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Chambers host Business After Hours

The East Jordan Area and Central Lake Chambers of Commerce will co-host a Business After Hours on Monday, Dec. 4, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Murphy's Lamplight Inn in Central Lake.

The event will feature a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. The cost is \$3 for chamber members, and \$4 for non-members.

Sponsors for the evening are Citizens Banks of East Jordan and Central Lake, the East Jordan Iron Works, and Murphy's Lamplight Inn.

For more information, call the East Jordan chamber at 536-7351.

Craft show back for its 22nd year

The 22nd annual Holiday Hobbycraft Show will be held this Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Boyne City High School gymnasium. Crafts, ornaments, and decorative items will be on display by 85 craftspeople.

The event is sponsored by the Boyne City Foundation for Educational Excellence. For more information, call 582-7087.

In addition to the crafts for sale, the Boyne City Child Study Club will hold a ski, skate, and toy sale during Saturday's event. The sale will be located in the band room, and is accepting merchandise to sell from 8:30-10 a.m.

For more information, call Kathy Anderson at 582-3180.

Students take stage for extravaganza

Boyne City High School students are gearing up for their annual fall show, this year titled "The Holiday Extravaganza."

Two shows are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Boyne City Elementary School cafeteria.

Members of the high school's band, jazz band, choir, and drama departments will take part in the show, and art students will have their work on display at the performance.

Tickets are available for \$2.50 per person from Bob Wollenberg at Boyne City High School.

For more information, call the school at 439-8100.

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Skiers lined up at Boyne Mountain for a chance to enjoy the early influx of snow the area experienced last week. More snow is in the forecast, putting smiles on the faces of winter sports enthusiasts all over northern Michigan.

Is early snow a sign of what's to come?

After four years of winter weather at either end of the spectrum, northern Michigan residents and visitors can expect to enjoy a "normal" season this year.

"We're expecting a winter much more normal than the last two winters," said National Weather Service meteorologist Kevin Farina, who noted the contrast with the last four winters, which included two seasons of particularly harsh weather followed by two seasons of mild conditions.

"El Niño and La Niña really changed our weather pattern [in the last few years]," Farina said. But, he said, "there's no El

Niño or La Niña in effect right now."

In other words, things will be as normal, weather-wise, as they can be in the local area.

While our recent snows fall into a more normal range for the area than we've had in recent years, the slightly lower-than-average temperatures kept more snow on the ground last week, causing it to seem like significantly more precipitation.

High temperatures last week were sitting at around 30 degrees, with the normal expected temperature for this time in November more towards the 40 degree mark. "I would expect it's not nor-

mal to see this much snow on the ground," Farina said. "Some areas have as much as 18 inches on the ground."

Early this week, the area saw a return to more normal November temperatures, melting much of the accumulated snow. But don't put away those skis and sleds — the colder temperatures will likely return soon, with a chance for more snow mid-to-late week.

DESPITE THE warmer weekend temperatures, Boyne Mountain was up and running on Thanksgiving Day.

"We had a great weekend," said general manager Ed Grice. "We had strong numbers all weekend."

With 10 runs and five lifts open, the resort has been able to maintain a good base, and expects to start making snow again mid-to-late week, as temperatures begin to drop below freezing again. With a four or five hour window of freezing temperatures, the snow guns are in business.

"With our snowmaking systems, it's easy for us to turn off and turn on," said Grice.

"It doesn't take long with the snowmaking crew we have. In an hour's time, we can be where we want to be [to get snowmaking started]."

Area retailers hoping for strong sales during holiday season

By ANGELA SHULTIS

With the arrival of the holiday season, retailers are looking forward to what is traditionally the busiest shopping time of the year.

Locally, East Jordan and Boyne City retailers are regarding the season with cautious optimism, mirroring the mood of retailers statewide.

According to Mary Faculak, East Jordan Area Chamber director and owner of the E.J. Shoppe, the holidays do not automatically mean big business, especially for small, locally based merchants.

"We've been very fortunate in East Jordan," she said, "that we do have strong local support." But, she said, the fact that many folks skip local merchants to shop at large, "discount" stores is still an issue.

"It's something local residents need to remember," said Faculak. "It's the local business owners and employers that are there for you 365 days a year, and that people come to

for donations for organizations, schools, events. [Business owners] are community people that are supporting [the town] and making that quality of life possible."

Many people cite big savings as their reason for going out of town to shop, but, said Faculak, people fail to

figure in the extra time and gas spent in searching out a "bargain." And, she said, sometimes the idea that items will be cheaper elsewhere is a myth — in her business and others around the area, "we get comments from customers who looked

elsewhere for items and come back to East Jordan because the prices are lower."

That doesn't mean, though, that local retailers aren't hoping for the best.

"We're expecting a good holiday season," said Linda Snyder, owner of Busy Bridge. While Snyder does gift business, her store carries many holiday decorating items, including orna-

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Local merchants are hoping the early winter weather experienced in the area will put shoppers in the holiday mood.

ments and greens. "[People are] buying things for their trees, buying greens, ornaments, garlands," she said. "I think the snow has gotten them in the mood."

Traditionally, Snyder's business has enjoyed a good holiday season. "Our fourth quarter is our best season, which isn't typical [for a business in a resort town]," she said, "because we do have a large assortment of gifts and decorations and collectibles."

But for those businesses that aren't specialty or gift shops, the holiday competition is taking its toll. Said Mike Mackenzie of Sherman's Appli-

ance, "the biggest challenge for us is to get people to stay in town and shop. There are too many super stores."

According to MacKenzie, the year overall hasn't been a banner one, and while he's hopeful about the holiday season, he's not seeing an increase in business just yet.

"We usually get a spurt just before Christmas," he said, but a slow season may be exacerbated by continued consumer caution, fueled by a troubled stock market and increasing interest rates.

"I think the election has a lot to do with it," said MacKenzie. "People are holding onto the money a little

longer."

Still, he said, people who are spending need to know the benefits of shopping locally. "[After-sale] service is what we sell," he said. "We stand behind our product. The only way you can compete in a small town is to go that extra mile."

IN BOYNE CITY, the mood is generally positive, having already seen a good start in retail business.

"With this snow, people have been out there shopping like they haven't in two or three years," said Debbie

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OPINION

BETWEEN the LINES

A time for striking a balance

By ANGELA SHULTIS

I've got the holiday spirit, to be sure. I'm eagerly anticipating a season of Christmas programs, cookie walks, and dazzling decorations. I've also got the bug to do that thing that gets many of us into so much trouble — my Christmas shopping.

I'm not a big shopper the rest of the year, but I love to shop for Christmas. I'm a planner, so I spend a lot of time before the holidays planning out what I will give to whom. I love to pick up items, knowing how pleased the recipients will be. And wrapping, for me, is an event in and of itself. Then, I actually spend time gazing admiringly at the lighted tree and the gifts beneath it, taking as much joy now in the prospect of giving as I did in the possibility of receiving when I was a kid.

So what's there to complain about? Nothing really, but there is one thing that nags at me, more and more as I get older, it seems. And it's the worry that, for me, it sometimes feels like Christmas is all about the presents.

I know it's not, of course, and I attempt to keep that thought front and center on a daily basis during the holiday season. In my household, we definitely make a point of remembering, as they say, "the reason for the season."

And I'm trying to help my kids understand that Christmas is not all about what you can get, but what you can give to others, materially and spiritually. But that's not always easy, as most of us well know. Sometimes I get caught up in the holiday buying frenzy. And I'm constantly sabotaging myself.

Whenever the kids see something they want on TV, I usually respond by saying, "maybe for Christmas." If I bought them even half of the things I've suggested they ask for for Christmas, I'd go bankrupt. And equally distressing is the fact that now, in response to every single toy commercial that comes on, and I'm not exaggerating, my kids take turns yelling, "I want that!"

And then, when it's time to see Santa, I badger the kids about what they're going to ask for. It's for my own reference, mind you, and I have to ask 10 or 12 times because I have no memory for these things. Even so, the end result is that I'm inadvertently reinforcing the message that the holiday is mainly about the "gimmies."

I guess I could take the easy way out, and blame it on my own childhood, during which I experienced some Christmases I now know many other kids only dream of. But, of course, that would be a complete and utter cop-out.

And I could blame society and the advertising frenzy that bombards all of us weak-willed consumers this time of year, but that, too, would be a cop-out, though not entirely without merit.

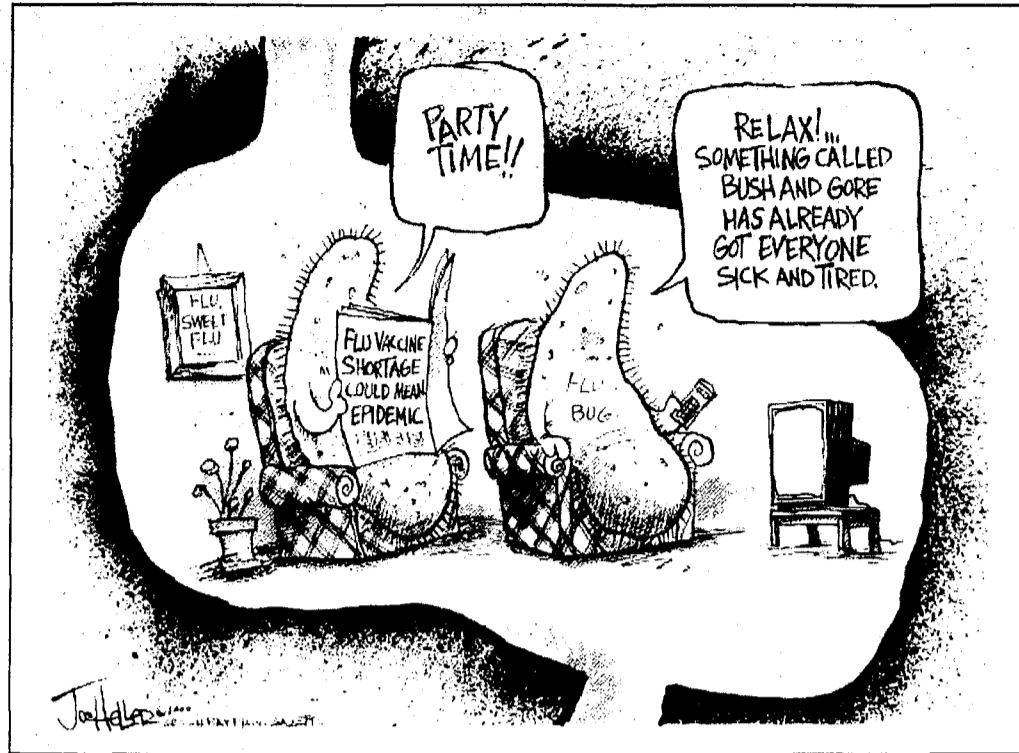
And of course, there's blaming it on Hollywood, which just this year took Dr. Seuss' classic tale of the mean-spirited Grinch who discovers that Christmas is about what's in your heart, and turned it into a money-making, merchandiser's dream, just in time for the holidays.

Truly, though, I know that it's up to me to make Christmas what it should be for my family, despite whatever outside messages we're receiving. I need to worry less about baking mounds of cookies, or stringing the house with a record number of lights, or coordinating the right ribbons with the wrapping paper.

Ultimately, like many other things, it's about striking a balance, I think — about enjoying the things we've come to associate with the season, while keeping in mind what the true gifts are.

And, when I really think about it, the time I love most is when the family is together, gathered around the tree, even before anyone opens a thing. And those moments in the weeks before Christmas, when we spend time trimming the tree, or dancing to Christmas tunes in the living room, or watch "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," as a family.

So I will do my shopping, and delight in my kids' faces on Christmas morning. But I will also make a point of showing my family that it's the experience that means the most, not what's inside those boxes under the tree.



A MOM'S LIFE

Kids know the true meaning

By CINDI PLACE

In this season of celebration and giving, I'm struck by the conscious effort that our children are making to share with others less fortunate. Between bringing gifts for local Christmas baskets and donating foodstuffs to be placed under a Christmas tree at their respective schools, our kids seem very aware that other kids are not quite so lucky as they.

While I would like to claim the credit for their altruism, I really need to place it where it belongs — with the kids. Throughout their short lives, our children have been obsessed with fairness and equality. Granted, while many times their concern has centered around events that affect them directly, they have passed on stories of others whose lives are not nearly as safe and secure as theirs.

And, of course, much of the credit for making our children aware of the needs of others in our global world goes to their teachers.

During history lessons, our kids have learned about countries where human rights are merely a dream. Our

children have read books about cultures where equal rights and civil rights are just being recognized. Their teachers have spent countless class hours talking with them about the importance of being responsible for their actions and that treating others honestly and fairly should be a way of life.

In school, our children are learning to become good citizens by concentrating on the importance of being on time and turning in assignments when they are due. They are spending time volunteering for community projects. They work hard at extracurricular activities so that they can do their best at an athletic contest, or drama presentation or academic competition.

Certainly teaching our kids mathematics and social studies and science is important. But I for one am grateful that their education has not been limited to academics alone. Our children are lucky that, even with all the pressure to teach to the test, and stick to the basics, their teachers still believe that the best education cannot be complete without encouraging their students to be good people.

And thank goodness for that.

Sitting pretty

Avery Snyder cozied up to Santa at the Dilworth Hotel on Friday night, just one of the many eager kids who turned out in Boyne City to visit with the jolly old elf following his arrival in the Santa Parade.



A 'truly wonderful holiday experience'

TO THE EDITOR:

The saying "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" came true in Boyne City last Friday night, starting with the parade, to the arrival of Santa, and culminating with his visit with the children at the Dilworth Hotel.

For this truly wonderful holiday experience we wish to

thank the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Boyne City, the Dilworth Hotel, and all that participated in this traditional Boyne City holiday event. Merry Christmas to all.

Dick Dunsmore
Eloise Cleland
Gloria Anderson
Ann Parks

Arts Center hosting grand opening Sunday

The grand opening of the renovated gallery at the Jordan River Art Center will be Sunday, Dec. 3, featuring an exhibit of member artists, with pieces available for sale. The art center is located at 301 Main St. East Jordan.

Art patrons and friends will enter the gallery through exterior doors designed and constructed by Poineau Woodworkers, Inc. The maple floors and the oak circulation desk has been refinished. New platforms which will serve as a stage or be used to exhibit works of art have been constructed by John Stevens and faux painted by Andi Gerring. The walls and woodwork have been given a fresh coat of paint. The renovation has been made possible by grants from the Frey Foundation of Grand Rapids, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, and the help of many volunteers.

Art works on exhibit include blown glass, stained glass, jewelry, watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings, pottery, collages, photographs, handmade Christmas ornaments, paper notebooks and note cards, and some craft items. Over 25 area artists will be represented. In addition to the art for sale will be an exhibit of antique Christmas ornaments from the Busy Bridge Upstairs and other ethnic and unusual ornaments.

Music and refreshments will be provided by the Board of Directors.

During the event, tickets will be on sale for the Dessert Theatre, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" with an introductory monologue by "Mrs. Sorken." This family oriented theatre will be held at the center on Dec. 7 and 8.

For more information call the art center at 536-3385, or Jane Diller at 582-6399.

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Holiday shopping

Thompson, director of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce.

According to Thompson, while the season seems to get a little better each year, "I think this year it's going to be a lot better." The expected weather for the season, with normal levels of snow and cold predicted. "Time will tell, but we've needed the snow for a long time," Thompson said. "The snow really affects our economy."

Indeed, last year's lack of the white stuff was a prime factor in slower retail traffic, with the absence of expected skiers, snowmobilers, and other snow-loving tourists.

"It was really depressing," she said. "The owners of our motels were calling and saying 'six canceled' and 'four canceled.' The numbers were way, way down."

And while it looks as though Mother Nature may be giving the area's retailers a welcome boost, there are other factors that keep people shopping in Boyne City.

"The people that own these businesses and run these stores are friends and neighbors," she said. "If you have to return something, it's a lot easier. And a lot of our merchants, if you call them and say, 'I can't get down there until later than the store stays open,' nine times out of ten, [the store] will stay open for [you]."

With the addition of several new businesses, and expansions of existing ones, the downtown area has more to offer than ever, Thompson said. "We're really becoming more and more diverse every year. We have a children's clothing store, a CD shop, all kinds of things out there."

Downtown merchants are making a concerted effort to make their stores appealing to fickle consumers.

The key for keeping local customers in town, said Ray Guzniczak of Country Now and Then, is to "provide more than just merchandise. You have to provide a service and put in the extra hours." Guzniczak has found that his business draws about 60 percent of its customers from out of town, but has a steady base of about 40 percent local residents.

LOCAL RETAILERS are not alone in taking a somewhat cautious approach to the season, according to the Michigan Retailers Association. "Somewhat lower holiday expectations are no real surprise, given the fact that retailers have experienced slower sales growth all year," said Larry Meyer, CEO of the Michigan Retailers Association and a former director of the Michigan Department of Commerce.

"Repeated interest rate boosts, higher gas prices, and unseasonal weather [earlier in the season] have all taken a toll," he said. And according to the Michigan Retailers Association, the number of retailers projecting sales increases — 62 percent — and their expected sales growth — nine percent — are the lowest since 1994.

For encouraging local business, though, things like higher gas costs can work in the favor of local merchants, keeping folks closer to home. And with lots of community holiday events planned throughout the month of December, the merchants may benefit from the feeling of community togetherness. "The community is offering a number of opportunities to enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas," said Faculak, including getting what they need to make their loved ones' holiday a memorable one.

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Visiting a new land

Exchange students getting taste of life in northern Michigan

Looking for a new experience and adventure, many students take part in foreign exchange programs each year. In East Jordan, local families have welcomed two of those students into their homes and community this year.

Ruben Ramirez, a high school senior from Puebla, Mexico, arrived in East Jordan last fall through the Rotary exchange program. Searching for a new experience, Ruben applied over a year ago to be part of the exchange program.

Having listed Canada, the United States, and England as his top choices of places to go, he was notified that he would participate in the program, and would be heading to the U.S.A.

Of course, when told he'd be going to East Jordan, Michigan, he had no idea what to expect. So he started looking on the Internet, got some information about the area, and liked what he saw. And, he said, Michigan is near Canada, so in a way, it encompassed two of his top choices.

Coming from a major city of about five million people to a small midwestern town has required a little adjustment. While, Ruben said, "it hasn't been hard" to adjust, it has been tough to get used to being dependent on getting rides to go anywhere, in contrast to a metropolitan city with lots of public transportation.

Also, with the slower-paced northern Michigan lifestyle, you "don't have a lot to do."

Not that he's knocking it. "It's relaxing," he said. He's enjoying the serenity of the northern woods, and especially the recent snow. "We don't have snow [in Puebla]," said Ruben, who noted that the coldest temperatures they ever see are in

Welcome to EAST JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL Home of the RED DEVIL

the lower 30s, with the weather generally staying "really warm."

Ruben plans to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the full winter experience. "I have to ski," he said enthusiastically.

East Jordan's other exchange student, Soren Low, a native of Denmark, is likewise planning to make the most of what winter in northern Michigan has to offer. A snowboarder, Soren was happy to be able to come to someplace in the United States where he could keep his snowboarding skills in practice.

In East Jordan through the American Education exchange program, Soren decided three years ago that he wanted to come to the United States, based partially on his passion for the largely American sport of basketball. He started saving money, working in shops and delivering papers, and eventually applied to become an exchange student.

Soren's hometown in Denmark is Stenlose, a city of around 10,000 people, about a half an hour's drive from the capital city of Copenhagen. While Stenlose is still a relatively small town, Soren, like Ruben, is having a little difficulty getting used to the isolation of northern Michigan.

"I think it's a great experience. I've been here not quite three months, but I've already learned a lot."

--Ruben Ramirez

"I'm used to a lot of public transportation," Soren said, noting that here, he's "real dependent on getting rides."

Both Soren and Ruben have noticed plenty of differences between American life and that of their respective countries. The most glaring cultural difference for both is the food. Having sampled the high-fat, fast food diet of the typical American teen, both seem to be missing the tastes of home.

"Our food is not fast food, and it's more spicy food," said Ruben. Danish food, said Soren, is

quite different, focusing more on grains. "I've gained weight [since coming to East Jordan]," he said, laughing.

Both miss their friends, too, but that hasn't kept them from making themselves at home in East Jordan. Soren was a part of the Division IV state champion cross country team this year, and Ruben is committed to enjoying the American experience, including celebrating a few holidays, American-style.

"I like holidays," he said, noting that he's heard that Christmas is "really big" in the United States. He's also looking forward to celebrating some exclusively-American holidays such as the Fourth of July.

Both are hoping to do a little traveling outside of the area, maybe to some bigger cities like Detroit and Chicago. Soren is hoping to get a chance to attend a professional basketball, football, or hockey game. And as part of the Rotary program, Ruben and some other exchange students will have the opportunity to travel west on a three-week road trip at the end of the year.

But most of all, for these exchange students, coming to America is about the experience.

"I think it's a great experience," said Ruben. "I've been here not quite three months, but I've already learned a lot."

East Jordan exchange students Soren Low, of Denmark, left, and Ruben Ramirez, of Mexico, are enjoying the challenges of adjusting to life in northern Michigan.

Friends of Boyne River make presentation to BF school board

Tom Sheets and Mike Sheean of the Friends of the Boyne River presented information last week to the Boyne Falls Board of Education regarding a proposed nature trail extending from Boyne Falls to Boyne City. At their regular meeting, Sheets and Sheean requested that the board consider an easement for the trail across school property.

The building and grounds committee plan to research the request. In other business, it was announced that the school has received a \$4,275 donation from the Parent Teacher Organization. The funds have been used to purchase an extra swing set for the school's playground and new books for the media center.

The PTO is also considering matching challenge grants to any person or group in the community, and hope to match the gifts up to a total of \$1,000.

Superintendent Mark Parsons reported that the school's playground equipment is scheduled to be installed beginning on Thursday, Nov. 29.

Other discussion focused on the previous week's evacuation due to a malfunctioning boiler. Parsons indicated that the boiler and all of the school's heating systems have been checked by the heating company and Michigan Consolidated Gas, Co., and that further work will be done to adapt the school's emergency plans to the new school location.

Art center hosting several holiday events

Area art lovers are invited to participate in several events to Celebrate the Arts, from Dec. 1-17, at the Jordan River Art Center. The celebration will coincide with the grand opening of the art center's newly renovated gallery.

On Friday, Dec. 1, a preview party for volunteers of the renovation project will be held. Sunday, Dec. 3, will mark the grand opening, with a

members exhibit. "Art for Sale," along with handmade and antique Christmas ornaments, as well as music and refreshments.

Scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Dec. 7 and 8, are Dessert Theatre performances of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," with doors opening at 7 p.m. each evening. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m., and dessert will follow the play. The performances

will be preceded by the Chamber of Commerce Soup Cook-off from 5-7 p.m.

From 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, family Christmas crafts will be available, to coincide with the Lady Lions Santa Parade and a visit with Santa at the Senior Center. On Sunday, Dec. 10, a community band concert will be held at the East Jordan High School, with the Jordan

Rivér Art Center open for visitors following the concert.

On Dec. 16, a teen night will be held at the center from 7:30-11 p.m., with music and refreshments.

December 17 will mark the final day of the members exhibit, and will feature a special surprise event.

For more information, call Jane Diller at 582-6399 or the center at 536-3385.

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OBITUARIES

Ronald Charles Gibbons

Ronald Charles Gibbons, 63, of Clare, passed away Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at the Ingham Regional Medical Center in Lansing. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Stackus Funeral Home. The Rev. David Behling will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Lawn Cemetery. Ron was born on Dec. 9, 1936, the son of Benjamin and Bonita (Weeks) Lamb. He graduated from Boyne City High School. He served in the United States Army during peace time. He was a

construction contractor and had lived in Clare for the last 25 years. Survivors include three sons, Ronald (Karen) Gibbons, Mike (Sheri) Gibbons, and James Gibbons, all of Boyne City; his mother, Bonita Lamb of Boyne City; two grandchildren; two brothers, Jerry Gibbons of East Jordan and David (Kathy) Lamb of Boyne City; a sister, Sally Moran of Boyne City; and a special friend, Martha Koch of Clare. He was preceded in death by his father, Ben Lamb.

Laurence Herbert DeNise

Laurence Herbert DeNise, 80, of Boyne Falls, died on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2000 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. A funeral was held on Saturday, Nov. 25, at the Stackus Funeral Home. The Rev. Carl Litchfield of the United Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Boyne Valley Township Cemetery. Herb was born on May 6, 1920 in Boyne Falls, the son of Bert and Minnie Paddock DeNise. On Oct. 25, 1941 he married Emma Jane Overmyer. He served in the US Army during World War II. He was a lineman/serviceman for Consumers Power for

many years, retiring in 1975. Herb loved his hunting shack in the Upper Peninsula and was an avid beekeeper. Survivors include his wife, Emma Jane of Boyne Falls; three children, Robert (Linda) DeNise of Boyne Falls, Richard (Kathie) DeNise of Rudyard, and Jolane (Barney) Hess of Florida; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Ardis DeNise of Lansing; a brother, Phillip DeNise of Boyne City; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne and Merle. The family wishes memorials to the American Lung Association.

EJ schools release annual report

The East Jordan Public Schools recently released their sixth annual report, chronicling the 1999-2000 school year. The report covers the elementary, middle and high schools. At the elementary level, the school reports an average daily attendance rate of 95 percent, and a 93 percent participation rate by parents at parent-teacher conferences. One hundred percent of the elementary school's 594 students received instruction in music and art. The middle school reports a 94.2 percent daily attendance rate. Eighty-seven percent of the parents of middle school students participated in parent-teacher conferences.

An alternative classroom was introduced to the middle school, in which qualifying students showed a 46 percent increase in school attendance, and a corresponding 49 percent reduction in disciplinary referrals. In the high school, the average daily attendance rate for the 1999-2000 school year was 92.4 percent, with 55 percent of students represented by parents at parent-teacher conferences. Sixty percent of the students at East Jordan High School participate in athletics, band, choir, and drama. In technology, the schools' overall report a student-to-computer ratio of 3 to 1, compared to the national

average of 9 to 1. The district is five years into a \$1,400,000 instructional technology upgrade. Academically, the high school reports an ACT composite average of 23.8, higher than the state average of 22.5 and the national average of 22.0. MEAP scores show lower than state average numbers in grade four and five, with closer to average numbers in grades seven and eight, and near or above average scores at the high school level. Highlights of the year for the district included an "Ambassador of the Year" award from the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of the district's commitment to the community.

The district also reports that local foundations provided over \$38,000 in grant support for academic enrichment projects in 1999-2000, with the same foundations providing over \$90,000 in extra funding for capital improvements at the Community Pool and Boswell Stadium. The high school's vocational welding program received a \$30,000 grant from Char-Em Intermediate to upgrade all MIG and TIG welding systems, and the Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) program met all of the criteria to become a state-certified vocational program. A copy of the annual report is available by contacting the schools.

NEWS FROM BOYNE CITY HALL

By SUE HOBBS

WINTER TAXES are here. They should be mailed out by the first of December.

CITY STAFF is looking for applicants to serve on city boards and commissions. If you are interested in serving, please contact us at 582-6597 and we will mail you an application form, or stop in to pick one up.

LAST WEEK'S CITIZEN carried an article regarding Boyne Valley Township's suit against the City of Boyne City in relation to the annexation of property for an industrial park. There was mention of the township's request for an Act 425 transfer of the property. It did not mention that when this was discussed during a meeting, the city offered to enter into a 425 Agreement with Boyne Valley, with the township receiving less than the maximum millage they levy. This offer was rejected by the township.

In the mid 1980s, due to the water and sewer which can accommodate industrial needs being located right next door, the township planning board discussed developing this parcel as industrial. This was not done.

When the city had sold all the lots in the existing industrial park except one, and had industries asking about property, then city manager Randy Frykberg approached the property owners and asked about the city purchasing the property. This was about four years ago. City taxpayers paid \$364,000 for the 116-plus acres. The contract for engineering to develop the industrial park is \$225,000; the contract for construction is for \$1,125,000; cost of expanding/improving the water main to the park, in order to ensure adequate water pressure, is \$455,000.

Most of this will be funded through grants and loans which will be forgiven with job creation and paid through the capture of tax dollars from industries which locate in the park. However, it is city taxpayers who are taking the risk; it is their money on the line in this venture, not the township taxpayers. This does not include legal fees for land purchase as well as hours of staff time through the years.

This effort was started by the city commission in order to make sure there are jobs for the citizens of Boyne City and the surrounding area, including Boyne Valley Township. In light of the recent closing of Thomas & Betts, and Dura in East Jordan, it was the right decision. Boyne Valley Township had this property zoned commercial along the road and residential behind that area. How much tax money would this have provided the township? If this industrial park is as successful as the first phase, the township will realize more revenue from homes built throughout its boundaries due to work available in the park as well as commercial businesses which will open along M-75 to serve those working in the park and to provide goods and services to those industries located in the park. In addition to tax revenue, more jobs mean more families moving to the area, and this means money for the school, with the rise in student count.

Several years ago, the city was approached by Boyne USA regarding its proposed expansion. The resort either needed to upgrade its sanitary sewer system or connect to a municipal system. In working together on this project, the city's sanitary system was extended to Boyne USA. This has resulted in the resort being able to build much more housing, and now the hotel conference center which is being constructed. This construction will greatly increase the tax base in Boyne Valley Township.

This explanation is an effort to commend the city commissions, both past and present, for the foresight they had to provide jobs for our citizens, not as a criticism of township officials. It is also intended to provide information to Boyne City taxpayers on what their elected officials are doing, and why, and to the township taxpayers about the city's efforts to work with the township to strengthen the area's economy.

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



Band honors

Boyne City High School students Asuka Barden and Victor Stevens recently won coveted spots in the District II Honors Band 2000. The two were chosen from 150 band students representing 40 school districts to take part in the 90-piece honors band. An honors band concert will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Petoskey Middle School Auditorium.

Community invited to Christmas Celebration and Carol Sing

On Friday, Dec. 10, residents of the Boyne City and East Jordan community are invited to take part in the annual Community Christmas Celebration and Carol Sing in the fellowship hall at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Boyne City. The program will begin at 4 p.m. Organizers Howard Darby and Helen Anzell are looking forward to a strong turnout for this year's event. Estimating last year's turnout at about 120 people, "we'd like to see a lot more than that," said Anzell, who noted that they're hoping to get more children involved. While the program has been a tra-

dition for several years, the Anzells took over as sponsors and organizers, along with the help of other interested community members, in 1999. The program, narrated by Darby, follows the Christmas story, based on an old Perry Como narrative of the tale. Traditional songs, such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "The First Noel," are incorporated into the story, with the audience encouraged to sing along. The event is non-denominational, and there is no charge to attend. St. Matthew's Church is located at 1303 Boyne Ave.

Regional Ride cutting back service

The Northwest Regional Transportation Committee (NRTC) has eliminated bus service on two of the three routes operated by the Regional Ride. NRTC Chairman Joe DeKoning said the U.S. 31 North and U.S. 131/M-72 runs will be discontinued on Dec. 1. No changes are being made to the U.S. 31 South run, or the Health Ride that is also part of the Regional Ride. The U.S. 31 North and U.S. 131/M-72 runs have been serving the following cities and villages: Boyne City, Boyne Falls, East Jordan, Charlevoix, Gaylord, Atwood, Eastport, Elk Rapids, Mancelona, Kalkaska, and Williamsburg. The Regional Ride is in the third year of a demonstration project that is

largely being funded by the Michigan Department of Transportation. "It's with great disappointment that the NRTC had to take this step, but two factors made the decision necessary," DeKoning said. "One is that during this demonstration project the state subsidy went from 70 percent the first year, to 60 percent the second year, and now to 50 percent during this third year. Also, the ridership numbers haven't been strong enough to sustain the service despite efforts we've made to correct that, such as moving our starting point to Gaylord on the U.S. 31 North run." The U.S. 31 South run will continue to serve the communities of Frankfort, Benzonia, Beulah, Honor, Lake Ann and Traverse City.

CALENDAR

LIBRARY STORY HOUR

Thursday, Nov. 30
The Walloon Lake Library will hold a preschool story hour from 10:30 to 11:30 on Thursday mornings from Nov. 30 through Dec. 21. The story hour includes a craft or activity.

SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, Dec. 2
The Boyne City First Presbyterian Church will hold a Silent Auction and Dinner from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$5. Items to be auctioned include a snowmobile which is on display at Sunburst Marine in Boyne City. The church is located at the corner of Park and Pine streets.

BOYNE FOOD PANTRY

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

BCFFEE

First Wednesday
The Boyne City Foundation for Excellence in Education meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5:45 p.m. at Boyne City High School.

BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP

Fourth Monday
Starting Nov. 27 a Tip of the Mitt Brain Injury Support Group will be held the fourth Monday of each month at the Charlevoix Area Hospital lower level meeting room at 7 p.m. The meeting is for brain injury survivors and family members. Transportation may be possible if needed.

TOPS CHAPTER

Every Monday, 10-11:30 a.m.
A new chapter of TOPS meets every Monday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Northern Michigan Hospital Health and Education Center classroom #3.

VETERAN ASSISTANCE

Thursdays
A Service Officer will be at the American Legion Post every Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Any veteran seeking assistance - financial, medical, disability benefits, etc. - may visit the Post at the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City or call 582-7811 at that time.

AL-ANON

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

AA MEETINGS

Weekly
The Boyne Valley Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the basement of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 1303 Boyne Ave., Boyne City. All meetings are closed and non-smoking. Times: Sunday 1 p.m.; Monday 12 noon, 8 p.m.; Tuesday 12 noon; Wednesday 12 noon (Big Book Study); Thursday 12 noon, 6:30 p.m. (Big Book/Step Study), 8 p.m.; Friday 12 noon, 8 p.m. The first Friday of each month, an "Open Speaker" meeting is open to family and friends.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

VFW Auxiliary

The Ladies VFW Auxiliary combined with the Men's VFW club of East Jordan will have their Christmas potluck party Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. Bingo will be played. No exchange gifts please.

CRADLE CALL

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4. All eligible Store Finalists' tickets will be entered in the **Grand Prize Drawing** to be randomly drawn by the staff of the Citizen-Journal. The winner receives \$500 in Shopping Certificates. Good at any sponsor's store(s). Winners must agree to use the name and photo for promotional purposes.
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HOLIDAY Calendar

Boyne City

JUDY KUHEANA MEMORIAL BREAKFAST Saturday, Dec. 2

The fourth annual memorial breakfast will be held at the Red Mesa Grill from 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Boyne City Food Pantry.

EAGLES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday, Dec. 2

Will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 106 River St.

HOLIDAY HOBBYCRAFT SHOW Saturday, Dec. 2

The annual craft show and sale will be held at Boyne City High School from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE Saturday, Dec. 2

Boyne Avenue Greenhouse, located at 921 Boyne Ave. will hold an open house from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

COOKIE WALK & BAZAAR Saturday, Dec. 2

Boyne City United Methodist Church, 324 S. Park St., Bazaar and cookies 9 a.m.-3 p.m., lunch from 11-1:30 p.m. Cost for the luncheon is \$4 for adults and \$1.50 for children up to 10 years old.

SANTA PICTURES Saturdays, Dec. 2 and 16

Kids and pets will be welcome at Once Upon a Time in Boyne City to have their pictures taken with Santa Claus from 12-3 p.m. The cost is \$8 per sitting; each sitting includes up to nine pictures in your choice of sizes. Once Upon a Time is located at 102 W. Water St. The event is a fundraiser for the Charlevoix County Humane Society. For more information, call 582-9591.

VISIT WITH SANTA Dec. 2, 8 & 15

At Needful Things, 124 Water St., from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

WREATHS & ANGELS AUCTION Sunday, Dec. 3

A silent auction of donated wreaths and angels will be held at One Water Street from 4-7 p.m. A cash bar will be available, along with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Items on display through

LIGHTS OF LOVE Wednesday, Dec. 6

Eta Nu Sorority Lights of Love will be held at One Water Street beginning at 6:30 p.m.

COOKIE WALKS Saturday, Dec. 9

Episcopal Church of the Nativity, 8 a.m.-11 a.m., located at 209 E. Main. Free coffee and juice.

First Presbyterian Church, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., located at 401 S. Park St. Beverage and cookie, \$1.

SANTA LUNCH Saturday, Dec. 9

Have lunch with Santa from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at One Water Street.

TROLLEY TOUR OF LIGHTS Dec. 14-23

Take a tour of area lights with a tour at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Pickup at Boyne Country Books.

CHRISTMAS RETAIL WINDOW JUDGING Friday, Dec. 15

Sponsored by the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce.

VISIT WITH SANTA Saturday, Dec. 16

Visit Santa at Carter's Food Center from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

East Jordan

HUMANE SOCIETY DISPLAY Dec. 1-Dec. 31

A display during the month of December at the Jordan Valley District Library. Presents for the animals of the humane society may be dropped off during this time.

DECORATING CONTEST DEADLINE Friday, Dec. 1

Deadline for entries to the residential and business decorating contest sponsored by Rupp & Keen Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate of East Jordan. Information: 536-9600.

GREENS MARKET, CRAFT, AND BAKE SALE Friday, Dec. 1

The East Jordan Garden Club will hold its annual Greens Market, Craft and Bake Sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the parking lot of Huntington Bank's downtown branch. Information: 536-2855.

HOLIDAY MALL Saturday, Dec. 2

The East Jordan High School Spanish and German clubs are sponsoring a holiday mall at the Senior Center from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with gift ideas, wrapping, address labels, a bake sale, and more. Information: 536-0053, ext. 5320.



Marching reindeer

Members of Boyne City Junior Girl Scout Troop 287 made like Rudolph for the Santa Parade in Boyne City last Friday. The streets were lined with holiday spectators, many of whom later took to the shops for "A Taste of Boyne."

LUMBERJACK BREAKFAST Sunday, Dec. 3

To be held at the East Jordan Snowmobile Clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

GALLERY GRAND OPENING Sunday, Dec. 3

The Jordan River Art Center will hold its renovated gallery grand opening from 1-4 p.m. with refreshments and a members exhibit, "Art for Sale," as well as handmade and antique Christmas ornaments.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP Monday, Dec. 4

Gingerbread house construction to take place at the East Jordan Elementary cafeteria from 6:30-9 p.m. Participants should bring supplies.

DECORATING CONTEST JUDGING Monday, Dec. 4

The judging of the residential and business decorating contest, sponsored by Rupp & Keen.

RINGING OF THE BELLS Dec. 4-8

Participating businesses offer special sales and promotions during evening hours. Check individual businesses advertising for details.

DINNER WITH SANTA Tuesday, Dec. 5

From 4-7:30 p.m. at the East Jordan Elementary School cafeteria. Cost: \$2 per person.

HOLIDAY CONCERT Wednesday, Dec. 6

The seventh-twelfth grade bands will hold their holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. at the high school gym.

COMMUNITY NIGHT Thursday, Dec. 7

Celebrate the holidays with family and friends in downtown East Jordan. Participating businesses will be hosting open houses from 5-8 p.m. Groups and individuals are encouraged to join caroling.

SOUP COOK-OFF Thursday, Dec. 7

Participating restaurants cook up their tastiest soup to compete for the "People's Choice Award" at Darlene's Restaurant from 5-7 p.m. Cost: \$1 donation, proceeds to benefit Care & Share Food Pantry.

TROLLEY RIDES Thursday, Dec. 7

Trolley leaves East Jordan Senior Center on Main Street at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to view decorations around town. Cost: free. Sponsored by Rupp & Keen Better Homes & Garden Real Estate. Information: 536-9600.

DESSERT THEATRE Dec. 7 & 8

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Doors open at 7 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Dessert to follow. Cost: \$4 adult, \$1 children. Information: 582-6399 or 536-3385.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS Saturday, Dec. 9

11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Jordan River Art Center.

SANTA PARADE/VISIT WITH SANTA Saturday, Dec. 9

Parade at 11 a.m. down Main Street, line up by East Jordan Fire Department. Visit with Santa at the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. There will also be free fire truck, police car, and ambulance rides beginning in front of the Senior Center.

COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT Sunday, Dec. 10

2 p.m. at the East Jordan High School auditorium.

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG Sunday, Dec. 10

4 p.m. at the East Jordan Lutheran Church. The public is invited.

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE Sunday, Dec. 17

6-8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St., East Jordan.

WINTER FROSTIVAL READING PROGRAM starting Dec. 21

The seventh annual Winter Frostival reading program begins at the Jordan Valley District Library. Each time participants return books, their name can be entered into drawings for prizes including books and winter theme items. Program goes through March 20, 2001.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES Sunday, Dec. 24

Children's Christmas Program at 11 a.m. at the East Jordan Lutheran Church; also, a candlelight and carol service with Holy Communion will be held at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Children's Mass at 5 p.m., and a Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at 11 p.m.

The East Jordan Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve Cantata, "Touched by a Child, Touched by a King," at 7:30 p.m.

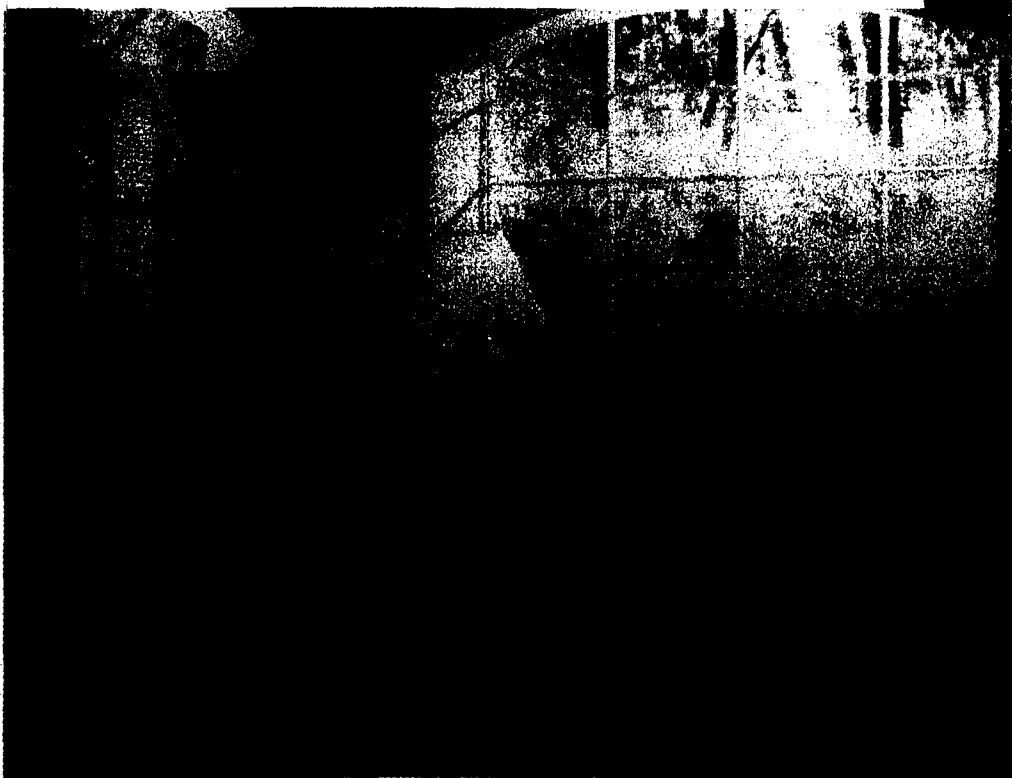
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Dec. 9 - Family Christmas Crafts 11-2 p.m.
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(Visit with Santa - Senior Center)
*** WAGBO Coffee House 8-11 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Community Band Concert
East Jordan High School
*** Center Open After Concert
Dec. 14 - Center Open Until 8 p.m.
*** Christmas Shopping
Dec. 16 - Teen Night 7:30-11 p.m.
*** Music and Refreshments
Dec. 17 - Last Day of Exhibit
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Holiday Happenings...

- Dec. 4 - Gingerbread House construction - 6:30-9 p.m.
Elementary cafeteria - Bring supplies.
Judging of Merchant and Business Decorating Contest. Joint Business After Hours
- Dec. 5 - Dinner With Santa - 4-7:30 p.m. Elementary cafeteria - \$2.00 per person.
- Dec. 6 - 7th-12th Grade Band Holiday Concert - 7:30 p.m. High School gym.
- Dec. 7 - "Community Night" - Participating businesses hosting "Open Houses: 5:00-8:00 p.m. Caroling. Soup Cook-Off - \$5.00 7:00 p.m. at Darlene's Restaurant. Trolley Rides
- Dec. 7 & 8 - Jordan River Arts Council - "Dessert Theater": The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Family Entertainment.

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HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I enjoy skiing, reading, science, and music. I also am interested in the history of art."

FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to do my best in high school, possibly getting all A's. Then I would like to attend a university that specializes in science."

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "I enjoy having Margaux in class," said Pat Klooster. "She is always here with a smile and a strong willingness to work. She gets along well with others and is a positive role model. Great job."

"Margaux is a person of character," said Elizabeth Hemming. "She is polite, respectful, responsible and always puts forth a great deal of effort. Her assignments are of the highest quality as she is an exemplary student. I need also mention Margaux's pleasant smile. She has a positive attitude and is a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations Margaux!"

NAME: Samantha Bricker
PARENTS: David and Robin Bricker
GRADE: Sophomore

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Basketball, volleyball, track
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Swimming, biking, writing, painting/drawing, reading, rock collecting, and star gazing

FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I plan to attend college and pursue whatever my dreams may be. At this point in my life, I'm not sure about my dreams for the future. I do know that whatever I end up doing will be something that I enjoy and that keeps me happy."

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Samantha is a real joy to have in class," said Pat Klooster. "She is always in a good mood and can bring up anyone else's mood she comes into contact with. She is a great student who cares about those around her. Great job Samantha!"

"Samantha is a pleasure to have on my JV girls basketball team," said Michele Deming. "She is very team-oriented, a hard-worker, and a natural leader. I am happy to have had the opportunity to coach her on my team. Congratulations Sam!"

"Chiquita is a ready and capable student," said Carrie Nelson. "She consistently participates in class and helps her fellow classmates. She is always ready with a smile and positive attitude. It is a pleasure to have her in class."

NAME: Jamie Marsh
PARENTS: Matt and Dawn Nichols and Tom Marsh

GRADE: Sophomore
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: "I play the clarinet in band and I am on the tech crew in drama."
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: "I like to read, draw, hang out with my friends."

FUTURE PLANS OR GOALS: "I have the opportunity to leave for college but I am deciding to stay in high school and enjoy my teen years. I hope to graduate with a 4.0 GPA and go to U of M and study to become a transplant surgeon."

NOMINATING COMMENTS: "Jamie is a diligent student in world geography," said Michele Deming. "I appreciate her attention to detail, work ethic and positive attitude. Keep up the good work, Jamie."

"Jamie is a wonderful student," said Elizabeth Hemming. "She is polite, friendly, responsible, and organized. Jamie has a strong work ethic and her consistent behavior convinces me that she cares about her academics and friends. Jamie is doing excellent in biology this year and she is a pleasure to have in class. Jamie exemplifies what a student of the week should be. Congratulations Jamie!"

"Jamie has been doing great work in health class," said Pat Klooster. "She works hard and turns in quality work. She is on time and in a good mood. Good luck Jamie and congratulations."



Margaux Rowley



Samantha Bricker



Jamie Marsh

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

A NOTE CAME in this week to let me know the family of Lyle Bennett will be honoring him with a retirement party on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 4 - 6 p. m. at the Boyne City Free Methodist Church. All family and friends are welcome.

DONNA APPOLD, an enthusiastic senior advocate and new to her job as project coordinator of Charlevoix and Emmet counties' RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), is looking forward to being introduced at the next Boyne City Senior Advisory Meeting, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6. Donna's phone number is 347-3211, ext. 29 or 347-5877; e-mail fcecc@freeway.com.

RUTH CHRISTY of Litzzenburger Place spent a couple of days as a medical patient in Northern Michigan Hospital this past week.

MURRAY AND JAN NORTHUP, their granddaughter Nicole, her son Michael and friend Marty, all of Midland, spent a couple days of the holiday weekend here with his mother, Edna May and family. Her son Mike Northup of Eastpointe was also here Tuesday and Wednesday.

SALLY AND MARY of Flint spent Thanksgiving in Boyne City with their dad, Everett Sayles.

JOHN GOULD was here from Indiana visiting his mother, Margaret Gould, and family from Thursday until Sunday.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES go out to the family of Bea Stepaniak of the Boyne City/East Jordan area, who passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 21, after a lengthy illness.

ELAINE RENNEKAMP of Boyne City has been a medical patient at Northern Michigan Hos-

pital. She is in room 282.

SEVERAL BOYNE CITY residents were among those attending Sunday afternoon's performance of the Northern Michigan Chorale, held at the McCune Art Center in Petoskey.

ELOISE CLELAND of Boyne City shared the Thanksgiving holiday with her family in Traverse City. While there, she was surprised with a phone call from her grandson Brian, who is stationed with the Air Force in Korea.

NELS AND LOUISA NORTHUP of Boyne Falls entertained their daughters, sons-in-law and their families in Deer Lake over the long holiday weekend. Attending were Lynnell and Denny Wakley and sons Gannon and Gabriel of Marshall, Lori and Bill Bailey and son Justin of Grand Rapids, Jenny and Tony Witer and daughters, Marie, Jessica, Allison, and Elizabeth of Anna, Ohio, Kim and Rich Martin, daughter Madeline and son Benjamin of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. John Witer of Newberry.

RICHARD DUNSMORE of Redford Township spent the long holiday in Boyne City with his family here. On Saturday night, his sister Gloria Anderson surprised him with a "59th" birthday party. Brother Don Dunsmore, sister Ann Parks, Aunt Eliose and many nieces and nephews shared in the good time.

MELANIE HUBBLE and Luke Hausler, of Boyne City, welcomed the arrival of their daughter, Sydney Claire, who was born at Charlevoix Area Hospital at 5:15 a.m. Nov. 23, 2000, Thanksgiving Day. Sydney Claire weighed 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches in length at her birth. Proud grandparents are Judy Lindsay of Clearwater, Fla., and Bruce Hubble and Mike and Diane Hausler, all of Boyne City. Great-grand-

parents are Norma Lindsay of Clearwater, Fla., and Ruth and Vernon Hausler of Boyne City.

MR. AND MRS. Brad Howard and daughter Rebecca of Burton shared the long Thanksgiving weekend here with his aunt, Billie Stanley.

JUDYLINDSAY and Jerry Goodchild of Clearwater, Fla., are here for a week or so, getting acquainted with her first grandchild, Sydney Claire Hausler, daughter of her daughter Melanie, and Mike Hausler.

MARK AND KATHY FRUGE of Boyne City entertained their parents, the Andersons and the Fruges, with a traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday.

JAMES HURLBURT was honored for his birthday on Friday night as his many friends and neighbors at Litzzenburger Place gave him a card signed by all, full of money, and a birthday cake, in appreciation of his willingness to help so many others all year round.

NORMA AND LARRY BEAN entertained Mary DeNike of East Jordan, Gloria Grunow and Frank and Shireen Grunow, as well as Debbie and Joe Ruttan of Ann Arbor for Thanksgiving dinner.

ADREA KORTHASE of Ann Arbor was here for the Thanksgiving Day meal with her parents, Bill and Deb Korthase.

(To submit an item for Nancy's column, call her at 582-9174 or e-mail her at nanup@mail.unnet.com)

WEDDING

Erber-Little

Nicole Lynn Erber and Patrick Joseph Little were married Saturday, June 10, 2000 at the First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. Arrangements of aqua pew bows and baskets of mixed spring flowers decorated the church at the 3 p.m. nuptials. The Rev. Milton G. Walls performed the double-ring ceremony in the presence of 100 wedding guests.

The bride is the daughter of Henry and Donna Erber of Boyne City. The groom's parents are Pat and Sheila Little of Saline.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a white satin sleeveless dress with a fitted bodice adorned with pearls and sequins and a detachable chapel length train. Her matching white headpiece with pearls was made by a friend of the family, and she carried a mixture of pink spray roses, yellow gerbera daisies, purple hydrangea, and assorted mixture of spring flowers.

Vocalist was Bill Christensen and pianist was Artie Jones.

The sister of the bride, Pam Zarembo, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Dana Smith

and Bethany Little, sister of the groom. They wore floor length aqua tank dresses accented with aqua tulle and dried flowers and carried a mixture of spring flowers.

Allison Barkel, daughter of the groom, was the junior bridesmaid wearing a white satin tank dress with chiffon overlay.

Brett McCartney was best man, and Jeff Hanselman and David Hesse served as groomsmen.

Ushers were John Zarembo and Kevin France. Parents of bride and groom hosted the reception given at the Terrace Inn in Bay View.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents and was held at Pippin's Restaurant in Boyne City.

Nicole and Patrick spent their honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They are planning to make their home in Ann Arbor where Nicole is a special education teacher consultant at Dexter Community Schools and Patrick a high school teacher for Dexter Schools.



Nicole and Patrick Little

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EJ awards another bid for Community Park work

The City of East Jordan awarded Contract Two for the East Jordan Community Park to East Jordan-based Petrie Construction.

Contract Two covers work for the renovation of the existing building and restroom. The contract also includes site work and parking lot electrical.

The city accepted Petrie's base bid of \$118,930 for the renovation work, and elected to set aside Petrie's alternate bid of \$111,287 for a new concession stand/press box/restroom facility to be built between the four planned baseball fields.

On the recommendation of Richard Beaufre, representing project engineers Capital Consultants, the city decided to wait on awarding the alternate bid until funding could be se-

cured for the additional work. Currently, the \$111,287 for a new building is beyond current funding budgeted for the Community Park project.

Under the bid specifications, the alternate bid is valid for 90 days from the date of the bid, Nov. 2, giving the city that period of time to investigate other funding opportunities. Beaufre noted that the new restroom facility must be completed as originally proposed in order for funding granted by the Department of Natural Resources to be released.

The bid from Petrie Construction was the only one received in this round of bidding on Contract Two.

The city had previously bid the work twice, first in July and then in September. In July, the buildings

were included as part of one overall contract, for which bids were higher than expected, and no bids were awarded.

The work was bid again in September in the form of two separate contracts to allow the city flexibility to award up to the budgeted funds and allow local builders the opportunity to bid on just the building portion of the work. The City awarded Contract One, which included a septic system for the proposed building, to Weisel Construction on Oct. 3. No bids were received on Contract Two at that time.

The City will explore funding alternatives and review the alternative bid prior to the expiration date of Jan. 31, 2001.



Tool time

Last week, eight local businesses brought the tools of their trades into East Jordan Elementary School, to show third graders that not all "tools" are hammers, saws, and screwdrivers. At left, glass artisan Alan Swan of Swan Studio lets student Melissa Morris check out glassmaking apparatus, while Ed Clark and Ray Miller of Ray's Guitar give students a demonstration of how musicians use "tools" of a different kind.

SPORTS

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY RESULTS

BOYNE'S PEEWEE hockey team, sponsored by Dan's Concrete, was defeated 4-2 in a spirited contest in CharEm's Griffin arena last weekend.

With Aaron Hardy in goal, Jacob Fair, Shane Grunow, and Evan Keller put in a good showing on defense. Brit King scored an unassisted goal, with Gabe Korthase scoring Boyne's other goal, assisted by Russell Williams.

Boyne's PeeWee team also played three early games this season. On Nov. 12, they faced Bill Marsh in Traverse City, losing 2-0. Nick Feree was solid in goal, and Dylan Clark and Josh Aoffen were cited for aggressive play on offense. Evan Keller and Russell Williams contributed good defensive play.

Nov. 18 brought the team to Char Em. Clark scored the one goal for Boyne in the 2-1 effort. Coach Al Aown noted Aaron Hardy and Brit King for their hustle, and Keller and Jacob Fair for dynamic defense. Goalie Feree was tough between the pipes.

On Nov. 19, Boyne was downed 4-1 by Gaylord. Alex Bajko was solid on defense, and Tyler Price and Gabe Korthase were cited for dedicated ef-

fort. Feree was in goal. Keller scored Boyne's lone goal.

THE MIDGET team tied Char Em on Nov. 19, 2-2. Scoring for Boyne were Dennis Cadarette and Justin Rouleau. Assists were credited to Aaron Westrick and Chris Grice. Goalie Mike Bingham turned away 32 shots.

Later that afternoon, Boyne took on Cadillac. In a fast-paced, heads-up game, Boyne dominated the third period and took a 7-3 win. Westrick, assisted by Rouleau, scored first. D.J. Adkison's bullet from the blue line hit the net next. In the third period, Rouleau, Cadarette, Chuck Bedford, and Gordie Selph all scored. Assists were tallied by Tyler Barsy, Collin Keller, Rouleau, and Westrick. Bingham was solid in goal.

THE BOYNE SQUIRT Firestorm team has gone undefeated this season, winning their most recent game against the Huron Hockey Squirt team in Traverse City, 9-4. John Miller scored three goals, along with two by Adam McLeod, and one apiece for Brad Boyer, Cal Hoppe, Beau Kroondyk, and Matt Thomas. Assisting on goals were Travis

Reinhardt, Kroondyk, Miller, Boyer, Justin Stolt, and Thomas. Charlie Courtright was between the pipes.

Previously, Boyne defeated the Mackinaw Squirt team 6-1. Reinhardt and Boyer each scored one goal, with two apiece from Thomas and Miller. Assisting were Boyer, Thomas, Miller, and Keegan David. Courtright was in goal.

In St. Ignace, Boyne played two games, winning the first 5-3. Miller scored four goals, and Stolt scored one. Stolt and McLeod got the assists. Boyer, Kroondyk, David and Thomas were strong on defense.

In game two, Boyne tied 3-3, with Stolt, Boyer, and Thomas scoring one goal each. Miller and Kroondyk each received an assist. Courtright was in the net for both games.

THE BOYNE CITY Mini-Mites opened their season on Nov. 18 against a well-seasoned St. Ignace squad. The team dropped a pair, but Bryan Wonski and Chase Kragenbrink each picked up a pair of goals on the day. Keegan Reynolds was between the pipes for the team of first-year players. Their next game is scheduled for Dec. 3 in Mackinaw City.

EAST JORDAN YOUTH BASKETBALL RESULTS

East Jordan Girls Youth Basketball played games Nov. 18 in the third/fourth grade and fifth/sixth grade divisions.

In the first game of the third/fourth grade division, the Green defeated the Red, 26-5. Scoring for the Green were Kelsey Jacobson with 17 points, and Jessica Gibbard and Sami Mayhew with two points apiece.

Scoring for the Red were Roxanne Egan with three points, and Jolyn Ingalls with two.

In the second game, the Black defeated the Blue 10-6, with Whitney Kraemer scoring six for the Black team. Maribeth Poindexter contributed three, and Kaitlin Keane, one.

For the Blue, Toni Danforth had four points and Hailey Crick had two.

In the fifth/sixth grade division, the Blue team defeated the Black team in game one with a score of 31-19. For the Blue, Jessica Roberts scored 11 points, with Sarah Lorne scoring six, Alicia Oliver, five, and Ashley Skop, four. Ashley Warrington and Mary Shaw contributed two apiece, with Alicia Kraemer scoring one point.

For the Black, Kayla Hines scored 10, Jamila Baier, five, Clancey Garland, three, and Maureen Mellios, one.

In the second game, the Green defeated the Red, 23-13. For the Green, QuincyAnn Fuller scored eleven points, followed by Meghan

Thomas with seven and Tori Carr with five.

For the Red, Kristi Werner scored five, followed by Cassie Crick with two, and Amber Daily with two.

Earlier this month, the third/fourth grade division played two games, with the Red topping the Blue 19-6 in game one.

Scoring for the Red were Ashley Skrocki with 10, Alex Snowden with six, and Ingalls with three. Scoring for the Blue were Kimberly Elzinga with four and Toni Danforth with two.

In game two, the Green defeated the Black 13-11 in overtime. Kelsey Jacobson and Jessica Gibbard led scoring for the Green with five each, followed by Shaina Peters with two and Annalisa Ashley with one.

For the Black, Maribeth Poindexter scored four, Carissa Kline

and Robin Danforth scored three apiece, and Kaitlin Keane scored one.

In the fifth/sixth grade division, the Blue topped the Red 27-15 in game one. For the Blue, Jessica Roberts led in scoring with 12, followed by Mary Shaw with 10, Ashley Skop with three, and Ashley Warrington with two. Scoring for the Red were Amber Daly and Rosemary Egan with four apiece, Cassie Crick with two, Amanda Zipp with two, and Tricia McClung with one.

The Green defeated the Black 32-24. For the Green, QuincyAnn Fuller scored 18, Breanna Combستا, six, Meghan Thomas, four, and Tori Carr and Nikki McMichael two apiece.

Scoring for the Black were Kayla Hines with nine, Jamila Baier with eight, Maureen Mellios with four, Crystal Ernik with two, and Clancy Garland with one.

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By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 1692 OF TITLE 15 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Beatrice Fehrlen and Judith Ann Stone, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship to Banc One Financial Services Inc., by a mortgage, dated Oct. 22, 1999 and recorded on Nov. 5, 1999 in Liber 376 on page 226, Charlevoix County Records Michigan and assigned to Household Finance Corporation III, by an assignment of mortgage dated March 31, 2000, and recorded on Aug. 17, 2000 in Liber 394 on Page 637 Charlevoix County Records Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof of Eight Five Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars and Seventy Two Cents (\$85,103.72) including interest at 11.17% 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 Dec. 15, 2000.

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

Township of Boyne Valley, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, Lot 1, Hill-side acres, according to the plat thereof as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, being a part of Section 6, Township of 32 North, Range 5 West. Also: a part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 6 described as follows: Commencing at a point where the West line of said Section 6 intersects the Southwesterly side of Highway M-75; thence from as from stake set on the Southwesterly side of said Highway, Southeasterly a distance of 500 feet to an iron stake, being the Point of Beginning; thence South 36 degrees 18' West 300 feet to an iron stake; thence South 53 degrees 42' East 100 feet to an iron stake; thence North 36 degrees 18' East to an iron stake on the southwesterly side of Highway M-75; thence North 53 degrees 42' West 100 feet along the Southwesterly side of Highway M-75 to the Point of Beginning; excepting therefrom, the Northwesterly 1/2 thereof described as follows: commencing at a point where the West line of said Section 6 intersects the Southwesterly side of highway M-75; thence from an iron stake set on the Southwesterly side of said Highway, Southeasterly distance of 500 feet to an iron stake, being the Point of Beginning; thence South 36 degrees 18' West 300 feet to an iron stake; thence south 53 degrees 42' East 50 feet to an iron stake; thence North 36 degrees 18' East a distance of 300 feet to a point on the southwesterly side of Highway M-75, 50 feet south 53 degrees 42' East from the Point of Beginning; thence North 53 degrees 42' West to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: Oct. 25, 2000
Michael M. Grand, Attorney
31731 Northwestern Hwy., #280w
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248-851-4411

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald T. Fineout and Sandra G. Fineout, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Old Kent Bank, Mortgage, dated March 29, 1996, and recorded on April 3, 1996 in Liber 298, on Page 207, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Old Kent Mortgage Company, Assignee by an assignment dated March 29, 1996, which was re-

corded on April 3, 1996, in Liber 298, on Page 213, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE AND 56/100 dollars (\$39,139.56), including interest at 8.2500% 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 Dec. 15, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MELROSE, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 24, Original Plat of the Village of Talcott, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 47, Charlevoix County Records.

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

Dated: Nov. 1, 2000
For more information please call:
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Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
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File # 97097318
Ravens

MORTGAGE SALE
Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Joyce A. Livingston to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated Dec. 10, 1985 and was recorded on Dec. 10, 1985, in Liber 182 on pages 438 to 441 of the Charlevoix County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Seventy Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty Eight and 40/100 (\$79,188.40) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Dec. 8, 2000 at 11 a.m., local time, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse which is the location of the Charlevoix County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 10 5/8 per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagor before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

Commencing at a point on the Westerly line of Maple Street (Highway M-32) which is 286 feet South and 33 feet West of the North (one)eighth post on the East line of Section 26, Township 32 North, Range 7 West; thence South along said street line, 145.75 feet; thence West 178.11 feet; thence North 145.75 feet; thence East 178.11 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Township 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: Nov. 1, 2000
United States of America,
Acting through the Rural Development Agency, F/K/A The Farmers Home Administration, of the United States Department of Agriculture
Prepared by:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alan Barnes, Aidene J. Barnes, his wife and Tammy J. Baudoux (original mortgagors), to NBD Mortgage company, Mortgagee, dated Feb. 22, 1996, and recorded on Feb 27, 1996 in Liber 296, on Page 0506, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated June 1, 1999, which was recorded on Nov. 16, 1999, in Liber 377, on Page 082, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 42/100 dollars (\$35,741.42), including interest at 7.5000% 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 Jan. 5, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MELROSE, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 2 acres of the following: The South 1/3 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, except that part lying south of Springvale Road.

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

Dated: Nov. 22, 2000
For more information please call:
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File # 200021958
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MORTGAGE SALE
Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Sherry L. Fisher, a single woman, to First Finance, mortgagee, dated Jan. 5, 1998 and recorded Jan. 30, 1998 in Liber 330, Page 745, Charlevoix County Records said mortgage is now held by Bankers Trust Company of California N.A. as Custodian or Trustee by assignment recorded on Oct. 5, 1999 in Liber 373, Page 638, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Eight and 1/100 Dollars (\$24,628.01) including interest at the rate of 13.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the 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 County, Michigan at 11 a.m. on Dec. 15, 2000.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning on the north and South 1/4 line of Section 31, Township 32 North, Range 7 West 1939.56 feet, North 6 degrees 32 minutes East from the South 1/4 corner of said Section, thence North 0 degrees 32 minutes East along said 1/4 line 183.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 Minutes 40 Seconds West 476.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 32 minutes West 183.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 40 seconds East 476.00 feet to the point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Said Section 31.

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

Dated: Nov. 15, 2000
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Bankers Trust Company of Calif. N.A. as Custodian or Trustee.
As Assignee
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harvey W. Parker, single man (original mortgagors) to Homestead USA, Inc., Mortgagee, dated Nov. 19, 1999, and recorded on Nov. 30, 1999 in Liber 377, on Page 937, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan and was assigned by said mortgagee to the First Nationwide Mortgage Corporation, A Delaware Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated June 2, 2000, which was recorded on July 21, 2000, in Liber 392, on Page 853, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FOUR AND 56/100 dollars (\$60,104.56), including interest at 8.5000% 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 Jan. 5, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF EAST JORDAN, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4, Block #20 of Nicholl's Second Addition to the City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

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

Dated: Nov. 8, 2000
For more information please call:
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File # 200023632
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bessie Sutton and Andrew Sutton, Sr. Wife and Husband (original mortgagors) to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dba America's Wholesale Lender, Mortgagee, dated Feb. 14, 2000, and recorded on Feb. 22, 2000 in Liber 382, on Page 949, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 34/100 dollars (\$31,527.34), including interest at 10.875% 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 Jan. 5, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF BOYNE CITY, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 5-6, Block F.G. Von Platen's Addition to the Village of Advance, according to the Plat thereof recorded in the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds.

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

Dated: Nov. 15, 2000
For more information please call:
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Attorneys and Counselors
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200024622
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MORTGAGE SALE
Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Diane T. Crain to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture. The Mortgage is dated Dec. 21, 1994 and was recorded on Dec. 27, 1994, in Liber 280 on pages 808 to 811 of the Charlevoix County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Ninety Thousand One Hundred Nine and 19/100 (\$90,109.19) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Jan. 5, 2001 at 11 a.m., local time, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House which is the location of the Charlevoix County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the rate of 8 percent per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagor before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as:

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The East Jordan Care and Share and Boyne Area Community Christmas programs are in full swing, accepting donations to help make the holiday season a happy one.

In East Jordan, Care and Share Pantry fills holiday baskets with food, toys, and other supplies for area residents in need.

Donations of non-perishable food, toys, and money are all still needed, and may be dropped off at Care and Share, located in the basement of the East Jordan Family Health Center. Toys or donations for toys may also be dropped off at Ed's Used Cars, located at 203 E. Mill St.

A unique way to contribute to the Care and Share Christmas basket program is coming up next week, when local photographer Karen Walker will be taking portraits with Santa from 11

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If we all pull together, we can make
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a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, and 3-6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4. Portraits will be taken at Walker's studio, 507 W. Water St., East Jordan, with all proceeds donated to Care and Share.

Care and Share is also accepting names of families or individuals who may need a basket this year. For more information, call 536-2206.

In Boyne City, the Boyne Area Community Christmas committee is likewise accepting donations of items for its annual Christmas outreach pro-

gram. "We need money, food, toys, games, books, and mittens," said volunteer Ardith Hawley. Checks can be mailed to the Rev. Milton Walls, Jr., 320 Bay St., Boyne City, MI 49712, and food and gifts can be taken to a local school or church, or can be scheduled for pickup.

Also, anyone with the name of an individual or family in need of a care box this holiday can call Ardith Hawley at 582-7880 or Thelma

Behling 582-6870 with the names, ages, gender of children, exact address and phone number. Boxes may be picked up or delivered.

The Community Christmas volunteers are also looking for help on packing and delivery day, Friday, Dec. 22.

Boxes will be packed at the Knights of Columbus Hall on M-75 South. Food and donations can be dropped off at 9 a.m. that day; packers are needed at 10 a.m. and volunteers are also needed to help with delivery.

"We urge churches, scouts, clubs, and groups to join with us to collect toys, canned and non-perishable foods, mittens, and books," said Hawley. "If we all pull together, we can make Christmas very special for others."

For help planning a project, call Ruth Witenki at 582-3152.

NEWS BRIEFS

EJ holding decorating contest

The holiday season is in full swing, and it's time once again for East Jordan's annual window and outdoor Christmas decorating contest.

Local merchants and residents are invited to submit their entry forms by Friday, Dec. 1. Forms are available at the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce and at Rupp and Keen Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate at 110 N. Lake St., East Jordan, and may be returned to Rupp and Keen.

Judging will take place on Monday, Dec. 4, and winners will be notified by phone.

Library hosting craft workshop

The Boyne District Library will be hosting a Christmas-craft workshop at the library, for children in grades one through four. There will be a session on Tuesday, Dec. 5 and another session on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Sessions begin at 3:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. Children must be pre-registered, and can only sign up for one session.

A Christmas preschool story time will be offered for children aged 3-5 for two weeks in December. The story times will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 and Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. and will consist of Christmas stories and crafts. Children must be pre-registered, as space is limited.

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