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at a GLANCE

Kelts resigns from Boyne school board

At Monday night's meeting of the Boyne City School Board, board member Jerry Kelts announced his resignation.

"I would like to thank all [community members] for your votes and support for the last four and a half years," said Kelts.

The board will be accepting letters of application and qualifications from interested parties to fill the position.

For more information, contact the administrative office at 439-8190.

Library accepting canned goods

The Boyne District Library has announced that it will be taking canned goods in place of money for any fines owed on late materials.

All food must be nonperishable, and collected items will go to the Community Christmas food baskets and the food pantry.

The library will accept items through Dec. 30. For more information, call 582-7861.

Dinner served to all on Christmas Day

The First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City is hosting its fourth annual Christmas Day Dinner again this year.

The full-course dinner will be held on Dec. 25, Christmas Day, from 12 noon-4 p.m. There is no charge for the meal. The church is located at 401 S. Park St. in Boyne City.

If possible, those interested in attending are asked to call ahead, but reservations are not necessary to attend. Transportation is available if needed. For more information, call 582-7841 or 582-7983.

Communities collecting donations

Community Christmas and Care and Share volunteers are still collecting donations for this year's holiday baskets and boxes for community members in need.

In Boyne City, donations of food, toys, games, books, mittens, and other items, along with money, are being accepted. Food and gifts can be taken to a local school or church, or can be scheduled for pick-up. For more information, call 582-7880.

Volunteers at the Care and Share Pantry in East Jordan are also taking donations of non-perishable food, toys, and money. Donations may be dropped off at the pantry, located in the basement of the East Jordan Family Health Center. For more information, call 536-2206.



It's a wrap

East Jordan second grader Syndal Morris was one of 150 Girl Scouts who gathered in the elementary school cafeteria last week to wrap gifts for the Care and Share holiday gift baskets. Scouts kindergarten through grade 12 first participated in the wrapping party five years ago, starting out with just 50 girls. The party has since become an annual holiday tradition.

A holiday tradition

Knights of Columbus spread holiday cheer

By ANGELA SHULTIS

The Boyne City Knights of Columbus last week hosted their annual Christmas party for physically and mentally disabled adults in the area at the event, which began more than 10 years ago, has grown to be a holiday tradition.

One which organizer Ed Matelski, Sr. said they probably aren't ever "going to be able to quit."

So overwhelming has been the response, the event has become a high point for area homes that care for these special adults.

"They say that's the best thing we could ever do for them," said Matelski.

The event started out humbly enough, when a woman who worked at one of the homes was playing bingo at the K of C hall, and approached Matelski, wondering if their was something the organization could do for these adults for Christmas.

Matelski thought there was indeed, so he called some other homes to invite their residents. "We just got them together," he said. "They were all tickled."

Matelski and his son, Ed Jr., who has participated in the event since its inception, figure the turnout for that first year was about 60-75 people, and say it's grown each year. Ed

Jr. estimated about 20-25 people work on putting the event together, with planning beginning six to eight weeks ahead of time.

This year's party topped 200 guests, though Ed Sr. said that's not the biggest crowd they've had.

"We didn't have as big a crowd as we did last year because some of the workshops [had to] keep some of their patients working," he said. Also, the weather was a factor, keeping folks at the Alpine Workshop in Gaylord from attending due to poor driving conditions.

Still, the room was full at Thursday's party, in more ways than one.

Guests began to arrive shortly after 9 a.m., and they were treated to musical entertainment courtesy of one of Matelski's employees, Jerry Huffman, along with his daughters, Tammy Padgett, Dawn Long, and Penny Hibbler and guitarist Roger Milbrandt.

Huffman and his daughters have been a fixture at the event over the years, having sung to and entertained the crowd since the beginning.

Later, a hot lunch is served, followed by the much-anticipated arrival of Santa Claus, courtesy of the union at Honeywell (International), who, along with his elf, hands out gifts provided by both the Honeywell union and the

Please see A HOLIDAY TRADITION on page 3

Judge rules in favor of Boyne City

He denies injunction petition requested by Boyne Valley Township against city

In a hearing at the Charlevoix County Circuit Court last Wednesday, Judge Richard M. Pajtas denied a petition filed by Boyne Valley Township requesting an injunction against the City of Boyne City.

The request was filed in the interest of preventing further city development at the site of Phase II of the Boyne City Air Industrial Park, pending examination of the legality of the city's recent unilateral annexation of that property from the township.

According to attorney Jim Bauckham, representing Boyne Valley Township, at the time the documents requesting the injunction were filed, the city had not rezoned the property in question for industrial development.

The City of Boyne City recently annexed 116 acres of property, which includes the land occupied by Phase II of the industrial park. According to the statute regarding this type of

annexation, the land would either remain under township zoning for two years after annexation, or until the city re-zones the property.

By the time of the hearing, the city had rezoned the property. Accordingly, Bauckham said, "there's less of a need [for an injunction], although we are still concerned things are going on there that might not be acceptable" in the event that the land is returned to Boyne Valley Township's jurisdiction.

Another reason Bauckham believes is responsible for the denial of the injunction is the fact that a hearing has been set for Jan. 5 to entertain a motion for summary disposition, filed by attorney James Murray, representing the City of Boyne City.

According to Murray, the township sought the injunction citing irreparable injury if development were

Please see INJUNCTION on page 3

EJ condos receive zoning variances

The East Jordan Zoning Board of Appeals recently approved variance requests presented by Alexander Bogaert Associates for a 27-unit condominium development, to be situated on Lake Charlevoix's South Arm, between the city's tourist park and Smuggler's Cove.

Variances granted include 182 foot building length variance, 15 foot building width variance, 4.5 foot building height variance, and three fewer parking spaces than required by zoning.

The development received preliminary approval by the East Jordan Planning Commission on Nov. 27, contingent on the requested variances. Now that the zoning board has approved the variances, the project will go before the planning commission on Thursday, Dec. 14, for final approval.

The zoning board received 12 let-

ters in opposition to the development as presented. One letter, signed by Robert and Dorothy Halvorsen, owners of a unit in the adjacent Smuggler's Cove Condominium complex, cite dissatisfaction with what they call "high density" in regard to the number of units, the height of the structure, and concern over "crowded and noisy lake conditions that could result from such a development."

Another letter, from Lloyd and Pat Schloop of East Jordan, states that they "would oppose any variance on this property. It is too narrow a parcel from road to lake for such a development."

According to the site plan, the building would occupy only .27 acres of the 2.02 acres encompassed by the property, for 13.6 percent area of building coverage.

Site plans for the development are available for review at city hall.



A visit from St. Nick is the highlight of the party for the disabled adults attending the Knights of Columbus' annual Christmas party. The event has been a holiday tradition for more than ten years at the K of C Hall in Boyne City.

BETWEEN the LINES

Fighting the creeping clutter

By ANGELA SHULTIS

Last weekend, my husband and I spent a few hours cleaning out closets and drawers in our house, in an attempt to alleviate the influx of creeping clutter we constantly seem to be battling, especially necessary during this season when it looks like we'll be getting yet more stuff.

It's amazing how much clutter one can accumulate over a relatively short period of time. Especially when one is a "saver," like myself.

Most savers, I've noticed, are married to folks who are partial to saving nothing. My husband and I are prime examples of this phenomenon. While it is painful for me to part with the most inconsequential scrap of scribbling my kids have bestowed upon me, my husband, on the other hand, would likely toss their birth certificates were I not around to salvage them.

I cannot stand the thought of losing those moments of their fleeting childhood, each and every one of them. And there are a lot, as my husband can attest to.

And even less rationally, I also have difficulty parting with most mail, magazines or newspapers we receive in our household. I'm never sure when some little scrap of information might come in handy. Never mind that I've not once referred back to a single piece of information I've so conscientiously saved, mostly because I'm so disorganized I could never find it anyway. Still, I can't seem to shake the feeling that I may need something in there someday.

I tend to also save every item of clothing and pair of shoes I've ever purchased or been given, even if I've never worn them, and probably won't.

The irony of this tendency of mine is that while I'm compelled to save, I also cannot stand clutter. The state of my environment has a direct effect on the state of my mind, and I can't think straight when things are disheveled in my household. And yet, I find myself stacking mail and magazines and kid's drawings on any available surface (neatly stacking, mind you), until I can't stand them anymore, and I shove them in a drawer or on a vacant bookshelf.

This drives my husband crazy.

Not that he's completely free of guilt. Last spring, when we cleaned out the garage, we discovered plenty of his own bits of the past he'd never managed to discard, right alongside all those college notebooks of mine from 1988. Between the two of us, we've managed to drag around 20 years worth of useless junk from house to house, never bothering to actually look in those boxes to see if we need any of it.

Still, he's usually the one to give in first, and take on the duty of sorting through those old boxes while overriding my wishy-washy notion to hang onto that pair of scuffed-up white sandals I haven't worn since 1992.

I'm sure there's some psychological reason why I am the way I am, that my saving compensates for some deep, unfulfilled need. I have no idea what it is, but I fear that perhaps someday it will lead me to be one of those people whose homes are filled with stacks of bundled newspapers, hallways lined with boxes of saved magazines and similarly important documents.

In the interest of avoiding that fate, I'm working at getting over my own aversion to getting rid of stuff. The most disconcerting thing, though, is that I'm apparently passing on this tendency to my daughter, who falls apart at the mere mention of getting rid of a toy she got in a Happy Meal two years ago, and hasn't looked at since. She keeps the packaging from her Barbie clothes, and the wrappers from her suckers, "just in case."

Well, at least if I end up in a house full of old newspapers, I'll have company.



A MOM'S LIFE

Goals help measure our successes

By CINDI PLACE

Dreams are very good things to have. Without dreams and goals, we would just float around unsure of our direction, or even of our accomplishments. Without dreams, how would we know when we've done something seemingly unattainable? Without goals, how would we measure our successes?

These dreams and goals don't have to be lofty. They can reflect a simple desire that we might have to experience something we've always wanted to experience. Like going to a professional ballet performance, or reading a book we've been interested in, or simply spending a quiet evening at home more than once a year.

I've always had a wish to actually finish a game of Monopoly. Sounds simple, but when you're playing with a nine-year-old, simple it is not.

As adults, we have bigger dreams than when we were young. Or rather, more expensive, either in time or money. Both of which we usually lack. As our children grow up, we've seen their dreams change

from trying to ride every roller coaster at a favorite amusement park at least twice in one day to challenging themselves in a college class that was harder than they anticipated.

Our youngest son's biggest goal right now seems to be to get the most points possible in some video game. His brothers and sister are all at varying stages of "dream making." But, interestingly enough, so are his parents.

I've had a dream for myself for some time that, for many years, appeared virtually unattainable. Something always got in the way - a new child, a new job, and the inevitable time and money issues were barriers that kept me from reaching a special goal. Or so I thought.

But what I've learned this last year is, that if one is determined to reach some higher pinnacle no one, no thing can really stand in the way.

And as proud as I am of myself, there is one thing even more important to me.

I think my kids are pretty proud of their mom.

MANY THANKS

Holly Daze was a big success

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make our annual Holly Daze event a huge success this year.

We wish to thank our donors, sponsors, designers, decorators, volunteers, Holly Daze committee members, employees, board members and Development Council members, and the staff at the Charlevoix Country Club for their generous donations of time, talent and tena-

ciousness. With your help and dedication to this event, we were able to raise more than \$30,000 during Holly Daze, which will benefit our building expansion project.

Thank you, again, everyone. You proved yourselves to truly be "Santa's elves."

Kathy Johnson, Fund-raising and Development Coordinator and Bill Jackson, President Charlevoix Area Hospital

Auction proceeds will benefit many

On behalf of the Wreaths and Angels Benefit Auction I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the silent auction at One Water Street, Sunday, Dec. 3. From the people who donated items to all of you who purchased them, we salute you! Many of you were able to take home beautiful hand-crafted gift items and gift certificates to some of our best businesses that will be remembered for years to come.

Proceeds from this event are divided between the Boyne Food Pantry and the Community Christmas Baskets.

It is wonderful when a community such as ours can pull together to raise funds for our less fortunate neighbors. You can be assured that the recipients of this benefit are very appreciative. We hope you will remember us again next year.

Thank you once again and may you celebrate a joyous holiday season.

Cindi and Frank Malin
Co-Chairs

News from EJ CITY HALL

By LORI M. CAMPBELL

WITH WINTER arriving we must remember that no snowmobiles are allowed on any city sidewalks. Snowmobiles are, however, allowed on city streets that are not marked with snowmobile prohibited signs. Please use this privilege to gain the shortest most direct route to reach the trails or the city limits.

PLEASE REMEMBER there is no parking on city streets from 3-6 a.m., Dec. 1 to April 1. We also ask for the citizens' assistance to help keep our sidewalks clear, this will help keep our children out of the streets on their way to and from school.

AT THE COMMISSION meeting of Dec. 5, the following persons were reappointed to their board or commission seats:

Elm Pointe Commission three-year term - Toni Jeffery, Cheryl Hofweber; Housing Commission five-year term - Marion Tieber; Planning Commission three-year term - Marie Yettaw, Bill Dunson, Jim LaBeau; Board of Review two-year term - Theo Jeffery, Harry Pearsall; DDA Board four-year term - Sharon Jackson, Mike McKenzie; Zoning Board of Appeals three-year term - Jackie Cutler.

The following persons were appointed to vacant boards and commission seats:

Zoning Board of Appeals three-year term - Bonnie Thomas; Board of Review two-year term - Herbert Griffin.

IN OBSERVANCE of the upcoming holidays City Hall will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 and Jan. 1 and 2, 2001. The transfer station will be open on the regular schedule of Tuesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

CITY RESIDENTS please watch your mailboxes for the January newsletter; I should be mailing it the first full week of January.

AFTER EXTENDED review City Hall will no longer be allowing extended arrangements to pay water/sewer billings. This new policy will become effective with the January 2001 billing and states that the day before shut off day will be the final day to pay.

(Lori Campbell is the city clerk for East Jordan.)

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Friday at 5 p.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis. All letters must be signed and include a phone number of the writer for verification.

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Snowmobile trail connecting BC and EJ put on hold

It looks like the dream of a snowmobile trail connecting Boyne City and East Jordan may have to remain a dream for another year.

The project, which has been an ongoing cause for some local snowmobilers, will be on hold for the season.

The task was first taken on by interested parties in Boyne City. But, since they weren't as familiar with the East Jordan end of the trail, East Jordan Snowmobile Club vice-president Gerry Argetsinger took up the cause last year. "I know this area," he said, figuring he could establish the trail from the clubhouse on Mt. Bliss Road "and get it halfway to Boyne City."

This year, though, Argetsinger has had to put the project on hold, in the interest of keeping up with other club activities, including signing trails. And though others have expressed interest in helping out, no one has taken over the reins as of yet.

The route, which would entail approximately 10 to 11 miles of trail, is established out to over three miles from the East Jordan Snowmobilers Clubhouse.

The work in establishing a trail essentially involves getting permis-

sion from private property owners along the route to establish an easement to allow the trail through. The process can be an arduous one.

"A lot are downstate landowners," said Argetsinger. "It takes a long time to convince them, and then to get the paperwork back." Another problem trail-blazers have encountered, said Argetsinger, is property division. For example, if a farmer that has granted an easement owns 40 acres of land along the trail, and then sells off the land in 10 acre parcels, permission has to be sought from the new landowners.

The biggest concern for landowners, he said, is liability. But, he said, once a trail is established with the DNR's approval, it is covered for up to \$1 million in liability insurance for snowmobiler's traveling that trail.

Some landowners are concerned about damage, but, said Argetsinger, incidents of that nature are rare. And noise is an issue those establishing trails are sensitive to, taking care to place the trail far enough away from housing so as to not be disruptive to residents. Anyone interested in working on the trail can call Argetsinger at 582-7970.



Coming to town

Last weekend, a bevy of holiday characters led Santa, riding atop a fire truck, into downtown East Jordan. Upon his arrival, St. Nick was greeted by a large crowd at the Senior Center, where he visited with area kids before the big day.



Organizer Ed Matelski, Sr., left, poses with one of Santa's helpers at last week's event.

A holiday tradition

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Knights of Columbus.

The event is something the local K of C does independently, though the Boyne City (chapter) would be happy to have other Knights of Columbus halls in the area provide their own party. "We could get more [guests] if we had more room," said Ed Sr., and

if more halls in other areas held their own parties, more people would benefit.

But for the time being, the Boyne City K of C will continue to plan the event in the years to come. Of putting on the event year after year, said Ed Sr. simply, "We never expected it to get this big."

"It just gives you a good feeling."

Judge rules for Boyne City on injunction petition

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to continue.

"I believe [the judge] found no irreparable injury."

"I'm not sure what the basis of their complaint is," Murray said of the lawsuit. "It's unsupported by any evidence."

Boyne Valley Township originally filed the suit against the City of Boyne City last month, contending that the legal requirements for annexation of the property have not been met.

"There are some factual issues," said Bauckham, "but it's basically a legal issue."

Bauckham said that the township maintains the annexation does not meet legal requirements "on the basis of a lack of contiguity and lack of ownership."

In the case that the suit does go to trial, Murray intends to argue that the property does meet the requirements for legal annexation. Three criteria must be met for annexation by city resolution, which are ownership, contiguity, and vacancy, and, according to Murray, the property satisfies all three.

"We have a survey and an affidavit from a surveyor [verifying] 276 plus feet of contiguity," said Murray. "We have affidavits supporting all three elements."

On Jan. 5, the court will decide on the motion to dismiss filed by Murray on behalf of the City of Boyne City. If the dismissal isn't granted, said Murray, "then the township would have the burden at trial" to prove the annexation is not legal.

"As far as we're concerned," said Murray, "we've done everything that needs to be done."

According to Bauckham, the dispute should have no effect on the current development taking place on the property by Federal Screw Works.

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--City attorney Jim Murray

who has purchased two of the lots in the second phase of the industrial park.

In a letter from Boyne Valley Township supervisor Leonard Zakrewski to David Dorn, attorney for Federal Screw Works, Zakrewski assured the company that the company's location on the property is "not objectionable to Boyne Val-

ley Township."

Also in the letter, Zakrewski states that the township "considers Federal Screw Works to have a vested interest" in the property, and assures that continued proposed development would not be disrupted.

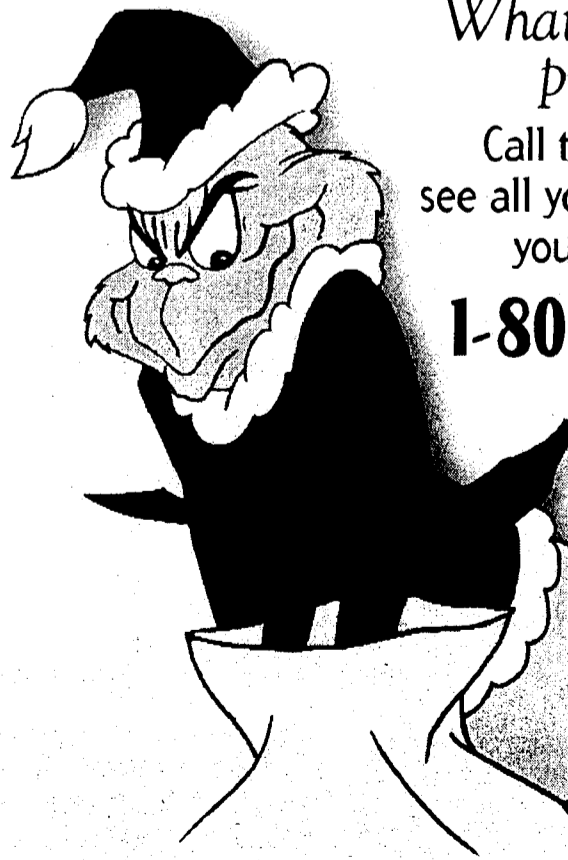
"We're being cooperative [with Federal Screw Works]," said Bauckham.

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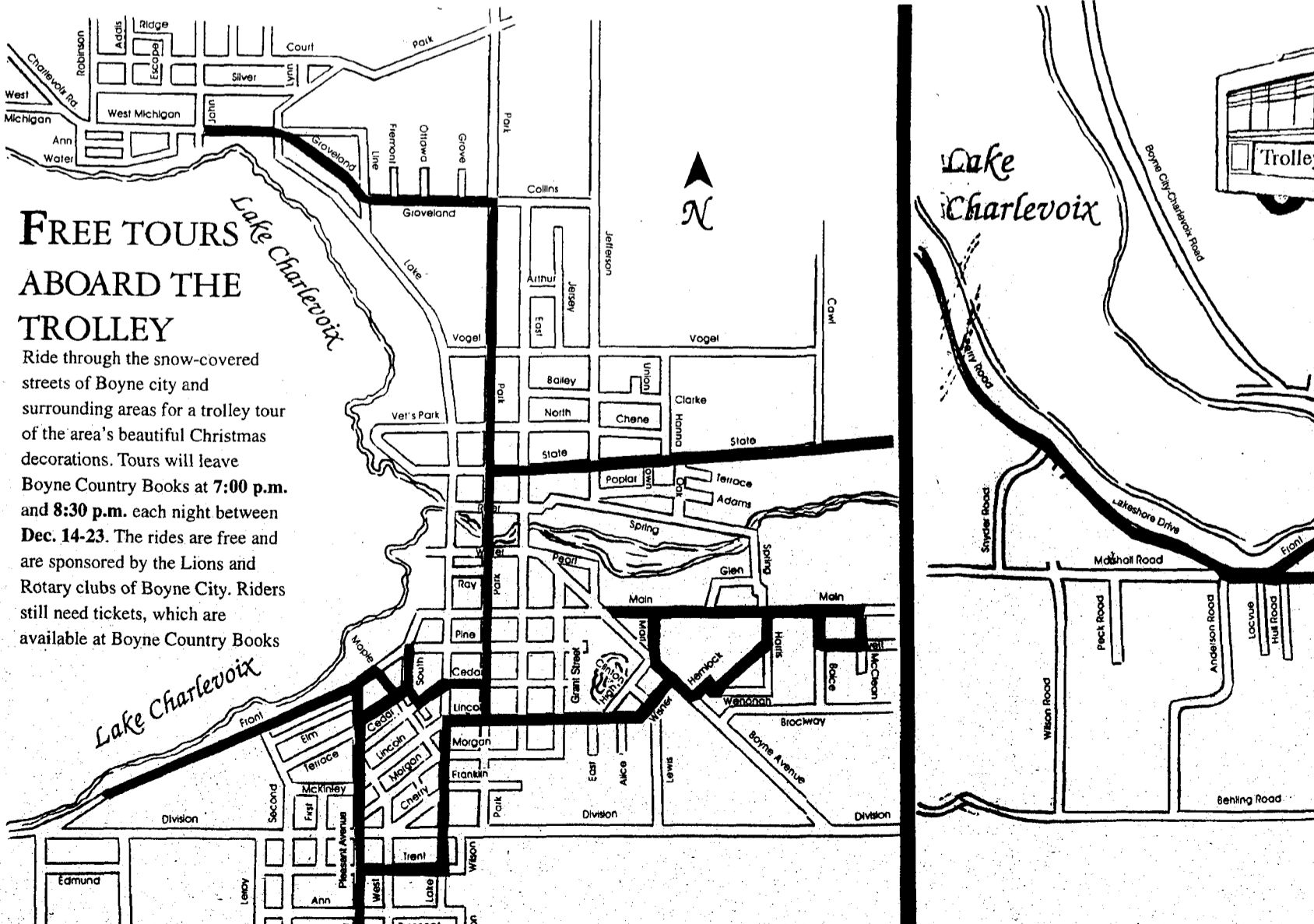
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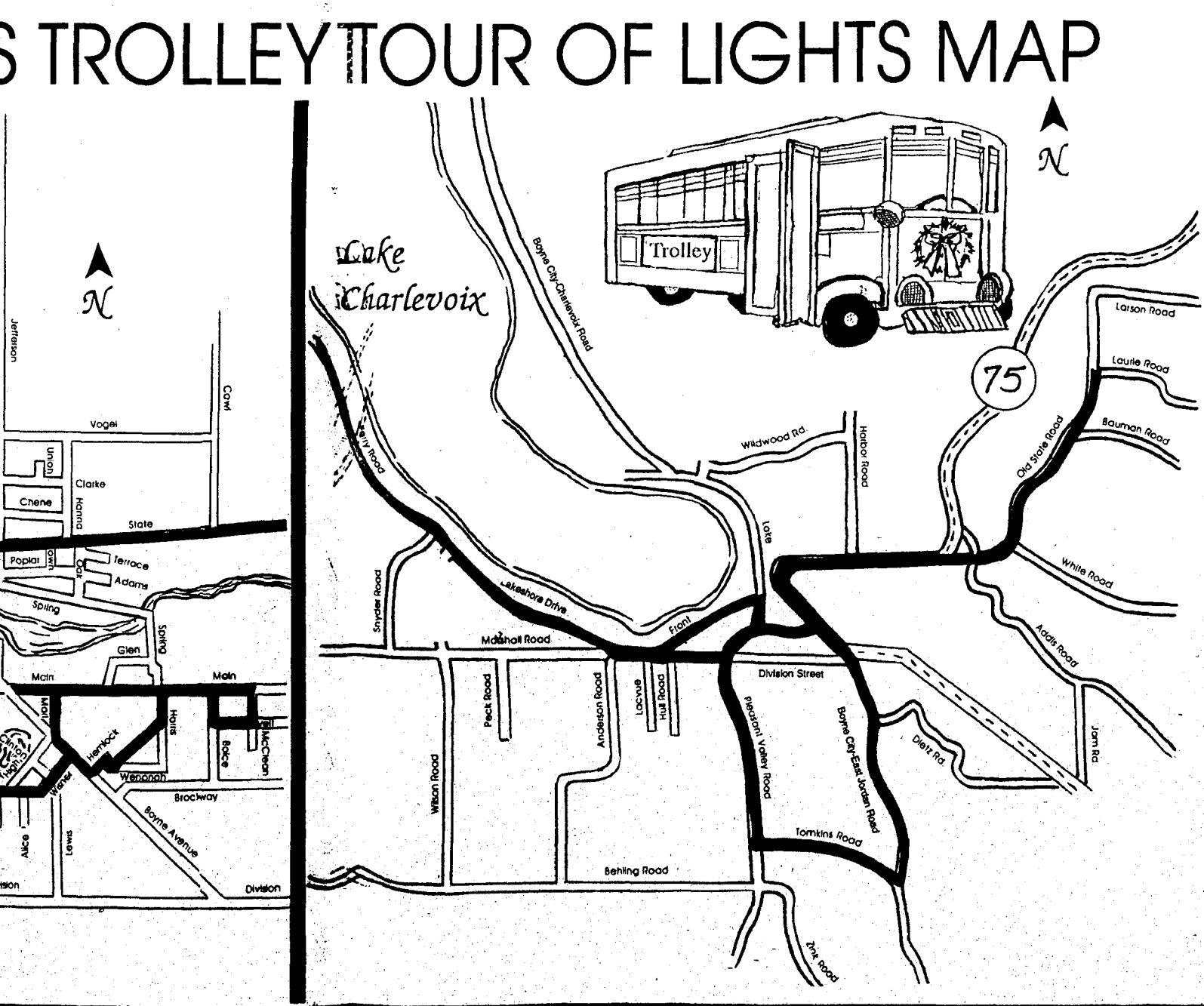
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Girls lace up their skates and hit the ice

For the second time in its 10-year history, Boyne Area Hockey has established an all-girls team for competitive play.

With eight girls on skates already, the team is pulling together and learning the ropes.

Assistant coach Carey Rouleau knows exactly where these girls are coming from. Rouleau was a member of the first girls team established in Boyne, in the late 90s.

"We played here for a year or two," she said, but with few teams to play against, they left for Gaylord to play indoors.

When the team's head coach, Steve Anderson, approached Rouleau about giving a girl's team another go, Rouleau was quick to sign on to help.

"[Steve said] he needed someone closer to their age who could relate to the girls," said Rouleau, and with her experience, she fit the bill.

"I definitely wanted to have a woman assistant to be in the locker room," laughed Anderson. "It's nice having Carey."

Team members are age 15 and under, which makes sense to Rouleau in that "there's not a winter sport for girls until they get into high school." And, starting off playing on the boys' teams is fine for learning, she said, but eventually, the boys get too big and strong for most girls to remain

competitive with.

Anderson can see perhaps adding a 19 and under team in the future, to accommodate the current players as they get older, but with players from fifth to eighth grade right now, "we have a couple more years" before they'll need to worry about that.

For most of the girls on the team, this is their first year of playing, though a core group of three or four girls have been playing for a few years. Some of the girls watched their older brothers play, and were excited to have a chance for a team of their own.

At this stage of the game, inexperience is not really an issue for the coaches. Anderson, Rouleau, and another assistant coach, Jane Zimmerman, are concentrating more on helping the team gain experience and learn skills.

"They play really well as a team," said Rouleau. "I'm proud of them. With their small numbers, they're able to take on a full team."

And being small and inexperienced hasn't hurt too much so far. At a recent tournament in Mackinaw, the team played, and beat, a 19 and under team.

"That's like the JV boys beating a varsity football team," said Anderson, "which never happens."

"They play very hard, and every

time they're out there, they play smart," he noted. "And there's a lot of chemistry. The girls are really close, especially with such a small team."

Community support hasn't been overwhelming yet, but the small group that's participated has been very supportive.

"We haven't gotten a lot of support," said Rouleau. "At the games there are always empty stands." But, she added, this is just the first year, and it will likely take time for the team to catch on.

"I think a lot of it is [that hockey is] really considered a boys' sport," said Anderson. "People don't really take it as seriously."

Currently, the girls are practicing two days a week, and play a game nearly every weekend. They are scheduled to take part in four tournaments this season, including those in Mackinaw and Sault Ste. Marie.

"Part of the reason we play tournaments is that there's not that many teams around here to play," said Anderson, adding that both Petoskey and Gaylord had tried to pull teams together but were unable to generate enough interest.

"It's a lot of driving," said Anderson, but the experience is invaluable for the team.



Boyne City girls hockey team members are, front row from left: coach Carey Rouleau, Thereseann Zimmerman, Allison Aown with trophy, Samantha Dunwoody, Amy Anderson. Back row: coach Steve Anderson, Amanda Westrick, Kelly Clark, Ashley Adkison, Kassie Bedford, and coach Jane Zimmerman.

Though the team has already been practicing and playing games, according to the league rules interested girls have until Dec. 31 to join the squad. "We're really open," said Rouleau, who noted that some of the girls were

recruited to play because, she laughs, they looked "like a hockey player."

"We'd love to have a full roster," she said. The roster currently includes Ashley Adkison, Amy Anderson, Samantha Dunwoody, Alison Aown,

Amanda Westrick, Thereseann Zimmerman, Kelly Clark, Kassie Bedford, and Shannon Barsy.

For more information on the team, call Anderson at 582-7930 or Christine Adkison at 582-2878.

Ramblers struggle out of the gate

It was a rough opening week for the Ramblers varsity boys' basketball team. After a scathing loss to Rogers City on Tuesday, the team went on to rack up two more losses to Benzie Central and Glen Lake.

"They were three tough teams to start with," said head coach Kevin Fitzpatrick.

Boyne took a beating against Roger's City, losing 63-32.

"It wasn't the best of openers for us," said Fitzpatrick.

"We had a horrific shooting night." The Ramblers were 12 of 60 from the floor, a 20 percent average.

"We struggled offensively, espe-

cially in the second quarter, when we scored only one point. A lot of it was our inexperience."

Brian Metzger was the top scorer for Boyne with 10.

On Friday, the Ramblers lost by a closer margin to Benzie Central, 68-54.

"We got off to a nice start," Fitzpatrick said. Ten points ahead early in the game, the team "didn't react to some [of Benzie's] defensive changes very well," he said.

"They had a little more experience and executed better down the stretch."

A.J. Spaay led the Ramblers with 14 points, followed by Dylan Hall

with 11 and Jason Rostar with 10. Spaay, Hall, and Rostar led the team in rebounds with ten apiece.

"Our shooting percentage was much better [than the opener], but wasn't quite as high as we wanted," said Fitzpatrick.

The team was 9 of 13 from the line. A standout on defense for the night was Ryan Amesbury.

On Saturday, the Ramblers wrapped up their week with an 89-56 loss to Glen Lake. "They kind of basically took us out from the beginning," said Fitzpatrick. "We pretty much lost each quarter by five or six points."

The team shot 14 of 22 from the line, but couldn't match Benzie's 24 of 29.

Leading Boyne in scoring for the night was Spaay with 12, followed by Kellan Smith and Cole Andrews with 10 each.

Smith led the Ramblers in rebounds with six.

"Offensively, we're not executing quite as well as our opponents," said Fitzpatrick. "Defensively we need to improve. We're giving up too many easy baskets."

The Ramblers will play Elk Rapids on Friday, Dec. 15 in their first league game of the season.

East Jordan needs every second for win over Bellaire

The Red Devils opened their varsity boys' basketball season with a narrow victory over Bellaire on Friday, winning the game 70-69.

In a game that was literally decided in the final 60 seconds, Scott Jones made a steal and lay-up to put East Jordan up four points with about a minute to go in the game. Ken Slough and Corban Shaw both made free-throws during that final minute to take the Red Devils over the edge to victory.

"We got off to a great start, but gave up too many easy baskets," said head coach Steve Hines.

The team shot 27 of 72 from the floor, for a 38 percent average. East Jordan was 12 of 15 from the line, for 80 percent.

Top scorers for the Red Devils were Slough with 30, Jones with 14, and Shaw with 12. Slough also led the team in rebounds with 15.

Hines cited Nathan Skop for a strong performance in rebounds, and noted Soren Low's two three-point shots in the second half which helped the team move ahead.

Hines also recognized Kyle Brower for key steals in the fourth quarter.

"Our defense needs to pick it up, but we are pleased to start the season with a victory," said Hines.

The Red Devils will face Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, Dec. 15.



Signing on

Boyne City High School senior Ellie Neidhamer recently signed a letter of intent to play division II softball at Northwood University. A scout from the school actively pursued Neidhamer after seeing her play last summer. "Ellie will play, not just be on the team," said high school coach Sandy Clausen, pictured above, seated, with Ellie and her parents, Debbie and Tom. By all accounts, Neidhamer is the first girl from the school to receive a scholarship to play division II college athletics.

Athletes earn all-conference football honors

Several area students were recently named to the All-Conference football team for the Lake Michigan Conference.

From Boyne City, All-Conference players are A.J. Spaay, Jason Grace, Nick Denison, and Damian Vondra. Receiving honorable mentions were Rob LaVanway, Jason Jasinski, and Steve Bush.

East Jordan players named to the All-Conference team are Evan Chappuis, Ken Slough, Bill Bavers, and Nate Diller. Honorable mentions went to Tyson Potter, Jeff Kraemer, Jeremy Bartlett, and Nick Karaszewski.

Netters open at Inland Lakes tourney

Boyne City brings home fourth place

The Boyne City Ramblers came home from the Inland Lakes Early Bird Tournament with a fourth-place trophy. The team entered the finals seeded first but ran into some difficulty facing Rudyard and Kingsley.

"The girls all played hard to earn a number one seed into the finals," said Rambler coach Dorine Britton.

"After taking the first game of a best two-out-of-three match, we lost our momentum and couldn't come back. We made some stupid mistakes and our opponents capitalized. We were disappointed with fourth after going in number one seed, but for the most part, pleased with our performance."

Britton was quick to compliment the play of her team, noting several

outstanding performances, including Kelly Spaniak's defensive digs and Kriste Gaither's aggressive net game. Both girls received all-tournament honors.

Ali Swaim was voted MVP due to her excellent spikes and blocks, while Char Brandt led the team in serving and setting, serving 11 in a row at one point to win one of the games.

The Ramblers travel to Elk Rapids on Dec. 14. Game time is 6 p.m.

EJ coach sees bright spots in team's play

The East Jordan Red Devils began their volleyball season Saturday by participating in the Inland Lakes Tournament. The team finished second in their pool, going six for 12 on

the day.

"I saw some bright spots but we didn't maintain a consistent level of play that will be achieved by time on the court," said East Jordan coach Duane Kujat, noting that the team's serving started out strong but faded later.

"These early tourneys are a great way to work out some of the bugs and give our team the confidence they need knowing they split matches with other good teams," he said.

Jamie Baker was selected as the team MVP, finishing with 23 assists and one missed serve on the day. Jessica Peverall was the top passer and had nine kills.

Kristen Haley also had nine kills, along with six block kills, while Wendy Walczak, Jackie Haley, and Haley Shaw had strong performances.

BOYNE AREA HOCKEY

THE BOYNE Firestorm squirt team kept its winning streak alive with a 5-0 victory over the Char-Em Ice dogs at Griffin Arena in Petoskey. Charlie Courtright was between the pipes and Justin Stolt scored two unassisted goals. John Miller scored one goal and assisted on a goal by Matt Thomas. Captain Brad Boyer scored one goal with an assist from Travis Reinhardt.

THE MITE team played last weekend in Mackinaw City. Boyne won the first game 8-0. Scoring for Boyne was Billy Kraemer with three goals and an assist, Trevor Price with three goals, Gavin Porter with one goal and one assist, Michael Messina with one goal and Levi Messina with an assist. Goalie Spencer Korthase earned his "shut-out" patch.

Boyne won the second game 11-4. Scoring for Boyne was Trevor Price with six goals, Billy Kraemer with four goals and one assist, Gavin Porter with one goal, Michael Messina with two assists, and Taylor Reinhardt and Spencer Korthase one assist each. Neil Anderson was in the net.

The Mites are sponsored by Subway and the East Jordan Iron Works. Boyne plays on its home ice this weekend.

ON SATURDAY, the Boyne Midgets, sponsored by BC Pizza, played Lake City Warriors two games in Kalkaska. Boyne controlled the puck in both games and won with comfortable margins.

Sunday in Cheboygan, Boyne lost 2-1. Tyler Barsy, assisted by Chris Grice, scored for Boyne. Goalie Mike Bingham stopped 10 shots. The Midgets first loss brings them to a season record of 5-1-1.

THE PEEWEE team lost to the Char-Em Blue Jacket Travel team 6-3 last Thursday. Tyler Price, Dylan Clark, and Russell

Williams scored for Boyne. Gabe Korthase was a play maker with three assists, and Josh Aown had two. Goalie Nick Feree faced 20 shots on goal.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, the team hosted Mackinaw City and dropped both games, 5-3 and 5-1. In the first game Williams scored two goals and Clark the other. Williams and Aown gave the assists.

In the second game Boyne's Williams scored first, assisted by Clark. Nick Feree was in goal both games.

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THE BOYNE GIRLS team went 3-1 and won their division in the Mackinaw City "Chicks with Sticks" tournament last weekend. The team won games against Manistique, Traverse City and Alpena to win their division and then lost a rematch against Manistique in the tournament semifinals.

On Friday night, the team defeated Manistique. Samantha Dunwoody led the scoring with three goals. Goalie Allison Aown allowed one goal on a breakaway at the end of the first period.

The girls come back Saturday morning to defeat the Traverse City team 3-1. Dunwoody had two goals and Ashley Adkison had one goal and one assist. Assists were also made by Thereseann Zimmerman and Kelly Clark.

Saturday afternoon the girls beat the Alpena team 5-1 to win the tournament division. After Alpena scored first, Boyne came back with five unanswered goals. Dunwoody scored four goals with assists from Adkison, Westrick and Zimmerman. Amanda Westrick scored the final goal unassisted with a hard wrist shot to the corner.

On Sunday the girls were defeated in the tournament semifinals by the Manistique 19-under team 4-0.

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Boyne City

Dec. 14 - Volleyball, at Elk Rapids, 6 p.m.
Dec. 15 - Freshman Boys Basketball, 4:15 p.m.; JV/Varsity Boys Basketball, at Elk Rapids 6 p.m.
Dec. 16 - JV Volleyball, at Charlevoix, 9 a.m.

Boyne Falls

Dec. 14 - Volleyball, at Ellsworth, 6 p.m.
Dec. 15 - Boys Basketball, at Mackinaw City, 6 p.m.

East Jordan

Dec. 13 - JV/Varsity Volleyball, at Suttons Bay, 6 p.m.
Dec. 14 - JV/Varsity Volleyball, St. Francis, home, 6 p.m.
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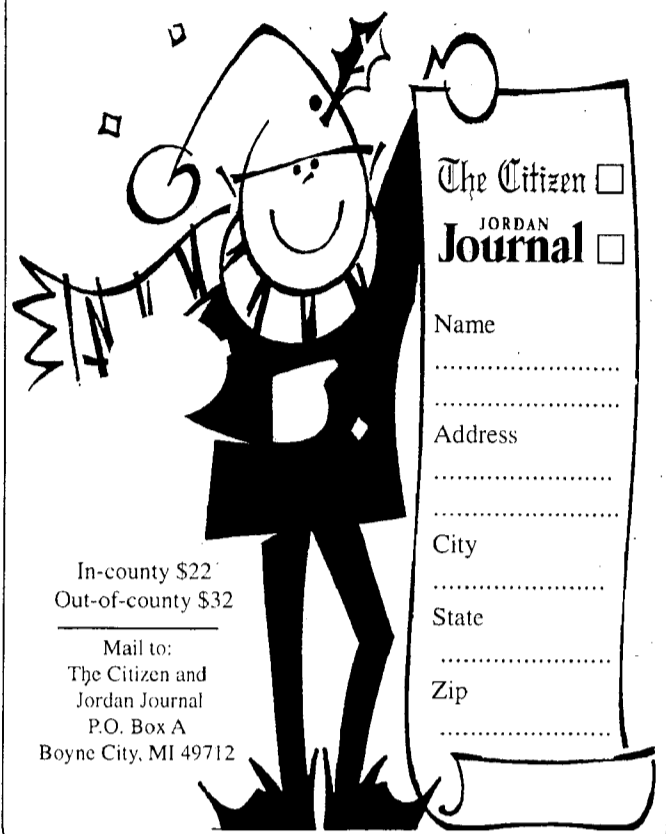
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 mortgagee 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:
Lot 19, Block 1, BOWEN'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH LAKE (now City of East Jordan, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44 of the Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale unless a notice is received pursuant to MCL 600.3241 (1)(C) in which case the redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale.

Dated: Nov. 29, 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:
John R. Tucker (P37348)
Winegardner, Shedd, Haley, Lindholm and Robertson, P.L.C.
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501 Citizens Bank Building
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Flint, MI 48502-1983
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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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 0 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
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
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File No. 209.0254

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by W. James Lindsay, Jr aka William J Lindsay Jr. and Christine C. Lindsay Husband and Wife (original mortgagors) to BANK ONE 1/k/a NBD BANK, Mortgagee, dated Aug. 17, 1998, and recorded on Sept. 17, 1998 in Liber 346, on Page 557, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY AND 07/100 dollars (\$17,830.07), including interest at 11.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of

them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on Jan. 12, 2001.

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

Unit 17, Boyne Hills, a condominium according to the Master Deed thereof, recorded in Liber 352 Pages 416 through 454, inclusive, and as amended in First Amendment to Master Deed recorded in Liber 367, Pages 487 through 493, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 76, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1978, as amended.

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. 29, 2000

For more information please call:
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Attorneys and Counselors
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File # 200024417
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alan Barnes, Aldene 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 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix, Michigan at 11 a.m., on 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. 29, 2000

For more information please call:
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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 VILLAGE OF ADVANCE, 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

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met for a Special meeting on Nov. 14, 2000, in Charlevoix. 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.

NOTICE TO EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Township is currently looking for Township residents interested in serving on the EVANGELINE Township Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets one evening a month to review developments, parcel divisions, and other land use issues. It is involved in writing and amending the Township's Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance, General Ordinances and Recreation Plan. You must be a registered voter in Evangeline Township. If you are interested in serving on this Commission or any other Township Board, please submit a letter of interest indicating your background and experience. Letters of interest will be accepted until all vacancies are filled. The Township reserves the right to accept any or all letters. Please submit to: Evangeline Township, P.O. Box 396, Boyne City, MI 49712 or contact the Township Clerk at 582-7539 or the Township Zoning Administrator/Planner at 582-0343.

CITY OF EAST JORDAN ORDINANCE #142R

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF EAST JORDAN AS FOLLOWS:

1.) The zoning map as described in section 3.05 of Article III of the East Jordan Zoning Ordinance be amended to provide the following lot commonly known as 502 (Parcel A) and 504 (Parcel B) Maple Street be rezoned from R-1 to C-1, to wit:

Parcel A: Commencing at SE corner Section 23, Town 32 North Range 7 West thence along East line said section also being C/L Highway M-32 North 1 degree 25 feet 08 inches East 1162.99 feet for point of beginning thence parallel with said 1/8 line said section North 88 degrees 26 feet 31 inches West 33.0 feet to West line said highway thence continuing parallel with said 1/8 line North 88 degrees 26 feet 31 inches West 94.25 feet thence parallel with said section line North 1 degree 25 feet 08 inches East 111.50 feet to South line McKay Street thence continuing parallel with said section line North 1 degree 25 feet 08 inches East 33.0 feet to said line also C/L said street thence along said 1/8 line South 88 degrees 26 feet 31 inches East 127.25 feet to East section line thence along said section line and C/L said highway South 1 degree 25 feet 08 inches West 144.50 feet to point of beginning being part of Government Lot 4 Section 23 Town 32 North Range 7 West and containing 0.422 acres.

Parcel B: Commencing at Southeast Corner Section 23 Town 32 North Range 7 West thence along East line said section also C/L highway M-32 North 1 degree 25 feet 08 inches East 1038.49 feet for point of beginning thence parallel with South 1/8 line said North 88 degrees 26 feet 31 inches West 33.0 feet to West line said highway thence continuing parallel with said 1/8 line North 88 degrees 26 feet 31 inches West 94.25 feet thence parallel with said section line North 1 degree 25 feet 08 inches East 124.50 feet to point of beginning being part of Government Lot 4 Section 23 Town-32 North Range 7 West 0.364 acres.

The East Jordan City Commission hereby adopted Ordinance No. 142R on the 5th day of December, 2000, as follows:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gee, Hoffman, Cihak, Hammond, and Deputy Mayor Norton
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor Klooster
Abstain: Williams

Adopted: Dec. 5, 2000
Published: Dec. 13, 2000
Effective: Dec. 20, 2000

Lori M. Campbell
City Clerk

HOLIDAY Calendar

Boyne City

TROLLEY TOUR OF LIGHTS Dec. 14-23

Take a tour of area lights with tours 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.

VISIT WITH SANTA Friday, Dec. 22

Visit Santa at Huntington Bank from 2-5 p.m. Cookies and drinks will be served.

East Jordan

HUMANE SOCIETY DISPLAY Through 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

LIVING NATIVITY SCENE Sunday, Dec. 17

The First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan plans to present a living nativity scene from 6-8 p.m. on the front lawn of the educational building next to the church. The church and educational building are located at the corner of Third and Williams St. in East Jordan. The public is invited to attend.

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.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE Sunday, Dec. 24

The First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan is planning a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. The Church is located at the corner of Third and Williams St. in East Jordan. The public is invited to attend.

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.

LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE SALES Every weekend through Dec. 17

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LIVE NATIVITY Dec. 20, 22, and 23

A live nativity scene will be held on Horton Bay Road, a half-mile off of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, every half-hour from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Several local families will represent the holy family, shepherds, wisemen, and angels, as the story of Christmas is told through scripture and song. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

To have your event added to the holiday calendar, call 582-6761 by Friday at 5 p.m.



Accepting residential awards for East Jordan's decorating contest were Charles Renkiewicz, Dick and Star Raymond, and Duane and Tony Cutler.

Top East Jordan holiday decorators earn prizes

The following are the winners of this year's East Jordan residential and commercial decorating contest:

In the residential category, 1st place - Dick and Star Raymond, 301 Main St.; 2nd place - Duane and Jackie Cutler, 704 Sherman; and 3rd place - Charles and Kelly Renkiewicz, 616 Main St.

In the commercial category, food

and spirits division, 1st place - Ansted's by the Lake, 115 Main St. In the retail division, 1st place - Big Meadow Equipment, 2322 M-66 South; 2nd place - The E.J. Shoppe, 122 Main St. In the service division, 1st place - Dick & Jane's Day Care, 1009 Sunset Rd.; 2nd place - Drs. John Kempton and Nicole Ubbing,

101 Maple Ridge Dr. In the gifts division, 1st place - Busy Bridge Antiques and Gifts, 207 and 209 Main St.; 2nd place - Plaid Petunias, 105 Main St.

Nanny's Restaurant took top honors with their chicken dumpling soup at the Community Night Soup Cook-Off, held at Darlene's Restaurant.

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Art For Sale exhibit wrapping up

The exhibit, Art For Sale, by members of the Jordan River Arts Council, will close Dec. 17 with 20 percent off all sales. Thirty five artists have works exhibited with all displayed items for sale, except the antique and ethnic ornaments.

The artists have created specialty hand made items suitable for Christmas giving including paintings, prints, photographs, fiber arts, pottery, note cards, ornaments, glass items,

and other crafts.

Member artists participating are: John Alberts, Raechel Alberts, Jill Anderson, Prudy Barber, Marty Beneteau, Kelly Britt, D.D. Cramer, Cornelia Dhaseleer, Karen Donaldson, Robert Donaldson, Jim Galbraith, Gail Innes, Laura Kenny, Chris Fall Knight, Judy Kulka, Maggie Matthews, Edna May, Glen McCune, Peggy Midener, Jyll Nietupski, David Otis, June Otis,

Chad Pastotnik, Penny Pepin, Mary Ann Polchlipek, Carol Ross, Deb Shaw, Bonnie Staffel, Diane Strzelinski, Alan Swan, Cayla Tinney, Pat Tinney, Ron Tschudy, Julie Urban, Roger Lilak, Laura Warren, and Vivi Woodcock.

The Jordan River Art Center is open daily from 1-4 p.m., except Thursday, when the center is open until 8 p.m. For more information call 536-3385 or 582-6399.

Raven Hill offers programs for the holidays

Raven Hill Discovery Center recently announced its holiday hours and programs.

Saturday, Dec. 16, from 12 noon-4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17, from 2-4 p.m. are family activity days. Bring the family to visit the museum for hands-on science, history and art activities. The cost is \$6 per person.

Dec. 21 through Jan. 2, 2001 the museum will be open from 12 noon-4 p.m. (except Christmas Day and

New Year's Day). Special activities during this time are:

Dec. 21-24 - Marbled Paper - Make beautiful swirled paper using liquid density.

Dec. 26-29 - Boxing Day - Make and decorate a special box and learn about the Boxing Day tradition.

Dec. 30-31, Jan. 2 - Light up Your Day - Work with prisms, lenses, mirrors and colors.

The cost is \$6 per person to visit

the museum, \$4 per activity.

Thursday, Dec. 28, from 5-8 p.m. the Raven Hill staff invites you to their quest for a holiday open house. Refreshments will be served and the museum will be open for exploration.

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