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Time to think about entries for Sno-Blast

Now that the holidays are past, it's time to get creative and dream up entries for the annual Sno-Blast festival in East Jordan.

The Sno-Sculpture contest will begin on Saturday, Jan. 13, with commercial, residential, and civic categories. The deadline for entries is Jan. 15, with judging to be held on Jan. 17.

Entries are also being taken for the Sno-Blast 2001 Parade, to be held on Jan. 20. Categories include civic, commercial, 7 and under, and 8 and up.

Plenty of other events, including a Sno-Box Trot cardboard sled race, Sno-Bowling, the snowmobile Safari, and snowmobile drag races, are on tap for the weekend of Jan. 19-21.

For more information, or to register entries, call the East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce at 536-7351.

Boyne library offering series of workshops

During January the Boyne District Library will present three Wednesday Workshops to be held at the Library's temporary location at 342 North Lake St. in the Honeywell Annex.

There is no charge to attend but there is limit of 20 pre-registered participants for each workshop.

The first workshop will be on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. and will be presented by Lisa Matts of Travel Central. She will discuss some of the great bargains to be had for winter and spring travel.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. the topic will be exercise. Instructor Debbie Edwards will share information on the many opportunities for exercise and getting in shape.

The last workshop is Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. and will feature techniques for relaxation and massage. Representatives from Distress Express will demonstrate simple massage.

For more information on the Wednesday Workshops or to pre-register, call the library at 582-7861.

EJ basketball tourney on tap this month

The sixth annual East Jordan 6' and Under Basketball Tournament will be held in East Jordan on Jan. 20 and 21. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the East Jordan High School basketball programs.

The tournament is open to players under 73 inches tall. High school players are not eligible. The format is double elimination with prizes for team winners, all-tourney team, and MVP. Registration is open to the first 16 paid teams. Cost is \$150 prior to Jan. 16 or \$180 thereafter.

For more information or to register a team, call Del Ingalls at 536-0404.

Snow brings smiles to many

By ANGELA SHULTIS

While some folks may be bemoaning the snowy weather that's settled into northern Michigan this winter, there are plenty of area folks for whom the growing piles of white have been a welcome sight.

"It's been a lot busier," said Dave Galmore, owner of Galmore's Inc. in East Jordan, who expected a "whopper of a weekend" over New Year's, and wasn't disappointed.

According to Galmore, a good indicator of how busy the season has been is by looking at snowmobile rentals.

"We always have rental reservation cancellations," said Galmore, but the real test is if they can be refilled at the last minute. "So far, we've refilled everything at least twice over," he said.

"The pessimism is gone that this is not going to be a good year," concluded Galmore. "The pessimism is out of here."

Prior to November, any pessimism about the potential for snow would

have been understandable, considering the mild nature of the last couple of years, which have put pressure on northern Michigan economies dependent in part on winter tourism and sporting activities to keep afloat.

Early predictions from the National Weather Service, though, had foreseen a colder and snowier winter, predictions which have, so far, panned out.

"We were expecting the winter to be a little bit colder and have more lake effect snow," said weather service meteorologist Steven Considine. "The climate prediction center in Washington had predicted that in October."

According to Considine, the weather service has recorded about 31.6 inches of snow in the Traverse City area for the month of December, significantly more than the 22.9 inches that would be considered "normal" for the month.

At Boyne Mountain, skiers are making the most of the conditions. "It hasn't been better in years and years and years," said Boyne Mountain

general manager Ed Grice. "It's perfect."

While the snowmakers were running earlier in the season, what Mother Nature has been providing looks sufficient to carry the popular resort through the rest of the season. "We're pretty much done making snow," said Grice. "We haven't made any in a couple of weeks."

Last year at this time, things weren't so rosy at the Mountain. "We were starting over [making snow]," said Grice of last year's early January thaw. And while fluctuations are still possible, "it looks like it's going to be marvelous. All the long range predictions indicate it's going to be a real winter."

In terms of numbers, things have also been looking up at the Mountain, according to Grice. "We've had some of our biggest days ever this last week," he said.

"It's way more fun this year."

And fun, so far, has been the name of the game. According to East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce director Mary Faculak, visitors and resi-

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dents alike have not only been enjoying snowmobiling and downhill skiing, but a variety of other winter activities, including winter rafting trips, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing. "It's all coming into play," she said.

Faculak credits not only the wintery weather with the recent boost of tourism but also the fact that the holidays of Christmas and New Year's fell in an advantageous way for local retailers.

"We were very blessed with Christmas falling on Monday," she said. "It turns it into one long holiday week."

But for other folks, the heavy snow has meant more work instead of more play. Road crews have been working long hours at times in an attempt to keep streets clear for motorists.

Said Charlevoix County Road Commissioner Pat Harmon, "A lot of the guys worked three and four weeks straight, some haven't had a day off."

"There are times it's snowing hard, and the trucks can go through and then a half hour later it looks like they've never been there," Harmon said.

"Those days can be tough." When the phone's ringing, all they can do is assure people they've been out there and that they'll continue to clear the way.

"We're going to do the best job we can," he said. "We'll make sure we get through everything, every day."

For more on the snowfall, and some winter safety tips, see page 3.



Winter fun

The area saw many visitors over the holidays, most of whom were out and about enjoying the pleasures of the season. Above, Ann Ottenhoff gets a workout pulling Emma and Sally Ottenhoff and Lindsey and Leiss Luyckx during a sunny day of sledding. At left, sisters Rachel and Sammy Bowers of Rochester, Mich. took a spin on the ice rink at Avalanche.



Old Star School building falls victim to vandals

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department has determined the identities of suspects involved in the breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property at the old Star School in Eveline township last week.

According to Sheriff George T. Lasater, deputies acting on a lead worked throughout the New Year's weekend and obtained confessions from all involved.

Seven suspects, all from the East Jordan area, have been identified and warrants have been requested from the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office.

The suspects are also believed to be responsible for a series of other crimes in the area.

The destruction left in the wake of the incident at the Star School left those in the community wondering why.

The incident occurred on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at approximately 9:30 p.m. The interior of the old school building was extensively damaged, including the destruction of antique furniture, antique blackboards, a pop corn machine, and light fixtures. In addition, all the windows were broken, and an ax was taken to the floor, door, and an antique piano.

The sheriff reported that damages are anticipated to exceed \$10,000, with some items being non-replaceable.

The destruction was, said Star

School Historical Society secretary Gail Farley, devastating to those who have been involved with the preservation of the old school building.

The Star Community Building, which dates back to 1910, was once the Star School House, the second of two school houses which stood on the location at the southwest corner of Loomis and Wurm Roads in Eveline Township. The buildings served the educational needs of children in that immediate part of Charlevoix County for a combined 50 years.

The school closed in 1929 when the Star School District consolidated with the East Jordan School District. Later, the school building was purchased by a Mr. Farris, who donated it to the community.

The Star Community Building sponsors family-oriented activities such as old-fashioned Christmas and Halloween parties, financed by community cake walks, auctions, donations, and a summer carnival, with the Star School Historical Society overseeing the care and maintenance of the landmark.

The group has long been in the process of fixing the building up, according to treasurer Gene Farley, and has no intention of letting this stop them. "We're going to put it back together," he said. The group is accepting donations to assist with repair.

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Work crews braving winter weather on BC school project

■ High school construction on schedule despite heavy snowfalls

Construction crews continue to make progress at the new high school in Boyne City, despite cold temperatures and ongoing snowfall.

"We're still moving along on schedule," said Boyne City school superintendent Dana Compton of the project. "The snow has slowed us down a little. Fortunately, we were ahead of schedule [going into the winter]."

Construction began on the new high school with site work in July of

2000. In September of 1999, voters passed an \$18.8 million bond proposal which included a new high school building along with updates and renovations to existing school buildings.

Most of the slowdown is due to the fact that workers doing block work have to build shelters for protection from the weather, which, said Compton, takes some time.

Still, he said, "we're on target. Those are things they recognize as



The new high school in Boyne City is taking shape as masonry work moves forward through the winter months. Workers have been on site nearly every day since construction began.

they plan a project of this size." Despite some blustery days, workers have been on the site virtually every day.

Current work being completed includes the masonry bearing walls for "Section A" of the project, which includes the academic wing. According to a recent contractor's report, that

work is expected to be completed in early to mid January. Once completed, workers will begin to construct upper-level bearing walls, which should be finished by February or March.

Mechanical and electrical work are also on schedule, said Compton, keeping pace with the masonry work

as it progresses.

Masonry work on Section C, which includes the gymnasium and vocational wing, is progressing on target and expected to be finished toward the end of January.

Section B, which includes the auditorium, band room, and offices, will not be started until early spring.

OPINION

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BETWEEN the LINES

American diet lives up to its reputation

By ANGELA SHULTIS

Recently, I've spent some time talking to local foreign exchange students about their experiences in America. There are many common threads to their tales, including missing public transportation, and being surprised at the closeness and friendliness of a small town community.

The other common denominator, though, is that they've expressed amusement with what we Americans consider a normal diet. Apparently, the only stereotype they'd held of Americans that holds true is that we eat fast, fatty foods all the time.

Not too far off the mark, from my experience.

Sure, there are probably plenty of folks who've taken it upon themselves and have successfully integrated a healthy, balanced diet into their lives. But, it seems, most of us have fallen into the convenience trap — if it's fast and it tastes good, hey, it's dinner.

And, I reluctantly admit, I'm one of them. Not without guilt, mind you.

Unfortunately, I'm all too aware of the deficiencies in my diet.

I have a little voice that tells me, regularly, that it's not healthy to eat a donut and cappuccino for breakfast, cream soup for lunch, and throw in a token pile of green beans next to my pasta and ground beef at dinner.

It also tells me that a half-glass of milk a day isn't enough to fend off osteoporosis, and that the super-economy-size cup of Dr. Pepper I nurse all day long isn't helping matters, either.

And yet, my habits don't seem to be changing on their own.

I put on a good front for my kids, though, mindful of their health more than my own. I insist that they eat vegetables and fruits, and keep a cap as best I can on their sugar intake. They have to drink their milk and juice, and finish their broccoli before they can leave the table. In front of them, generally, I do the same.

But we also spend our fair share of time at McDonald's or Burger King, consuming fatty burgers, breaded chicken, and tasteless but filling fries.

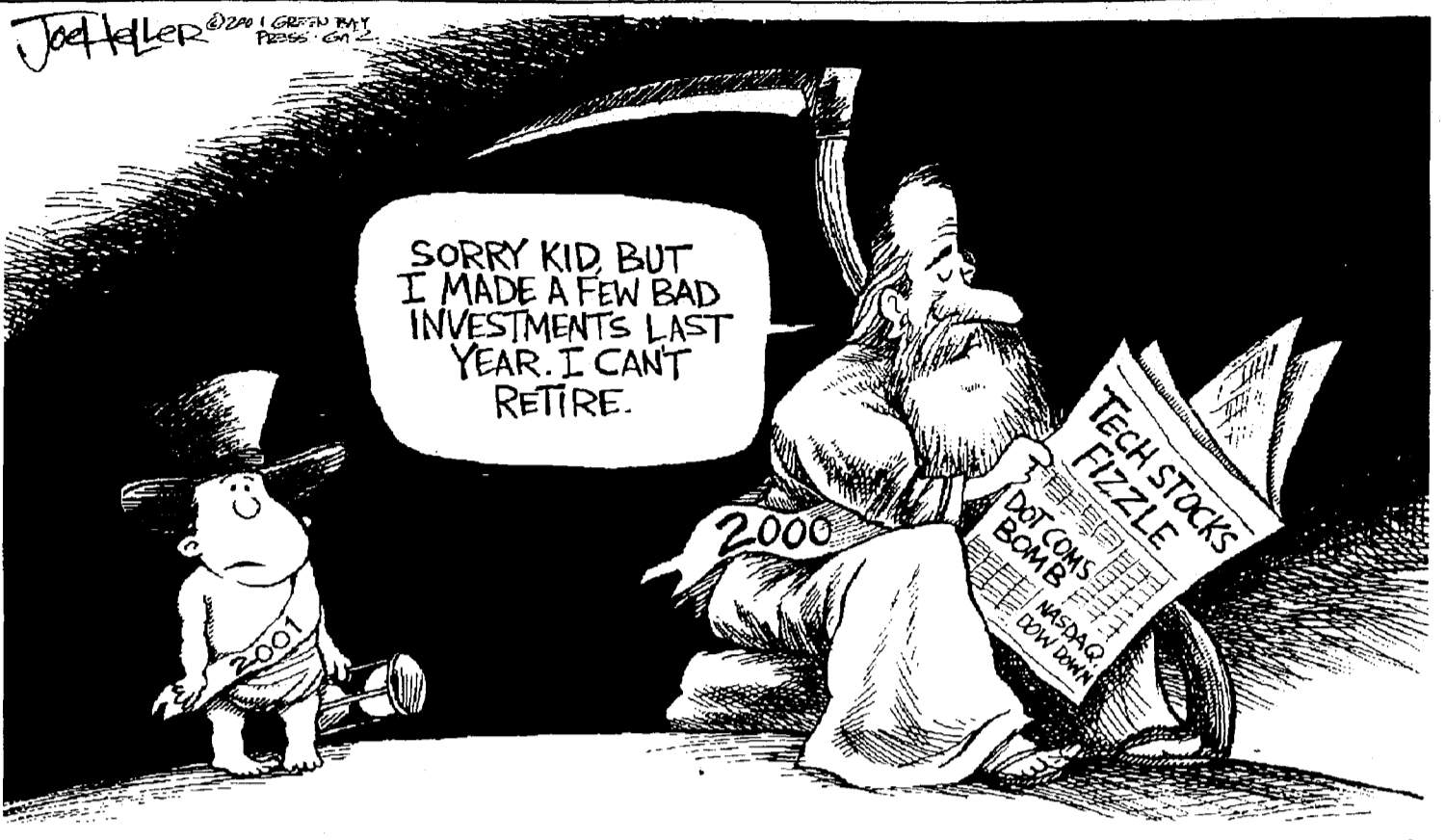
Pizza's a favorite of mine, too, the more cheese, the better.

Blessed with low cholesterol and blood pressure, I'm still consumed, pardon the pun, with guilt over my inability to create fabulous, healthy meals seven days a week for my family.

My husband has resolved for the new year to eat healthier, along with millions of other fatty-food addicts across the country, no doubt.

It would behoove me to join him, though I'm not entirely confident of my ability to stick to any eating regimen that doesn't include at least a few servings from the chocolate and butter food groups.

If nothing else, I suppose, no one could accuse us of not being thoroughly American.



A MOM'S LIFE

'Honey-do' list takes a backseat when leisure calls

By CINDI PLACE

As usually happens, when our recent holiday vacation began all we saw were an unending group of days ahead of us with little or nothing to do.

And we resolved to keep our time together free and fun, so that we could relax from our busy schedule and gear up for the next few months.

The first few days were idyllic. We did some last minute Christmas shopping, ate meals when we were hungry, not just because it was the ten minute period of free time between activities, and even went to a couple of first run movies together. Bliss.

But then the 'honey do' list kicked in. We had a remodeling project to complete, a house to clean, costumes to make and everything else that had been put off until vacation.

Add to that the planned visits to relatives and our vacation was essentially over.

Not that we're really procrastinators, but our enthusiasm for the things we needed to do versus the stuff we really wanted to do was not the greatest.

This past week it has been easier to just drop

everything and head to a friend's house for food and football rather than stay at home and clean the basement.

So now we face one last day of holiday time and enough projects to fill another week. Adding to our list of things to do is a Christmas tree that tinkles as you brush by it and a houseful of poinsettias that are really, really sad looking. Who has time to water stuff when you're on vacation?

To keep the guilt at bay, we race through the easy-to-complete chores, cleaning the house, doing laundry, even organizing the basement, while our dad (the closet carpenter) decides to tackle the big job and finish remodeling the master bathroom.

And after numerous visits to both local and not-so-close hardware stores (and one very late night trip to pick up an 18-cent part) we are very nearly ready to use this room.

But the problem with tackling such a large project over a holiday period is that inevitably you run out of time.

Oh well, it may not work but at least the room looks good!

LETTERS

Good Samaritans come to the rescue

TO THE EDITOR:

On Nov. 14 I started to drive to Petoskey on dry roads. About three miles out of town I hit a wet snow slick and got stopped by a pile of logs in a ditch.

Before I could get out to flag someone, a car stopped and the young woman driver told me to stay in my car and she'd call for help on her car phone.

Then an older couple (fifty-ish) who knew her stopped (they had a car phone, too) and offered to take over "sentry duty" until official help arrived! Three "Good Samaritans" and I don't even know their names to thank them.

There were a lot of cars in ditches, some with hurt people (I wasn't hurt) so it was some time before Sheriff Deputy Chuck Vondra arrived to take over.

Chuck called for a wrecker, Jerry's from East Jordan got a garbled message but eventually arrived, got my car back on the road and I was able to drive home. I've gotten the damage to my car repaired, but I'd like to publicly thank those "Good Samaritans" as well as the deputy and wrecker men.

I'm an old woman. I don't often get so much kindly attention from so many humans, so I've been calling the episode "my heaven in a ditch" experience!

So, thank you to each and every one for your helpful consideration on that date.

K. Lucile McKown



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The best read letters are brief and on a topic of local interest. Our deadline is Monday at 10 a.m. Letters will be printed on a space-available basis.

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WINTER WISDOM

What's the difference between lake effect and system snow?
 If you're caught in a blizzard while driving, should you stay with the vehicle or go seek help?
 How much snow falls in an average year in Charlevoix County?
 How often does significant snow fall in October and April?
 According to snowfall records maintained by the Charlevoix County Road Commission, the annual average total in recent years for the area is 123.16 inches, or 10.26 feet. That works out to 17.59 inches per month if April and October are included, or 24.63 inches per month using November through March.
 The largest amount of snow recorded in October in recent years was five inches in 1992. Most other years show anything from zero to a trace.
 April typically sees a bit more snow than October, with the high being in April of 1996, with 17.5 inches of snow recorded.
 According to Charlevoix County Road Commissioner Pat Harmon, December and January are the months the area sees the heaviest snowfall, though the amounts can vary greatly from year to

year. In January of 1981, for example, the area received only 16.3 inches, while January of 1994 saw a high of 58.5 inches.
 December tends to see the heaviest snow, with December of 1985 holding the record for the most snowfall in the period of one month, with a whopping 66.7 inches, nearly half of that season's total snowfall of 137.9 inches.
 While official December numbers aren't in for 2000 just yet, Harmon guessed that we've seen anywhere from 40-60 inches during the month. In November, the area had a total of 20 inches of recorded snowfall.
 March, too, occasionally sees some serious snow, like in the 1998, when 33 inches were recorded in the month, a third of the season's 90.7 inch total.
 Trying to separate these amounts into lake effect and system totals is as close to being impossible as it is meaningless, since it all winds up on the ground. But television meteorologists like to throw in the lake effect explanation with almost every winter weather segment.
 Of the eight states bordering the Great Lakes, Michigan residents

are most likely to experience lake effect snowfall because the state's landmass touches four of the five. Except for the western border of the Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula's southern limit at Ohio and Indiana, the entire state is surrounded by the world's largest bodies of fresh water.
 Lake effect snow is the result of cold Arctic air passing over the unfrozen waters of the Great Lakes, pulling added moisture with it and then returning the crystallized moisture (snow) to the cooler land masses below, once onshore.
 According to the National Weather Service, lake effect snow typically appears as bands of clouds. These bands are often characterized by periods of snowfall varying from a trace to several inches with open skies appearing intermittently.
 In contrast to lake effect, system snow is the result of moisture laden air, moving at higher levels in the atmosphere, meeting colder air and descending at a steadier rate, covering a much larger area.
 For more detailed information regarding winter weather, access the National Weather Service website at www.nws.noaa.gov.

Tips on Driving

- Give yourself a little more time. Adjust your speed to conditions and increase following distances.
- Drive well below the posted speed limit. Let impatient and aggressive drivers pass you or go through the intersection ahead of you.
- Do not drive through "white out" conditions caused by blowing of light snow or cross winds. Be patient. Conditions will change so you can travel and pass safely.
- Do not pass if you cannot see enough clear road to pass safely.
- Pull off to the side of the road if you have to use your cellular phone.
- Avoid using cruise control when snow, ice, freezing rain or sleet is on the pavement.
- Be aware that ramps, bridges and overpasses may occasionally freeze sooner than the highway pavement. Patches of pavement where shadows from trees, bridges or buildings may have allowed frost, ice or packed snow to remain unmelted can also be slick spots.
- Watch out for "black ice," a term used for roads that look wet, but are actually glazed with ice.
- Turn on your headlights -- to see and be seen. Brush the snow off your headlights and tail lights frequently.
- Let others know your timetable and primary and alternate routes.
- Try not to travel alone. Conversation can keep you awake, and sharing the driving also helps.
- Avoid long drives after dark. Lights glaring off the dashboard and outside the car increase the danger of highway hypnosis.
- Wear sunglasses during the day to avoid eye fatigue.
- Break the monotony as much as you can. Turn on the radio, then leave it off for a while. Vary your speed levels, chew gum, stretch your legs or slap your thighs. If you're alone, talk to yourself, sing and keep your eyes moving.
- Drive with your head up and your shoulders back, flex your legs at a 45-degree angle. Change your position periodically.

Things to Have

- Have your car tuned up before going on a trip. Check your windshield wipers, hoses, battery, alternator, belts, tires, brakes, exhaust system, lights and fluid levels. Make sure your heater and defroster are in good working condition.
- Have sand, kitty litter or strips of carpet in your car for traction. Also pack a snow shovel, scraper and snow brush, flares or reflectors, a tool kit, jumper cables, a cellular phone, a good spare tire, a lug wrench and a jack.
- Have a brightly-colored distress flag to hang on the radio antenna if you get stranded. Other items for a survival kit include blankets or sleeping bags, high energy and non-perishable food, water, a flashlight with extra batteries, matches or a cigarette lighter, candies, warm gloves, a small first-aid kit, a hat or stocking cap, insulated footwear and winter coats.
- Have flexible travel plans. Leave early if you can avoid peak traffic hours. If snow is predicted during the time you plan to travel, change your schedule. It is better to reschedule your get-together than to risk the lives of traveling family or friends.
- Have plenty of rest before hitting the road. Take plenty of breaks and keep your travel schedule realistic. If you get tired, pull off into a rest area or business parking lot and get out of the car for some fresh air. If that does not work, find a motel or campground to spend the night.
- Have a designated driver. Forty-one percent of fatal traffic accidents are single-vehicle crashes. These crashes most often occur during the late night and early morning hours because drivers are tired, have consumed alcohol or both.
- Have everyone fasten their seat belt and make sure small children are properly secured in their safety seat.
- Have knowledge of the forecast before embarking on any travel plans. Winter weather in the upper Midwest often can be dangerous, even life-threatening, at times.
- Have plenty of gas in the car. The tank should be near full at all times to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

Winter Terminology

- Winter Storm Watch:** Adverse winter weather is possible in the watch area.
- Winter Storm Warning:** Adverse winter weather will occur in the warning area.
- Heavy Snow:** Snowfall accumulating to 6 inches or more in 12 hours or 8 inches or more in 24 hours.
- Blizzard:** Three hours of frequent gusts to 35 mph or greater and considerable falling and/or blowing snow that frequently reduce visibility to less than 1/4 mile.
- Snow Advisory:** Three to five inches of snow is expected.
- Ice Storm Warning:** Heavy ice accumulations will cause extremely dangerous and damaging situations, such as icy roads and downed power lines.
- Freezing Rain/Drizzle Advisory:** Precipitation is light and does not form on all exposed surfaces.
- Wind Chill Warning:** Issued when wind chills are expected to be 35 below or colder however, one may be issued early or late in the season for wind chills from 20 below to 35 below.
- High Wind Warning:** Sustained 40 mph winds for a period of one hour or longer, or less frequent gusts of 58 mph or stronger.
- Wind Advisory:** Sustained 30 mph winds for a period of one hour or longer, or less frequent gusts of 45 mph or stronger.



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OBITUARIES

Leona M. Griffin

Leona M. Griffin, 89, of Boyne City, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at 1 p.m. at the Stackus Funeral Home in Boyne City. The Rev. Carl Litchfield of the United Methodist Church officiated, with burial in Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City.

Leona was born on Feb. 26, 1911 in Mio, the daughter of Floyd and Faye Kimberly Cataline. She moved to Boyne City as a young child and has resided there ever since. She attended Boyne City schools and was proud of receiving her diploma in 1990 through adult education.

In 1928 she married Leo Erickson. Then on Sept. 7, 1947 she married George Griffin. Leona worked for Kaden's Emporium for 27 years retiring in 1983. She was a member of

the Boyne City United Methodist Church, Rebekah's Lodge, and she enjoyed doing ceramics, and loved to play bingo.

Survivors include four sons, Larry (Patricia) Erickson of Farmington, N.M., LaVerne (Gwen) Erickson of Boyne City, Michael (Becky) Griffin of Charlevoix, and Thomas (Cheryl) Griffin of Boyne City; two daughters, Lou Ann "Peg" (Howard) Crozier of Boyne City, and Leath Anne Anderson of Trenton, S.C.; 22 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Lindy Erickson in 1988; a daughter, Leota Allison in 1998; two brothers, Lyle and Robert Cataline; and a stepson, John Griffin in 1975.

The family wishes memorials to Grandvue Medical Care Facility or to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes will be available at the Stackus Funeral Home.

Donald D. Miller

Donald D. Miller, 70, of East Jordan died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000 in Leesburg, Fla.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Michael Dennis will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

He was born in Ripon, Wis., the son of Otto and Bertha (Duchring) Miller. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was married 46 years to Jeanette. They moved to Charlevoix in 1978 and then to East Jordan in 1990.

Donald was the founder of the Ben Franklin Stores in Charlevoix, Mancelona, and East Jordan. He was the current owner of the True Value Store in East Jordan.

Donald attended the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. He enjoyed

woodworking and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Miller of East Jordan; two sons, Daniel (Faye) Miller of East Jordan and Dale (Kaye) Miller of Charlevoix; four grandchildren, David, Julie, Sara and Donald D. Miller, II; one great-grandchild, Shayleigh Kaye Miller; three brothers, Earl (Norma) Miller of Leesburg, Fla., Gordon (Marge) Miller of Cape Coral, Fla., and Milton (Ruth) Miller of Green Lake, Wis.; three sisters, Ethel Kolehmainen of Leesburg, Fla., Eileen (John) Radke of Leesburg, Fla. and Bette (Don) Lazono of Woodland Hills, Calif.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

The Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church Ministry Center in Charlevoix or the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

George E. Crawford

George E. Crawford, 84, of East Jordan died on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Jan. 5, at 11 a.m. at the Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan. Rev. Robert H. Carter of the Evangelical Lutheran Church E.L.C.A. in East Jordan will officiate. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

He was born on March 20, 1916 in Greenbrier, Tenn., the son of Oscar and Effie (Shannon) Crawford. He served in the United States Army during World War II. On June 16, 1962 in Nashville, Tenn. he married Margaret Maley. George worked as a mechanic at Chevrolet dealerships in the Detroit and Nashville areas from 1946 to 1978. He moved to East Jordan in 1978 and drove school bus for the East Jordan School District for ten

years. He retired on June 1, 1988.

He was a member of the Rebeck-Hosler-Sweet Post #227 of the American Legion in East Jordan. George enjoyed bowling the golfing.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Crawford of East Jordan; two daughters, Linda Patton-Crawford of East Jordan and Margaret (Donald) Gee of Gaylord; nine grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; and one sister, Elizabeth Carneal of Springfield, Tenn. He was preceded in death by one son, William Edward Crawford on June 5, 1994 and one brother, Rodney Crawford in 2000.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society or Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

June Idell Everts

June Idell Everts, 81, of Belton, Texas, died on Monday, Jan. 1, 2001.

Funeral services were held at the Dossman Funeral Home in Belton with the Rev. Bobby Baggett officiating.

Burial will be held on Sunday, May 13, at the Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. Mrs. Everts was cremated.

She was born June 3, 1919 near Norton, Kan., the daughter of James Harold and Myrtle Wilma (Naumann) Palmer. She married Ernest Roy

Everts, Jr. Nov. 5, 1943.

Mrs. Everts was a member of the Eastern Star in Boyne City. Mr. Everts preceded her in death in 1977.

She is survived by her son, Ivan Everts of Belton, Texas; a daughter, Carol VanGilder of Fairfield, Glade, Tenn.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at P.O. Box 4249, Austin, Texas 78765.

Dossman Funeral Home in Belton, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

NEIGHBORS

By NANCY NORTHUP

DAN AND JULIE SCHMITTDIEL have returned to Chicago after having spent the holidays here with their parents, Marie Schmittiel and Bill and Mary Dunlop.

MERLA VOUGHT has been in the Charlevoix Area Hospital since Dec. 28. Not sure what the problem is, but they are investigating her troubles.

BETTY BRADLEY held her annual Christmas Eve party for 21 members of her family in the community room of Litzbenburger Place. Everyone enjoyed getting their stockings filled with goodies, followed by a delicious potluck meal, and, of course, their exchange of gifts. A very merry Christmas was had by all!

SCOTT SUTLIFF returned to Berkley, Calif. Dec. 26, after having spent 10 days with his parents, the Oral Sutliffs, and his sister, Sheri Fitzpatrick and family. While here, he enjoyed seeing a lot of friends and relatives, but not the cold temps. He said his blood was not ready for this. He reported getting off the plane in San Francisco to a real nice temperature of 65 degrees.

JOAN TURNBULL of Boyne City, her son Mark and Mark Jr. of Alanson spent Christmas in Oxford and Auburn Hills. They went to The Palace, and saw former BCHS basketball player, Jason Rozycki, now a student at Oakland University, surpass the 1,000 point mark. Joan, her son and grandson stayed to watch the MSU-Bowling Green game that followed.

A CORRECTION is needed for last week's item concerning the passing of Agatha Lacross, at Grandvue on Dec. 22, 2000. She was the

cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of sons Lee (deceased), Al, and Paul LaCross, and daughters Laura Crowley, Norma Bean, and Alice Patricko. A memorial service and interment will be held in the spring.

HOWARD AND SHARON STUART have returned to Kodiak, Alaska after having spent the past two weeks in Boyne with her mother, Flo Kominski and family and in Indian River with his mother, Laura Closs and family.

DARLENE BRICKER of Deer Lake spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in Gaylord with Bill Duffield and family. She and Bill enjoyed a Dec. 30 Christmas celebration at her house with all her family except two of her grandchildren, making it a wonderful sharing time for 52 people. When Darlene called Sunday, she was heading out the door, as she and Bill were spending New Year's Eve dancing at the Gaylord Senior Center.

ANOTHER DEC. 30 Christmas took place at the Boyne City home of Flo Kominski. Her daughter and husband, Lisa and Mike Carlson and their children, Shelby and Franke, didn't arrive from Larson Bay, Alaska until Thursday. Joining them on Saturday for dinner and the traditional Christmas time festivities were Rod and Ann Walgreen and children Hunter and Tyler, of Gaylord, Jennie and Danielle They and Todd of Wolverine, Sherri and Corey Wisely and children Sarah and Michael of South Haven, and Kathy They and children Scott, Alex, and Tanner and friends Mick and his dad, of Ewart. The Stuart family will be staying for about three months.

IT'S ALWAYS good to hear about former Boyne residents. Betty Goodwin was here from Hawaii visiting her brother Terry and Tootie in Brutus and while in Michigan, she spent time with her brother Tim in Grand Rapids and Mickey in Chesaning and their families. Betty returns to Hawaii Jan. 8.

JEAN KORTHASE spent Sunday on the farm with Nancy and Bruce Lawson. Also here were their children, Kristin Robinson of Lake Orion, Trenton Lawson and friend Renee and their friend Brian of Potterville, Marnie Draper and children Mackenzie and Nicholas of Lansing, Treanna and husband Brian Nees of Gurney, Ill. Brian was on a holiday leave from the Navy.

BILL AND DEB KORTHASE spent Christmas at their home with their daughters Adrea and Brianne, who were both home from Florida and California. Also there were Roger and Terri Korthase, daughter Makenzie and their mother, Jean.

ALSO HERE VISITING Boyne City relatives and cousins, who hadn't seen each other in about four years were Nicholas Anthony of Salt Lake City, Utah and Eric Edlund of Georgia.

IT WAS HAPPY New Year and party time at Litzbenburger Place on Sunday night, as a group of 27 gathered in the community room, enjoying B.C. Pizza and other goodies, some sing-alongs to the beautiful piano music of Inga Casper, card games, and a good time. All donned hats, blew horns, rattled noisemakers to the annual TV countdown, in greeting 2001!

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

CALENDAR

IN GOOD COMPANY Thursday, Jan. 4

A newly-formed group of individuals who are single, divorced, or widowed, will be having a New Year's get-together at Ansted's by the Lake in East Jordan at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and there is a \$5 cover charge.

Sunday, Jan. 21

Individuals who are single, divorced, or widowed are invited to attend the Winter Snow Fest at the Boyer Farm on Rogers Road in East Jordan at 1 p.m. There will be indoor and outdoor activities. Bring a dish to pass. For more information, call 536-9622.

NMHA FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS Thursday, Jan. 4

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHA) in Petoskey will hold its January food distributions under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) from 8:30-10 a.m., in the Boyne City Senior Center. The Commodity Supplemental Food Program targets nutritionally at risk mothers, infants, children and senior citizens. For more information about income guidelines and qualifying for this program, call NMHA in Petoskey at 347-9070.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

NMHA in Petoskey will hold January food distributions under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) from 11 a.m.-12 noon, at the East Jordan VFW Hall, M-32.

QUITTING SMOKING COURSE Monday, Jan. 8

The Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center, an outreach program of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation, will present a class for people interested in information on smoking cessation. "Quitting Smoking" will be offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Center located across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital in

Petoskey. Cost is free and open to public. To register or more information, call HealthAccess at 800-248-6777.

BLOOD DRIVES Monday, Jan. 8

American Red Cross and the Boyne City Community will hold a blood drive from 1-6:45 p.m. at the Christ Lutheran Church, 1052 East Division Rd in Boyne City.

Friday, Jan. 19

Boyne City Lexamar Corp. and American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m. in the Lexamar Training Room, 100 Lexamar Drive.

Friday, Jan. 26

Boyne City Community and American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. at the Boyne City Hall, 319 N. Lake Street.

ALLIED EMS CPR CLASS Wednesday, Jan. 10

Allied EMS will offer an American Red Cross CPR re-certification class for people who are currently certified or for those whose certification has expired within the last six months. The class will be offered from 6-9 p.m. through the Dean C. Burns community Health Education Center at 360 Connable Avenue in Petoskey. Cost: \$12. To register or information, call HealthAccess at 800-248-6777.

WEIGHT REDUCTION CLASSES Mondays Jan. 15 - Feb. 19

"Body Talk: Lifestyle Changes to Achieve Your Healthy Weight" will be the topic of a series of courses offered at the Community Health Education Center in Petoskey. The class will meet from 5:30-7 p.m. at the center at 360 Connable Avenue across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital. A registered dietitian will offer tips and "hands-on" techniques to learn healthy eating behaviors. Cost is \$40. To register or information, call HealthAccess at

800-248-6777.

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.

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.

To submit items for the calendar, please call Amanda at 582-6761. The deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

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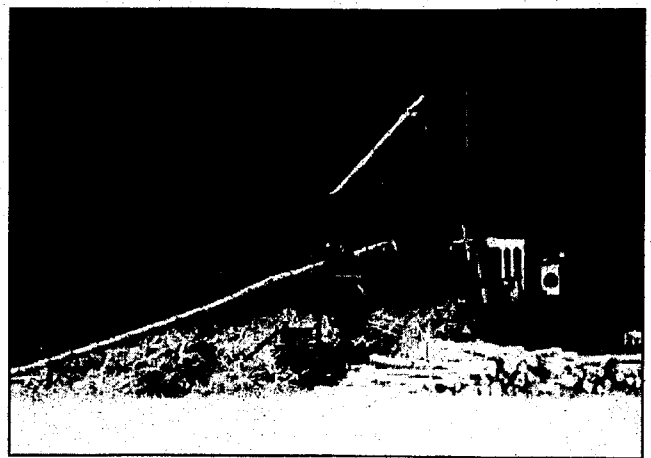
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In the fall Boyne USA founder Everett Kircher, shown here with son Stephen, announced the next phase of Boyne Mountain resort.



Camp Quality continued their tradition of giving with their annual summer camp in August for kids touched by cancer.



Work on the East Jordan Community Park got underway with the clearing of timber over the summer.

Through the Camera's Eye



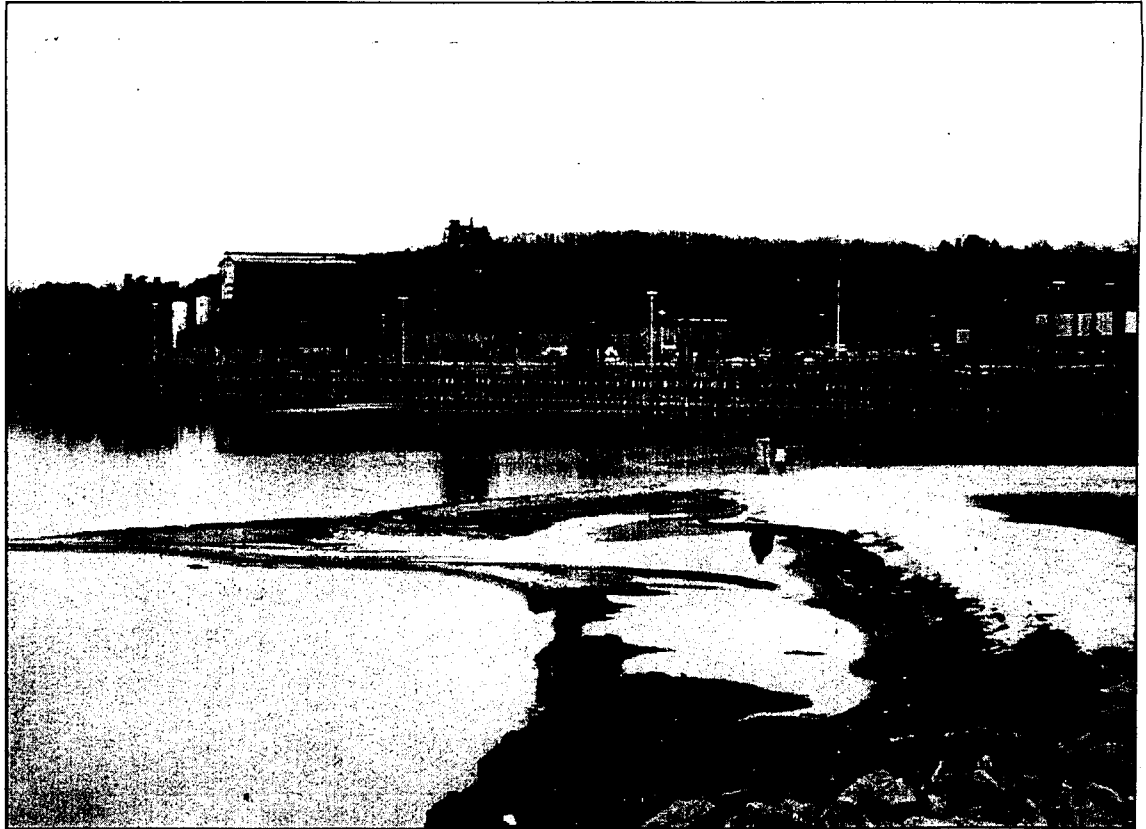
In September, a community open house marked the completion of the new Boyne Falls Public School.



The East Jordan High School boys cross country team was jubilant over its state championship win in November.



A long-awaited groundbreaking for the new Boyne City High School took place in June.



Significantly low water levels on Lake Charlevoix became a concern for environmentalists and boaters in the spring.



In March, work began on an extensive renovation and addition to the Boyne District Library.



Community members pitched in to build a new playground at Boyne City Elementary School in September.



A 24-Hour Relay raised money for the fine arts in Boyne City in September.



The Boyne City Ramblers closed their season with a spectacular underdog win over Traverse City St. Francis.

BC Fire Dept. fights Bay Township blaze

Boyer City Firefighters responded to a fire in Bay Township last Wednesday evening. The blaze destroyed the cabin at 3280 Raycraft Road owned by Andrew Sahara.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, and, according to Boyne City Fire Chief Henry Erber, most likely will not be, due to the extent of the damage.

John Ewasck, a relative of Sahara, was staying at the cabin at the time of the fire, but had been visiting at Sahara's adjacent home when the blaze began.

The Boyne City Fire Department was called to the scene around 10 p.m. on Dec. 27, and were able to bring the fire under control. Weather conditions complicated the effort.

"We were not just fighting the battle of the fire, but the battle of the cold," said Erber, who noted some firefighters suffered from frostbite.

Assisting at the scene were Resort, Bear Creek, Charlevoix, and Boyne Valley Township units, along with Boyne City EMS and the Charlevoix County Road Commission, who, said Erber, were "more than kind enough" to come out and spread sand where the water was freezing and creating hazardous conditions. "It was like a skating rink," said Erber.

Boyer City firefighters returned to the scene on the morning of Dec. 28 to handle a "small rekindle," said Erber, who noted that it took less than five or ten minutes to extinguish the rekindling.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Members of the East Jordan Lioness Club, including Linda Poole, Nancy McWatters, Jane Meade, and Jane Donaldson, spent hours creating stockings for the East Jordan Care and Share Christmas baskets, which were distributed to area residents in need for the holidays.

Friends of the Boyne River

Friends of the Boyne River will hold a general membership meeting on Wed., Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn.

The meeting will include a presentation and discussion on River Restoration and Dredging, which will review issues to be examined when considering the dredging of a waterway.

John Arevalo from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will be the key speaker. He has extensive experience regarding permitting and monitoring of lake and stream dredging projects in northern Michigan.

The public is invited to attend the

meeting.

For more information, call Mary Campbell at 582-6504.

Up North Green Party

The Up North Green Party will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel, which is located at 300 Water St. in Boyne City.

The group will be planning their first outreach activity of the year, a "Environmental Awareness Kite-In" for Earth Day in April.

Information will be presented by Michael Buttigieg, who organized four such events in the Detroit area.

For more information, call Virginia Heick at 582-3539.

City of East Jordan receives project grants

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently approved two grants to the City of East Jordan, totaling \$3,410.

The grants include \$1,750 to purchase and erect a Civil War Veteran memorial sign at the G.A.R. Park, and \$1,660 to install and underground irrigation system for the public flowerbeds near the boat launch/Sportsman's Park.

The grant check's were presented at a recent meeting of the city commission, along with a \$10,000 check for the third installation of a grant for the East Jordan Community Park.



Vandals wreaked havoc at the old Star School in Eveline Township last week.

Vandalism

Continued from page 1

pairs, including the replacement of windows broken by the vandals, a project which will cost about \$5,000.

The school has already received a donated blackboard from an interested party in Grayling, and some cash donations which will be used toward repairs.

To make a donation towards the repairs, call the Farleys at 582-2424.

Sheriff Lasater commended the stalwart efforts of Deputy Sheriff Rex Behling, Deputy Sheriff Sherry Sproul, and Detective Sergeant Don Sproul during the investigation.

"The citizens of Charlevoix County should be proud of these officers who worked diligently for several days to solve these crimes, even working beyond their duty hours," Lasater said.

Old DNR building to become conservation district office

The Michigan House of Representatives today voted to transfer the former Department of Natural Resources office building in Boyne City to the Charlevoix Conservation District, said State Representative Andy Neumann (D-Alpena).

"The transfer will allow for better

use of state-owned property in Northern Michigan," Neumann said. "The Boyne City DNR office has sat vacant for seven years, and by turning it over to the Charlevoix conservation district to use, we will give the building a new purpose."

The state transferred the property

to the conservation district for \$1.

It is approximately half an acre in size and includes lots 1 and 2 in the George W. Bailey Addition in Boyne City.

The state reserves mineral rights to the property, and the right to repossess the property if the conserva-

tion district abandons it.

"A new office in Boyne City will allow the Charlevoix Conservation District to better perform their work in the area," Neumann said.

Neumann said the legislation transferring the property now goes to the Governor for his approval.

NM Hospital recognized for excellence in stroke care

Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey has been recognized by HCIA-Sachs Institute for excellence in the provision of stroke care to patients and has received a 100 Top Stroke Hospitals award.

HCIA-Sachs conducts 100 Top Hospitals service line and specialty studies to identify hospitals across the

country that set performance benchmarks - the best outcomes for high volume, high cost and high risk surgical procedures and diseases that affect thousands of people. The hospital's recognition for clinical excellence and efficient delivery of care was published in Modern Healthcare magazine, a leading industry publi-

cation.

"We were certainly pleased with this designation," said Jeffrey T. Wendling, president and CEO of Northern Michigan Hospital. "It is a well-deserved tribute to our physicians, nursing staff and other health professionals who care for stroke patients at our hospital."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

EJ Dentist entering partnership

Effective Feb. 1, Brian Sladics, DDS, will enter into partnership with Drs. John Kempton and Nicole Ubbing at their office in East Jordan.

Sladics has spent the last two and a half years practicing in the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency dental services office at the East Jordan Family Health Center. Prior to that, Sladics was in private practice in East Lansing, providing dental care for the Michigan State University athletic department.

He completed his undergraduate work at Michigan State University, and is a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

He is engaged to be married to Marcie Beaudoin of Charlevoix in August, and enjoys skiing and ice hockey.

Sladics works with all ages, from children to senior citizens, and has an interest in newer techniques for cosmetic dental work.

Patients can call 536-2601 now to schedule appointments with Dr. Sladics.

The office is located at 101 Maple Ridge Dr. off of M-66 South.



Brian Sladics, DDS

Board of Realtors names new officers for the new year

The Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of Realtors recently elected its 2001 board of directors.

Officers include Mario Cioletti of Century 21 Up North, secretary/treasurer, and Elizabeth Rich of Charlevoix Properties, director.

Greg Smith of Vacation Properties Network conducted the induction ceremony.

Tanning salon earns certification

Sunny Side Up Tanning Salon in East Jordan recently received advanced certification, to be designated a Master Tanning Professional (MTP).

While at this year's Annual Looking Fit International Tanning Trade Expo, participants who attended courses specifically covering the scientific and research aspect of indoor tanning, including courses on effective skin typing, tanning lamp compatibility, and regulatory issues, earned the certification. Holders of the Master Tanning Professional certificate are recognized as being committed to staying current with the latest technological and regulatory requirements.

Sunny Side Up Tanning Salon is owned by Debra Chappuis, and is located at 124 Main St. in East Jordan.

EJ Fire Dept. organizing annual Fire and Burn safety program for local children

Glen Thorman, East Jordan Fire Department chief, has announced the fire department is continuing a commitment to fire prevention. As part of this commitment, the department is organizing its annual Fire and Burn Safety Program for the children of East Jordan.

More than 680 youngsters, ages 5 through 12 will receive educational fire prevention materials created and geared to each specific age level. This comprehensive program includes fire

safety guidebooks that contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate the child's awareness and independent thinking about the everyday fire hazards he or she may encounter. Various other fire safety booklets, folders, posters, and brochures are made available to encourage the prevention of destructive fires, painful burns, disfiguring injuries, and needless death.

Bob Koch, of the National Fire Safety Council, Inc. (NFSC) will be

helping local fire fighters in planning and delivering programs to the school children. Bob is the Area Fire Safety Coordinator of the NFSC. The National Fire Safety Council is a federal tax-exempt nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Service Code of 501-C-3 and all contributions are tax-deductible.

The East Jordan Fire Department is in the process of mailing sponsor request letters explaining the entire program to the area business, indus-

trial and professional leaders, asking for their financial support to help cover the cost of the materials used by the department.

Chief Thorman stresses to prospective sponsors that this is the only program of this type that the East Jordan Fire Department will be conducting this year. Should any other person solicit for support, especially by phone or in person, without a letter from Chief Glen Thorman, please contact the fire department immediately.

Zonta taking applications for yearly award

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Young Women in Public Affairs award, which awards \$500 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County and currently enrolled in a secondary school.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County high schools or may be ob-

tained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969. The deadline for receiving applications is Feb. 1, to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 175, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in February.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application for-

warded to the district, which awards an additional \$500 to the district winner.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision-making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world.

Applicants are asked to reflect on their lives, their commitment to the communities in which they live, and the role models that have inspired them to become involved in the community or in a specific prospective career. Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Four local hospices unite to form coalition

Four area hospices have joined together to form the Northern Hospice Coalition.

With a combined service area of six counties, Charlevoix County Hospice/Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, Hospice of the Straits, and Hospice of Sunrise Shore provide supportive care to patients, and their families, at the end of their lives.

The coalition's goal is to improve the quality of life for people at the end of life so that they may take life's final journey with dignity and respect.

The coalition hopes to do this through increasing awareness about local hospice programs, providing outreach and educational material to churches, service clubs and community groups on end of life issues, and facilitating discussions about the needs of area residents at the end of life.

Each hospice in the coalition will celebrate 20 years of service to the communities they serve. As non-profit organizations, they are led by local community boards of directors, staffed by community residents and are supported through local contributions.

"Our goal for the coalition is to address the needs of area residents through our agencies," said Margaret

Lasater of Charlevoix County Hospice/Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

"The various hospice agencies have worked together in the past, but never within the context of a formal coalition. This is exciting for us and our communities as we build our relationships and provide more consistent care to the patients in our area."

Charlevoix County Hospice and Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency work in partnership with each other to provide skilled hospice nursing, social work support, volunteer and bereavement services to Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties, as well as Oscego County on a case-by-case basis.

"Individuals who need support for grief and loss issues are also welcome to contact us," said Lasater, community liaison manager.

"The purpose of the coalition is to share our expertise and resources in order to better serve our communities," said Fran Hilal, Hospice Supervisor with Charlevoix County Hospice and the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

For more information about hospice care in Charlevoix County, contact Charlevoix County Hospice/Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at 231-547-6092.

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State Red Cross says blood supply is low

To help curtail the current blood shortage plaguing the state, a special blood drive will be held on Monday, Jan. 8, from 1-6:45 p.m. at the Boyne City Christ Lutheran Church.

Record snowfalls, frigid temperatures, and the holiday season have resulted in lower turnout at blood drives and donor centers, placing a severe strain on the state's blood supply.

Michigan's Red Cross Blood Region reports critically low blood levels and emergency level shortages of most negative blood types, particularly type "O."

"The weather keeps people in and away from donating, just when blood is most needed," said Fred Sterns, executive director of Michigan's Red Cross Blood Region. "Holidays are always a tough time for blood collections since people are busy. But while our supply goes down, the demand never does. Every day, including holidays, someone needs blood somewhere because of an illness or serious accident."

The Red Cross rates blood supply

in terms of days of use. A three-day supply is considered a safe level for Michigan. In recent weeks, the inventory levels have dipped as low as 1.8 days. Supplies of platelets, microscopic particles within whole blood that help blood clot, necessary for patients with cancer, traumatic injuries, or who are undergoing intensive surgeries, are also exceptionally low.

Michigan's Red Cross hosts an average of 20 to 25 drives on a daily basis. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good general health.

The process of giving blood normally takes about an hour. To learn more about donating blood, or for locations of blood drives or donor rooms, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

WEEKLY Health Tips

By Steve Czerkes Pharmacist

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