \$250 per month sorting checks in alphabetical order, preparing them for posting and filing canceled checks.

Fresh out of high school, he had envisioned, and done some preparation, to join the Michigan State Police force.

Instead, more than four decades later, he will retire from the bank at year's end as a vice president.

From a \$6 million base and with only an office each in East Jordan and Boyne City, Prebble has seen the bank change names four times since then, first to Northwestern State Bank when it opened addi-

tional branches, to First Michigan Bank (FMB) in 1990, and finally to Huntington Banks in the Fall of 1997 with nine offices and a \$128 million base.

"They tell me it's a dying trait to stay with the same employer from the beginning of your career to the end of your career," Prebble said.

But once he stepped through the doors, he never looked back.

"The bank was very good to my family and myself," Prebble said, "and my roots were here in Boyne City and East Jordan."

The house he was born in on Korthase Road still stands. He is a graduate of East Jordan High School. He and his wife Jane now live in Advance.

"I'm what's called a native," he said.

He acknowledges that today a person couldn't take the career route he's traveled to become Vice President of Commercial Lending. He doesn't have a college degree, though he does have some bank-sponsored education through state universities.

His recruitment to the bank came from the two, and only, employees of the bank at the time — the president and the cashier manager.

"They asked me if I had ever considered working for a bank," Prebble recalls. He told them no.

But they persisted, telling him they had already checked his school records and asked about him around the community. He would make a good fit.

It is to these two men, Greg Boswell of Boyne City who worked

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Bob Prebble

AlliedSignal to Honeywell: A change in name only

The sign outside AlliedSignal now reads Honeywell, but it is virtually the only change expected at the plant since AlliedSignal purchased Honeywell nearly six months ago.

A merger of the two companies was officially approved on Dec. 2. Allied took the Honeywell name because of its better recognition worldwide. And on Dec. 2, the company began trading on the NYSE as HON, rather than ALD.

The Boyne City plant's general manager reassured that it is a change in name only.

"Not one person has come here or left here," he said. "There will be no visible impact here," Reiten added, other than reporting to a "different boss" in Redmond, Washington, on the business's commercial side, rather than in the defense area.

Reiten said he does anticipate additional business moving to the Boyne City location.

"It really enhances short and long term outlook," he said. The local plant employs 263 people with an \$11.5 million payroll, including fringe benefits.

It produces aircraft sensors which are found on every Boeing airplane and many military aircraft. Its products include position sensors, pressure transmitters, accelerometers and indicators. The Boyne City plant falls under the corporation's Aerospace Electronic Systems category within its Aerospace Businesses.

Community Christmas still in need of donations and volunteers to spread the joy

New toys, hats and mittens are still being collected to pack in Boyne City's Community Christmas baskets.

Donations can be dropped off at Thelma Behling's home at 627 Division St.

Last year, with the help of local organizations and community members, close to 1,000 children and adults from the Boyne City, Boyne Falls, Horton Bay and Walloon areas enjoyed a fuller Christmas.

The annual program began 54 years ago in Thelma Behling's home where today gifts are still assembled and packaged throughout the year by 15 or so volunteers. Back then there were 35 recipients of the community's goodwill. Today, many more benefit from the giving, and families also receive food baskets.

"We're just glad that we're reaching so many

people. That's my Christmas," Behling said.

Community members who lost a spouse to death in the past year will receive fruit baskets in remembrance of their loved ones.

While a group of dedicated volunteers continues to sort and wrap gifts as they arrive from individuals, groups and organizations, even more volunteers are needed for packing and delivering on Tuesday, Dec. 21 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on M-75. Lunch will be served to helpers.

"You will find the real meaning of Christmas and definitely go home with a nice warm feeling in your heart," organizer Dennis Andrick said.

If you know of a family or individual who could benefit from the program, call Ardith Hawley at 582-7880 or Thelma Behling at 582-6870.



Busy Community Christmas volunteers include, from left, Ruth Stark, Nancy Hosmer, Diane May and Ruth Witek. (Note: The caption in the image lists Ruth Stark, Nancy Hosmer, Diane May and Ruth Witek, which differs slightly from the text above.)

OPINION

EDITORIAL

City must decide on Big C property

Sooner or later, you reach a point when it's time to make a decision.

That's where the City of Boyne City is with the Big C property which is situated along the shoreline of Lake Charlevoix.

The question is simple. Does the city find it in the best interest of the community now -- and more importantly, in the future -- to purchase the property?

The answer seems clear:

- Community members have overwhelmingly indicated they want the city to purchase the property.

- The figure of \$2 million has been rumored to be the sale price. That's a big bundle of dough, which could fix a lot of streets, buy a lot of equipment, and build nice soccer and baseball fields. But 10 or 20 years down the road, will money be an issue at all? As you stroll down the shore of Lake Michigan or Lake Charlevoix on any public beach, do you think of what the cost of the property might be? Or do you give thanks that someone way back when had the foresight to preserve a resource for future generations?

- Perhaps all of the property wouldn't have to be kept as a park. Maybe some part can be developed to ease the financial burden. But first the city must take ownership, then decide these questions.

Here's another way to look at it:

The Mary K. Peabody Foundation has given Boyne City and surrounding townships a great gift of funding a renovation and beautiful expansion of the Boyne District Library at a cost in the neighborhood of \$2 million. When completed, the library will become one of the jewels of the community.

In return, why doesn't the city honor Mary K. Peabody by taking the money it would have spent on the library, using it to buy the Big C property and then name the new park in her honor?



"IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT Y2K COMPATIBLE."

A MOM'S LIFE

Finding the best gift of all

By CINDI PLACE

I just love to go Christmas shopping with my kids.

Every year, our children draw names to see which sibling they will be giving a special gift. That's the easy part. Then the decisions begin. Like how much of their own money they really want to part with.

It's always fun to watch their minds work -- like the child who would turn up their nose at a home-made gift, all of sudden when faced with the prospect of parting with hard-earned, cold cash, homemade doesn't seem so bad. Or the kid who simply cannot make any decision on his own, selecting, choosing and wrapping a gift in a matter of minutes.

We usually begin this holiday gift giving tradition by suggesting to the kids that they do a little "research" into what their sibling might like for Christmas.

I'm always touched by just how well these kids seem to know each other, and their individual likes and dislikes. Of course when they were a little younger, the gift choices were much more similar to the gift giver's wish list rather than the receiver's. Getting a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle was really the last thing on our 13-year-old daughter's mind one Christmas, but her 8-year-old

brother thought it was a tremendous idea!

Of course, now that the children are older, even Mom's and Dad's suggestions aren't necessary. Only our supplementary cash for those gifts that are just a little bit out of someone's financial reach.

When the actual shopping process begins, my husband and I will separate the kids by who is shopping for whom, then hit the stores. Trying to keep out of each other's hair can be a trick. A frantic running through the clothing section with those big racks usually follows "Quick mom, there she is." I'm sure our family looks a little strange, trying to be clandestine while pushing a cart through the local Walmart.

But other shoppers just smile tolerantly and get out of our way. I've even had grandmother types offer to hide stuff when it's obvious that the gift getter is about to make an appearance, and the gift giver is desperately trying to get the prospective purchase out of sight.

Nothing can be sweeter than Christmas morning when, after unwrapping all the Santa gifts, each child proudly presents their special selection for the chosen brother or sister. And it's sort of like back when the kids were babies, and the unwrapped gift box held as much interest as the gift itself. Because no matter what special toy or surprise they have been given, they know that it was chosen with love.

Which is probably the best gift of all.

BETWEEN the LINES

Intelligence not always linked to financial success

By ANGELA SHULTIS

This past week on 20/20, a correspondent reported on a person she had discovered, by some method never disclosed, to be "one of the smartest people in the world."

The angle of the segment, though, was not about his extraordinary brainpower, but seemed to be focused on his occupation, or more specifically, the status and monetary value of his job. Or, in this case, the subjective lack thereof. Not the doctor or scientist you might expect, this 40-something single guy is a part-time bouncer at a bar. He is also, according to some unnamed "I.Q. experts," in possession of an intelligence that ranks him right up there with Mozart and Michelangelo.

His explanation for not holding a position more appropriate to his intellectual capabilities? Quite simply, a hard-knock life. Abused as a child by his stepfather, he was unchallenged by college, and dropped out, testing out various careers including a stint as a firefighter. Sure the world might benefit more from his brain if he worked for NASA or practiced at the Mayo Clinic, but the circumstances and opportunities, it seems, just weren't right for the obligatory Harvard graduation and subsequent rise to the top. And though he's now an adult, it seems that he just isn't that interested in money, and (apparently) happily spends his spare time engrossed in academic pursuits of his own.

I would have been interested to hear more of what this super-intelligent human being had to say on any number of topics, but the correspondent seemed interested in one thing and one thing only. His job, and by extension, his social and economic position in society. What a curious specimen.

In all fairness, I think the correspondent was simply addressing the thing that most people would have wanted to know. The question is, why is it that we assume intelligence is automatically connected to financial success? And, more importantly, why is it such a curiosity that someone who is extraordinarily intelligent might not be interested in money?

We are money-focused people, I suppose. The only really intelligent people we hear about do have money, and that's why we hear about them -- because they have gotten themselves into some sort of visible position of power, and have, with it, gained the financial reward that such a position usually affords. But do we really believe that all of the geniuses out there are successful and well-to-do professors, doctors, lawyers, scientists?

This story also speaks to the role that circumstances play in where we ultimately end up. It's nice to hear a story from time to time about someone who has risen above their circumstances to achieve something out of the ordinary, but it's not logical to think that all people can or will do that; sure, we all have the potential to do what we set our minds to, but as we get older, certain choices we've made or experiences we've had have a direct effect on the resources and options we have available to us. Not everyone can be a star, not even every genius.

And the bottom line is, this guy's not complaining. He seems to have accepted where he's at, and, moreover, appears to be not only okay with it, but completely unconcerned. He looked amused by the reporter's questions, his expression being one of someone who knows something the rest of us don't. Maybe he really is the smartest person in the world.

GUEST COLUMN

The right way to plan ahead

By CHERYL HOFWEBER

In 1992, Gov. John Engler's task force reported that lack of land-use planning coupled with urban degradation was the biggest threat to quality of life in Michigan. The real problem is not development, but rather how development happens.

Although civil servants and citizens have spent hundreds of hours on the local level planning for growth, there has been little leadership on a state level to set up vehicles through which counties and townships, industry and schools, utilities and developers can work and plan together.

Special interest groups push individual agendas unaware of the needs and goals of other organizations, or the opportunities and possibilities of working together. Communication between groups is essential, but the push of time, money, and need often override cooperative opportunities.

There is a better way, but it is not easy. It takes much work and time, commitment and compromise. The ongoing work of planning is an essential investment in the quality of our own lives, the value of our property and the future of our children.

The Charlevoix County Land Conservancy is proud to be working to bring people together, to present new information and to work for mutual goals. Our motto is "We Can!" not "You Can't."

In the last year the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy has sponsored land use planning workshops featuring state and local experts. We also presented a program on the difficulties and challenges of the local farmer, a spring and fall "Watershed Ramble" which brought local conservation groups together, and we offer many opportunities for community participation, education (our resource library is always available), and natural features appreciation.

To start the year 2000 in a good and positive direction, on Monday, Jan. 3, at 5 p.m., the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy will offer a program at City Hall in Charlevoix on the "Principles of Conservation Design." All successful planning is based on the participation of educated, involved citizens.

For more information please call the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy at 237-9335.

(Cheryl Hofweber is the president of the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy.)

GUEST COLUMN

FOJ stands by its commitment

By JOHN RICHTER

In the summer of 1998, the Michigan State Legislature passed Public Act 114, more commonly referred to as the State Land Reserve Act (SLRA), which was subsequently signed into law by Governor Engler.

This act came in the wake of, and sought to resolve, numerous conflicts surrounding oil and gas development all across northern Michigan, but most notably in the Jordan Valley. At risk was, and still is, 23,000 acres of pristine public land, including the legendary Jordan River. State Land Reserve designation would bar the sale or lease of public land in the Jordan Valley.

In October 1998, at its annual membership meeting, the Friends of the Jordan (FOJ) invited the author and sponsor of the SLRA, Rep. Bill Bobier, as well as senior officials from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Real Estate Division, Forestry Division, Land and Minerals Services, and others to publicly discuss the provisions of this new act. At the conclusion of this meeting, the FOJ and its membership voted to pursue State Land Reserve designation for the public lands in the Jordan Valley.

For the next year, FOJ formed an exploratory committee, researched issues, studied maps and consulted with various legal and land specialists. From the beginning, FOJ deemed it imperative that the public be involved early in this process and pursued a strategy that would allow open and free public debate before a proposal was submitted, even though the SLRA does not require the FOJ to do this.

FOJ reached a point in the development of a DRAFT proposal where public input was needed. FOJ was not so blind or arrogant as to think we knew all the answers or even all the right questions to ask, especially on a new statute with far reaching ramifications that has never before been implemented.

In the fall of 1999, FOJ embarked upon a campaign to present a DRAFT proposal to local units of government and others with the sole purpose being to solicit comments, receive constructive criticism, gain support for this concept and basically inform the public and ourselves. The intent was to gather additional input so as to fine tune our proposal to ensure it best represented the will of the citizens of this region and protected the resource. The result was an excellent example of democracy at work. Although discussions were heated and boisterous at times, many good ideas and legitimate concerns were identified, and will be incorporated into the next draft.

But something unexpected also happened. Unforeseen by FOJ was a small but determined group of opponents who, apparently for their own personal interests, sought to discredit this initiative and FOJ.

These opponents seem to abhor any measure that would restrict their ability to exploit the natural resources of the Jordan Valley. Reportedly, these same opponents blatantly disseminated misleading information to land owners, snowmobilers, the media, and others, thereby fueling fear, doubt and distrust in otherwise

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Santa gets a warm EJ welcome

Children aligned themselves down the block in East Jordan to get their chance to tell Santa Claus their Christmas wishes.

All told, there were 269 kids — some from as far away as Central Lake and Harbor Springs — who patiently awaited his meeting at the Senior Center.

Free photos, compliments of Karen Walker Photography and Huckles Photo Express, and goodies from the East Jordan Lioness and Lions Clubs, rounded out the festivities.

The gathering followed a parade down Main Street and a week of events in downtown East Jordan to celebrate the season, including the annual Soup Cook-Off.

The People's Choice for the best soup went to J&J Bakery, Deli and Catering for its Chicken and Dumping Soup. The well-attended fundraiser netted \$79 for the Care and Share Food Pantry.

Janet Walter was the winner of the Merchant Basket Giveaway, a Chamber of Commerce promotion which collected non-perishable items for Care and Share throughout the week.

Winners of the Merchant-Residential Decorating Contest sponsored by Rupp and Keen Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate were: Gift stores—(1) Sacred Sparks, (2) Busy Bridge, (3) Gatherings; Service Businesses—(1) Dick and Jane's, (2) Huntington Bank, Mill Street, (3) Charlevoix Properties; Retail Shops—(1) E.J. Shoppe, (2) Jordan Valley Greenhouse.

In the residential portion of the contest, Eric and Michelle Force took first place for their home at 307 Third St.; second place went to Steve and Debbie Bartlett, 715 Sherman St.; Sid and Jodi Saganek took third for 1104 Water St.



Santa greets children downtown in East Jordan after the parade on his way into the community center, where he met with his adoring fans, including Courtney Gibbard, below, age 4.



Bob Prebble's long banking career comes to an end

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at the bank for 44 years and East Jordan's Howard Darbee, a 45-year bank veteran, that Prebble attributes his success in the business.

He describes them as mentors, using words such as dedication, loyalty and community.

From sorting checks, Prebble rose through the ranks naturally as book-keeper, teller, loan officer, cashier and eventually to his vice presidency.

Two lessons learned and never forgotten during his orientation days were, number one, to always find something to do, and number two, that titles don't mean a thing.

"It's what we put in your pocket-book," he recalls his manager telling

him. In other words, you won't get paid if you don't do the work.

But for all the checks, loans, mergers, expansions and growth he's seen, it's the people — his clients and friends — which have made the profession rewarding.

He talks of working with five generations of a family — the latest one to open a savings account. He recalls assisting newlywed couples with their first mortgages, then cars, college and again came the first mortgages with their children.

Professionally he served them yes, but personally as well.

He retells the story of receiving a phone call at home from a bank customer asking him if he would stop by the cottage and turn on the heat.

He's been doing that special favor now for many years.

Then there was the call from the Kansas City Police Department trying to track down relatives of an elderly man who had a heart attack on the bus. The only identifying paperwork on him was a cashier's check with Prebble's signature. He was able to help them locate the man's family.

"It's one of the advantages of knowing the people and knowing the customers," Prebble said.

He looks forward to retirement, and thanks the people his profession has allowed him to touch through the years "because without them I wouldn't be looking forward to retirement," he said.

Friends of the Jordan will continue push for proposal

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rational people, even though their allegations were repeatedly shown to be unfounded. Many of the local media were also swayed by this fear/smeared campaign and misreported the facts.

It is no wonder the local units of government were pressured to rescind their support. The result was a grave disservice to ALL the citizens of Michigan, FOJ, and the natural splendor of the Jordan Valley.

After 15 public presentations of this DRAFT proposal, FOJ has learned:

- 1) The people strongly agree

that the Jordan Valley is a very special and environmentally unique region, that it is at risk, and deserves legal protection.

2) The people and all of the units of government we visited strongly endorse legal protection of public lands by SLR designation as provided by PA 114.

3) No private lands should be included in this proposal, and

4) It appears probable that public assets are being exploited by private interests.

In conclusion, while some may argue that this campaign was poorly planned and presumptuous, FOJ stands by its commitment to the democratic process and our respect for the collective wisdom of

public debate. For many years, FOJ has been a leading advocate for the protection of private property rights of all citizens, for full public disclosure on natural resource issues, and the environmental protection of the Jordan Valley. Some critics have charged that involving the public early in an important process with such far reaching consequences was not prudent and even audacious. FOJ thinks it was not only the green thing to do, but the right thing to do.

We are confident that in the end, when the facts are known and the public has had its say, a solid proposal will emerge.

Boswell Park grant is one of state's highest

A recent \$369,000 grant awarded to East Jordan to turn Boswell Park into a community recreational facility, was one of just eight awarded to communities in northern lower Michigan (Zone 2).

The funds came through the \$675 million Clean Initiative Recreation Bond Fund, a measure passed by voters as Proposal C in November of 1998. Nearly \$50 million of those funds were designated for local units of government for indoor and outdoor recreational facilities through this granting process.

Of the eight grants awarded to communities in Zone 2, only two were for more money than what East Jordan received. One in Huron County for beach development totaled \$372,400, and one in Mackinaw City for an indoor ice/recreation facility was for \$584,000. A total of

\$1,670,993 was awarded to Zone 2. And of 59 grants awarded throughout the entire state, only eight were for more money than East Jordan's.

In phase one of the Boswell project, East Jordan will build four baseball diamonds, three soccer fields, a parking lot and renovate a concession and restroom facility. Construction will begin on the M-32 project in the spring or summer of 2000.

A local match for the Boswell project totals \$222,200, with pledges of \$20,000 coming from the Rotary Club of East Jordan and \$60,000 from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. The remainder will be city funded.

The City of Boyne City also applied for the grant to build two baseball fields, two soccer fields and one

softball diamond at Rotary Park, but did not receive the money.

Awards were based on the applicant's capability, the project's quality and the need for the project.

According to Sharon Edgar, manager of the grants management section of the DNR, 242 applications were received from throughout the state and approximately \$10 million allocated in this round. There will be five rounds of giving altogether, each disbursing between \$10-12 million throughout the state. About 14 percent will be distributed in Zone 2.

Decisions on the next round of applications will be made in January. Those who did not receive an award in this first round are automatically eligible for round two and given the opportunity to find out how they scored and submit additional materials.

School board makes appointments

Sarah Malpass was appointed as an East Jordan elementary administrative assistant for the remainder of the school year and Pete DeHaan as a Jordan Valley District Library board member. DeHaan's position is effective immediately.

The appointments came at the East Jordan School Board's regular meeting Monday night.

In other business, the board: -Heard a report from Brian Olszewski, the assistant director of business, on a proposed beverage consortium that would reduce the cost of pop and juice sold by the school district and booster organization.

The board passed a non-binding resolution that will allow them to learn more about the consortium's potential benefits.

-Conducted the second reading and approval policy file IHF, which deals with the district's graduation requirements. The file was updated to reflect the change in social studies credits that are required for graduation.

The change had been in effect in the student handbook, which is accepted as policy, and the board's work with the file will ensure congruence between the student handbook and the board's policy manual.

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OBITUARIES

Cliff Hosler

Cliff Hosler, 73, died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, at his home in Charlevoix. A private family memorial was held.

He was born Jan. 19, 1926 in Detroit to Emma Leimbach and Dewey Watson Hosler. He was raised in East Jordan where as a child he contracted a serious bone disease, Osteomyelitis. After 19 surgeries, he fully recovered, graduating from East Jordan High School. He was active in school music and drama programs and enjoyed being the projectionist at the Temple Theater in East Jordan.

He married Margaret "Maggie" Mosher at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in 1948. Soon after, they moved down state where they settled in Northville, Mich.

Cliff was employed for 30 years as a Senior Process Engineer at General Motors Hydromatic. He retired to Charlevoix in 1988 and was the plan reviewer for Charlevoix County Building Department for several years.

Cliff was loved and admired for his outstanding moral integrity. He will be dearly missed for his sensi-

tive nature, wonderful outlook on life, and sense of humor. His family was the most important thing in his life. He taught them many things including how to sail. They were a familiar sight in his sailboat, the Sea Hoss, in the waters of Charlevoix. He participated in numerous Beaver Island races and the Duke Memorial Races.

Both his children and grandchildren remember fondly the bedtime stories he made up called "Curly Tails."

He is survived by his wife, Maggie, of Charlevoix, and their children Mark, Nelda (Hosler) Morrison, Vena (Hosler) Norton, Gregg, Jeff, and their families; ten grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Cliff is also survived by a sister, Bonnie (Hosler) Cook of Lansing, and a cousin, Howard Hosler of East Jordan.

Cliff was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Charlevoix County Hospice, 601 Bridge Street, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Rose A. Bussler

Rose A. Bussler, 102, of East Jordan, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999 at Cheboygan Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Eugene L. Baughan of the East Jordan United Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

She was born on July 2, 1897 at her grandfather's homestead in South Arm Township near East Jordan. She was the daughter of George and Sara (Leppard) Murray. On Sept. 13, 1911 in South Arm Township, she married Thomas Bussler. He died in 1961.

She lived in East Jordan all of her life of 102 years. Rose worked at the Canning Factory for numerous years and for the Jane Sooley family in Charlevoix.

She was a member of the East Jordan United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star F. J. Lewis-Mark Lodge #213 in East Jordan, and a life member of the Jassamine

Rebekah Lodge #365 in East Jordan. Rose enjoyed discussing politics and the camaraderie of the East Jordan Senior Center. She also enjoyed the Ladies Aid in her neighborhood.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Thomas (Gerry) Bussler of Cheboygan and Sharon Ketchum of Harbor Springs; six great-grandchildren, Thomas Bussler, Timothy Bussler, Travis Bussler, Stephen Ketchum, Crystal Ketchum, and Joseph Ketchum; two great-great-grandchildren, Morgan Ann and Miles Bussler; four nephews; one niece; and one great-nephew. Rose was also preceded in death by two sons, Marlin Bussler in 1971 and Leroy Bussler in 1964; one great-grandson, Toby Miles Bussler in January of 1997; her parents; one brother; and one sister.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until service time at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to the East Jordan United Methodist Church.

Sophia M. Anderson

Sophia M. Anderson, 70, of East Jordan, died on Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility, East Jordan.

Funeral services were held Dec. 13, at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. The Rev. Mariusz Makowski of St. Joseph Catholic Church officiated. A graveside service was held Tuesday at St. Rita Cemetery in Maple City, Mich.

She was born on Oct. 12, 1929 in Kasson Township, Leelanau County, the daughter of Frank and Angeline (Fleece) Zionskowski. Sophia worked for 17 years for I.T.T. in East Jordan. She retired in 1979. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and

cooking.

Sophia is survived by two sons, William Anderson of Charlevoix and Fred (Laraine) Anderson of Bellaire; one daughter, Ann Karki of East Jordan; four grandchildren, Lisa Brislin, James Karki, Jr., Melissa Anderson, and KaSandra Anderson; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Edward (Nancy) Zionskowski of Lansing; three sisters, Stella (Joe) Kuncie, Mary (Lester) Olman, and Evelyn Beekwith, all of Traverse City; and one sister-in-law, Anne Zionskowski of Traverse City. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Jean Anderson, in 1956; her parents; one brother, Frank; and one sister, Rene.

Jack W. Bowman

Jack W. Bowman, 82, of Gaylord died on Monday, Dec. 13, 1999 at Tendercare of Gaylord.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan, the Rev. David R. Downton officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

He was born on Jan. 16, 1917 in Detroit, the son of Clarence "Peg" and Bertha (Crooks) Bowman. On Oct. 2, 1948 in Boyne City, he married Anna M. Friend.

In his youth, Jack worked as a trapper and a river guide on the Jordan River. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corp. He flew missions as a gunner in the nose of B-24 bombers in the European Theater. Jack worked for the State of Michigan Conservation Department for 39 years. He retired from the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources in November of

1975. Jack was a member of the Northland Sportsman Club in Gaylord. He enjoyed woodworking, logging, cutting firewood, and fishing. He built his home from logging and planing the lumber to pounding the last nail.

He is survived by his wife, Anna M. Bowman of Gaylord; one daughter, Mary (Les) Yankovich of Grand Rapids; one grandson, Corey Yankovich of Grand Rapids; one sister, Rebecca Bramer of Traverse City; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Clarence "Stub" Bowman.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 12 noon until service time at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association - Northwest Michigan Chapter.

BOYNE POLICE NEWS

The Boyne City Police Department handled 58 complaints for the week of Dec. 2-8. Four traffic accidents were reported, and ten traffic citations were issued. Twenty verbal warnings were given.

Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Officers received a complaint of a rude door-to-door salesperson selling frozen meat. The city has an ordinance requiring a permit to sell inside city limits. None was issued. If you have concerns about a salesperson at your door, call city hall or the police department.

Thursday, Dec. 9 - An officer was called to a roll-over accident at the corner of Marshall and Lakeshore Dr. Boyne City Police Department assisted on the scene until the Charlevoix

County Sheriff's Department arrived. No injuries were reported. There was a property damage accident on State St. near Hannah St. No injuries were reported.

Friday, Dec. 10 - Officers responded to a hit and run property damage accident in the high school parking lot.

Saturday, Dec. 11 - A property damage accident was reported at E. Main St. and Park St. There were no injuries. One person was cited for failure to yield.

Sunday, Dec. 12 - An officer assisted a subject refusing to leave the Tannery. He did leave without a problem.

BC CITY HALL NEWS

By SUE HOBBS

JACK BUSH and Gary Dunlop were recognized for 20 years of service to the city at the Nov. 23 City Commission meeting.

AS YOU WILL NOTICE, city staff is trying out new red, white, and blue street signs (corner of Pleasant and Division Streets). Comments on this proposed change would be appreciated.

ZONING PERMITS recently issued were: Friends of the Boyne River, temporary placement of building in Riverside Park; Harborage Park Limited, 623 Forest Park Lane, new dwelling; David Pike, 1110 Pleasant Ave., addition; George Torreano, 700 Lake Park Dr., garage; Ken West, 631 Boyne Ave., new dwelling and garage; and G&N Investments, 101 East Water St., new retail store.

SINCE THERE IS no snow to plow, the street crew is continuing to pull stumps and fill low areas at Rotary Park.

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

EJ CITY HALL NEWS

By KATHY O'REAR

With Phase I of Community Park slated for construction in 2000, the city is again in the process of updating its five-year Recreation Plan.

A committee of 19 area volunteers met in October and began review of our existing facilities and analyzed the needs for new facilities. The committee consists of people of all ages and interests, from middle to high school students, to environmentalist/naturalists, to business owners, to civic volunteers, to home owners. These individuals have donated their time and personal resources for as long as it takes to get a new Rec Plan in place for the city.

As part of the Rec Plan update, a series of recreational surveys are being taken. surveys have been concluded with the student body at the middle and high schools and a survey for city households was recently part of the city's newsletter. If you did not have an opportunity to participate in any of these surveys and wish to do so, please contact me and I will assure you receive a survey form.

Once this survey information is studied and reviewed, the Recreation Committee will begin a series of meetings to determine what components will be in the city's Recreation Plan to help guide the city's recreation expenditures and programs for the next five years. When the plan is prepared, it will be submitted to the City Commission for review, comment, and adoption.

Thank you volunteers for giving unselfishly of your time and support to help improve recreational opportunities in our community.

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

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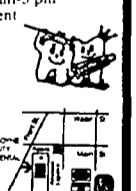
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MSU extension NEWS

The 12 stains of Christmas

By SUE SHENK

repeat if necessary.

Tis the season for entertaining, and with the tinsel and merriment come spills and stains. Try these tips to handle every drip and drizzle of the Twelve Stains of Christmas.

Twelve Candles Dripping. Scrape off excess wax with a dull knife. Place stain between paper towels. Press with a warm iron from back of fabric. Then, place stain face down on clean paper towels and sponge with a dry cleaning solvent. Air-dry and launder as usual. If traces of color remain, launder again using bleach (chlorine or color-safe) according to fabric instructions.

Eleven Aunties Kissing. To remove lipstick, scrape fabric stain with a dull knife. Use a dry-cleaning solvent or pre-treat with detergent or stain treatment. Wash in warm water. Air dry.

Ten Chocolates Melting. Pre-treat with liquid laundry detergent or soak fabric in warm water using a detergent containing enzymes. Difficult stains may require using bleach safe for the garment.

Nine Toasts A-Tipping. To remove wine, rinse in cold water to dilute stain. Soak up to 30 minutes in detergent, weighted with a towel to deep submerge. Launder in the hottest water safe for fabric and color. Air-dry and repeat if necessary.

Eight Hosts Perspiring. Dampen stain with warm water and rub with bar soap. Launder in hot water with chlorine bleach, if safe for fabric. Note: If perspiration has changed the color of a fabric, apply ammonia to fresh stains or vinegar to old stains and rinse. Launder in the hottest water safe for fabric and color.

Seven Fruits A-Falling. Rinse in cold water to dilute stain. Soak up to 30 minutes in detergent, weighted with a towel to keep submerged. Launder in warm water. Air-dry and

Six Cups of Coffee, Tea or Pop. To remove coffee, tea, or soda pop, sponge or rinse stain promptly in cold water. Pre-treat with liquid laundry detergent, launder using bleach (chlorine or color-safe) and hottest water safe for fabric.

Five Candy Canes. To remove colored candy stains, rinse in warm water to dilute stain. Wash in warm to hot water and dry as usual.

Four Meat Slices. To remove grease or cooking oil, use a dry-cleaning solvent or pre-treat with a laundry product by rubbing into stain until saturated. Wash in warm to hot water. Air-dry and repeat if necessary.

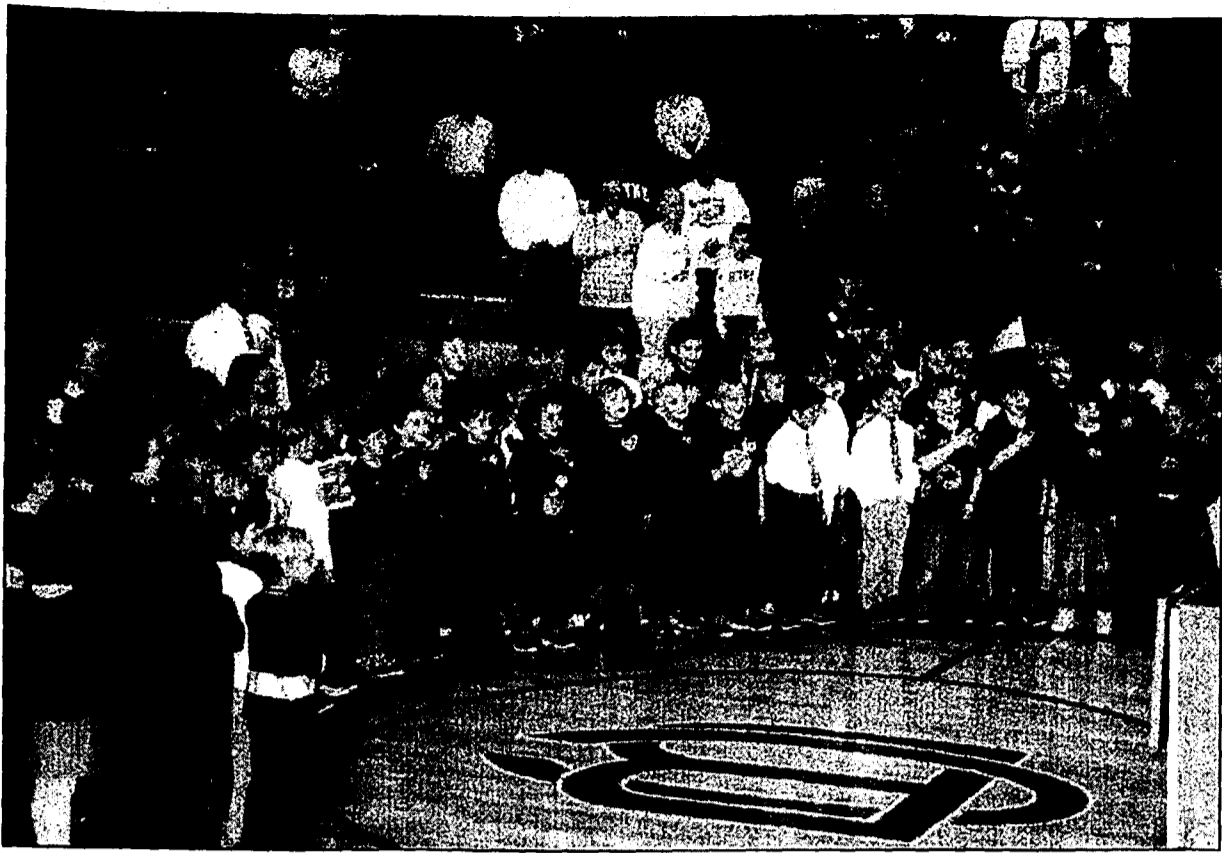
Three Trees A-Tipping. To remove tree sap, use dry-cleaning solvent and then wash in detergent in warm to hot water. Dry and repeat if necessary.

Two Upset Egg Nogs. To remove milk or other dairy products, rinse in cold water to dilute stain. Soak up to 30 minutes with detergent, weighted with a towel to keep submerged. Wash in warm to hot water and air-dry.

And One Gravy Boat Splashing. Round. Scrape off excess with a dull knife if dried. Pre-treat: 1) Soak with a laundry product containing enzymes or 2) rub with liquid laundry detergent or a paste of powder laundry detergent and water. Launder and dry as usual.

I hope you will find the above information helpful and if you have any further questions on stain removal please contact me in the Boyne City office at 582-6232.

(Sue Shenk is the home economics program associate and family nutrition program instructor for Michigan State University extension office.)



Oh, say can you see

Boyne City second graders sang the national anthem before the varsity basketball team's first home game Friday. The performance is becoming a yearly tradition for the school.

BUSINESS

East Jordan native opens mortgage company

An East Jordan High School graduate has returned to his roots after nearly two decades away, and opened a mortgage business in East Jordan.

Terry Boike, president of Pine Lake Mortgage, opened shop on Main Street in East Jordan, along with his wife Connie Boike a loan processor, Linda Michael who serves as vice president, and Paul Michael the secretary/treasurer.

A 1980 high school graduate, Terry spent 16 years in the army, collecting a business degree from Colorado State University and an MBA from Texas A & M University along the way. He spent time teaching military science at Texas A & M with his army career taking him to Germany for seven years, Colorado for two years and the last nine years in Texas.

While working in the mortgage business in Houston most recently, Terry contracted with Paul in East Jordan to act as a loan officer for residential construction loans in the local area.

After returning to East Jordan several times for visits with Terry's mother, Janet Walter, the Boikes toyed with moving back to the area with Terry thinking about working with Paul as a business partner, rather than just having a loan officer.

Paul is a former treasurer of East Jordan Iron Works and a representative for short-term, residential construction loans through Marflax. His wife Linda also works as a sales associate through Coldwell Banker-Schmidt Realtors.

The Boikes made the move and opened Pine Lake Mortgage, a full mortgage company which works with all levels of borrowers on new purchases, refinancing, home equity loans, residential construction loans and commercial real estate loans.

"I always told everybody that if I felt I could make a good living up north, I would move up north," Terry said.

"East Jordan, I feel, is a central hub of northern Michigan," Terry said, after studying the area's economic and real estate growth.



From left are: Paul Michael, Linda Michael, Connie Boike and Terry Boike

Terry said the company can respond quickly to loan requests, in some cases closing within a week if "it's a good, clear deal."

While East Jordan will remain the site for the business's corporate office, Pine Lake is already on the verge of opening a Traverse City branch and is likely to open an office in Petoskey, too. Gaylord is another area into which it could expand.

Terry said he anticipates Pine Lake loaning \$100 million dollars within two years.

"If there's a loan to be had, we can make it happen," he said.

Pine Lake is located at 211 Main St. in downtown East Jordan. The hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The phone number is 536-9980.

Optometrist joins East Jordan practice

Optometrist Steven Voci recently joined the East Jordan and Charlevoix optometry practice of Dr. Robert Anderson.

While staff and most other aspects of the practice will remain the same, the addition of Voci will mean accepting new patients to the practice and a 24-hour availability for emergencies.

Voci hails from Grand Rapids where he practiced optometry for the past six years. He is a member of the Michigan



Dr. Steve Voci

Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association, receiving his optometry degree from Indiana University.

He will see patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays in East Jordan from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays in Charlevoix during the same hours.

To schedule an appointment in East Jordan call 536-2240 or in Charlevoix call 547-2901.

Sheriff deputies on the lookout for clock thief

Anyone who may have taken a clock to Greg Day for repair or appraisal, and who hasn't had it returned, is asked to contact Charlevoix County Sheriff Don Sprout.

The sheriff's department is investigating complaints that clocks taken to Day for repair but have not been returned. The investigation has determined that the suspect has moved from the area to Flint and was in Texas over the past week.

Deputies have recovered four clocks to date and believe as many as 15 more are missing. Some clocks are valued at several thousand dollars.

The investigation is focusing on a felony complaint for larceny by conversion. Some of the clocks involved are described as "priceless" by the victims.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Boyne City

NAME: Matt Brong
GRADE: Sophomore
PARENTS: Arthur G. Brong, Sr. and Marilyn J. Brong



Matt Brong

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Band, jazz band, drama, Michigan Youth in Government, cross country ski team.
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Boy Scouts of America, Ventures, reading, paintball, and camping
FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: College, hopefully followed by a career in politics.
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: "A 'jiffy' is 3.3357x10⁻¹¹ of a second, the time it takes light to travel one centimeter in a vacuum."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "In addition to being an exceptional student academically, Matt is very involved in the band program," said Mr. Sommerfeldt. "He plays trumpet in marching band, concert band, and jazz band."

"Matt is doing a great job in biology," said Elizabeth Hemming. "He has a strong work ethic and I enjoy having him in class. I'd like to commend Matt on his cell project - it was unique. Congratulations Matt."

"Matt demonstrates great learning skills in the classroom proving he will continue to be successful in his studies and in his future," said Jillaine Towne.

NAME: Gregg Ordway
GRADE: Sophomore
PARENTS: Allan and Laura Ordway
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Football, cross country ski team, baseball, drama, band, jazz band.
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Ventures, variety of instruments.



Gregg Ordway

FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I want to go into the Marines."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Gregg is a dedicated student and I am honored to nominate him for student of the week," said Elizabeth Hemming. "Gregg always applies himself, participates in class discussions, and does well with all his assignments. Gregg's consistent behavior convinces me that he cares about his academics. His attitude is refreshing and he is a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations Gregg."

"Gregg is a very polite, personable, conscientious, hardworking student who gives 110% to all he does," said Carol Jusczyk. "We really enjoy his being in the kitchen with us. Congratulations Gregg."

"Gregg is enrolled in concert band and jazz band," said Bill Sommerfeldt. "He plays bass clarinet and tenor saxophone. In addition to being an accomplished player, Gregg enjoys fixing instruments and helping other students with their music. He also likes investigating jazz history."

East Jordan

NAME: Jamie Baker
GRADE: Junior
PARENTS: Greg and Jill Baker
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Cross country, volleyball, track, National Honor Society, vice president of class of 2001.



Jamie Baker

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I really like to run. Most of my free time is spent attending games, practices and doing homework."
FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to go on to college and earn a degree in corporate law. I have always wanted to be an attorney and I plan to fulfill that dream."
FAVORITE CLASS: "My favorite class is middle school aide. I have so much fun with those kids. I really enjoy all of my classes, though."
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jamie is outgoing," said Mike Gee. "She is fun to have in class. She is a dedicated worker."

"Jamie is an excellent student," said Alice McPherson. "She earns outstanding grades and is involved in many extra-curricular activities."

"Jamie is a dedicated student who takes the time and makes the effort to do her best," said Sharon Moeke.

"It is very important to Jamie that she always understands and does her best," said Bill Aten.

"Jamie has a good attitude," said Lisa Treinen. "She is eager to learn. I admire her self-motivation."

"Jamie takes her academics to the highest level by working hard in class, helping others and being the best student that she can be," said John Ubbing.

NAME: Norman Klann
GRADE: Senior
PARENTS: Janet Klann
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Woodworking, automotive technology, hunting, fishing, and reading.



Norman Klann

FUTURE PLANS: Go to college for culinary arts or automotive technology.
FAVORITE CLASS: wood shop
NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Norman is a very hardworking young man who always does his best in wood shop," said Mike Gee.

"Norman works extremely hard and is always an enjoyable student," said Matt Inman.

"Norman really puts a good effort into all of his work," said Carolyn Hardy. "He always makes a positive contribution to the classroom."

"Norman is a very good role model who applies every effort to the task at hand," said David MacQuarrie.

"Norman does a wonderful job of making sense of the material we cover in math class," said Laura Kueffner. "He is a great role model for the others."

"Norman always comes to class ready to work," said John Cross. "He puts in a good effort every day."

Boyne Falls

NAME: Cyndi Davis
GRADE: 3rd
PARENTS: Rhonda and John Hosner
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Bowling, collect rocks



Cyndi Davis

FAVORITE COLOR: pink
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP: archaeologist
FAVORITE FOOD: macaroni and cheese
WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT SCHOOL: Teacher, math, science

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Cyndi is very deserving of this recognition," said Mrs. Glezman. "She is a well-rounded student who puts her best foot forward at all times whether it be in the area of academics, athletics, or social skills. Cyndi is very generous with her time and loves to help others in any way she can. She helps to brighten our classroom with her wonderful smile and sense of humor. Congratulations Cyndi."

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

THE SENIOR SERVICES Coalition held its third meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the Community Room of Litzenger Place.

Among the 20 attending were Susan Bergmann, director of Charlevoix County Commission On Aging (COA), Bob Pluister, president of the Boyne City Housing Commission, and Todd Sorenson, executive director, Sue Stevens, principal of Boyne City High School and those from the Charlevoix County Commissioners, RSVP members and senior citizens representing area centers. The Senior Services Coalition was formed by a group of concerned Senior Advocates to investigate the needs of Seniors in Charlevoix County and how best to meet these needs. Guest speakers Ray and Rosemarie Mills of Antrim County gave an excellent presentation, with pictures and building plans, and shared their experiences in organizing to build the Antrim County Senior Center. Following a pizza lunch, compliments of the housing commission, round table discussion addressed services needed, grants and funding available, and building needs. As facilitators, Sorenson and the housing commission have designated 13 acres along E. Division as the building site for a new "home away from home" for area seniors. A general consensus showed, within the group, a need for more open communication and public awareness, concerning senior needs, and just where to go, to address specific needs. A good place to start is to contact the tri-county offices of the Commission on Aging. In Boyne City, call 582-7301, in East Jordan, 536-7831, and in Charlevoix, 547-7200. A Jan. 11 meeting was slated to be held at the East Jordan Senior Center.

CHUCK DAVIS of Lakeshore Rd. hosted a dinner party for a few of his Scottish friends, the Bierens and the Luxtons, who are members of the McPherson Clan. The men were resplendent. Entertainment included bagpipes, beautifully played by Dr. Bruce Stewart. Mrs. Lila Wilson of Bellaire, was the gracious hostess.

MIKE HAUSLER is slowly but surely recovering from a recent surgery on his Achilles tendon after he severed it when he fell from his deer blind. He is now on his third cast and trying to adjust to not being as mobile as he is used to. However, he is doing quite well on his crutches and is looking forward to the day he won't need them anymore. He is expected to be in a cast and using crutches until the end of February, at the earliest.

THE XI GAMMA sorority outdid themselves this year with a different kind of holiday fun for the residents of Litzenger Place. Much enjoyed by the many tenants attending was their bingo and delicious finger food and snacks party. Many winners took home Living Holiday Trees as their prize. Those sorority girls are lots of fun, and so it was, for everyone to sing Happy Birthday to Gen Varnum.

THE BOYNE VALLEY LIONS and guests, numbering 48, held their Christmas Luncheon at One Water Street this past Wednesday. Entertainment was the beautiful harmonizing of the Barbershoppers as well as a humorous "Nickel Auction" fund raiser. In lieu of a gift exchange, canned goods and designated gift items for the Community

Christmas event were encouraged.

BOB PREBBLE was honored with a retirement party at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel on Tuesday, Dec. 7. A group of 50 to 60 family members and past and present co-workers were there to share in this special time. Mr. Prebble, who began his career in banking over 40 years ago, started out at what was known then as the State Bank in East Jordan. It was a memorable evening for all.

MARK AND JEANETTE BEHLING of Arkansas arrived this week for a visit with their daughter Shannah and his mother, Thelma.

A LUNCHEON AND double baby shower was held at the Free Methodist Church this past Sunday. Honorees were Basia, the infant daughter of Stephanie Mathers, and Savannah, the infant daughter of Bruce and Kammi McGeorge. Both tots received lots of attention and many nice gifts.

ROSEMARY SMITH of East Jordan recently underwent surgery and is now convalescing at the home of her daughter and husband, Rosalie and Al Slagle. Friends might like to send cards to her at 9106 Main Street, Ellsworth, MI 49729

SHIRLEY AND MARK HUNTER and children of Ludington were here over the weekend visiting her brother, the Rev. Mark Bullock and family.

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

Honored for 50 years of service

Howard Crozier and Thelma Behling, American Legion Post #228, were honored for having over 50 continuous years of membership in the Legion. They were recently presented with certificates of congratulations.



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

OES

Evangeline Chapter No. 95 OES of Boyne City had its Christmas Vesper service with seventeen officers present. Two visitors from Charlevoix No. 72 and three members were on the sidelines.

A duet by Janada and Dan Chingwa was dedicated to the memory of Juanita Erber followed by a tribute read by worthy matron, Susie Frisk.

Marie Zoberski was applauded for her many years as the chapter's dedicated treasurer.

Meguzee District Association of officers Mary Tison, Shirley Bowers, Susan Mattox, Bill Chipman, Dan Chingwa, and Larry Mattox were introduced.

Members signed up to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, and food was collected for the Boyne City food pantry.

The Christmas party-potluck will be Saturday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m. All Masons, Stars, families, and friends are invited to attend. Meat will be provided; bring a dish to pass and table service.

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MOVING DAY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

New Walloon library nears completion

Thinking about spending some time snuggled up next to a crackling fire with a good book this Christmas season?

Even if you don't have a fireplace of your own, it's likely the newly built Crooked Tree District Library in Walloon will have opened its doors before year's end. And it will have a cozy fieldstone fireplace all its own.

After more than 25 years of renting space, most recently in the former Walloon Lake Community Church, the Crooked Tree Library has a home of its own at 2203 Walloon St.

It was the summer of 1997 when the Mary K. Peabody Foundation granted the library funds to purchase property at 2203 Walloon St., just up from the church, to build a new facility.

By that winter, the foundation had increased its gift to provide funds for a new building, but with a commitment from the community that it provide support for the library through donations to an endowment fund to cover extra costs sure to come with the library's expansion.

The Friends of the Library have undertaken the awesome task of raising \$250,000 dollars for the fund "and are very pleased with the way the endowment is building," librarian Claudia Cullen said.

Calendar sales earlier in the year raised \$6,000 alone for the fund.

Floyd and Todd Wright Builders began construction in April, and plans are to move in and open up over the Christmas holiday.

"Absolutely everybody told us it would never get done on time and it's done right on time," Cullen said.



Planning for the 3,000 square foot library on Walloon Street began in 1997 with final touches currently underway.

The fireplace facing, furnishings, carpet and shelving are all that remain to be installed.

The new facility will house some 3,000 books, up from the 1,800 packed onto shelves at the current library site. Last year, patrons circulated 12,000 volumes.

"Everything about this space is going from one extreme to the other," librarian Claudia Cullen said.

At the new site, the stacks — or library shelves — will fill a large portion of the L-shaped space, leaving room for comfortable reading chairs in the fireplace area, and work space in the children's area.

"There's no place to put a

book," said Cullen of the current site at the back of the church.

Now if the book collection grows again, there will be room in the front of the fireplace to accommodate shelves for the expanded volumes. Cullen estimates there's space for an additional 2,000 books.

A children's area will house a computer. Another corner with a table and periodicals can be utilized as a work space for patrons. Three more computers with direct access to the Internet will be tucked into an alcove which is pre-wired for three additional computers if the need arises.

A work room will allow an out-of-the-way space for librar-

ians to catalog, cover and repair books.

Plenty of windows and high ceilings, lend a spacious feeling to the library.

Outside, a deck, overlooking a wooded area, is slated for a children's story hour and as a relaxing reading space for adults. Cullen pictures it becoming a gathering space for residents to convene and catch up.

The library's users are mostly local residents, but it sees more action in the summer when the cottages on Walloon Lake come back to life.

Even though the library may expand its hours, it will still employ two librarians. Cullen and Darlene Jepsen. The library's

design is in keeping with a need for the facility to be managed by one person.

"The board put in countless hours planning things out and working with the architect," Cullen said. She also praised architectural firm David Osler and Associates and builder Floyd Wright for their work.

It's anticipated that the library — old and new — will be closed for a week following December 21 when Friends of the Library and other volunteers pack, move and set-up. If you would like to help with the move, call 535-2111, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Plans moving along for Boyne library

The Boyne District Library is moving along with its own plans for expanding the walls of the Park and Main street building from 3,300 to 12,800 square feet.

The Mary K. Peabody Foundation also gifted funds to the Boyne facility to enlarge the building, book collection — from around 15,000 to 31,000 — and services offered.

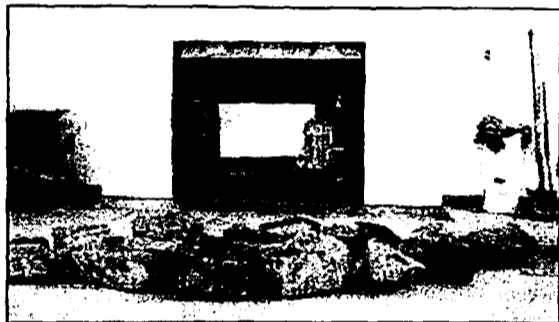
Design changes to the building were approved in the fall and general contractor bids will be opened on Tuesday, Dec. 21, with the library board awarding the contract after the new year. A pre-bid meeting for contractors was planned for Dec. 14.

"It's generating a lot of interest," said library director Nannette Miller of the construction trade.

The project is expected to cost \$2 million including planning, construction and furnishings, but won't be known for sure until the bids are in.

Construction should take about one year, during which time books, furniture and shelving to be used in the updated library, will be stored off-site in a building across the street from Honeywell, formerly AlliedSignal. Miller will meet with the facility's manager this week to discuss details of the move.

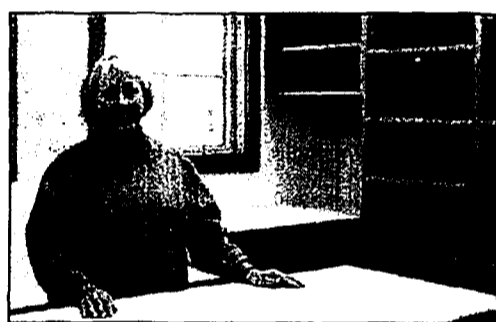
As with the Walloon library, the Boyne facility also hopes to raise \$250,000 toward an endowment fund.



A fieldstone-faced fireplace will add a cozy touch to the reading area.



Library patrons will enjoy an airy and spacious facility to read and study.



Librarian Claudia Cullen will appreciate more elbow space in the Work Room.

Holiday calendar

TROLLEY TOUR OF LIGHTS

Through Dec. 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 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.

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.

INFORMANCE!

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

"HOLIDAY SPIRIT" CONCERT

Friday, Dec. 17
"Catch That Holiday Spirit" is the theme of a concert by the Northwestern Michigan College Concert Band and the NMC Jazz Big Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. in the Milliken Auditorium, Dennon Museum Center. Cost: \$5 for

adults; free for children and students. Information: 946-0360.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS

Saturday, Dec. 18 - Carter's Food Center, Boyne City, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 18 - Boyne Falls Fire Hall 6-8 p.m.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

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

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE

Sunday, Dec. 19
A live nativity scene may be viewed from 6-8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St., East Jordan. The public is invited. Information: 536-2941.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Sunday, Dec. 19
East Jordan United Methodist Church, 201 Fourth St. at 9 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, corner of Park and Pine, Boyne City at 6:30 p.m.

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE

Tues. & Wed., Dec. 21 & 22
A live nativity scene will be displayed from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Horton Bay Rd., 1/4 mile off of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Rd. in Horton Bay.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Friday, Dec. 24
6 p.m. Boyne City United Methodist Church Candlelight Service, 324 S. Park St.
7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service, 207 Williams St., East Jordan.
7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Bay Shore Candlelight Service, US 131, Bay Shore.
7:30 p.m. Episcopal Church of the Nativity, on Main St. next to the Boyne District Library.
7:30 p.m. East Jordan United Methodist Church Candlelight Service, 201 Fourth St.
9:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service with Communion, corner of Park and Pine, Boyne City.

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.



The joy of Christmas

Santa Claus made an appearance at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Boyne City Thursday for an enthusiastic and appreciative group of disabled adults. More than 200 guests were treated to dinner as well as a visit from Santa, complete with gifts for each. Volunteers at the K of C put on the event, which is attended by adults from Boyne City, Charlevoix and Gaylord centers. In addition to dinner and gifts from Santa, each guest also received a fruit basket.

Toys for Tots collecting gifts for children

Gifts are being collected in East Jordan for needy children through the Toys for Tots program, sponsored by the Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corp League.

Toys collected are distributed to children in the area through churches and food pantries.

Drop boxes for new, unwrapped gifts for all ages of children, are located at Pine Lake Mortgage, 211 Main St., and at the E.J. Shoppe, 122 Main St., both in East Jordan.

Gifts will be accepted through Dec. 20.

Horton Bay families bringing nativity alive

A live nativity scene will be presented in Horton Bay on Tuesday, Dec. 21 and Wednesday, Dec. 22 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. each night.

Several families will portray the holy family, shepherds, wisemen and angels as the Christmas story, accompanied by music, is told. Stable animals will complete the manger scene.

Everyone is invited to share in the Christmas presentation on Horton Bay Road, 1/4 mile off of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

SPORTS

Boyne Falls logs two wins



Mike Wladischkin grabs some air while Nate Dzwik looks on.

Boyne Falls picked up its basketball season practically where it left off from last year's 19-1 season with a 66-60 victory over East Jordan and then a 59-39 win over Leelanau.

Against East Jordan, the Loggers stayed ahead from start to finish, coming out strong with a 10-4 lead in the first quarter.

They sank a 35 to 40 foot 3-pointer at the half, giving them an 8-point lead going into the third quarter, then sank another 3-pointer heading into the second half.

"Everybody contributed to the victory," Boyne Falls coach Frank Hamilla said.

East Jordan couldn't overcome the Logger's tight zone defense and "probably the key for them was they out-rebounded us out of that zone," East Jordan coach Del Ingalls said.

"When you don't shoot well and you don't get any rebounds, usually it can be a long night," Ingalls said.

"We didn't panic when they cut the lead to two in the fourth quarter," Hamilla said. "We played pretty well for the first game of the season."

Ingalls agreed, noting that Boyne Falls maintained their composure, making significant plays in the last quarter, even

though East Jordan's shooting improved in the second half and their press was more effective.

East Jordan outscored Boyne Falls in the third 22-20 and went 16-16 in the fourth.

"We'd get a little run, but couldn't get over the hump," Ingalls said.

For Boyne Falls, Matt Britton scored 21, Jason McNitt had 16 and Mike Dunlop had 13.

For East Jordan, Mike Wladischkin had 22 points and nine rebounds, Matt Birgy had 12 points, Micah Middaugh scored 11, grabbed six rebounds and had three assists and Andy Brouwer had six steals and three assists.

East Jordan travels to Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, Dec. 17 after a 10-day hiatus.

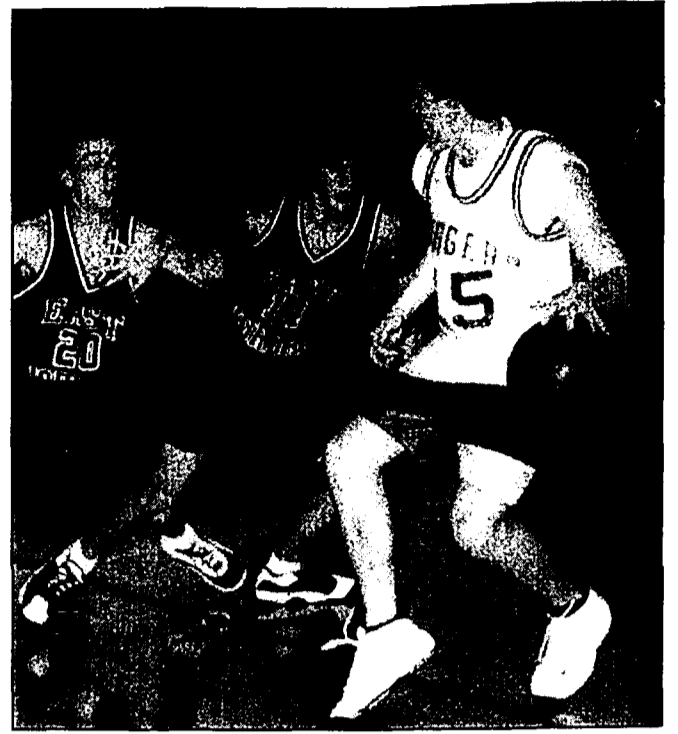
Against Leelanau, Boyne Falls turned a slower start into victory.

Down 12-9 in the first quarter, Boyne Falls scored 10 in the second quarter, as did Leelanau.

But the Loggers started making shots in the second half with 23 in the third and 17 in the fourth, stepping up their defense as well.

Dunlop had 20 points for the Loggers, McNitt scored 17 and Britton sank 12.

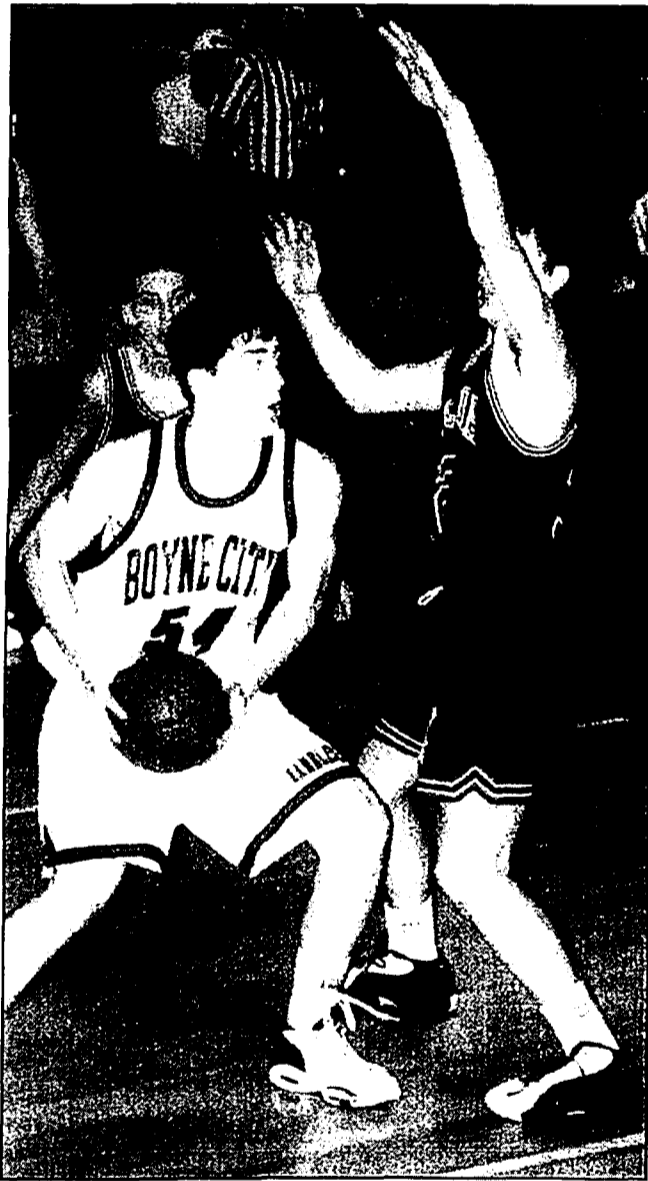
The Loggers are 2-0 and were to face Mackinaw City on Tuesday night.



Scott Jones (20) and Matt Birgy (14) make a play against Logger Matt Britton.

Photos by Vic Ruggles

Ramblers make fast start to season



Noah Stanek contributed 10 points toward a Rambler victory over Mancelona.

Photos by Vic Ruggles

Boyne City started its basketball season on a winning streak, defeating Rogers City on their turf 53-45 and coming home to a 65-41 win over Mancelona.

The Rogers City victory was a nice opener for Boyne, coach Kevin Fitzpatrick said. "It was a good first step. Everybody got a chance to play and we're always happy to get a win on the road."

The Ramblers methodically built up a lead by halftime, going into the second half up 31-24.

They played even in the third, with each team scoring nine points. Boyne scored 10 in the fourth to Rogers City's 15, but maintained their overall lead to win the game.

"It was a comfortable game most of the way," Fitzpatrick said.

Noah Stanek led the team with 19 points and eight rebounds.

The junior varsity team captured a 48-43 victory against Rogers City with Cole Andrews scoring 20 points.

The freshmen also posted a 56-38 win with Ben Hausler sinking 15 points. Mike Grobaski scored 10 points in the second quarter to

bring Boyne into the lead, and scored a total of 14 points in the game. Matt Streelmen had seven. Top rebounders were Beau Detcher and Jeff Prested.

"WE CAME OUT and got them early," Fitzpatrick said of the Mancelona victory.

Up 25-7 after the first quarter, Boyne managed to keep a 20-25 point lead through the rest of the game.

Play slowed down a bit after the first quarter, allowing Boyne to rotate plenty of players onto the court with 11 of them putting points on the

board.

Kevin Metzger led the Ramblers in scoring with 11 points and Stanek had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

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The junior varsity team also posted a 54-52 victory against Mancelona with Andrews leading the scoring again with 16 points.

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Jason Rostar looks for the pass against Mancy.

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Red Devils runner-up at tournament

"It was a great day to see what your team is made of," East Jordan volleyball coach Duane Kujat said.

The Lady Red Devils took the runner-up spot to Rogers City at the Early Bird Volleyball Tournament, with its only defeat, 15-7, 15-11, coming in the final match against the championship team. Inland Lakes took third.

"Our team did a fantastic job pushing through even though we were tired in the end," Kujat said.

Suzi Malpass, who was selected MVP, led East Jordan with 50 kills, passed at 92 percent (108/117), 19 blocks with nine block kills and served at 95 percent (40/42) with three aces.

The team, overall, served at 89

percent.

Rachel Boss served at 85 percent (66/78) improving her control and speed, with a "hard serve that is tough to handle," Kujat said. She had 16 kills, and 14 blocks with seven block kills.

"Jamie Baker was in charge of getting the ball to our hitters and did a great job of hustling all day and setting up the ball," Kujat said.

Baker had 87 percent setting, converted for 59 assists and had three kills. She continued her steady serving performance going 96 percent (53/55) with five aces.

Malpass, Boss and Baker were selected to the all tournament team.

"We learned what our weaknesses are and will work on improving those

areas," Kujat said, adding that the Red Devils left their presence known and look forward to seeing Rogers City again.

Boyne City was defeated in the tournament opener, 9-15, 15-12, 15-12 against Harbor Light Christian.

ON MONDAY, the Ramblers defeated Mancelona 10-15, 15-7, 15-6.

Collecting kills for the Lady Ramblers were Jenny Hampton 3, Alli Swaim 2, Char Brandt 2.

Leah Senter had 15 points and three aces, Brandt had six points and an ace, Aubrey Fry scored six points, Swaim had two blocks, scored four points and had two aces.

Great setting came from Jackie Cyr and Emily Bricker.



Members of the Boyne White squirt team are, front: Charlie Courtright. Second row from left: Amy Anderson, Taylor Voice, John Miller, Alex Bajko, Tyler Price, Adam McLeod. Third row: Kenny Bedford, Brad Boyer, Samantha Dunwoody, Floyd Alma, team manager Eric Boyer, John Arsenault, Justin Stolt. Back row: coaches Steve Anderson, John Miller, Ed Boyer.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

The Boyne Area Hockey White Squirt team defeated the Cheboygan FOP team by a score of 8-1 Sunday to win the Mackinaw Ice Classic Invitational Tournament championship.

John Miller scored his third hat trick of the weekend to lead the scoring. Brad Boyer assisted on one of Miller's goals. Taylor Voice scored two goals with assists from Miller and Floyd Alma. Tyler Price scored one goal with an assist from Alma, and John Arsenault scored one.

"This was a great team effort. Every player played their best game of the season and they all worked together for this championship," said coach Steve Anderson.

"The defense and goaltending was outstanding all weekend," Brad Boyer, Amy Anderson, Alex Bajko and Taylor Voice played defense with Charlie Courtright in the goal.

In the first game Saturday, the Boyne team defeated the Mackinaw Blue squirt team 3-1, with three goals from John Miller and assists from Taylor Voice and Kenny Bedford. In

the second game against the Char-Em Canadians, Boyne won with a score of 4-1. Taylor Voice scored one goal with two assists. John Miller scored three goals and Alex Bajko had two assists in the game.

On Friday night, the white squirt team played the Char-Em Hawks team. Boyne won the game 4-1 with goals from Floyd Alma, John Miller, Alex Bajko and Tyler Price. Brad Boyer and Price each had an assist.

THE BOYNE PEE WEE team defeated the Char-Em Grizzlies 4-3 on Saturday. Ryan Hennessy scored three goals, and Trevor Mapes scored one. Assists came from Mapes and Nick Dunwoody. On Sunday, Boyne tied the Char-Em Icemen 1-1. Gabe Korhase scored for Boyne and Hennessy had an assist. Derik Moore was in goal for both games.

THE BOYNE CITY BAN-TAMS, sponsored by Ace Hardware, lost to the Char-Em North Stars, 6-4. Darren Looze, Scott McDowell,

Boyne Falls athletes named all conference

Boyne Falls varsity basketball players Rene Fiel and Julie Korhase were named to the Northern Lakes All Conference Basketball Team.

Fiel was the third leading 3-point shooter in the conference and along with Korhase and Kim Wagner, were three of the top four scorers on the team.

Runners Adam Utley and Jenny Kuhn were named to the All Conference Cross Country Team. Honorable mentions went to Chris Crego, Mike Dunlop and Kurtis Reynolds.

Both Utley and Kuhn ran at the Class D state meet last month.

SPORTS schedule

Boyne City

Dec. 16 - Freshman Volleyball, Elk Rapids, home - 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 17 - Freshman Basketball, Elk Rapids, home - 4:15 p.m.; JV and Varsity Basketball, Elk Rapids, home - 6 p.m.
Dec. 20 - Freshman Basketball, Boyne Falls, home - 6 p.m.

East Jordan

Dec. 16 - Volleyball, St. Francis, home - 6 p.m.
Dec. 17 - Freshman Basketball at St. Francis - 4:15 p.m.; JV/Varsity Basketball at St. Francis - 6 p.m.
Dec. 18 - Volleyball at Cheboygan - 9 a.m.
Dec. 21 - Freshman Basketball, St. Ignace, home - 4:30 p.m.; JV/Varsity Basketball, St. Ignace, home - 6 p.m.

Boyne Falls

Dec. 17 - Boys Basketball at Vanderbilt - 6 p.m.
Dec. 20 - Boys Basketball (JV only), at Boyne City - 6 p.m.; Volleyball, at Bellaire - 6:30 p.m.

Chris Grice, and Tyler Barsy scored, with assists by Tyler Kalbfleisch, Eli Barsy, Looze, and Tyler Vogt.

THE BOYNE AREA MIDGETS, sponsored by B.C. Pizza, played three games recently. They lost to Cheboygan K of C 10-1. Keith Rau scored for Boyne, while goalie John Stevens Jr. made 38 saves. Coach John Stevens noted Byron Kroondyk for excellent effort, as well as Zack Bajos and Gordon Selph for aggressive defense.

Against Mackinaw, Justin Rouleau scored both goals in the team's 5-2 loss. Goalie John Stevens turned away 100 shots. Matt Moore, Keith Rau and Gordon Selph were noted for strong play.

The midgets also lost to Gaylord Little Ceasars, 11-1. Rau scored Boyne's only goal with an assist from Aaron Westrick. Assistant coach Joe Rouleau noted Chuck Bedford and Collin Keller for excellent offensive effort.

Pepin steps up as EJ girls varsity basketball coach

The East Jordan girls varsity basketball team will see a new head coach in Dan Pepin next year.

Pepin has served as the assistant varsity coach for the last four years and is stepping into the position left vacant by Steve Hines.

Hines resigned so he can devote his full attention to his newly appointed role as the high school's assistant principal and athletic director.

Pepin joined East Jordan's basketball program first as freshmen coach for a year, junior varsity coach for three years and most recently as the assistant varsity coach.

"He's been involved in the program long enough that he knows where it's coming from and what direction it needs to go," Hines said.

"It was just a natural for him to take over," he added.

Pepin said he is anxious to get started in his new role, which also

includes overseeing the district's entire basketball program, down through the third grade.

"It was just a natural for him to take over."
-- Steve Hines, Athletic Director

"We'll have to be patient at the varsity level," he said.

While upcoming juniors have the skills, they don't have the playing experience, though the enthusiasm they've shown during the off season on the court should bode well for them.

Part of Pepin's emphasis outside the varsity program will be within the third through sixth grade youth program.

"We're trying to get everyone on the same page so we're all operating under the same philosophies," Pepin said with a goal of having to refine, not teach skills, at the high school level.

"It will be a growing experience for all of us," Pepin said. "I think our goals are set properly."

The position for East Jordan's assistant varsity girls coach will be posted.



Reading buddies

Tanner Kragebrink, left, listens as Eric Boyer reads the book he chose during Boyne City Elementary School's Reading Is Fundamental celebration Friday. Each student received their own new book as part of RIF.

Fire downtown was 'potentially dangerous'

A desk lamp in an upstairs office was the cause of an afternoon fire Friday above the Sportsman's Bar in Boyne City, but firefighters were able to snuff out the fire before it grew.

"Smoke was actually seeping through the bricks," fire chief Henry Erber said.

Firefighters accessed the fire through thick smoke, via the restaurant's back staircase. Firemen in a bucket truck were on guard as a preventive measure, but didn't have to use a hose from above.

It took less than five gallons of water to bring the fire under control and the restaurant was open that night for business.

Smoke and danger to adjacent buildings prompted a call for assistance from neighboring fire departments, according to Erber who said it was "potentially very dangerous."

There was some smoke damage to Dr. Polleys' dental office next door.

Boyne City firefighters were assisted by the departments from East Jordan and Boyne Falls as well as the Boyne City Ambulance, police department and the Michigan State Police.

Erber noted that this type of fire is a good reminder to everyone this time of year to beware of fire hazards altogether, especially when it comes to lighting Christmas trees which become dried out inside homes and can be potentially explosive with their high pitch content.

He suggests using only electrically-approved lights on the trees with heavy duty extension cords. Lights should never be left on when leaving the house.

Don't put carpet or anything over the cord and feel the cord occasionally to see if it's warm. If it is, it's time to get a new one.

Also, trees should receive plenty of water to prevent drying and be checked daily.

Candles, used frequently this time of year, are another potential fire hazard. Don't just blow them out and assume they're OK. They could smolder and re-ignite. They must be snuffed out completely.

Most importantly, make sure you have smoke alarms and that the batteries are working.

Raven Hill open over holiday break

Raven Hill Discovery Center will be open over the Christmas holiday break with plenty of hands-on activities to keep kids occupied.

The center will offer parents "Kid Care, While You Shop" by reservation only, for a limited number of children.

Holiday hours are from Dec. 23 through Jan 3 from noon to 4 p.m., except on Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1.

For more information call 536-3369.

Holly Daze was hospital's best

Charlevoix Area Hospital's annual Holly Daze fundraiser brought in more than \$15,000 this year and was the hospital's most successful Holly Daze to date.

The event's main emphasis is the auctioning of beautifully decorated Christmas trees. This year 14 trees, plus two special raffle trees, were donated.

Held during the Thanksgiving holiday, more than 200 donors gave trees, wreaths, artwork, gift items and other bid articles making this year's event a big success.

Early registration begins for NCMC winter semester

North Central Michigan College is accepting early walk-in registration for the Winter 2000 semester until Dec. 17. You can register at the college in Petoskey Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Mail-in and drop-off registration lasts until Jan. 14 and can be sent to NCMC or dropped off.

Regular walk-in registration can be completed at the college Jan. 4-14 between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. On Jan. 6, hours will be extended until 7 p.m.

All college offices will be closed from 5 p.m. on Dec. 23 until 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 3. For more information call 1-888-298-6605 or (231) 348-6605.

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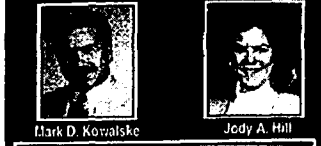
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MALPASS FOUNDATION**

The annual report of the Malpass Foundation for the year ending October 31, 1999 is available for inspection at the Foundation's office, 301 Spring Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727, phone 231-536-2261. The report is available during normal business hours by any citizen who requests it.

Signed,
F.F. Malpass
Foundation Manager

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

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

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on January 7, 2000.

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

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

Dated: November 24, 1999
For information, please call:
248-593-1303
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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 Jonathan P. Teuscher and Terri J. Teuscher, I/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

I/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 South-West 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.

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Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tomalynn S. Suttle, 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 there 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.

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**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Dec. 8, 1999, in the Commissioner's Room, Charlevoix, MI 49720.
Copies of the complete minutes of the Board are on file in the office of the County Clerk and are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

**EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP
SYNOPSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 7 BOARD MEETING**

The Evangeline Township Board held a regular meeting 7 December 1999 at 5:30 p.m. at Evangeline Township Hall, Wildwood Harbor Road. Present: Supervisor Shields, Clerk Lory, Treasurer Adams, Trustee Cortright. The treasurer's report was approved at a total of \$114,947.73 in the general fund as of 30 November 1999. Payables for December were approved in the amount of \$2,365.94. The board authorized funding for the Clute Road paving project, adopted zoning ordinance amendment 23, and appointed Rod Cortright to the Township Planning Commission.

Josette A. Lory
Evangeline Township Clerk

**EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

At the regular meeting of the Evangeline Township Board, Charlevoix County, Michigan held at the Town Hall, Wildwood Harbor Road, Dec. 7, 1999, 5:30 p.m., Amendment No. 23 regulating the placement of structures, amending the waterfront overlay district with regard to non-conforming structures, and amending administration of the ordinance. Amendment No. 23 pertains to Sections 4.08(f)C.4.b - LOT CREATION/PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OPTION; 4.10 - WATERFRONT OVERLAY REGULATIONS/NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES; 10.02 - ZONING PERMIT AND CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE; of the Evangeline Township Zoning Ordinance.

A copy of the entire amendment is available at the Township Planner's Office, 319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and through the Township Clerk.

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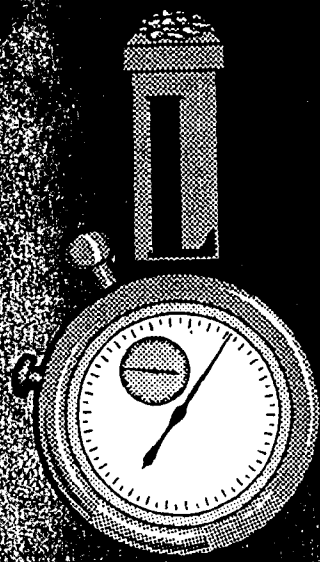
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